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MINUTES: Regular Session – February 9, 2021

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the February 2, 2021 meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

- 21-0185 A resolution was adopted to adopt classification specifications and point factor assignments of Cyber Security Analyst within the Warren County Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0186 A resolution was adopted to authorize the posting of the “Cyber Security Analyst” position, within the Telecommunications Department, in accordance with Warren County Personnel Policy Manual, Section 2.02(A).
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0187 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners’ meeting of Thursday, February 11, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0188 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign Local Support Agency Memorandum of Understanding with Warren Correctional Institution on behalf of Warren County Emergency Services.
Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0189 A resolution was adopted to enter into a temporary entrance and work agreement with Benjamin and Susan Fry for the Springboro Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto.
Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0190 A resolution was adopted to authorize the County Administrator to sign a sales order and service maintenance agreement with Millennium Business Systems on behalf of the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0191 A resolution was adopted to advertise for bids for New Jail & Sheriff's Office Fiber & Copper Backbone Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0192 A resolution was adopted to approve Notice of Intent to award bid for the Edwardsville Road Bridge #196-1.01 Rehabilitation Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0193 A resolution was adopted to authorize the County Administrator to sign a purchase order and service agreement with CBT Solutions on Demand on behalf of the Warren County Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0194 A resolution was adopted to declare various items within Common Pleas Court-General Division, Domestic Relations, Facilities Management, and Sheriff's Office as surplus and authorize the disposal of said items. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0195 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0196 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge receipt of January 2021 financial statement. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0197 A resolution was adopted to approve a street and appurtenances bond reduction for Country Creek Associates, LLC for completion of improvements for Country Creek Estates, Section Two situated in Clearcreek Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0198 A resolution was adopted to approve a street and appurtenances bond release for Highlands One, LLC for completion of improvements in Highlands at heritage Hill, Section One situated in Union Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0199 A resolution was adopted to approve Heritage Hill Drive and Highlands Trail in Highlands at Heritage Hill, Section One for public maintenance by Union Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0200 A resolution was adopted to approve a street and appurtenances bond release for Highlands One, LLC for completion of improvements in Highlands at heritage Hill, Section Two situated in Union Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0201 A resolution was adopted to approve Highlands Trail and Harvest Lane in Highlands at Heritage Hill, Section Two for public maintenance by Union Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0202 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-0203 A resolution was adopted to accept an amended certificate, approve a supplemental appropriation and approve a cash advance for Edwardsville Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project fund 4432. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0204 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Sheriff's Office fund #2295. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0205 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation and supplemental adjustments within Warren County Common Pleas Court Community Based Corrections #2289. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0206 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Common Pleas Court Community Based Corrections #2289. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0207 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Common Pleas Court Community Based Corrections #2289. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0208 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Commissioners General fund #11011110 into Prosecutor's Office fund #11011150. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0209 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Common Pleas Court Notary Public fund #11011292. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0210 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Building and Zoning Department fund #11012300. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0211 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Children Services fund #2273. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-0212 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Paul Kindell, Telecommunications Director, was present along with Mark Reedy, INdigital Telecom, for a discussion relative to the 9-1-1 outage on January 22, 2021, with Verizon and ATT wireless customers.

Mr. Kindell reviewed the events associated with the outage, stating that Verizon customers were down for approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes at 3:00 a.m. and that ATT customers were not completing calls for approximately 3 ½ hours.

Mr. Reedy stated he has reviewed the reports from the investigation and that a software “bug” was found in the system that was associated with some programming that had been completed that caused the carrier outages. He stated that his employees failed to notify Warren County that work was being done on the system in Cincinnati which, had that been done, the problem could have possibly been caught earlier. He stated that the root cause was the configuration change that was made on Friday and was corrected on Sunday.

Commissioner Young had extensive discussion relative to concerns of Warren County “dodging a bullet” of a major incident occurring during any outage and that those situations are unacceptable. He also stated his concern relative to the number of outages that have occurred recently.

Commissioner Grossmann questioned how they can ensure redundancy and that this type of incident does not occur again.

There was discussion relative to redundancy and the changes that are being made by INdigital to prevent any further outage.

There was discussion relative Warren County Telecommunications now having the ability to “test” calls from all cell phone providers.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, questioned the Board’s desire relative to notifications of outages through the IPAWS alert system.

It was determined that the Board desires immediate notification to the public of any outages, regardless of the timeframe when it occurs.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present to discuss the request for water service from Warren County by the developers of the former Ricketts property within the Village of South Lebanon.

Mr. Brausch presented the attached PowerPoint showing the size and location of the property and explained that this is a “donut hole” that is surrounded by Warren County Water customers. He explained that these are water only customers and receive sanitary sewer from the Village.

There was discussion relative to the Village's desire for Warren County to provide water service to these properties within their municipality.

Mr. Brausch stated that the Village is in support of their request.

Bruce McGary, Assistant Prosecutor, requested Mr. Brausch to have the Village adopt an ordinance requesting Warren County to provide water service.

Mr. Brausch then discussed the Creeden property that was recently annexed. He discussed the location of the property and requested the Board to consider also providing water service to this property proposed to construct 120 + residential homes. He stated the desire to utilize these customers to support the capital improvements that are underway to the water system. He then stated that there are already waterlines within the area and the area would be easily served.

There was discussed relative to the sewer improvement area boundary relative to annexation.

There was also discussion relative to discussions that the Village is also having with Cincinnati Water Works to also provide services to this area.

Mr. McGary discussed the legal authority to be the water provider relative to a factual determination being made based upon the planning area.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, explained that staff is not looking to force our services on the village. She explained that the property is going to be developed and the Board needs to make a philosophical decision on if they desire to be a retail or wholesale service provider.

Commissioner Jones stated her desire to be able to financially maintain our water system for our rate payers.

Commissioner Grossmann confirmed that staff desires to provide water service to the area and is seeking authorization to negotiate with the Village on Warren County providing those services.

Commissioner Young questioned South Lebanon annexing property and being required to provide those services.

Mr. Brausch explained that they do not need Warren County to provide water services. He stated that they have sanitary sewers and have the ability to get water service from Cincinnati Water Works or Warren County.

Commissioners Young stated he is not in favor of providing utilities to areas based upon their proposed doubling or tripling the number of homes originally planned, causing a burden on the schools.

Commissioner Jones stated that the decision relative to density has already been made based upon the annexation and it is in our rate payers' best interest to pursue discussion with the

Village for them to be our customers vs. Cincinnati Water Works customer. She stated she is in favor of pursuing the matter.

Commissioner Grossmann stated he understands Commissioner Young's position. He then stated he is not in favor of forcing our services but agrees to allowing staff to work with the Village to be the water provider.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Young, President



Tom Grossmann



Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on February 9, 2021, in compliance with Section 121.29 O.R.C.

Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio



Ricketts (Auburn Grove) Subdivision

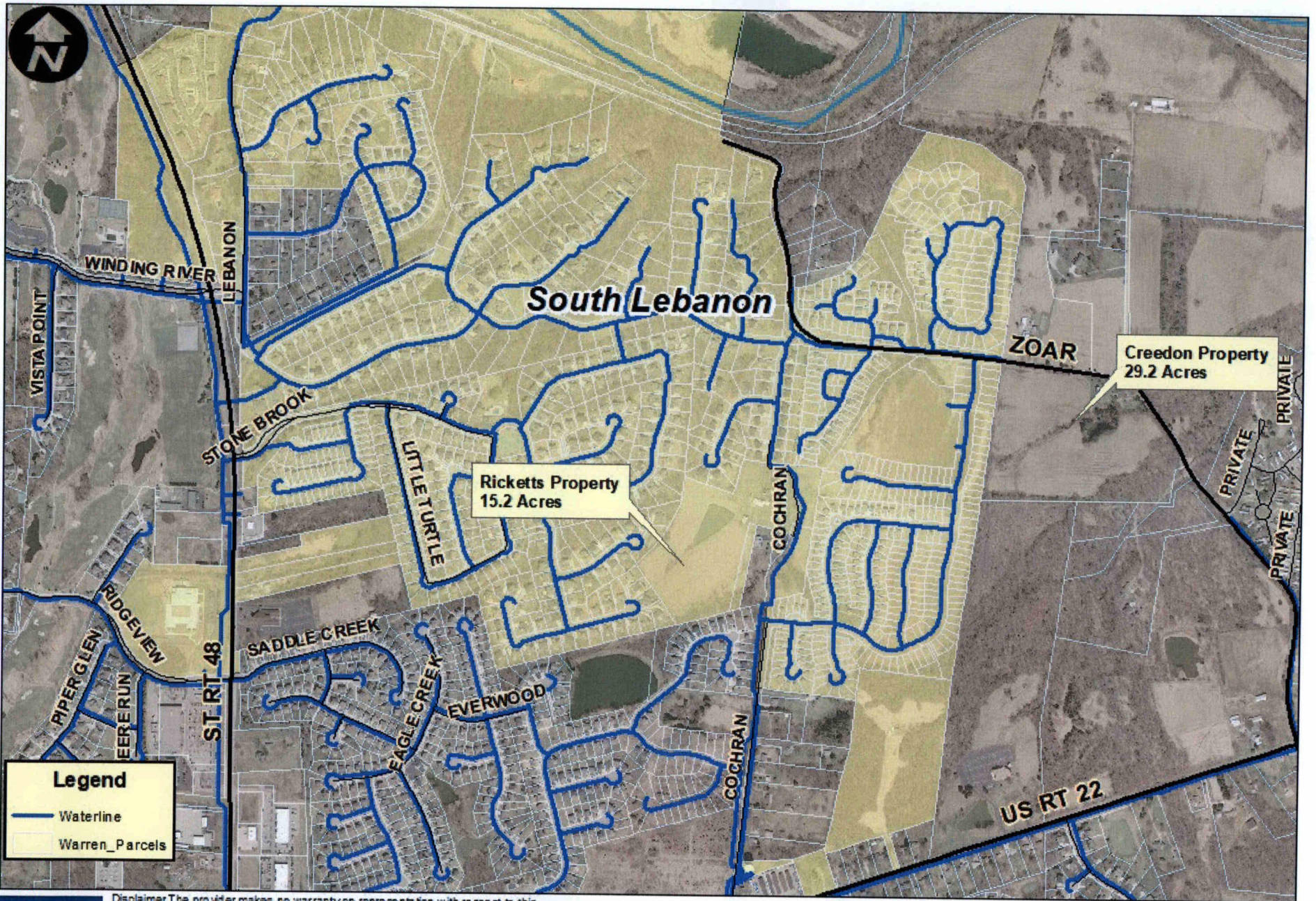
Developer: M/I Homes

Size: 15.2 Acres

Density: 42 Residential
Homes

Service: County Water
available from 12-inch
line along Cochran
Road





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**SOUTH LEBANON SERVICE AREA
December 2020**