DUTIES OF AN ASHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I. County Commissioners are an arm of state government

A. State legislature passes laws

   1. County commissioners carry out laws in Ohio Revised Code
   2. Commissioners have limited powers; no implied powers
   3. Commissioners attend official meetings in office plus representing county at many other meetings in and outside the county

B. County Commissioners handle business matters for the County budget and appropriate general fund money to:

   1. Offices of Commissioners
   2. Auditor
   3. Treasurer
   4. Prosecuting Attorney
   5. Clerk of Courts
   6. Coroner
   7. Fund operation of in whole or part:
      a. County Jail
      b. County Planning
      c. Department of Jobs and Family Services (including Children’s Services)
      d. Veterans Service Office
      e. OSU Extension
      f. County Airport
      g. Courts: Common Pleas, Probate, Juvenile, Municipal
      h. Board of Elections
      i. Emergency Management
      j. Agricultural Societies / Soil Conservation Service
      k. Juvenile Detention Center
      l. Mohican Area Growth
      m. Economic Development
   8. Sheriff
   9. Recorder
   10. Engineer
   11. Judges
   12. City Law Director
   13. Buildings and Grounds

C. Handle bids for equipment and materials for County Engineer and other office holders
D. Put levies on ballot for Health Department, Developmental Disability Board, Mental Health and Recovery Board and Council On Aging
E. Provide animal control and operate the Dog Shelter
F. Provide insurance (health, vehicle, liability, property)
G. Pay utilities for all County buildings
H. Maintain and repair County buildings and grounds
I. Develop Local Emergency Management Plan for County
J. Develop Solid Waste Management Plan for County
K. Participate in industrial development for County
L. Operate County Recycling Center
M. Participate in state-wide County government organizations
N. Appoint citizens to County boards
O. Be informed on new laws and how they affect Counties
P. Develop good public relations for County government