

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
December 19, 2023

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on December 18, 2023, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair  
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair  
Spencer Barker  
Beth Bline  
Bradley Chute

### We wish to report:

1. **23-103** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Tricia Moore, Law Director** - This is the yearly legislation that we do to make sure that people who come through Municipal Court that cannot afford an attorney, that we are able to provide them with legal representation and we do that through a contract with the County, so it is time to renew that agreement. They would like to do it as close to the first of the year as possible, so that's why it's an emergency.

**Mr. Rath** - Is there any reason why we couldn't have brought this the last week of November or early December?

**Law Director Moore** - How this is normally triggered is that they send us a letter saying it's time to renew this, here's our resolution, they being the County Commissioners. So, as far as I'm concerned that's what the normal process is, we were contacted last week and said could you prepare this legislation and we did.

**Mr. Rath** - Maybe we could as the Commissioners if they could think forward.

**Law Director Moore** - I have asked my secretary to put this on our books so we can get it through in a better manner and perhaps just get it ready before we hear from the Commissioners.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0**

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair