

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** 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; Mr. Roades, yea.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve payment of Bill File No. 23-48. The total bill file amount paid was \$501,343.35. The total General Fund paid was \$52,873.74. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Res No. 23-253** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners agree to support the safe and rapid deployment of essential broadband connectivity and investment in Highland County, and to strongly urge the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to quickly resolve the unprecedented pole permitting delays by Investor-Owned Utilities that are preventing high-speed broadband from reaching unserved and underserved county residents. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-254** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within CDBG – FY 22 (2520) in the amount of \$56.03. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-255** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the August 2023 Special Election Fund (2305) in the amount of \$145.53. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-256** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within Rocky Fork Lake Sewer District (5030) in the amount of \$1,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-257** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within Rocky Fork Lake Sewer District (5030) in the amount of \$2,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-258** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Mowystown Sewer Fund in the amount of \$3,217.35. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-259** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Clerk of Courts Computer fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-260** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within August 2023 Special Election Fund (2305) in the amount of \$1,338.62. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-261** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the August 2023 Special Election Fund in the amount of \$3,468.34. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-262** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Board of DD fund in the

amount of \$31,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-263** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Board of DD fund in the amount of \$22,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-264** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a transfer of funds within Board of DD (2100) in the amount of \$22,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-265** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Community Residential DD Fund in the amount of \$22,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-266** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Help Me Grow – HV/CC fund in the amount of \$20,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-267** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a transfer of funds from Public Assistance Fund, 2050 to Children Services Fund, 2115 in the amount of \$14,700.48 for foster care cost utilizing Title XXXI funding. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-268** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within TCAP FY 24/25 (2625) in the amount of \$30,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

**Res No. 23-269** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize the Highland County Engineer to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Britton said that the ARC of Appalachia is requesting a Letter of Support towards the Appalachian Community Grant.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a Letter of Support to ARC of Appalachia. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

Commissioner Daniels brought up the sewer rates and the revenue we are seeing within the Rolling Acres, Lakeside, and Rocky Fork Lake sewer funds. He gave a recommendation that Rolling Acres remain the same at \$50.00, Lakeside increase two dollars and Rocky Fork Lake also increase \$3.50. Commissioner Daniels said that the Lakeside Sewer plant is not keeping up with the daily expenditures, so an increase is needed. The Rocky Fork Lake residents had received a letter back in July that outlined the upgrades that would be taking place. This rate increase will help to accommodate and cover the cost for the Phase 1 and 2 upgrades that are taking place.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Rolling Acres sewer rates remain the same at \$50.00 per month, Lakeside increase from \$48.00 per month to \$50.00 per month, and Rocky Fork Lake Sewer Rates increase from \$40.00 to \$43.50 per month, all effective January 1, 2024. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yeas; Mr. Daniels, yeas; Mr. Roades, yeas.

#### **CONTRACTS**

**#96** Commissioners, Community Action Organization – Grant Agreement – Healthy Aging Grant \$259,582.00.

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the Administration of the Healthy Aging Grant funding. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

OPWC – Certifications for Disbursement – Miller Mason Paving Co.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the above-listed Certification for Disbursement for the Engineer’s office OPWC project. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

*Recess 9:17 a.m. // Reconvene 9:32 a.m.*

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:30 a.m. – Todd Shelton – Connect SCP Fiber Internet Development  
*Todd Shelton, David Glass, Lee Rutherford*

Commissioners met with members from South Central Power Company to discuss broadband and South Central’s hopes in connecting Highland County to broadband. They explained that they will be doing a soft service in New Market in February and then in May they will be bringing those services to other addresses in our region. Commissioner Britton asked about the Pilot Program. Mr. Rutherford explained that they have had 185 miles built since September and they plan to double that amount of fiber within 2024. They encouraged current electric customers to express interest through their website. Commissioner Daniels asked if it was true that they would be servicing every house that they metered. They said that this was not correct, but eventually they would try to service as many folks as possible and again reiterated showing interest online.

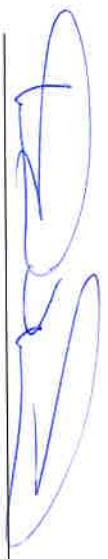
**CORRESPONDENCE**

Gov. DeWine Comms – New Ohio Homebuyers Plus Savings Program to Launch in January  
City of Hillsboro – Public Hearing Notice  
David Radachy – Ohio State Senate Selects Committee on Housing  
Tracy Gunnoe – 334 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Greenfield  
Norweco – Flyer  
allForms – Desriel Hinkle  
Dodson Creel Solar – Public Information  
GOP Accountability – Public Records Request

**REPORTS**

Dog Count Report 11/26/2023 to 12/02/2023  
Dog Call Log Report 11/27/2023 to 12/03/2023  
*Sheriff’s Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditures*  
*Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoner’s Meals*  
*Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Expenditures November 2023*

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.**

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