

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 16th day of March 2020 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, President Daryll R. Gray, Member Tony Applegate, Member

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and dispense with the oral reading.
Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

Motion moved by Mr. Applegate to adopt the following declaration. Second: Mr. Gray.

Brown County Board of County Commissioners
Declaration of State of Emergency Due to COVID-19

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans; and

WHEREAS, Brown County, Ohio, may be affected by the COVID-19 can endanger health, safety, and welfare of persons within the border of Brown County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor DeWine issued Executive Order # 2020-013 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio announced its first case of community acquired COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the event may exceed all locally available public and private resources available to alleviate the effects of this emergency; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County, in consultation with Brown County Emergency Management Agency and Brown County Public Health, to take the necessary actions before cases are identified in our area to prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of County Commissioners declares a State of Emergency exists in Brown County and that we hereby invoke and declare that pursuant to section 5502.21 of the Revised Code, an emergency exists related to COVID-19 that requires actions to be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Brown County.

This declaration of a State of Emergency shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans which are applicable to Brown County, Ohio, and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance thereunder as needed.

Reference is hereby made to the Brown County Emergency Operations Plan and all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions; and

1. Any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.
2. That the County is hereby authorized to:
 - a. Utilize all necessary resources and personnel of the Board of Commissioners to respond to this emergency pursuant to Resolution endorsing the participation of county employees in assisting with responding and recovering during a declared emergency and/or points of dispensing.
 - b. Exempt from the competitive bidding process purchases related to the emergency that are greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, so long as no fewer than three informal estimates are obtained.
 - c. Take those actions that are necessary and appropriate, including the delegation of administrative and departmental functions among responsible staff to assure proper implementation in exercising this authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Emergency shall end in thirty days unless renewed by a majority vote of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board certify copies of this resolution to Health Commissioner, Kyle Arn, and Emergency Management Director, Barbara Davis.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, this 16th day of March, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – COMMON PLEAS COURT

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to approve the request of Joni Dotson, Court Administrator, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2356 *TCAP Grant* in the amount of \$100,000.00 into 2356-3000-52116 *TCAP Other Expenses*. Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – COMMON PLEAS COURT

Motion moved by Mr. Applegate to approve the request of Joni Dotson, Court Administrator, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2359 *JRIG* in the amount of \$71,490.04 into 2359-3000-52133 *JRIG Transfer Out*. Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTUAL SERVICES – DS2 ARCHITECTS

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to enter into an agreement with DS2 Architects, 107 W. Second Street, Maysville, KY 41056, for plans, specifications, bidding and construction phase services at the Municipal Court, 770 Mount Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio 45121, in the amount of \$14,985.00. Services will be for an approximate 900 SF addition of office space. See complete agreement on file. Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF SHORT STREET, UNION TWP.

A public hearing was held this day at 9:30 a.m. for consideration of the resolution drafted and executed by the Union Twp. Trustees requesting to vacate all of Short Street in the un-incorporated Village of Lavanna. No members of the public attended.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion moved by Mr. Applegate to approve the request of Barb Davis, DPS, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2300 *E911 ¼% Sales Tax* in the amount of \$10,000.00 into 2300-2001-52110 *911 Supplies*, said funds may be needed to costs associated by a possible quarantine at the 911 Communication Center. Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 16th day of March, 2020. Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Applegate, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Woodruff, yea

3/12/2020


Hillcrest Solar Project held a Groundbreaking Ceremony; Commissioners and staff attended.

3/16/2020

Commissioners held a meeting for elected officials and department directors regarding COVID-19. In attendance: Dr. C. Timothy McKinley, BC Coroner, Vicky Coburn, BC Coroner Staff, Buddy Coburn, BC Coroner Staff, Mike Click, BC Coroner Staff, Joni Dotson, BCCPC, Judge Gusweiler, BCCPC, Clark Gray, BCCOC, Charles Ashmore, Juvenile Court, Judge Bubb, Juvenile Court, James Berry, BCBD, Amy Jo DeClaire, Recorder, Chris Hodges, BCSO, Barb Davis, DPS, Zac Corbin, BCPO, Todd Cluxton, BCE, Connie Patrick, Treasurer, Brandy Duncan, JFS, Mitch Sharp, JFS, and Judge Worley, BCMC.

Approval: March 18, 2020


Barry Woodruff, President


Daryll Gray, Member


Tony Applegate, Member


Sarah Beath, Clerk

March 16, 2020

