



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

MORNING SESSION

10:00 AM Call to Order

Present: Commissioner Teresa Bemiller
Commissioner, President Thom Collier
Commissioner Bill Pursel

Additional Staff

Jason Booth, County Administrator

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant

10:00 AM Salt Brine Hearing for Small's Sand and Gravel, Inc.

Commissioners conducted a Salt Brine Hearing to consider the application of Small's Sand and Gravel, Inc., 10229 Killduff Road, P.O. Box 617, Gambier, Ohio 43050, for a Chief's Order from ODNR to spread brine on aggregate piles. The #9 gravel treated with Salt Brine, (ice grits) are used for snow and ice control and are spread on Township and County Roadways. Salt Brine is stored and applied per Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.22(C)(1)(d). The application fee of \$50.00 was paid and the hearing advertised in the Mount Vernon News. Hearing no objections, Commissioners passed a resolution approving the same.

Resolutions to be Presented

RESOLUTION 2023-942--APPROVE SALT BRINE APPLICATION FOR SMALL'S SAND AND GRAVEL, INC., FOR A CHIEF'S ORDER FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, Small's Sand & Gravel, Inc., 10229 Killduff Road, P.O. Box 617, Gambier, Ohio 43022, did submit a Salt Brine application for a Chief's Order from ODNR to spread brine on aggregate piles, along with a \$50.00 fee. The #9 gravel treated with Salt Brine (ice grits) are used for snow and ice control and are spread on Township and County Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners did hold a public hearing on the application, as advertised in the Mount Vernon News.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Knox County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the request of Small’s Sand & Gravel, Inc., 10229 Killduff Road, P.O. Box 617, Gambier, Ohio 43022, for a Chief’s Order from ODNR to spread brine on aggregate piles. The #9 gravel treated with Salt Brine (ice grits) are used for snow and ice control and are spread on Township and County Roads. Salt Brine is stored and applied per Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.22(C)(1)(d).

The public hearing will be held in the Knox County Commissioner’s Office, 117 East High Street, Suite 161, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant - Knox County Board of Commissioners
Please advertise in Public Notice section on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners gives its approval for Small’s Sand & Gravel, Inc., Chief’s Order from ODNR to spread brine on aggregate piles. The #9 gravel treated with Salt Brine (ice grits) are used for snow and ice control and are spread on Township and County Roads and submits the application and this resolution to the Division of Oil and Gas, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, for their approval.

A copy of the application and supporting documents are attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Thom Collier
SECONDER: Bill Pursel
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-943--APPROVE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT - OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF) AND CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS FOR KNOX COUNTY CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARTINSBURG (CDBG GRANT #B-X-23-1BM-1 - \$470,000.00).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the State of Ohio Department of Development - Office of Community Development - Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects for Knox County Critical Infrastructure Grant for the Village of Martinsburg (CDBG Grant #B-X-23-1BM-1 - \$470,000.00).

A copy of the request is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Bill Pursel
SECONDER: Teresa Bemiller
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

**RESOLUTION 2023-944--PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023,
AS FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY DAY IN KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, Food for the Hungry was started in December 1982 by Charlie and Carol Kilkenny to collect food and money for those who were recently laid off from a local manufacturer. In just one day, they collected enough food to fill seven trucks and \$1,600 in cash.

WHEREAS, Food For the Hungry grew from that cold day in December 1982 to include legacy partners BAS Broadcasting (WMVO/WQIO), WNZR, Mount Vernon News, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, WRP CPAs (formerly Nelson and Nelson CPAs) and Spectrum Cable. Since 2013, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Kenyon College, Knox County Career Center, KnoxPages.com and Park National Bank have been valued board partners.

WHEREAS, all funds contributed to the annual drive are kept in Knox County with major grants awarded to Interchurch Social Services and The Salvation Army. Minor grants are awarded to applicants such as church food pantries and Hot Meals programs that fill the gaps of food insecurity throughout Knox County.

WHEREAS, about 12.1% of Knox County residents live in poverty.

WHEREAS, agencies across Knox County have realized an increased need as additional food benefits provided by the federal government during COVID have lapsed and inflation has increased lowering buying power. The Food for the Hungry Board has established a 2023 campaign goal of \$260,000.

WHEREAS, the County of Knox, in the State of Ohio serves 62,897 people, the Knox County Board of Commissioners do hereby not only recognize the importance of Food For The Hungry's mission and encourage Knox County residents to give funds or volunteer time to help meet this year's goal, but also declares Friday, December 8, 2023, as Food for the Hungry Day in Knox County, Ohio.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Proclamation designating Friday, December 8, 2023, as Food for the Hungry Day in Knox County, Ohio.

A copy of the official proclamation is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER:	Bill Pursel
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-945--APPROVE TO MOVE FUNDS OF \$12,959.97 FROM FUND 701 - SELF INSURANCE FUND TO FUND 101 - GENERAL FUNDS, PER ORC SECTION 5705.14(D).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve to move funds of \$12,959.97 from Fund 701 - Self Insurance Fund to Fund 101 - General Funds, per ORC Section 5705.14(D).

A copy of the supporting documents are attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER: Bill Pursel
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-946--APPROVE KNOX AREA TRANSIT TO WRITE-OFF OUTSTANDING DEBTS OWED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,951.81.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve Knox Area Transit to Write-Off Outstanding Debts Owed in the amount of \$4,951.81.

A copy of the list is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER: Bill Pursel
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-947--AUTHORIZE THOM COLLIER, COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT, TO COMPLETE THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS FORM ON BEHALF OF THE KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER (GOODS AND SERVICES OF \$800.00).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners authorize Thom Collier, Commissioner President, to complete the Ohio Department of Commerce - Division of Unclaimed Funds form on behalf of the Knox County Engineer (Goods and Services of \$800.00).

A copy of the form is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Bill Pursel
SECONDER: Teresa Bemiller
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-948--APPROVE KNOX COUNTY TREASURER DETAC ANNUAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Knox County Treasurer DETAC Annual Report as of November 30, 2023.

A copy of the report is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER: Bill Pursel
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-949--APPROVE KNOX COUNTY TREASURER DEPOSITORY AND INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,714.13.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Knox County Treasurer Depository and Investment Income Report for November 2023, in the amount of \$94,714.13.

A copy of the report is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Bill Pursel
SECONDER: Teresa Bemiller
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-950--APPROVE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF - JAIL FOOD COST PER MEAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Knox County Sheriff - Jail Food Cost Per Meal Report for November 2023. Total costs of \$15,073.57, total meals prepared of 6,805 and food cost per meal of \$2.09.

A copy of the report is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER: Bill Pursel
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

Approval of Transfer of Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Bills

RESOLUTION 2023-951--APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Appropriation Adjustment and that the following transfer be made:

AMOUNT: \$110,291.71

From Appropriation Account: 275.1140.50368 - Contracts/Projects - Auditor

To Appropriation Account: 275.1140.50401 - Other Expenses - Auditor

A copy of the Appropriation Adjustment is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER:	Thom Collier
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-952--APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS/SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Appropriation of Funds/Supplemental Appropriation and that the following amount be appropriated into the respective line account as money has been certified but not yet appropriated as follows:

AMOUNT: \$1,200,000.00

ACCOUNT: 101.1501.50601 - Transfers Out - Miscellaneous

A copy of the Appropriation of Funds/Supplemental Appropriation is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Thom Collier
SECONDER:	Teresa Bemiller
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-953--APPROVE FUND TRANSFER.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Fund Transfer and that the following fund transfer be made:

AMOUNT: \$1,200,000.00

FROM: 101.1501.50601 - TRANSFERS OUT

TO: 401.1100.41100 - TRANSFERS IN

A copy of the Fund Transfer is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER:	Thom Collier
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-954--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated December 5, 2023.

A copy of the Bill List is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER:	Thom Collier
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-955--APPROVE BILL LIST - THEN AND NOW.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Bill List dated December 5, 2023.

A copy of the Then and Now Bill list is attached to Journal No. 2023.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER:	Thom Collier
AYES:	Bemiller Collier Pursel

Departmental Updates

10:30 AM Knox County Litter and Recycling

Commissioners met with Matthew Baugher, Coordinator of Knox County Litter and Recycling in a regular departmental update. Matthew answered questions from the Commissioners and discussed the following items:

End of Year Advertising - two full page advertisements in the Town Money Saver for December and January - December will focus on what can be recycled and January will focus on drop-off locations - campaign partially funded by DKMM for City Outreach

Batteries - Accurate IT has committed to pickup battery bin in the Service Center lobby once a month - cost is \$0.82 per pound - won't have to store batteries with monthly pickups

School Programming - completed K-6 programming at East Knox in November - presentations focused on Deforestation and Biodiversity - working with Mount Vernon High School Sustainability Club - presented several recycling presentations at the Knox County Career Center in September

Annual Conference - OALPRP annual conference was held in Cincinnati in October - event went well with interesting programming - no date set for next year - was not able to attend Keep Ohio Beautiful in Columbus this year due to sickness

String Lights - recycling program for string lights starts first week of December - string lights can be dropped off at the Knox County Service Center lobby, City Hall and Mount Vernon Public Library - Accurate IT will also pick these items up with the monthly battery pickup - sending a press release to Knox Pages for promotion of this service

Bins - Bins have been doing well - spoke with Cheryl Splain with Knox Pages regarding reader question about Park and Ride Bin Location - confirmed with Cheryl for future article that bins will not be returned to this location and all bins are available at Opportunity Knox - Park Enterprises grinding equipment fire at Thayer Road Compost Facility shut down the facility for one day

Apartment Contacts - drafting letter to send to apartment complexes within the city limits - goal is to notify staff and tenants that despite not qualifying for free curbside recycling, they can utilize the community recycle bins at Opportunity Knox

End of Year Billing - will have minimal carryover for the year - working with DKMM to finalize paperwork for year-end

Adjourn the Meeting

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

Upcoming Committee/Board/Community Meetings:

Experience Mount Vernon - 12/05/2023 - 3:30 PM - Pursel

KSAAT - 12/06/2023 - 10:00 AM - Bemiller

Land Bank Meeting - 12/08/2023 - 2:30 PM - Bemiller and Pursel

WMVO Radio Line - 12/12/2023 - 10:00 AM - All Commissioners

DKMM Board Meeting - 12/12/2023 - 1:30 PM - All Commissioners

OneOhio Committee Meeting - 12/13/2023 - 7:00 PM - Bemiller

911 Advisory Meeting - 12/20/2023 - 9:00 AM - Bemiller

Board of Revision Hearings - 12/20/2023 - 3:00 PM - Bemiller

Regional Planning Commission - 12/21/2023 - 7:30 PM - Collier

Family & Children First Council - 12/27/2023 - 10:00 AM - Bemiller

Commissioner, President

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Penny R. Doyle
Clerk/Executive Assistant