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The March 16, 2023 LCTA meeting will be held in Amherst Township 7530 Oberlin Road, Elyria, Ohio

Minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting in Wellington Township

President, Jared Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Minutes: President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Amy Richards and seconded by Rita Canfield; motion carried.

Treasures Report: November ended with a checking balance of \$30,177.72 We had \$2002.35 come in for the Christmas banquet. Our expenses were \$18.61 to Amy Richards for the ethics training certificates, \$ 100 to the Lorain County Fair for our booth deposit, \$225 to Mark Cunningham for the fourth quarter, \$326.49 to Patty Echko for Christmas banquet expenses, \$2137.50 to Sterk's for the Christmas banquet, \$1,111 to Ipanda for our 2023 website, \$10 to the OTA for dues, & \$30 to Wellhelp December 2022 ended with a checking balance of \$ 28,221.47. We had no income come in. We had no expenses. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$ 28, 221.47.

President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Ken Ziegler and seconded Steve Urbansky; motion carried.

Program; Sharon Pearson, Mobility Manager at Lorain County Mobility Management presented a power point presentation on how the Mobility Management Program is an essential service that improves access to transportation with an emphasis on seniors, persons with disabilities, low income, and the workforce.

Mark Adams, Lorain County Health Department, Don Schiffbauer and Kathryn Maimone, Nord Center gave an update on the progress of the Hoarding Task Force. To learn about available help please contact Lorain County Public Health 440- 322- 6367. Ask for Environmental Health.

Officers Report:

President Jared Smith; We need to form an audit committee for the LCTA finances. Four people are needed either fiscal officers or trustees. John Ciarrone and Sheila Lanning have volunteered so far.

Vice President Christie Homer-Miller; No report

Secretary Mark Cunningham: No report

Executive Committeeman; Carl Wesemeyer Attended the County Officers meeting at the OTA Conference. A discussion followed regarding what to do with the funds [\$3,047] that are in the treasury for the Northeast Ohio Association. The idea was presented to donate the remaining funds to the OTA scholarship fund. Neil Lynch suggested that we stipulate the funds must be used for a scholarship in the Northeast region. Dick Heidecker asked Amy Richards to send an email to all counties in the Northeast Association to see if they agree with donating the funds to an OTA scholarship. Matt Hignett asked that we wait till next meeting because he is working on this issue and will have more information then.

There will be a county officers meeting in June, Carl plans on attending.

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Old business: Lorain County Fair opening breakfast sponsorship, it was discussed and decided to continue the discussion till the next LCTA meeting in March.

Public Records training session held locally; Rita Canfield has set up a 3-hour training session with Ohio Auditor of State office. The training session will be held at The Lodge in New Russia Township on April 11 from 1 pm- 4:15 pm. You must preregister because the state will handle all certifications. The state is requesting a minimum of 50 people for the training session. This training is required for all elected officials each election cycle. We will open this training to all city, village, and local school board officials. Once everything is finalized, I will send out email notices to all members.

New business: Jared talked about the issues regarding having a trade show and spring banquet in April. After discussion a motion was made by Matt Hignett seconded by Dick Heidecker to cancel the April LCTA meeting; motion carried.

A motion was made by Carl Wesmeyer and seconded by Dick Heidecker to re-appoint David Urig as the LCTA representative to Solid Waste; motion carried.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: Looking forward to a good fair again.

NOACA Report: Mark Cunningham: I attended the January organizational meeting and the virtual meeting regarding IJJA federal funding project.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: See Executive Committeeman

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: No meeting yet.

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: No report

SWAC: Mark McConnell; There was a February SWAC meeting. Community grants were due by 1/31/2023. Grants will not go to sub-committee until mid-April. Ditch maintenance was discussed at the meeting. Inspections will start in April. Mini grants are still available, projects under \$7,500 first come bases. The June LCTA meeting Don Romancak and Greg Peltz from the Prosecutor's Office will discuss 6117 general storm water procedure in Lorain County. There will be a rain barrel training session, registration is due in the next couple of weeks.

Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn: After two years of working with the Lorain County Auditor progress was made on CAUV valuations. There will be a letter from the Farm Bureau to all CAUV land owners.

Emergency Management: The office is reviewing information related to the train derailment in East Palestine. Also receiving call from resident about the drinking water here in Lorain County and explaining that we are the Lake Erie watershed not the Ohio River watershed. Jessica is taking part in a lot of training exercises this time of year. Jessica is looking for more volunteers for solar eclipse in 2024. There is sky warning class taught by the National Weather Service on March 20, 2023.

Auditor: County general fund revenues were up 1.69% in January 2023 compared to January 2022. Sales tax and Casino revenues were up slightly and Treasurer's interest was up by over 500% mainly in part due to

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increased investment rates, while conveyance fees and defense of indigents was down compared to last year at this time which may include some timing differences.

Nexus update: The Board of Tax Appeals by a 2-0 vote, ruled that the I did not have standing to challenge the Tax Commissioner's settlement. This is after being told repeatedly by the Commissioner himself and his legal counsel that all thirteen County Auditors have the right to appeal his decision. My attorneys are working on the matter as I have thirty days to decide on appealing or not. I will continue to update the affected political subdivisions and the LCTA.

County Commissioner: Dave Moore, Commissioners are currently working on new meeting times: 5pm on Mondays and 10am of Fridays every other week. City of Elyria and the County are working on the 200-year anniversary of Elyria becoming the County seat. The county has received two donations to build a new dog pound one for \$250,000 and another for \$800,000. The commissioners received a rough draft of the cost of a new jail. Children Services has 19 million in their capital building account, looking at building a new facility out by the Health Department. Jeff Armbruster will be hired as the new county administrator and J.R> White will be the Human Resources Director.

Recorder: No Report

Sheriff Department: Captain Bosley reminded everyone that spring time is when the most frauds related to home improvement or home maintenance take place.

Lorain County Metro Parks: No report

Health District: The General Health District annual meeting will be March 9, 2023 @ 5:30pm. The location is The Lodge in New Russia Township.

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: The county commissioners need to appoint a county administrator to the LCCA.

Land Bank: No report

Neal Lynch reminded townships that the fiscal officers recently got an email regarding disbursement of One Ohio funds.

Representatives from the No Bio Solids group explained their objection to the proposed bio solids facility in Grafton Township. They are working to resurrect house bill 734.

Jared Smith asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion made by Fred Pitts and seconded by Amy Richards; motion carried.

There will be no meeting in April.