

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Terry Britton, David Daniels, and Brad Roades present.

Mr. Britton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

**NOTE** Jeremy Ratcliff, Julie Bolender, Alex Butler, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve payment of Bill File No. 23-19. The total bill file amount paid was \$615,961.45. The total General Fund paid was \$36,502.28. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Res No 23-62** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Engineer requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to Material – Repair – MVL in the amount of \$5,400.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No 23-63** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners requests a budget modification within the Dog and Kennel fund from Utilities to Other Expense in the amount of \$2,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:00 a.m. – DIPG Awareness Proclamation

Commissioner Britton read the proclamation to declare today as Aralyn Slack and DIPG Awareness Day in Highland County. Along with this, a list of upcoming events were given for the community to show their support to Aralyn and her family.

9:00 a.m. – Julie Bolender – Economic Development / Hotel ER Update

Ms. Bolender came in to give an update on the status of the Marriott Hotel. A contract was before the Commissioners to be signed so that the closing binder and documentation can be sent to the state. Once this happens, Ms. Bolender said that we will be able to draw down the \$500,000.00 from the state and then will match it with \$500,000.00 of Revolving Loan Fund money to give \$1 million dollars to Leo Capital Investments.

#### **CONTRACT**

**#41** Commissioners, Leo Capital Investments, LLC., Community Development Block Grant, Economic Development - Closing Binder – Marriott Hotel

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Closing Binder contract and documentation. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea, Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:15 a.m. - Jeremy Ratcliff – JFS Updates

Mr. Ratcliff came to the meeting to discuss two contracts and a spending plan for FFY 2024-2025. The spending plan of federal dollars for child welfare and also chore services come from the Title XX spending plan. While here he mentioned that the November levee will be on the ballot for a renewal vs. replacement. Currently we are at \$325,000.00 per month for placement costs. The current levee is \$725,000.00 per year and last year's cost was around 7 million dollars. Mr. Ratcliff said that they are still dealing with staffing issues in public assistance and child welfare.

#### **CONTRACT**

**#38** Commissioners, Highland County Department of Job and Family Services, Chore Services – Ohio Purchase of Social Services Contract

**#39** Commissioners, Highland County JFS, County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation, Ohio CSEA Directors' Association – Participation Agreement Regarding the Usage of the Agreement between the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation and West Publishing Corporation

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the two contracts listed above for Job and Family Services. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea, Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton asked about employees wanting to work as hybrid or remotely. Mr. Ratcliff said that he has had people withdrawal applications because of the lack of these options.

**CONTRACT**

**#40** Commissioners, Doll Layman, Ltd. – Rocky Fork Lake WWTTP Improvements Phase I – Owner Contractor Agreement

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the above-listed contract as well as the Sales Use and Tax Construction Contract Exemption Certificate. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea, Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

**AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

Spending Plan for Social Services Block Grant FFY’s 2024-2025 – Highland County JFS

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the JFS Spending Plan for FFY 2024-2025. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea, Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Britton read over a quote from Sheriff Barrera for new TVs and Brackets because of the spectrum service upgrades. The quote totaled \$1,340.64.

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, the above-listed quote. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea, Mr. Daniels, yea and Mr. Roades, yea.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Doug Miller – Dog Wash
- Ted McReynolds – Dog Pound Staff
- CCAO Legislative Alert
- Highland County Common Pleas Court – Notice of Default Judgment
- Open House Newsletter – Highland County Community Action
- Julia Wise – HCCAO Open House
- Chris Allen – Mowing and Landscaping Services
- CCAO Priorities Newsletter
- allForms – Cailey Darling
- John Michael – Business Contact
- Common Pleas Court – Motion for Default Judgment and Summary Judgment of Expedited Tax Foreclosure Order to Direct Transfer
- Gina Collinsworth – ODOT LTAP eLearning course available Grant Writing: How to Get Started
- CCAO Newsletter
- Nathan Boatman – New Animal Shelter
- allForms – Dianna Edwards

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Commissioners – Julie Bolender, Destiny Bryson  
South Central Ohio Juvenile Detention Center  
Highland County EMA Meeting

**REPORTS**

Dog Pound Call Log Report – 5/1/2023 – 5/8/2023  
Dog Pound Count 5/10/2023 – 5/14/2023

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 a.m.**


  


  
 Clerk


  
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