

TENTATIVE (pending approval September 5, 2024)

Riley Township

Aug 1, 2024

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Garvey at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Lawless, Martens and Powell. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to amend the agenda to add a Greenspace Update under old business. Motion by Lawless, support by Martens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve June 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$278408.72

General Fund Checking \$35434.95

Road and Bridge Fund \$127751.07

ARPA Designated Fund \$21714.35

TOTAL \$463309.10

Motion by Powell, support by Lawless to approve treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

**Commissioner Ken Mitchell** – There has not been any additional ordinance presented on battery storage. There were some ordinances that were updated and adopted at the prior meeting. There was a lot of discussion about the kennel requirements, which presented in the same form as the State of Michigan upholds. It was reiterated that the debt the county has is not unstructured, it is a bond for the road commission building. The cost for the update of the sidewalk outside of the courthouse was presented, and it is felt that although costly is necessary for the safety of people entering and exiting the courthouse. There was a recent update at the public safety meeting from DHHS regarding a trend that is being seen in the foster care system. Children that have had legal adoptions are being returned to the foster system due to inability to handle the behavioral issues, this is up 25% from prior year. There is also a concern for increased truancy that is due to behavioral health/anxiety issues. The budget allowed for the addition of one more road patrol for nights for the upcoming fiscal year, which will be good for the county. The body scanner at the jail has been successful in capturing paraphernalia attempting to be smuggled into jail.

**DAESA Board Member Terry Powell** – There were 63 runs last month. At the last meeting, the authority approved to have a full-time firefighter position that will be at the station 5 days per week and there is always someone available to respond to calls during the at-risk hours when many of the volunteer firefighters are unavailable due to their employments. It is projected that calls will increase approximately 20% over the next 5 years across the nation and we need to start to plan for how to support the community.

**Planning Commission Randy Whitney**-nothing to report at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

CISA Security Assessment – The assessment was completed, and the report has been made available to the board. Clerk Powell would like to immediately move forward with the installation of a locked closet for all election supplies and materials. In addition, development of a emergency operations plan and business continuity plan will be worked on by Clerk Powell and presented to the board for feedback and approval.

Greenspace Update – Trustee Martens attended the most recent meeting. There is a lot of upcoming activity being planned such as planning out the trail, stocking the fish, mapping the parking lot, and planting wildflower plots. There have been concerns expressed about how far it is to reach the pond. There is a plan to install the additional parking lot then there will the ability to open the gate and drive back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Forest Hill Airport** – the previous group was not allowed to come back due to their flying patterns. There have been some individuals who have been spoken to about respecting peoples property and livestock.

**Future Use of the Prior Hall** – there have been several people who have inquired about the ability to use the old hall for some type of public use. Due to the constraints/lack of infrastructure it is recommended that research be done to see what would be feasible without necessary acreage to add needed resources.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve bills as presented. Motion carried.

Brian Lawless spoke to support Phil Hanes as the drain commissioner for Clinton County in the upcoming primary election.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7: 45 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk