January 25, 2016

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Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kerry Metzger
Chris Abbuhl
Belle Everett

Commissioner Metzger presiding.

The Lord's Prayer was said.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

RESOLUTION (069-2016) APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Abbuhl, seconded by Commissioner Everett, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (070-2016) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to approve the following supplemental appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Commissioners	O00-O05	O00-O02	$948.00	Interest, etc.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (071-2016) APPROVE NON-GENERAL BUDGETS 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to approve the following Non-General Budgets for 2016.

NO.	FUND NAME	AMOUNT
H00	Public Assistance	$7,429,736.00
Q90	County Building Improvement Fund	$540,356.46
S00	Children Services	$4,609,062.00
T45	Help America Vote Act Grant	$0.00
U40	Capital Projects	$598,659.80

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

COMMUNICATION:

2016 Budget Summary

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practice policy calls for a structurally balanced budget where recurring revenues are equal to or exceed recurring expenditures.

As a Board of Commissioners, we have created a structurally balanced operational county budget for 2016 where the revenues are equal to the expenditures that will meet the needs of services provided by the county.

In order to accomplish this, the board reduced the original expenditure requests by almost $1 million!

Total Appropriations for the County General Fund 2016: $23,236,821.03

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Vision – Into the Future**
  - *This Board of Commissioners budgetary vision is to continue to maintain a healthy carryover (reserve) balance. The Government Finance Officers Association best practice standard is that at a minimum, governments, regardless of size, maintain a reserve in their general fund of no less than two months (16%) of regular general fund operating expenses.*
  - *In this budget, the Board of Commissioners has established Tuscarawas County's reserve fund to be at 18% of the previous year's actual expenditures.*
  - *The board also has established a policy that if the carryover (reserve) exceeds the recommended 18% reserve level, any additional revenues above the 18% reserve level will be set aside to help fund future major capital projects.*
  - *In this year's budget, the Board of Commissioners will set aside $396,730 for the Courthouse Dome Preservation project to be completed in the near future.*

- **Prioritizing Safety**
  - *Continue to upgrade the Sheriff's vehicle fleet to continue reliable responses.*
  - *Increased the Road Patrol by 1 to improve coverage.*
  - *Continued Hazardous Response Team funding.*

- **Prioritizing Children**
  - *Fully funding foster care for the children in the foster care program at $1,934,778.00.*
  - *Continued funding for the Foster Care Prevention Grant at $30,000.00.*
  - *The agency used $39,650.63 of Foster Care Prevention Grant money provided by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners during calendar year 2015. This was used for families at the highest risk of a removal into the foster care system after using other available resources. A total of 42 families were served and provided a myriad of services including rent, utility assistance, counseling, parent education and other services to meet basic needs and stabilize the family. Of those 42 families, only 4 had children enter the foster care system.*

- **Continued Support of Our #1 Industry....Agriculture**
  - *Continued funding for Tuscarawas County Soil & Water Conservation District.*
  - *Continued funding for the OSU Extension Programs.*
  - *Continued funding for the Fair Board.*

- **Wages**
  - *The Board of Commissioners appropriated to each Department/Office to cover the expenses equivalent to a 3% pay increase for all non-bargaining employees however each department head or elected official can determine how that allocation is distributed among their employees.*
  - *Bargaining Unit Employees funded as per their respective contracts.*
  - *The Common Pleas Court and Community Correction employees were granted pay increases by the Common Pleas Judges prior to the establishment of this budget.*
  - *The Veterans Services Commission is entitled revenue equivalent to one-half mill of property tax as per the Ohio Revised Code and their employee pay raises are determined by their Commission Members.*

- **Capital Projects:**

2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED		
Auditor	Vehicle 50%	$15,000.00
Commissioners	3 computers/1 printer	$4,000.00
Commissioners	Smart Board	$7,000.00
Commissioners	Website Update	$15,000.00
Common Pleas	DVR Storage for Security System	$10,900.00
Courthouse	Elevator Camera	$2,800.00
Courthouse	Steam Boiler	$40,000.00
Co Office Bldg	AUH Variable Frequency Drive HVAC	$14,471.00
Co Office Bldg	Parking Lot Patch/Seal/Stripe	$3,000.00
Co Office Bldg	Parking Lot Repair/Drainage/Patch/Seal/Stripe	$20,000.00
Front St. Lot	Parking Lot Patch/Seal/Stripe	$4,000.00
2nd St. Lot	Parking Lot Patch/Seal/Stripe	$8,000.00
CSEA	Parking Lot Patch/Seal/Stripe	$4,000.00
CSEA	Carpet	$5,000.00
Fairboard	Matching funds for grant	$50,000.00
Health Dept	Repair Parking Lights	$910.00
IT	Humidifier	$2,000.00
JFS	HVAC Unit	$6,324.00
JFS	Generator	$26,483.13
Sheriff	Vehicles	$141,067.00
Sheriff	Fire Suppression	$15,000.00
Sheriff	Booking Software	$25,000.00
Sheriff	Device to Document/Record Inspections	$30,000.00
Sheriff	Sewage Grinder	$18,000.00
Sheriff	Justice Center Plumbing Upgrade	$5,000.00
Sheriff	Justice Center HVAC Upgrade	$311,600.00
	TOTAL	$784,555.13

Project Pending Upon Grant		
Sheriff	Jail Locks - Local Government Safety Capital Grant	100,000.00

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Metzger reviewed the county's budget summary. He thanked the other members of the Board of Commissioners and Jane Clay, Executive Assistant, for their hard work in crafting the 2016 budget in a very timely manner. Commissioners Abbuhl and Everett thanked Commissioner Metzger as well. Commissioner Metzger explained that this budget is unique to past budgets. This year the Board of Commissioners followed The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practice policy that calls for a structurally balanced budget where recurring revenues are equal to or exceed recurring expenditures. The budget crafted for 2016 is a structurally balanced operational county budget of $23,236,821.03, which had $1 million worth of initial requests cut. Commissioner Metzger referenced in the BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS (Vision - Into the Future) the budget will have an 18 percent reserve level. The board felt it was necessary to put a policy in place that if at the end of the any year the budget reserve is more than 18 percent, that reserve capital will be set aside for projects, one being The Dome Preservation Project. Commissioner Metzger stated it is good fiscal management that allows the county to do this and good fiscal management overall to do this. By saving for future larger projects, the need to acquire debt will be lessened.

In reference to Prioritizing Safety under the BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS Commissioner Metzger explained that over the past couple budgets and the 2016 budget, cruisers for the Sheriff's Department have been added to the fleet of vehicles. By adding these vehicles over the past several years there are only a few vehicles left that have 120,000 to 150,000 miles on them. It is necessary for deputies responding to citizen calls to have reliable vehicles. Also, there will be an addition of one road patrol to improve coverage. It is important to have the needed personnel to respond to citizen calls. Commissioner Abbuhl explained the new Road Patrol position is not necessarily a "new" position, but a replacement position. The current number of deputies was reduced over previous years. Commissioner Everett explained the day and afternoon shift will now have an equal number of road patrol. There was an increase in Hazardous Response Team funding from $10,000.00 to $18,000.00. This will allow the response team to have adequate equipment for unforeseen emergencies.

Commissioner Metzger explained several budgets ago this Board of Commissioners created a Foster Care Prevention Grant with the intent to keep children out of foster care. These funds were to be used for families who were on the verge of having their children moved into foster care and needed assistance with wrap around services that aren't available under normal means and other resources were exhausted. The higher the number of children in foster care, then the higher number of dollars that need to be appropriated for foster care. Commissioner Metzger said it is important to note, of the 42 families that were on the verge of being moved into foster care in 2015, only 4 actually were moved. It shows the vision of what Commissioners wanted to do with foster care is actually happening and they have the statistics to prove that.

Commissioner Everett said the Foster Care Prevention Grant for $30,000.00 is money well spent. Commissioner Everett told the Board that David Haverfield, Director of Job & Family Services, feels it has been very successful.

Commissioner Metzger explained the Ohio General Assembly, in its last budget, stated it would help Agriculture Boards with Capital Improvements. The language states the state would provide up to a $50,000.00 grant with a one to one match. The Commissioners included the $50,000.00 so the Tuscarawas County Fair Board can receive the $50,000.00 from the state and have $100,000.00 for roof repairs and replacement.

Commissioner Abbuhl also said a safety grant is in the last state budget. The Commissioners requested the Sheriff's Office to apply for the $100,000.00 grant through the state. If they are successful in obtaining the state grant, the $100,000.00 pending project grant will be appropriated. The funds have been set aside in this budget for this purpose and will be used to complete the upgrade of locks throughout the Justice Center. Commissioner Abbuhl stated he had spoken with the state today (01/25/16) and the application to apply for the grant has not been finalized, but once it is Tuscarawas County will be notified to proceed with the application process.

Commissioner Metzger reported that the budget allows for a 3 percent pay increase for non-bargaining employees; however the department head or elected official can determine the distribution among their employees.

Commissioner Metzger spoke about the backlog of capital projects. Over the past couple budgets the Commissioners have been able to reduce the amount of capital projects that needed considered from $4 million to $5 million, to now approximately less than $3 million. The Justice Center HVAC upgrades ($311,600.00) will be done throughout the building specifically the necessary upgrade to the computer rooms where the computer systems are sensitive to humidity and temperature.

In reference to the Dome Preservation Project Commissioner Metzger explain that of the $396,000.00 in this budget the Commissioners appropriated $50,000.00 for architectural and engineering studies to be done this year. After that information is obtained, the decision on how to fund the project will need to be addressed. The information obtained from the study will be helpful in the applying for grants. Commissioner Metzger is hopeful that funds will be able to be set aside in the 2017 as well. Changes to the dome will not take place until 2017 or 2018.

Commissioner Abbuhl said he hopes grants can be obtained for the Dome Preservation Project; therefore other projects can be addressed, including funding of a replacement 911 system which will be a major undertaking.

Commissioner Everett wanted to publicly thank all the department heads that worked collaboratively and cooperatively with the Commissioners to put this budget in place. She also mentioned the sales tax will be expiring and the mentioned projects are funded through the sales tax. The sales tax represents over 50 percent of the county general budget. Commissioner Everett said it is important to let the citizens know the commissioners are spending their tax dollars wisely. Commissioner Abbuhl added that not only does local citizens pay sales tax out of county residents visiting also pay the sales tax. He thanked the Convention and Visitors Bureau for a great job promoting and marketing Tuscarawas County.

Commissioner Abbuhl thanked the President of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Metzger, for his hard work on the 2016 budget. He said that by scheduling time exclusively for budget purposes the Commissioners were able to complete the budget process earlier than in previous years, which was mid-February.

RESOLUTION (072-2016) APPROVE COUNTY GENERAL BUDGETS 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Abbuhl, seconded by Commissioner Everett, to approve the following County General Budgets for 2016:

2016 GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT	2016 Appropriations
Commissioners	$417,514.00
Human Resources	$94,197.00
Agricultural Security Area	$0.00
Microfilm	$6,176.00
Auditor	$353,636.00
Personal Property (Auditor)	$0.00
Treasurer	$267,697.00
Prosecuting Attorney	$908,934.00
Budget Commission	$75,000.00
Board of Revision	$0.00
Surplus Property	$0.00
Bureau of Inspection	$90,000.00
Data Processing	$312,089.00
Court of Appeals	$13,000.00
Common Pleas Court	$1,200,295.00
Jury Commission	$4,601.00
Juvenile Court	$1,079,260.00
Probate Court	$299,970.00
Clerk of Courts	$575,854.00
Coroner	$199,538.00
Southern District Court	$841,767.00
Indigent Defense Application	$5,300.00
Municipal Court	$179,881.00
Board of Elections	$1,006,528.00
BOE - SOS Mandated	$0.00
Maintenance & Operation	$782,954.00
Sheriff	$2,915,325.00
Recorder	$208,775.00
Humane Agent	$6,060.00
Floodplain Office	$0.00
Civil Defense (EMA)	$171,296.00
Extension Service	$210,494.00
Soil Conservation	$180,865.00
Fairboard	$5,000.00
Apiary	$900.00
Disease Prevention	$0.00
TB Hospitals, Clinic, etc	$14,000.00
Vital Statistics	$1,500.00
Other Health	$174,715.00
County Home	$0.00
Child Welfare	$1,964,778.00
Soldiers Relief	$403,605.12
Veterans Services	$441,968.91
Public Assistance	$208,184.00
Jail Operations	$3,008,205.00
So. Court Dept Retirement	$0.00
Map Office	$0.00
Law Library	$0.00
Insurance on Property	$12,000.00
Contingency	$40,500.00
Transfer	$396,750.00
Hazardous Materials	$18,000.00
Child Support	$0.00
Road & Bridge Advertising	$0.00
Regional Planning	$61,000.00
Canal Grant	$0.00
Park Department	$55,000.00
Multi Co Juvenile Attention	$1,049,276.00
Dog Pound Grant	$0.00
Public Defender	$335,566.00
Victim Witness Match	$26,362.00

Economic Development Office	$40,065.00
Jail Operations (extra pay)	$0.00
Mosquito Grant	$0.00
CSEA Rent	$20,712.00
Litter Grant Match	$0.00
Transportation Coordination	$0.00
Community Corrections	$286,200.00
Family & Chidlren First Council	$0.00
Countywide landfill Appeal	$0.00
Sales Tax - Capital Projects	$484,779.00
Sales Tax - Permanent Improvement	$0.00
Sales Tax - Econ. Growth	$0.00
Sales Tax - Insurance Trust	$0.00
Sales Tax - 911	$1,501,747.00
Sales Tax - Jail Operations	$0.00
1 mill Capital Projects	$0.00
1 mill Co Bldg Improvement Fund	$279,002.00
Casino Tax Proceeds Transfer	$0.00
Special Projects	$0.00
TOTAL	**$23,236,821.03**

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (073-2016) OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL – JFS

It was moved by Commissioner Abbuhl, seconded by Commissioner Everett, to approve the following travel requests as submitted by David Haverfield, Director Job & Family Services.

DATE: 2/2/2016
TITLE: CANTON DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MEETING
LOCATION: ZANESVILLE
ATTENDING: DAVID HAVERFIELD
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 142 miles equals $65.32, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/4/2016
TITLE: CW4 SACWIS LEARNING LAB ASSESSMENT SAFETY AND CONTROLLING SAFETY THREATS
LOCATION: AKRON
ATTENDING: NICHOLE JOHN
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 122 miles equals $56.12, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/5/2016
TITLE: CW4 SACWIS LEARNING LAB ASSESSMING FAMILY STRENGTHS, NEEDS, AND RISK OF FUTURE
LOCATION: AKRON
ATTENDING: NICHOLE JOHN
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 122 miles equals $56.12, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/10/2016
TITLE: DAY ON THE PROJECT
LOCATION: COLUMBUS
ATTENDING: AMY DOTTS
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 234 miles equals $107.64, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/10/2016
TITLE: ACHIEVING PERMANENCY THROUGH INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION
LOCATION: CAMBRIDGE
ATTENDING: BETSY BENEDETTO`
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 84 miles equals $38.64, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/12/2016
TITLE: GATHERING AND DOCUMENTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION
LOCATION: AKRON

ATTENDING: ROBB RECTANUS, ELIZABETH BENEDETTO
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 122 miles equals $56.12, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/15/2016
TITLE: PCSAO MEETING
LOCATION: COLUMBUS
ATTENDING: DAVID HAVERFIELD
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 234 miles equals $107.64, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/22/2016
TITLE: PCSAO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCATION: COLUMBUS
ATTENDING: DAVID HAVERFIELD
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 234 miles equals $107.64, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.

DATE: 2/23/2016
TITLE: COUNTY READINESS MANAGERS MEETING
LOCATION: MARYSVILLE
ATTENDING: AMY DOTTS, NATALIE STEPHEN
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 258 miles equals $118.68, or an agency van will be utilized, if available, and meals at $15.00.
VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (074-2016) OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL – IT

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to approve the following travel request.
DATE: 03/01/2016
TITLE: MWare EDUCATIONAL EVENT
LOCATION: COLUMBUS
ATTENDING: APRIL BEACHY
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE: Mileage of approximately 220 miles equals $101.20.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (075-2016) PAYMENT ECONOMIC REVOLVING LOAN FUND INTEREST

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to approve the payment of $0.15 to the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (T010) for interest due for the last-half of the year 2015.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (076-2016) AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION/ADVERTISEMENT CHIP 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to authorize the procurement process for Administrative Services and the advertisement of all public hearings in relation to the PY-2016 Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program (CHIP). The procurement process will include a direct advertisement in the local paper along with direct solicitation packets being mailed to various organizations, agencies or firms.
This resolution also authorizes the President or Vice President of the Board of Commissioners to sign any and all documents relating to the PY-2016 CHIP and the CHIP Fair Housing Component. This action is taken upon the recommendation of Scott S. Reynolds, Director for the Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (077-2016) RE-APPOINT ROBERT BAKER – HARCATUS (2016)

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to re-appoint Robert Baker to the HARCATUS Tri-County C.A.O., Inc. Board as the preferred public official designation. Mr. Baker is very active in the Uhrichsville community and serves on Council.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

RESOLUTION (078-2016) PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Abbuhl, seconded by Commissioner Everett, to approve for payment the following bills.

911		
Staley Technologies	Tower Repair	617.60
Child Support		
American Electric Power	Electric	1,079.40
American Electric Power	Electric	429.49
Clerk of Courts		
First Data	Credit Card Fees	84.90
Jeanne Stephen	Travel	95.68
Jodi Fouts	Travel	99.82
Commissioners		
Hanhart Agency	Bond	100.00
Hillyard Ohio	Supplies	456.62
Treasurer Tusc Co	Levies & Assessments	1,967.46
Union Hospital	TB Testing	29.44
Go Shred	Shredding Services	150.00
RJ Beck Protective Systems	Service	65.00
Liberty Distributors	Supplies	330.72
Frontier	Service/339.1855	482.51
Pitney Bowes Reserve Account	Postage	20,000.00
Common Pleas		
Piper Software Productions	Supportworks 2016 Data Update	229.95
Community & Economic Development		
Times Reporter	Legal Ad/B-F-14-1CT-1	365.80
Times Reporter	Legal Ad/Courthouse Dome Project	172.05
Dog Pound		
Ferrellgas	Propane	1,203.21
Juvenile/Probate		
Johnson Printing	Supplies	225.00
Times Reporter	Legal Advertising	165.85
Walmart	Supplies	49.38
Law Library		
Thomson Reuters West	Government Plan	3,100.88
Thomson Reuters West	Books	820.25
Tusc Co Clerk of Courts	Notary Fees	231.00
Thomson Reuters West	Westlaw Patron Access	852.50
Public Defender		
First Communications	Long Distance	18.32
Frank Bair	Utilities	273.00
Sheriff		
Fedex	Shipping Service	96.89
University Reference Lab	Drug Screen from Case	191.00
Union Hospital	Pre-Employment Drug Screen	20.75

Wood Electric	Pole Light Repair	282.73
Galls	Hand Held Scanner	142.70
Union Hospital	Inmate Medical Treatment	529.99
Ohio Dept of Mental Health	Inmate Medical Treatment	8,032.72
Project Lifesaver International	Wrist Bands	84.64
Ohio BCI & I	CCW Background Checks	4,548.00
American Electric Power	Electric	12,995.89
Shots Fired	Mesh Masks	120.00
Southern Court		
American Electric Power	Electric	297.99
American Electric Power	Electric	307.05
Twin City Water & Sewer	Service	60.10
Quill	Supplies	20.19
Veterans		
Cardinal Fleet Service	Brake Work/County Van	796.35
The Pearl Coffee Co	Coffee	26.58
Society for Equal Access	Transportation	720.00
Tusc Co Sheriff's Office	Fuel	69.89
Synergy Sign & Graphics	Custom Vinyl Wrap & Decals	1,400.00
Action Now Pest Control	Pest Control	45.00
Water & Sewer		
Tusc Co Commissioners	Chevy Silverado Payment	777.78
Tusc Co Commissioners	Crane Truck Payment	1,219.50
Dover Municipal Utilities	Electric	415.39
Ohio Pump	Repairs	1,272.00
Ohio Pump	2hp Grinder Pump	1,220.00
Twin City Water & Sewer	Sewage Disposal	10,460.79
First Communications	Long Distance	338.02

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Abbuhl spoke about the opportunity he and Commissioner Everett had to speak with those involved in the Ohio Farm Bureau's leadership program, AgriPower Institute which is an intensive nine month personal and professional development program that trains Ohio's agricultural professionals to become trained advocates. During the session there was a panel of local government representatives who gave an overview of local government structure and responsibilities each agency/department has in agriculture.

Commissioner Abbuhl serves as the Chair of the CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) Agriculture Committee and Co-Chair of the newly formed Agriculture/Taxation Committee. Commissioner Abbuhl has requested to bring with him to the next CCAO Agriculture meeting local FFA and 4-H students who are preparing for a competition that will involve creating an agriculture platform and seeing the process through. The students will be able to obtain vital information as the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation will be there speaking about CAUV program (Current Agriculture Use Value) which is used for property tax purposes. CAUV involves farmland devoted exclusively to commercial agriculture that may be valued according to its current use rather than at its "highest and best" potential use. By permitting values to be set well below true market values, the CAUV normally results in a substantially lower tax bill for working farmers. This information provided can assist the students in deciding their platform and other visions for their project.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE BOARD.

RESOLUTION (079-2016) ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Abbuhl, to adjourn 1:40 p.m. to meet in Regular Session, Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2016.

VOTE: Kerry Metzger, yes;
Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Belle Everett, yes;

We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct account of the proceedings as had by and before us on the day and year first written above.

Kerry Metzger

Chris Albright

Belle Everett

Attest: Maria Lautenschlager
Clerk of the Board