

January 21, 2025

MINUTES

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioners recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

- V113-106 Minutes of January 16, 2024:
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V113-107 Transfer of Funds Engineers' Office
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V113-108 Director of JFS Authority to sign inter-county adjustment agreements
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V113-109 JFS OCT
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Nic Baumer Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, Jami Dellifield Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, and Amanda Raines 4-H Youth Development Educator with OSU extension updates- Jami- family consumer sciences I do a lot of my work with the courts, recovery court, cps parenting classes are 6 weeks, divorces with minor children take a one-time coparenting class. It is our job as parents to fix what we are doing to help our kids not the other way around. Yoga, county wellness, safe sitter classes, I help Amanda with 4-H and camp. Ohio mental health recovery services how it's ok to not be ok. Work with the health department and proctor the tests for food service. We have sewing machines that can get checked out if you want to learn to sew. Teaching kids to cook at lifeworks. 6-week class. We could do this with anyone in the community, not just court mandated. We did it twice last year, finishing up before Christmas. 2.5 hours each class. 7 scheduled and 5 finished out of our class. Commissioner Rush- what ages did you see. Ages 19-54 range in the last year. The same people are also in the parenting class a lot of the time and it seems that they are more open to conversation. Commissioner Sherman- did you notice they were more confident after taking the course? Jami- yes because they are trying different things, like homemade hamburger helper instead of out of the box. We try to provide kitchen gadgets that they may need to help them cook at home. Amanda- 4-H wise we are getting ready to hit the accelerator. We are kicking off advisor training in two weeks. Focus is adapting and including. If you have any special accommodations, we can help with as much as we can. In 2023 we had 4 requests, last year we had over 40, I believe that is because we made a copy and made sure each kid had the form if they needed anything. I received a grant to have inclusions kits available for each child that needs them for each club. We have communication boards for meetings, camp, and fair. I realize that not all the clubs will have kids that use those kits, but they should all have the resources. Our enrollment deadline is April 15. Last year a success story, we can't take all the credit, at the beginning of our camp counselor season in November, we had a first-time counselor. They disclosed that they had dropped out of school right after fair. We worked with them to get enrolled in an online program: in February they disclosed to us some serious situations that required them to be removed from the home. This person did agree to be a camp counselor, got enrolled right after fair at lifeworks, was able to make up for all lost education and graduated early in November. I know for sure that being in 4-H had a huge impact on their life. They were accepted to OSU and BGSU. It's nice to say we have over 800 4-Hers, but is better to say we improved one life. Nic Baumer- I handle everything agricultural, and the catch all for questions. Right now working with growers and applicators that have to redo certification every 3 years. First one in Hardin county on Thursday. And again, in February. We have people that come in from all over to take those trainings. We will be looking for larger space for the trainings. We do classes for people who want to become applicators, 3 hour class. Pesticide is an exam, and we can help prepare. Help with statewide conservation tillage meeting at ONU. Continue to work with master gardeners. They are gearing up to have their seminar in March. Ag hall of fame committee looking forward to continuing with that.

Once we get through winter and get into growing season I will be working with farmers on questions and insect identification etc. looking forward to doing that. Hoping our soil health study gets funded again for this year. Being new in the county I am still trying to figure it all out. farm transition workshops to pass on the farm to the next generation. That is one of our winter programs. We work together to teach quality assurance.

Amber Conley- Director of JFS- monthly updates- December food assistance served 1609 families totaling \$608,565.00. CSEA had 74 reports that resulted in 21 investigations. There are 30 kids in custody. Adult protective services had 8 allegations resulting in 8 investigations. Totals for 2024: CSEA had 947 reports with 282 investigations, 38 total kids in custody. \$1,658,588.03 was the total for placement costs. Adult Protective Services had 144 reports and 94 investigations. OhioMeansJobs served 1070 individuals.

Roll call resulted as follows:



President of the Board-Fred M. Rush YES/NO



Joseph C. Sherman YES/NO



Timothy L. Striker YES/NO

Attest 

Clerk of the Board

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