

Greene County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, March 11, 2021
1:25 p.m., to 2:30 p.m.

Those present: Dick Gould, Tom Koogler, Rick Perales, Brandon Huddleson, Lisa Hale, and Lisa Mock.

Stephanie Goff, County Engineer, and Alex Zaharieff, Beaver Creek Township Administrator, came before the Board with information on the US 35 at Valley/Trebein Road interchange project. Mr. Huddleson said there has been a lot of progress on the project with Mr. Zaharieff leveraging dollars and property donation to enhance the application to the state, and Ms. Goff taking lead on applying for Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding.

Mr. Zaharieff went over a presentation that will be made to TRAC for funding. He said last year the application process was suspended because of the pandemic. The application for this year's round of funding has updated numbers for residential and job growth. Support for the intersection upgrade comes from local communities, schools and businesses, he said.

According to Mr. Zaharieff, this project is in a great position right now to move forward. Ms. Goff said the current construction estimate is \$32 million and the local funding contribution should be at least 20 percent. Commissioners thanked Ms. Goff and Mr. Zaharieff for their work on this project application and agreed that this is an important project that needs to be funded.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Tim Spradlin of the Veterans' Services Commission wanted to commend two County Departments. He said his mother has been at Greenwood Manor for three years and she would not be alive today if it wasn't for the staff at Greenwood Manor. He said everyone there worked diligently to protect residents against COVID-19. It is one of the finest facilities in the County with a great staff, Mr. Spradlin added. He also praised Parks & Trails saying the County's parks are awesome. He rides horses and there had been some concern with the installation of Disc Golf at Caesar Ford Park, but everything has worked out very well.

He presented two ideas to the Board on behalf of veterans in the County. The first project is a veterans memorial. This topic was presented to the Board in 2015 with the proposed memorial being placed on the Courthouse lawn. While the Board liked the idea of a memorial, they weren't certain that the Courthouse would be the best location. Mr. Spradlin explained that there is no centralized memorial for veterans of peacetime or war. There is no request for money from the Board, he said, but they would like to have the Board endorse the project.

He said there are five locations being looked at for the veterans memorial with two sites on County property, one on state property, one in Xenia Township, and one in the City of Xenia. The memorial would include six branches of the military including the newly formed US Space Force.

The second project is a Greene County Veterans Hall of Fame, he said, much like the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The County Hall of Fame would look at a veteran's service in the community. The veterans would be recognized publicly and names placed on a plaque somewhere in the County, Mr. Spradlin explained. He offered to meet with Commissioners individually to discuss both ideas.

Mr. Huddleson said he held a meeting with representatives of Xenia Township and the City of Xenia on a proposed smaller-scale solar project to be located in Xenia Township. He suggests the Board hold a Town Hall and invite anyone with an interest in solar projects to attend. Currently, the largest project proposed is Kingwood Solar and would impact three townships in the County. He said the idea is for the public entities involved to be on the same page.

Cheri Stout, Assistant County Prosecutor, said Vesper filed a notice for a public information meeting on March 30, 2021.

He said the location for the Town Hall would need to be large enough to follow COVID restrictions on gatherings. Mr. Huddleson said a representative from Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission will be invited to attend the Town Hall, as well as legal counsel.

Mr. Huddleson said there is a proposal in the Commissioners' mailboxes from HDR for preliminary engineering and design, and renderings of a new County Jail. He will schedule a meeting with the Sheriff to go over the proposal.

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