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Re: Biers Run Substation Project -12-1361-EL-BSB

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Attached please find the public notice filed concerning the public meetings in the above-referenced case. The notice was published in pursuant of Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

//s/Erin C. Miller
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Attachments

Abortion limit, voter ID await action in Ohio

By Ann Sanner and Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A white board hangs in an Ohio Senate staffer's office with items drawn through a list of 16 major policy bills. Legislation to crack down on human trafficking, regulate gambling and update the state's budget were among the items scratched out after clearing the Republican-led Legislature heading to the governor's desk during the past seven weeks.

GOP Senate President Tom Niehaus proclaimed the effort "pretty amazing," noting that all but one of the bills had bipartisan support.

This week, lawmakers wrapped up the heart of the work they'll complete before the November election. While they've left the Statehouse for at least the summer, a handful of closely watched proposals linger.

Here's a look at where things stand on issues

not completed:

Heartbeat abortion bill

Intensive lobbying and local attack ads on key Republican senators didn't spur action on a measure that would impose the most stringent abortion limit in the nation, all but banning abortions at the first detectable fetal heartbeat.

Niehaus said he awaits consensus between two anti-abortion groups that are at odds, Faith2Action, which brought the bill to lawmakers, and Ohio Right to Life, which has declined to endorse it out of concern it can't withstand a legal challenge.

"I've been encouraging people for almost a year now that the two sides sit down and talk," Niehaus said. "I'm not sure that that's happened yet. I'm confident that if they do that, they are likely to find some common ground that would then allow us to look at it in the fall."

He said he was sure there were some members upset by the ads accusing them of being Republicans in name only or "RINOs." The bill already has cleared the House.

Pension reform

Ohio House Speaker Bill Batchelder said his chamber will return to take up a package of bills aimed at shoring up Ohio's five public pension funds once an independent study of the systems is complete. The analysis, commissioned by the Ohio Retirement Study Council, is due out soon.

"I've said to my caucus we may be back, in fact we will be back, this summer," he told reporters Thursday.

The proposals include requests by the state to raise premiums, lower pay outs and tighten eligibility requirements for affected teachers, police and other public workers in order to keep funds serving 1.7 million Ohioans solvent.

The Senate already has passed five bills reforming

state pension plans. Niehaus said his decision to fast-track the bills this spring was not an attempt to leave a legacy.

"I've had 12 years in the Legislature so my record speaks for itself," he said. "That was an issue that was right for public workers. We needed to make changes. They were long overdue."

The financial institution tax

A bill originally intended to tax only traditional banks has been slowed to further understand the effects on nontraditional entities such as insurance companies and credit institutions.

"This was a fast-moving piece of legislation — complex," Niehaus said. "We just want to make sure that we look at this and understand the implications for each one of those entities," he said.

The vast majority of banks would end up paying

lower taxes to the state under the bill, which would create a new tax structure for financial institutions.

Voter ID and other election changes

After a partisan fight over a wide-ranging bill to amend Ohio's election law, further changes appear unlikely ahead of November's election.

The election overhaul bill was passed, then repealed, by Republican lawmakers after opponents successfully pushed to get a repeal question on the fall ballot. GOP Secretary of State Jon Husted said the legislative repeal means there's no need for the ballot question.

Backers of the ballot effort have questioned whether it's legal to pull the issue, but they have not filed any legal protest.

Niehaus said other election reforms, such as new voter ID requirements, won't happen before the fall election — but they

could be revisited before the session ends in December.

He said he had promised the Senate's Democratic leader that he would do election reform that had bipartisan support — measures such as allowing bulk purchasing for supplies between county boards of election and the secretary of state.

Democrats have not supported a provision requiring photo identification to be produced to vote.

School funding formula

Gov. John Kasich's new school funding formula for Ohio is not expected until the new year, when he must introduce his second two-year budget.

Niehaus said the governor's office has traveled the state and gathered information. He said initially they had hoped to complete work on the initiative this year, but found additional work was necessary.

PUBLIC RECORDS

CHILLICOTHE POLICE

WEDNESDAY

3:15 a.m. — About 20 packs of cigarettes were taken from a business on the first block of North Bridge Street. The break in was discovered due to the alarm sounding. The sheriff's office assisted.

3:23 a.m. — Mark R. Gray, 29, of 120 Madru Road, was charged with disorderly conduct/intoxication.

7:28 a.m. — A gun was reported taken from the 100 block of South West Street between 6 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Tuesday.

9:29 a.m. — Benjamin J. Houston, 55, of 49 S. Hickory St., #3, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear on a permitting drug abuse charge.

10:36 a.m. — Dennis W. Smith, 44, of Washington Court House, was served a warrant alleging a community control violation.

12:20 p.m. — A wallet was reported taken from a business on the first block of East Main Street between 1 and 1:15 a.m. Wednesday.

12:50 p.m. — Medication was reported taken from a home on Mohawk Lane on June 9.

2:05 p.m. — Steven L. Justice, 48, no address known, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear on a disorderly conduct/intoxication charge.

3:53 p.m. — Ivan W. Thompson, 31, of 984 S.E. Main St., was arrested on a warrant charging failure to appear on a disorderly conduct/intoxication charge.

4:59 p.m. — Bruce K. Murray, 50, of 635 Perkins Ave., was charged with disorderly conduct/intoxication.

6:56 p.m. — A basement window at a home on the first block of North Mulberry Street was reported destroyed, but nothing was found missing.

9:47 p.m. — A garage on the 100 block of West Second Street was

reported entered, but nothing was found missing.

9:57 p.m. — Clothing, keys and game systems were reported stolen from a home entered on the 400 block of Church Street between 4:30 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

THURSDAY

12:47 a.m. — Jeffrey A. Bode, no age or address listed, was charged with theft.

6:01 a.m. — Angele K. Crisp, no age or address, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear on an assault charge.

6:31 a.m. — A theft was reported on the 300 block of Stacy Road.

7:53 a.m. — Christopher A. Frazer, no age or address listed, was arrested on a warrant for open container.

9:12 a.m. — A trio of tires and rims were reported taken from the 200 block of Western Avenue between 11:30 p.m. Monday and 9:12 a.m. Thursday.

9:44 a.m. — Nuisance complaints were logged as checked at 574 E. Main St., 363 E. Fourth St., 357 E. Fourth St., 299 E. Fourth St., 40 S. Sugar St., 313 Adams Ave., 65 W.

Fifth St., 212 Sharon Drive, 530 E. Second St., 497 E. Second St., 586 E. Second St., 557 E. Second St., 130 Bellevue Ave., 90 N. Watt St.

10:53 a.m. — Someone left an East Main Street gas station without paying for \$50 in gas.

1:23 p.m. — Aaron A. Porter, of 395 E. Second St., was arrested on an adult parole authority holder.

1:23 p.m. — Shawn P. Eteman, of 395 E. Second St., was arrested on an adult parole authority holder.

3:16 p.m. — Someone left a North Bridge Street gas station without paying for \$35 in gas.

4:18 p.m. — A 7-year-old white and brown Shitzu dog named Crystal was reported stolen from a yard on the 800 block of Madison Avenue between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

5:16 p.m. — Joshua L. Howard, 30, was charged with drug abuse instrument.

5:16 p.m. — Travis L. Downing, 34, was charged with drug abuse instrument and possession of marijuana.

6:06 p.m. — A shoplifting theft

was reported at a store on the first block of North Bridge Street.

7:38 p.m. — A television, DVD player and CD player were reported taken from a home on the 200 block of Western Avenue between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

8:21 p.m. — Sam's Cub reported two women had attempted to use a credit card stolen from Nevada to buy five iPads. The report indicated there had been a bulletin that the same thing was being attempted at other stores. The women ran off and were gone when police arrived.

9:52 p.m. — Krystal Marie Carroll, no age or address listed, was charged with theft.

1:15 a.m. — A burglary was reported on the 400 block of West Ruttle Road.

1:20 a.m. — James A. McGraw, no age or address listed, was charged with operating a vehicle impaired, failure to reinstate and left of center.

10:22 a.m. — A theft was reported on the first block of Second Street in Kingston.

11:21 a.m. — A refrigerator was reported taken from a home on

the 14100 block of Westfall Road.

12:06 p.m. — A theft was reported on the 3800 block of Prussia Road, Waverly.

12:35 p.m. — Herbert Zachary Lawmon, no age or address listed, was arrested on a warrant.

5:48 p.m. — A Hess County Water employee scared off a man who was found inside a service vehicle on Fairgrounds Road. Nothing appeared to be missing.

THURSDAY

1:35 a.m. — Joshua Archey, no age or address listed, was charged with criminal trespass.

1:35 a.m. — Preston H. Singleton, no age or address listed, was charged with criminal trespass.

1:35 a.m. — Timothy D. Pettit, no age or address listed, was charged with criminal trespass.

5:01 p.m. — A North Church Street resident in Frankfort reported an unknown person had used her credit card information to purchase a pair of Playstation codes.

6:03 p.m. — Jeremy E. Clary, no age or address listed, was arrested on a warrant.

10:08 p.m. — A theft was reported on the 2200 block of Museum Station Road, Frankfort.

MUNICIPAL COURT RECORD

Two counts of operating a vehicle impaired — Joey Howard, 44, of Sabina, one count dismissed with prejudice in consideration of plea to second count, guilty, fined \$375 and court costs, sentenced to one-year probation, ordered to complete alcohol and substance abuse counseling and driver intervention program, driver's license suspended one year, subject to random testing; June 11.

Operating a vehicle impaired — Cody T. King, 20, of 35 H. Main St., Kingston, case dismissed with prejudice because defendant completed driver intervention program and agreed to pay court costs; June 13.

Disorderly conduct/intoxication — Russell Hartley, 37, of 38 H. Sugar St., guilty, ordered to pay court costs; June 13.

Theft — John F. Hill, 47, of 819 S. Scioto St., Circleville, case dismissed without prejudice because defendant is in prison; June 13.

Two counts of drug abuse — Scott A. Miller, 22, of 2179 Anderson Station Road, Apt. 142, one count dismissed with prejudice in consideration of plea to second count, guilty, fined \$350 and court costs, sentenced to one-year probation and eight days in Ross County Jail, ordered to complete alcohol and substance-abuse counseling, driver's license suspended six months, subject to random testing; June 13.

Notice of Public Information Meeting for Proposed Major Utility Facility

Biers Run Station Project Concept Map

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power, Schedules Open House to Outline Plans to Reinforce Transmission System in Ross County

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company invite residents of Ross County including the residents of Union Township to attend an informational open house regarding plans to construct a new high-voltage 345/138/69-kilovolt (kV) substation in Ross County.

The public open house will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. June 25, 2012, at Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11268 County Road 550, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601.

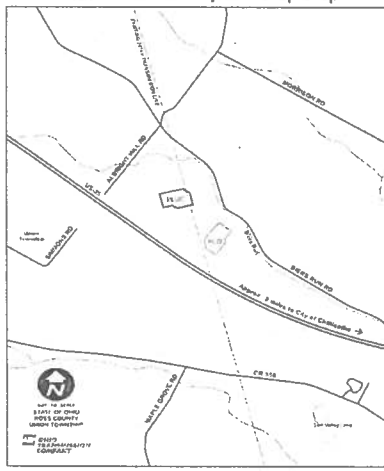
AEP is proposing to build the Biers Run Substation on a property in Union Township about nine miles northwest of Chillicothe in Ross County, Ohio. The station is an approximate \$12-14 million investment of an estimated total investment of \$97 million by AEP to reinforce its transmission system in the local area.

The Biers Run Project is a major transmission reinforcement effort to help AEP maintain adequate transmission reliability in southern Ohio. Biers Run Substation will allow the company to address reliability concerns about potential low voltages and thermal overloads under certain conditions. AEP studies indicate that without this reinforcement plan, the performance of the company's transmission system will be inadequate to provide the level of service its customers expect.

The proposed station site is between Biers Run Road and State Route 35 on property AEP purchased in 2011. The concept map at right depicts the two proposed sites the company will submit to the OPSS. It should be noted that due to reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.

In conjunction with the substation, the company also will make improvements at several existing area substations, upgrade area transmission lines and construct two new 138-kV transmission lines in the area. The overall project will produce additional tax revenue for local schools and communities, with the station alone estimated to provide between \$550,000 and \$850,000 in property taxes to local communities.

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) is responsible for reviewing information related to the project — including input from the public — and determining whether the proposed project should be approved. AEP is required to propose two potential station sites to the siting board, which will make the final decision regarding which route is selected.



AEP plans to file its formal application for the station siting with the OPSB by September. If the application is approved, construction of the station could begin in summer 2013 and would be targeted for completion in June 2015.

Additional information about this project can be found online at AEPOhio.com/go/BiersRun. The public also can ask questions, make comments or express concerns about the project by leaving a message on the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line at 614-883-6929. A project representative will return the call.





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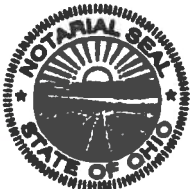
Walter Dozier 6/22/12
Walter Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 22 day of June, 2012 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public



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