

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. Handle bids for equipment and materials for County Engineer and other office holders
9. Put levies on ballot for Health Department, Developmental Disability Board, Mental Health and Recovery Board and Council On Aging
10. Provide animal control and operate the Dog Shelter
11. Provide insurance (health, vehicle, liability, property)
12. Pay utilities for all County buildings
13. Maintain and repair County buildings and grounds
14. Develop Local Emergency Management Plan for County
15. Develop Solid Waste Management Plan for County
16. Participate in industrial development for County
17. Operate County Recycling Program
18. Participate in state-wide County government organizations
19. Appoint citizens to County boards
20. Be informed on new laws and how they affect Counties
21. Develop good public relations for County government