



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

MORNING SESSION

10:00 AM Call to Order

Present: Commissioner, President Teresa Bemiller
Commissioner Thom Collier

Absent: Commissioner Bill Pursel

Additional Staff

Jason Booth, County Administrator

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant

Resolutions to be Presented

RESOLUTION 2024-800--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LICKING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FOR 3001 WEAVER ROAD IN MILLER TOWNSHIP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Licking Rural Electrification for 3001 Weaver Road in Miller Township - Multiple Service of Electrical Utility - Overhead/Aerial.

A copy of the application is attached to Journal No. 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-801--APPROVE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MODERN OFFICE METHODS FOR THE KNOX COUNTY AUDITOR COPIER.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Document Management Agreement with Modern Office Methods for the Knox County Auditor Copier. The lease is 60 months with monthly payments of \$314.00.

A copy of the agreement is attached to Journal No. 2024.

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

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday, November 19, 2024, were presented and approved by the Board of Knox County Commissioners.

Approval of Transfer of Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Bills

RESOLUTION 2024-802--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated November 21, 2024.

A copy of the Bill List is attached to Journal No. 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-803--APPROVE BILL LIST - THEN AND NOW.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Bill List dated November 21, 2024.

A copy of the Then and Now Bill list is attached to Journal No. 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-804--APPROVE BILL LIST - BOARD OF ELECTION POLL WORKERS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List - Board of Election Poll Workers dated November 21, 2024.

A copy of the Board of Election - Poll Worker Bill list is attached to Journal No. 2024.

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

Departmental Updates

10:30 AM Knox County Department of Job and Family Services

Commissioners met with Scott Boone, Director of Knox County Department of Job and Family Services, in a regular departmental update. Scott answered questions from the Commissioners and discussed the following items:

- *Scott reported 68 children in JFS Care
 - 23 Kinship Care
 - 12 JFS Licensed Foster Families
 - 23 Therapeutic Care Facilities (Village Network, etc.)
 - 8 Residential Care Facilities
 - 1 Department of Youth Services
 - 1 Facility in Florida - costing \$4,000 per day - no closer options available - must have monthly face-to-face visits with child - exploring waiver options due to distance
- *Adoption/Quarterly Placement Report showing this year is down from last years number
- *Scott thanked the Commissioners for the continued consideration of the Adult Protective Services Contract with District 5 Area Agency on Aging - yearly statistics report will be coming soon
- *Public Assistance monitoring number of applications for SNAP benefits - federal poverty guidelines increased effective October 1st - not much of an increase in the number of applications submitted so far - averaging 232 applications per month for 2024 - averaged 230 applications per month for 2023
- *Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) applications for KNO-HO-CO assistance have increased since program handled through JFS - to date, 273 applications processed but not all applications were approved - may need to restructure workforce and responsibilities of workers at Opportunity Knox to accommodate application process - public is more aware of the program due to an increase in advertising by JFS
- *Shredder at Opportunity Knox - blades are wearing out - unit is out of warranty - \$9,300 to replace blades - paid \$13,000 for shredder several years ago - unit is used regularly with approximately 15,780 pounds of shredding per year - may need to explore options for other suppliers and/or repairs
- *Staffing - several open positions advertised - a couple employees were removed that were not in probationary period

11:00 AM Knox County Dog Shelter

Commissioners met with Brian Biggerstaff, Knox County Dog Warden, in a regular departmental update for October. Brian reported as of November 21, 2024, there are twenty-three dogs at the Dog Shelter. Twenty-two dogs are available for adoption and one dog is on a three-day stray hold. There are a total of eight dogs on the adoption floor that have been at the shelter for over sixty days. Ten of the available dogs for adoption were owner surrenders, ten dogs were brought in stray or dogs deputies picked up running at large, one dog was put in the public drop-off pen that are for after-hour stray dogs, and two dogs were seized and then became property of the county.

Brian reported seven of the nine dogs euthanized in October were at the owner's request. Four due to the dogs being aggressive or having a bite history and three for medical reasons. The Dog Shelter euthanized one dog for being aggressive and one for medical reasons.

Dog Warden Biggerstaff reported a total of ten citations were issued in the month of October. Deputy Brian Weiser issued three citations for failure to confine. Deputy Tyler Moore issued four citations for failure to confine and one citation for failure to license. Dog Warden Brian Biggerstaff issued two citations for failure to confine.

Dogs entering the shelter for the month of October were as follows:

Owner Surrender	21
Adoption Returned	0
Seized/Custody	3
Stray	23
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Total Dogs Entered	47

Dogs leaving the shelter for the month of October were as follows:

Adoptions	23
Euthanasia	9
Returned to Owner	7
Transfer/Rescue	0
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Total Dogs Leaving	39

Brian reported the new 2025 dog tag application forms will be sent in the mail to all current dog tag holders the first week of December. Applications are due January 31, 2025.

Brian reported Phil Samuel donated several 2025 dog shelter calendars to sell for donations directly to the Dog Shelter.

Adjourn the Meeting

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

Commissioner, President

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Penny R. Doyle
Clerk/Executive Assistant