



Portage County Board of Commissioners
Special Monday Meeting Minutes

449 South Meridian Street
Ravenna, OH 44266

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Amy Hutchinson, Clerk
330-297-3600

Monday, June 14, 2021

12:30 PM

Commissioners' Board Room

*The Commissioners' meeting minutes are summarized; Audio recordings and backup material are available.
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The Portage County Board of Commissioners' meeting came to order with the following members present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Sabrina Christian-Bennett	President	Present
Anthony J. Badalamenti	Vice President	Present
Vicki A. Kline	Board Member	Present

The Board was notified this morning by Attorney Kathleen Minahan that one of the items on today's agenda had to be pulled, but the Board will still need to meet either Tuesday or Wednesday this week to complete the requested signatures on a Conciliation Agreement and Consent Order. The Board contacted Attorney Kathleen Minahan and left a message for her to return the call.

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12:36 PM In accordance with the Ohio Rev. Code Ann. 121.22(G)(1), it was moved by Anthony J. Badalamenti, seconded by Vicki A. Kline that the Board of Commissioners move into executive session to consider employment of a public employee. Also present: Human Resources Director Janet Kovick and County Administrator Michelle Crombie. Roll call vote: Anthony J. Badalamenti, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea;

1:21 PM Upon conclusion of the above referenced discussion, it was moved by Sabrina Christian-Bennett, seconded by Vicki A. Kline that the Board of Commissioners move out of executive session. Roll call vote: Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea; Anthony J. Badalamenti, Yea;

After exiting executive session, the Board took no action.

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Commissioner Christian-Bennett asked if the Board is available to meet on Tuesday at 4:00 PM to sign the Conciliation Agreement and Consent Order rescheduled from today and the Board agreed. Clerk will prepare the legal notice for the newspaper.

Discussion:

1. Sheriff's Grants:

County Administrator Crombie explained the Sheriff's Office presented a grant request to the Department of Budget and Financial Management requiring a \$125,000 local match over 3 years for 8 additional officers for a Crisis Intervention Team. Commissioner Christian-Bennett noted the Department of Budget and Financial Management should work with the requesting department to sort out the specifics (ie. who is providing the local match, is the department able to sustain the positions after the grant funding ends, etc.) and present that information to the Board along with a recommendation as to the financial portion of the request.

Commissioner Badalamenti believes the crisis intervention team the Sheriff's Office is referring to is more of a 'going to battle crisis team' not a specific Intervention Team and Commissioner Christian-Bennett pointed out it's an additional 8 officers.

Commissioner Kline asked if the County absorbs the cost of the 8 officers once the grant funding runs out and Administrator Crombie noted the full cost will need to be absorbed in 3 years.

The Board continued the discussion about the number of officers at the Justice Center and Commissioner Christian-Bennett pointed out the Sheriff's Office is looking at 13 additional people to the original 15 requested by the Sheriff's Office. She mentioned she has a report from Bob Pace that included staffing for the entire jail at 15, not just staffing the new POD.

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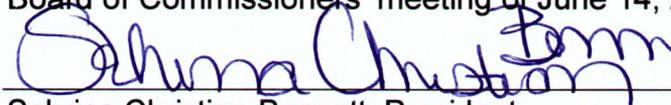
The Board agreed to meet tomorrow at 4:00 PM.

Motion: by Commissioner Badalamenti, seconded by Commissioner Kline that the Board adjourn the Special Monday Meeting of **June 14, 2021 at 1:29 PM.**

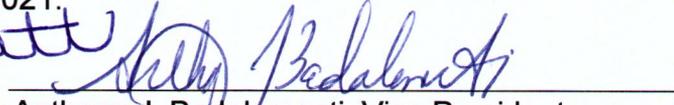
All in Favor: Commissioner Badalamenti, Yea; Commissioner Kline, Yea; Commissioner Christian-Bennett, Yea;

Motion Carries

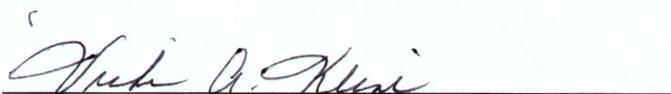
We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Portage County Board of Commissioners' meeting of June 14, 2021.



Sabrina Christian-Bennett, President



Anthony J. Badalamenti, Vice President



Vicki A. Kline, Board Member



Amy Hutchinson, Clerk