

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

The July 15, 2021 LCTA meeting will be held at the County Administration Building 4th floor 225 Middle Ave, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting at the Lorain County Fairgrounds

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

Approve Minutes: President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Butch Holms and seconded by Jared Smith; motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the May meeting we had a checking balance of \$17,943.17. We had \$0 income. Our expenses were \$500 to the OTA Scholarship Fund and \$100 to We Care We Share for Ken Ziegler's father. This leaves us with a Checking balance of \$17, 343.17. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60. The Chemical Bank CD balance is \$5,222.01. Total assets = \$28,268.78.

President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Mark Cunningham; motion carried.

Christie and Neil Lynch are exploring other investment opportunities for the LCTA funds.

Program: Grace Gallucci CEO and Executive Director of Northern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency [NOACA] passed out a hard copy of NOACA's responses to the concerns of the Medina County Commissioners regarding NOACA's eNEO2050 document. Grace went over each issue and explained what changes were made to the final draft document regarding the issues brought up by the commissioners.

The eNEO2050 document was approved by the NOACA Board at their last meeting and the Medina Commissioners voted to approve the eNEO2050 document.

Grace answered question from the group at the conclusion of her presentation.

Officers Report;

President Amy Richards: Amy asked for a motion to approve expenses for two officers attending the OTA officers meeting in Columbus June 25, 2021. A motion was made by Amy Richards and seconded by Butch Holmes; motion carried.

Amy announced that the LCTA will go back to our regular schedule for townships hosting the monthly LCTA meeting in September with Carlisle Township hosting.

Vice President Jared Smith: No report

Secretary Mark Cunningham: OTA / LCTA dues must be into Columbus by the end of June.

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

Executive Committeeman Dick Heidecker: Dick has made corrections to the LCTA directory for the second printing.

Old business: Tracy Green from LCCC emailed information on establishing a scholarship at LCCC sponsored by LCTA. Tracy will be invited to attend a future LCTA meeting to discuss this subject.

New business: Amy ask for a motion for a memorial donation of \$100 in Gerald Cowie's name to Rochester United Methodists Church "We Care We Share" program. A motion was made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Adam Mourtan: motion carried.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: Carl asked for volunteers for our fair booth. We will give out LCTA Directories, candy and have a drawing for an American flag.

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: Grace said it all.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: No report

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: No updates

Solid Waste: Dave Blevins: Solid Waste District awarded four \$500 scholarships. Solid Waste is going through a 2-year audit at this time. There will be expand hours at the drop off center on July 12, hours are 12-6. Administrative assistant Beth Gardener is retiring after over 40 years of service to Lorain County. There are grants available for pollinator plant gardens through Solid Waste District.

SWAC: Don Romancak: There was a SWAC meeting on June 17. The full \$400,000 grant monies have been awarded this includes the Erhart Rd project submitted by Grafton Township. All but one of the MOU's have been returned to the county and purchase orders are proceeding. Lorain County Storm Water Management Plan is being updated. Don hopes to have the update completed by the end of the year. He will be reaching out to MS4 communities for input. Don is also working on a Master Rain Garden program for MS4 communities.

Commissioners: Michele Hung: The new 5 city fire communication system is back on schedule for a fall implementation. The 911 communication center is adding an additional 4 dispatch work stations for a total of 16 stations

Prosecutors Office: Tom Magnum: Tom is available after the meeting for any questions.

Board of Health: Dave Covell "that was a hell of a year" Covid19 cases continue to go down in the county. The health Department has tried to be a calming influence during this pandemic. The mass vaccination clinics have slowed down recently. Dave mentioned that the Health Department has Mini Grants available contact the health Department for more information. Dave is retiring at the ends of the year and Mark

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

Adams will be the new director. Neil Lynch thanked Dave for his years of service to Lorain County especially his successful effort to combine all the existing city and county health department into one county department and Dave made it work.

Community Development: Don Romancak: The semiannual Community Block Grants have been approved. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Carvana complex in Elyria Township. Jerry Good from Economic Development is retiring next month.

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Stammitti thanked the commissioners for his budget request that allowed for the hiring of 4 additional deputies. The funding for new vehicles for the department and new vests for the entire department. He also thanked Health Commissioner Dave Covell for setting up vaccinations for inmates and his staff.

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: Lorain County Community Alliance is working with Ipanda Design on a new website. December meeting will have an attorney presenting on employers and employees regarding vaccinations and the work place.

Emergency Management Jessica Fretter: Jessica introduced Matthew Spears as a recent hire of Emergency Management. He will be the operation coordinator for Emergency Management. Emergency Management is available to assist with events and fairs in communities just reach out to Jessica for more information. Please take the emergency assessment survey Jessica sent out for help in updating the Emergency Assessment Plan for Lorain County.

Land Bank & Port Authority; Jim Miller: Completed the house teardown in Sheffield Township. The Land Bank has sold over 40 properties mostly in the cities of Lorain and Elyria. There is program for townships to have derelict buildings razed for more information talk to Jim or Tom Mangun. The Port Authority sells bonds to finance projects in the county. Jim would love to have project south of state route 20. These project include fire stations, townhalls etc.

County Auditor:

County Recorder: Mike talked about the Request to Redact Addresses of public service workers and which workers qualify for this per the Ohio Revised Code.

OTA

Amy Richards asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm]. Motion made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Amy Richards; motion carried.

There will be no meeting in August.