



Defiance County Board of Commissioners

David S. Kern, Dana Phipps, and Mick Pocratsky

NEWS RELEASE

Monday, April 22, 2024

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

The Commissioners met with Kevin DeWine, Carlena Bronson, and Aerin Garczyk for an update on the status of the Mink Solar project. They expect to have their permit voted on by the Ohio Power Siting Board by the end of the year and estimate that operation will begin in 2027 or 2028.

The Commissioners met with Heidi Hull, Board of DD Director, for a quarterly update. She was joined by Director of Business Operations Karrah Rath, Connie Wonderly, Colleen Hammons, and other Defiance County DD service recipients, staff, and supporters. Ms. Hull and Ms. Rath updated the Commissioners on the financial future of the Board of DD and plans for renewal of their tax levy. Ms. Wonderly and Ms. Hammons told the Commissioners about their experience with services provided to them by the Board of DD.

The Commissioners met with Tanya Brunner and Erin Clady of Veterans Services to discuss the War Memorial. After purchase of the new electric eternal flame and replacement materials, the War Memorial Advisory Committee bank account has been closed. Ms. Brunner came to discuss the future of the War Memorial Advisory Committee. The Commissioners recommended that the Committee stay in place and work with the Veterans Service Commission to determine future actions regarding the War Memorial.

The Commissioners met with Kyle Verhoff of the OSU Extension Office to discuss the DARA site. He went over drainage improvements that are planned for the DARA fields by the Defiance County Airport. He also discussed language for agreements that would be made with local farmers for ACRE studies.

The Commissioners met with County Recorder Cecilia Parsons, who is planning to start offering Veteran ID cards once the equipment to make them has been purchased.

The Commissioners met with Economic Development Executive Director Erika Willitzer for an executive session discussing economic development incentives for a local site. Also present were Defiance City Mayor Mike McCann, Administrator Ryan Mack, Finance Director Kim Sprague, and County Auditor Jill Little.

Release Approved:



David Kern, Defiance County Commissioner