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The June 17, 2021 LCTA meeting will be held at Lorain County Fair Grounds Wellington, Ohio 44090; Fair Hall

Minutes of the May 20,2021 meeting at the Transportation Center

President, Amy Richards, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approve Minutes: President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by Dick Heidecker; motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the April meeting we had a checking balance of \$18,053.17. We had \$20 come in for an associate membership. Our expenses were \$130 for New Russia (hall cleaning). This leaves us with a checking balance of \$17,943.17. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60. The Chemical Bank CD is \$5,222.01. Our assets total \$28,868.78.

President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Amy Richards and seconded by Carl Wesemeyer; motion carried.

The group discussed ways to invest some of our assets to earn more interest. Neil Lynch suggested using a discount broker. The discussion will continue at the June Meeting.

Program: Elizabeth Doyle, Crime Lab Director presented an overview of the services provide by the Crime Lab to law enforcement, the court system and residents. The goal is for the Crime Lab to be certified, to be certified the lab will need a permanent home and funds to upgrade equipment and technology. A decision regarding a levy in November to support the Crime Lab is forth coming.

State Senator Nathan Manning, State House Representatives Gayle Manning and Dick Stein conducted a round table discussion. Topics included committees each representative is a member of, the state budget bill, election reform bills, how electric vehicles will impact the gasoline tax monies going forward, state's sports gaming bill, reduce the number of state mandated test in K-12, the insulin availability bill, wind turbine and solar farms regulations and the state rules regarding annexation that need to be revisited.

Orrin Leimbach talked to our state representatives about the Step-Up Base, that heirs have to pay capital gains tax after inheriting their parent's farm or business. This sometimes forces the heirs to sell off a portion of the business or farm to pay the tax. This is a federal government issue. Orrin wanted to make everyone a where of the issue and to reach out to our federal representatives.

Officers Report:

President Amy Richards: No Report

Vice President Jared Smith: No Report

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Secretary Mark Cunningham: It is time to renew membership in the OTA, must be in by June 30, 2021. Also, time to decide how much money the LCTA will donate to the OTA scholarship fund. Last year LCTA donated \$500. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by Carl Wesemeyer to donate \$500 to the OTA scholarship fund; motion carried. Neil Lynch introduced the idea of the LCTA supporting a local scholarship with Lorain County Community College [LCCC]. After some discussion Mark Cunningham will reach out to Tracy Green at LCCC for more information.

Executive Committeeman Dick Heidecker: We need to order and update more LCTA directories to pass out at the Lorain County Fair. A motion was made by Amy Richards and seconded by Mark Cunningham to order 450 updated LCTA directories; motion carried. ~ilona our webmaster mention that all advertising in the LCTA directory will also be on the LCTA website.

Old business: None

New business: Ken Ziegler's father passed away recently, a motion was made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Jared Smith for the LCTA to make a \$100 charitable donation in his father's name; motion carried.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: Full fair this year. We will pass out candy and flags Commissioner Matt Lundy will donate \$100 for the candy. Next meeting, we will have a schedule for fair booth duty and discuss other giveaways.

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: Grace Gallucci will be our speaker at the June LCTA meeting discussing the letter from the Medina County Commissioner to NOACA. NOACA is presenting informational webinars on different topics.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: No Report

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: There was an organizational meeting held last week, no change in OPWC officials. Next round of applications will be due in September.

Solid Waste: Director Dave Blevins talked about the successful Pride Day, there were 2000 volunteers that day. There has been an increase in the use of the cab trailers, 11 times in the last two months. The applications for the annual community grant have been mailed out to the townships. Dave also asks that all townships turn in their wish list projects list for potential American Rescue Act funds.

SWAC: Don Romancak: The MOUs for the SWAC grants will be mailed out soon.

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Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn: No Report

Commissioners: Michelle Hung talk about the 3 additional deputies the sheriff will hire this budget year and the purchase of new vehicles and all the add on equipment need to outfit the new vehicles.

Dave Moore The county will receive an additional 7.3 million dollars for rental assistance in the county. He thanked K.C. Saunders, Budget Director for his work obtaining the additional funding. Total funding is 16.5 million dollars. The Commissioner meeting starting June 2 will be held at 6 pm. All meetings going forward will be on Wednesdays at 6 pm. The Commissioner will be promoting their departments with booths at the fair this year.

Matt Lundy talked about broadband accessibility in the county. The 60 million dollars the county will receive over the next two years from the American Rescue Act. Matt talked to Heidi Fought, Director OTA for an update on weather townships are included in the American Rescue Act, it is still in limbo at this time. He also talked about the importance of townships working with the OTA for new legislation regarding annexation laws.

County Prosecutor: Dan Petticord talk about the process of distributing the funds for Lorain County from The American Rescue Act. He is asking for patience till the process is finalized.

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: The LCCA met last week to review the recently held Transportation Day. In October there will be a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce the topic will be Covid in the work place.

Emergency Management: This is Tom Kelly's last meeting before his retirement. Enjoy your retirement, Tom.

Lorain County Metro Parks; Director Jim Ziemnik reported the parks are crazy busy already. The headquarters at Carlisle is now open for public meetings. The Park system is short staffed especially finding certified lifeguards for the season.

Land Bank: Jim Miller reported one tear down in Sheffield Township. He has sold 15 properties since January, still has 545 to sell. They are short on staff to cut the grass on Land Bank properties.

County Auditor: No Report

County Recorder: No Report

OTA: No Report

Amy Richards asked for a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion made by Orrin Leimbach and seconded by Amy Richards; motion carried.

The next meeting will be hosted TBD