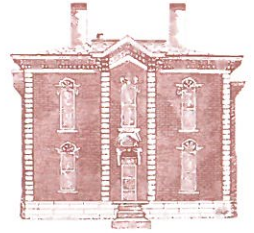




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AGENDA

Thursday, December 01, 2016

**Unless a Change of Meeting Notice is Published, Thursday Appointments are for Discussion Only and No Action Will Be Taken
(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- 8:00** **Judge Robert Rinfret, Common Pleas Court**
- Executive Session – Imminent Court Action
- 9:00** **John Beam, Dog Warden**
- Humane Officer Discussion

**Next Business Meeting: Thursday, December 08, 2016
(Due to the CCAO Conference)**

THE MINUTES
December 01, 2016

The Holmes County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, December 01, 2016; with Mr. Eyer absent. Vice-Chairman Ault opened the meeting:

8:00A.M. – JUDGE ROBERT RINFRET – COMMON PLEAS COURT – EXECUTIVE SESSION
– EXECUTIVE SESSION – IMMINENT COURT ACTION

On a motion by Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Miller (Mr. Eyer - absent; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Ault - yes) the Commissioners went into Executive Session for the Purpose of Imminent Court Action with Common Pleas Judge Robert Rinfret and Clerk Susan Haun at 8:00 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Miller (Mr. Eyer - absent; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Ault - yes) the Commissioners went concluded Executive Session at 8:14 a.m.

9:00 A.M. –JOHN BEAM – DOG WARDEN – HUMANE OFFICER DISCUSSION

John Beam of the Holmes County Dog Wardens Office met with the Commissioners and discussed becoming Humane Agents to investigate cruelty on dogs. Beam informed the Commissioners that currently there are no Humane Agents and they have no legal rights for animal cruelty and they usually receive approximately 10 phone calls per month for animal cruelty charges for dogs.

The solution to the problem would be to have the Holmes County Humane Society appoint the staff at the Dog Wardens Office as Humane Agents. Currently Beam and Scott are certified as Humane Agents and Ashley will be getting certified this month. The Humane Society will have no control over the Officers at the Dog Wardens Office.

The Sheriff's Office, Millersburg Police Department and the Prosecutors Office are all in support of this.

Beam once again stated that they will only do cruelty investigation on dogs and no other animals.

The Holmes County Humane Society has agreed and signed a letter.

Beam also informed the Commissioners that \$25.00 per month will need to come from the general fund to one individual at the Dog Warden's Office for being a Humane Agent.

Miller and Ault both agreed as long as they stay with investigating the cruelty with dogs only.

Beam also presented the 2016 license sales.

ADJOURN MOTION

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Ault moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.; Mr. Miller seconded the motion (Mr. Eyler - absent; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Ault - yes). The next scheduled business meeting of the Holmes County Commissioners is Thursday, December 08, 2016 (Due to the CCAO Conference).

Raymond Eyler

Joe D. Miller

Attest: Susan L. Haun, Clerk

Rob Ault