

Portage County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes

449 South Main Street  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
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Amy Hutchinson, Clerk  
330-297-3600

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Board Room

*The Commissioners' meeting minutes are summarized; Audio recordings and backup material are available.  
Please contact the Commissioners' Office for specific details.*

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

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

9:02 AM In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1), it was moved by Kathleen Clyde, seconded by Vicki A. Kline that the Board of Commissioners move into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee. Also present throughout the Executive Session: Water Resources Director Gene Roberts, Department of Budget and Financial Management Director Todd Bragg, Solid Waste Management Director Bill Steiner, Building Department Director Randy Roberts and Internal Services Director JoAnn Townend. Roll call vote: Kathleen Clyde, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea;

12:12 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; Kathleen Clyde, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea;

After exiting executive session, the Board took no action.

Commissioner Clyde noted the Family First Coronavirus Response Act exempted County employees of the Water Resources Department and Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, so today, the Board took action to approve the extension of the County's previous temporary policy so those employees will be covered and have access to leave during this pandemic.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-0228      -      RE:    APPROVING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
LEAVE FOR PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL  
WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE EXCLUDED  
UNDER THE FAMILY FIRST CORONAVIRUS  
RESPONSE ACT**

It was moved by Sabrina Christian-Bennett, seconded by Vicki A. Kline that the following resolution be adopted:

- WHEREAS,** under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act ("FFCRA") emergency responders are excluded from coverage from the FFCRA.
- WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners has determined to adopt temporary emergency leave provisions for emergency responders (i.e. public works personnel and emergency management personnel) under the Board of County Commissioners' appointing authority who otherwise are excluded under the FFCRA.
- RESOLVED,** the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the Temporary Public Health Emergency Leave Policy, effective April 6, 2020 through May 7, 2020, for public works personnel and emergency management personnel who are under the Board's appointing authority and who are otherwise excluded under the FFCRA as emergency responders.
- RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of the Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

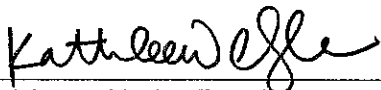
Roll Call vote as follows:

Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea; Kathleen Clyde, Yea;

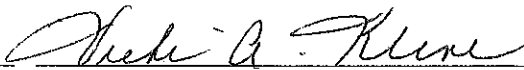
Motion: by Kathleen Clyde, seconded by Vicki A. Kline that the Board adjourn the Special Meeting of April 7, 2020 at 12:14 PM.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Clyde, Yea;  
Commissioner Kline, Yea;  
Commissioner Christian-Bennett, Yea;


We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Portage County Board of Commissioners' meeting of April 7, 2020.



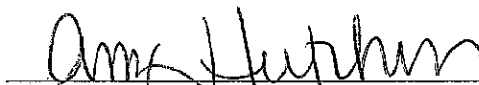
Kathleen Clyde, President



Vicki A. Kline, Vice President



Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Board Member



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