

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
June 16, 2011

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met on their regular meeting day with the following members present:

Alan L. Word, Yes

Lewis D. Hilkert, Yes

Brian A. Davis, N/P

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

8:30 The Commissioners met with Marcia Hauer and Barb Harrington from Hillside for the Monthly Hillside Meeting. Meeting was held at the Commissioners office.

8:55 The Commissioners met with Attorney Ryan Thompson. Mr. Davis moved to enter into **Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3)** Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Mr. Word seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Word, yes

Mr. Hilkert, n/p

Mr. Davis, yes

*Mr. Word stated they have exited the executive session **WITH NO ACTION** at 9:18 a.m. and open meeting is to recommence.*

9:00 – Commissioner Hilkert was at an EDA Conference at WEDCO.
11:00

9:25 Meeting minutes from Monday, June 13, 2011, and mail were reviewed. Mr. Davis moved to accept the minutes as presented, Seconded by Mr. Word. All voted yes. Mr. Davis moved for the adoption to pay the bills submitted as of this date, seconded by Mr. Word. All voted yes.

10:00 The Commissioners met with Dennis Bell, Williams County Engineer for a weekly update. Mr. Bell discussed and reviewed a spreadsheet to the Commissioners for all sewer districts once they \$45.00 per month billing is in effect.

10:30 The Commissioners met with Charles A. Francis and Donald M. Florence in regards to the Sewer Rate increase. Mr. Francis started off the conversation that Bryan City pays about the same and they have water included within their rate. Mr. Francis made the following statements and asked the following questions: They were promised a reduction in rate as more people applied for the sewer. Is it possible to get water out at their location? If they could then that would help out on the increase, if they could stay at the

same rate. Mr. Florence asked, Why do we need the increase? Mr. Bell stated this was of course way before all of us. When they set this up there were agriculture deferments, so the agriculture land were never figured into the assessments. The law allows agriculture to ask for an exemption. We are trying to go to a County Wide vs. Sub-districts. In regards to Krohn's if all 145 were paying in the beginning the bill would have been around 85-90 dollars a month. For Williams Center I did not allow agriculture land within the sewer district. Commissioner Davis stated if water would be added it would require all new pipes so that would add an additional bill. Living in the city vs. the county is a personal preference and within the city they also tax incomes. Since 2007 we have tried to help defray the costs. Mr. Frances stated They/We tried to get grants when this sewer was put in, we took trips to Columbus and they weren't allowed to get them then, how can you get them now? Engineer Bell responded, different economic times, Williams Center was a Federal Stimulus Grant and Melbern if from USDA and it is all income driven. Mr. Florence, What drives the costs of sewers? Engineer Bell, Operational and Maintenance Costs. Mr. Florence, How many do we have... Engineer Bell, We would have to add the EDU's. Commissioner Word, We have discussed this a lot before we made a decision. It has not been an easy decision. Mr. Francis, We all live on fixed incomes out here and this makes it extremely hard. Commissioner Davis, In regards to the EDUs we have 1300 homes and for obvious health reasons it had to be done. Mr. Francis, is all the people paying the same? Engineer Bell, Yes, that was the goal and that is the reason why we want it to go to a Sanitary Utility (USDA recommended) or County Wide. Mr. Francis, Will costs go up next year? Engineer Bell, I don't see costs going up but I don't have a crystal ball either. None of us want the rates to increase but a lot of things play as factors (i.e. gas, repairs and Kunkle being added). I don't plan on hiring anyone to the sanitary department. Mr. Florence, Do you have a lot of repairs? Engineer Bell, On the older plants with the older equipment yes. Mr. Francis, How did you come up with the \$42.00. Engineer Bell, The State did a study and state wide that was the average. It is to be set up as its own entity (the sewer systems) and it needs to stand on its own and survive. Commissioner Word, the health commissioner even stated that this should have been done a long time ago. Mr. Frances, Thank you for letting us come in. Commissioner Davis, We took 2 years to get to this point and when there are tough decision to be made the answers are not easy.

- 1:00 The Commissioners met with Fred Lord of Clemans, Nelson to discuss a contract extension for the Williams County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

(SEE RESOLUTION 11-0303)

- 1:10 The Commissioners met with the Fred Lord, Clemans*Nelson. Mr. Hilbert moved to enter into **Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(4)** Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or the other terms and conditions of their employment. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Word, yes

Mr. Hilkert, yes

Mr. Davis, yes

*Mr. Word stated they have exited the executive session with **NO ACTION** at 1:17 p.m. and open meeting is to recommence.*

- 1:30 The Commissioners met with Will Burns, Assistant Director of Center for Regional Development for an EDA Update. Also present were Mike Carroll, BGSU, Don Ianmore, DTIA, and Diamond Zimmerman, WEDCO.

RESOLUTIONS

- 11:15 **Resolution 11-0288**
Establish new fund/line item and transfer appropriations for Williams County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hilkert made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11:16 **Resolution 11-0289**
Establish new fund/line item and transfer appropriations for Williams County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hilkert made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11:17 **Resolution 11-0290**
Appointing Diana Savage and James Watkins to the Four County ADAMhs Board.

Commissioner Hilkert made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11:18 **Resolution 11-0291**
Authorizing Williams County Juvenile Probation to dispose of unused property.

Commissioner Hilkert made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11:19 **Resolution 11-0292**
Establish new fund/line item and transfer appropriations for Williams County Commissioners.

Travel request for Patsy A. Mealer to attend Ohio Recordors' Association Summer Conference in Sawmill Creek, Huron, Ohio on June 14-17, 2011. (Recorder)

Travel request for Reynalda McKinney in attending monthly visits to foster child in Bremen, Ohio on June 28 and 29, 2011. (Job & Family Services)

Certificate of mailing notices to owners of land affected by the proposed improvement, of assessment, of date of final hearing and of filing claims for compensation or damages. (Ditch #694 – Anne Bok)

Credit Card request for the month of July, 2011. (Hillside)

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST

Robin R. Kemp, Assistant Clerk