



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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

Public Attendance

Scott Zimmerman

10:00 AM WMVO Radio Line

Resolutions to be Presented

RESOLUTION 2023-962--APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the General Fund Budget for 2024 in the amount of \$25,378,451.00.

A copy of the General Fund Budget and summaries are attached to Journal No. 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-963--HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF LORI TOTMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE KNOX COUNTY PARK DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Knox County employee Lori Totman is retiring effective December 29, 2023, as a distinguished employee with the Knox County Park District, Knox County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Lori began her career in December of 2013 as the Director of the Knox County Park District, bringing over 30+ years of knowledge and experience in plant collections, gardens, natural areas and hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, Lori has lived the County's mission by dedicating her life's work to the parks and trails of Knox County and its employees and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners express its heartfelt gratitude in recognition of Lori Totman's selfless dedication and contributions to the Knox County Park District, Knox County community and employees of Knox County, Ohio.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2023-964--APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BRIGHTSPEED - KNOX COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Letter of Support for Brightspeed - Knox County Grant Application.

A copy of the support letter is attached to Journal No. 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-965--APPROVE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM BROADBAND PROVIDERS FOR OHIO RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND TOWNSHIPS OF KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Amended House Bill 2 of the 134th Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program to expand broadband service in the state and provide grants to assist with expansion of broadband service to unserved and underserved residents of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, under Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, a board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program grants for eligible projects in the municipal corporations and townships of the county; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects are projects to provide tier two broadband service access to residences in an unserved area or tier one area of a municipal corporation or township eligible for funding under the Broadband Expansion Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, tier one broadband service is a retail wireline or wireless broadband service capable of delivering internet access at speeds of at least ten but less than twenty-five megabits per second downstream and at least one but less than three megabits per second upstream and a tier one area is an area served by tier one broadband service but not tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, an unserved area is an area without access to tier one or tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, there are unserved or underserved areas in the county whose residents would benefit from the expansion of tier two broadband service if a broadband provider were to complete an eligible project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following municipal corporations and townships within the county have areas that are unserved or underserved by broadband service:

All municipal corporations of Knox County, Ohio including all twenty-two (22) townships

Section 2. That pursuant to Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, Jason Booth, County Administrator, shall be the contact on behalf of the county to submit a request to the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program eligible projects in the areas identified in Section 1 of this Resolution.

A copy of the certified resolution is attached to Journal No. 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-966--APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT PLANNING SERVICES FOR KNOX AREA TRANSIT WITH RLS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Professional Services Agreement for Fixed Route Transit Planning Services for Knox Area Transit with RLS & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$40,124.36.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2023-967--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LICKING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FOR EARLYWINE ROAD BETWEEN NEW GUILFORD AND MCKEE ROADS IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Licking Rural Electrification for Earlywine Road between New Guilford and McKee Roads in Jackson Township - Multiple Service of Electrical Utility - Overhead/Aerial - Blacktop Road Surface.

A copy of the application 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 2023-968--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: \$100,000.00
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: Teresa Bemiller
SECONDER: Thom Collier
AYES: Bemiller Collier Pursel

RESOLUTION 2023-969--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: \$100,000.00
FROM: 101.1501.50601 - TRANSFERS OUT
TO: 202.1502.41100 - 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 2023-970--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated December 12, 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 2023-971--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 12, 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

Adjourn the Meeting

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

Commissioners attended the DKMM Board Meeting in Marion, Ohio.

Upcoming Committee/Board/Community Meetings:

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