



Portage County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

449 South Main Street
Ravenna, OH 44266
<http://www.co.portage.oh.us>

JoAnn Townend, Acting Clerk
330-297-3600

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

9:30 AM

Commissioners' Board Room

*The Commissioners' meeting minutes are summarized; there is an audio recording available.
Please contact the Commissioners' Office for specific details.*

The Portage County Board of Commissioners' meeting came to order with the following members present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Vicki A. Kline	President	Present
Sabrina Christian-Bennett	Vice President	Present
Mike Kerrigan	Board Member	Present

Also attending: Record Courier Reporter Matt Merchant; Deerfield Township Trustee Ed Dean; Richard McClellan, Veterans Services; Department of Budget and Financial Management Director Todd Bragg; Internal Services Director JoAnn Townend.

- Commissioner Kerrigan is working with Lori Calcei, Janet Esposito and Brad Cromes on a county internship/fellowship program that they will pilot this summer. This person would rotate to the different elected official's offices 2 days a week for 2 weeks. The total cost is \$1,200, and would be split 4 ways between each of our offices. Commissioner Kline asks what exactly would this person be doing? Commissioner Kerrigan would like to take this person under his wing and show her around the different Commissioners' offices. Commissioner Christian-Bennett said there are actually six elected officials involved including her and Commissioner Kline. At this point, she does not agree with the internship program since this money would be coming from the General Fund and we have told everyone there is no extra money. That is a big concern to her. We would still have to pay in PERS for this person. Commissioner Christian-Bennett suggested Commissioner Kerrigan pay for this personally since he is taking her under his wing. Commissioner Christian-Bennett wonders how much it would benefit our office; it is hard to justify the expense even though it is \$400.00. Commissioner Kerrigan doesn't believe he could personally pay for a public employee. This person doesn't necessarily have to be under him; since it was a short time it would be hard to split the time. Commissioner Kerrigan said the other elected officials have funding. Commissioner Christian-Bennett said they have other sources. Commissioner Kline asked Department of Budget & Financial Management Director Bragg if there is funding available. Director Bragg indicated that he always says to wait until the end of the year for all unexpected purchases. So, at this time there is not any additional funding. Commissioner Kerrigan will talk it over with the other elected officials involved to see if they would do it unpaid.
- Commissioner Christian-Bennett extended the invitation from Master Sgt. Bob Barko, Jr. to the Board of Commissioners to attend the 910th Airlift Wing's 2018 Civic Leadership Tour in Joint Base, San Antonio, Texas on May 17-18, 2018. Commissioner Christian-Bennett said

the county will not be paying for this; she will personally pay for the trip. Commissioner Kline would be interested in attending. Commissioner Kerrigan said there is a CDBG proposal meeting on May 17th is it OK to reschedule? Internal Services Director Townend said she will reschedule meetings for Tuesday of that week.

- Commissioner Christian-Bennett would like to extend the invitation to the Board of Commissioners for the Lattes & Legislators Program – featuring the U.S. Russia Relations Expert on April 30th at the Kent State Trumbull Campus. Commissioner Kerrigan will check his calendar and respond to him directly.
- Tour of Administration Building: Internal Services Director Townend said Treasurer Cromes is out of the office today and will reschedule the tour in that area. Mr. Cromes would like to discuss his expectations regarding the space. Tami Soltis who works in Job & Family Services will show them around their department.

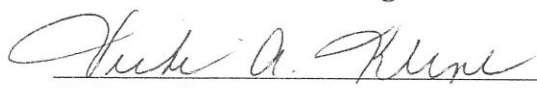
9:45 AM Recessed to tour the Portage County Administration Building

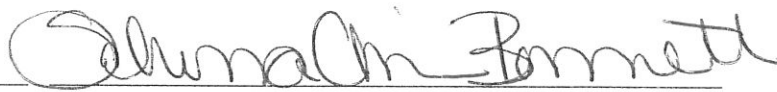
12:09 PM Reconvened

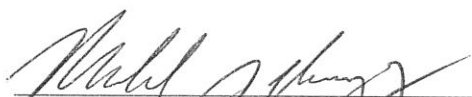
Motion To: Adjourn the Official Meeting of Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 12:10 PM

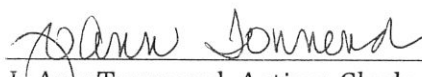
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVED:	Sabrina Christian-Bennett
SECONDED:	Vicki A. Kline
AYES:	Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Vicki A. Kline
ABSENT:	Mike Kerrigan

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Portage County Board of Commissioners' meeting.


Vicki A. Kline, President


Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Vice President


Mike Kerrigan, Board Member


JoAnn Townend, Acting Clerk