

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, Janet Grothe, Julie Bolender, Nicole Oberrecht, Vickie Warnock, 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. 23-37. The total bill file amount paid was \$407,776.44. The total General Fund paid was \$25,269.66. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No. 23-152 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners consent to the granting of the petition for annexation filed by Fred J. Beery, on behalf of the Bright Local School District and certify the transcript to be deposited to the Clerk of the Village of Mowystown. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-153 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners received a petition filed by the Paint Township Trustees to vacate approximately 130 feet of an alley located in Paint Township, Highland County, Ohio. Therefore, the board agrees to set the time and date for a public viewing to be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 10:00 a.m. and a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Highland County Commissioners Office. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-154 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 County Court budget in the amount of \$500.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-155 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within Specialized Docket Subs 2665 in the amount of \$84,114.10. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-156 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the MVL 2065 budget in the amount of \$106,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-157 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the JRIG 2670 budget in the amount of \$1,770.35. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-158 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within 2605 Revolving Loan Fund – Other Expense in the amount of \$104,350.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-159 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within 2360 Other Expense – IT Upgrades in the amount of \$100,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No. 23-160 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within 2000 Dog and Kennel in the

amount of \$6,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

- #78 Commissioners, Highland County Sheriff's Office, Securitas Technology – Service Agreement #238043.1 Fiscal Year 2024
- #79 Commissioners, Highland County Prosecutor, Karpel Computer Systems Inc. – Case Management Software
- #80 Commissioners, Highland County Sheriff's Office, JusticeWeb, Montgomery County Commissioners – Montgomery County Criminal Justice Information System, 10-year renewal beginning 1/1/2024.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the above-listed contracts. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

APPROVALS

- Change Order No. 1** – 2023 Highland County Chip Seal Program – Miller Mason Paving Co. - Additional Items Needed (+) \$66,163.16.
- Change Order No. 1** – PID 107331: HIG VAR CR Resurfacing FY23 – Miller Mason Paving Co. – Quantity Changes (-) \$160,542.82.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the two change orders for Miller Mason Paving Company. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Change Order 1A-2 – New OSU Extension Building – Tag Williams, Inc. – Delete sheets S0.1, S1.1, and S2.1 from original set of drawings. Add the new sheets S0.1, S1.1, S1.2 and S2.1 to the contract documents.

Change Order 15A-2 – New OSU Extension Building – Weller's Plumbing & Heating – Delete sheets S0.1, S1.1, and S2.1 from original set of drawings. Add the new sheets S0.1, S1.1, S1.2 and S2.1 to the contract documents.

Change Order 16A-2 – New OSU Extension Building – CT Electric – Delete sheets S0.1, S1.1, and S2.1 from original set of drawings. Add the new sheets S0.1, S1.1, S1.2 and S2.1 to the contract documents.

Change Order 1A-3 – New OSU Extension Building – Tag Williams, Inc. – Remove unsubstantiated material from future driveway at the north and east of new building at the direction of the geotechnical engineer/inspector.

Ms. Nicole Oberrecht was asked to explain the change orders. The first three listed are for changing the building from post frame to conventional frame. The last one is for new soil, backfill, and compaction for two hundred and eleven cubic yards of fill. This is due to finding bad soil where the site of the building is.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the change orders for the OSU extension building. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton asked Ms. Bolender to speak on the Support Letter for Southeast Ohio Works. Ms. Bolender said that the USEDAs repeated the pilot program and were trying to create new jobs. They had asked for our support, and she wanted the Commissioners to show their support in the application process.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to support the actions and efforts of the Southeast Ohio Works program. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Roades mentioned the Hotel project on Harry Sauner Road. He asked Ms. Bolender where we were in that process. Ms. Bolender said that we have one more document and then we should be able to move forward.

Commissioner Britton gave the floor to Ms. Janet Grothe of Immergex. She explained that she was in the area and just wanted to stop in and touch base. She encouraged the community to go to the Farm Science Review booth that they had set up.

Commissioner Britton asked Auditor Butler to present the sales tax receipts. Mr. Butler said that they were up \$9,000.00 from last year for a total of \$828,861.83. Commissioners asked when we should expect to meet anticipated revenue by the end of October or November easily.

Recess: 9:17 a.m. / Reconvene 9:23 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Gary Cooper – Southern Ohio Communication Services

Gary Cooper, Steve Williams, Nicole Oberrecht, Julie Bolender, Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary

Mr. Cooper of Southern Ohio Communication Services attended the meeting to discuss the broadband expansion and provide an update to the Commissioners. Currently they are looking at a 511-mile project that would be coming from Adams Co. and into Highland which will be 109 miles and 1,007 homes. The total investment for the project will be \$3.2 million in Highland County alone. Commissioner Daniels added that we had mentioned aiding in the project costs before. He suggests that a resolution with South Central power would be needed before we provide any financial means.

Recess: 9:56 a.m. / Reconvene 10:01 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – Julie Bolender – Work Session

Julie Bolender, Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary

Ms. Bolender came to discuss a letter that was received about a Regional Workforce Development Center in Ross County, Ohio. She explained the concept to the commissioners and the fact that Highland County is on the right track and being seen by other counties. Ross County is looking into being the regional hub and then we would use our Workforce Center in Greenfield as a satellite location. Ms. Bolender explained the biggest struggle being the lack of instructors and trainers and that they are needed for our center to run correctly and efficiently.

Recess: 10:24 a.m. / Reconvene 11:25 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

11:30 a.m. – Erica Tucker – Solid Waste Management District Recycling Outreach

Erica Tucker, Lauren Grooms

Commissioners met with Erica and Lauren of the Solid Waste Management District. Ms. Tucker explained that she had been in contact with Tara Campbell about finishing out the current year we are in as HCCAO is wanting to do away with the Recycling program. Ms. Tucker explained to the Commissioners that she had a plan to make it to 2025, as this is when she thinks things will change for the region regarding recycling. Ms. Grooms has volunteered to do the education piece in the meantime. They are considering reaching out to the Highland County Health Department and Soil and Water to ask for assistance these next few months of 2023 and into 2024.

Recess: 11:58 a.m. / Reconvene 1:35 p.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

1:30 p.m. – Tom Mottie – HVAC at Justice Center

Tom Mottie, Cierra Moore

Commissioners met with Tom Mottie and Cierra Moore to discuss the HVAC at the Justice Center. They reviewed Weller's quotes and are looking at other controls and grants to remedy the problems.

CORRESPONDENCE

Highland County Engineer – Ohio Public Works Annual Meeting
Vanetta Wilson – OFCF – FY24 Advancement Payments Processed
allForms – Aleta Bryant

Benjamin Kepple – 2023 CDBG Award Announcement
 Courtney Stobaugh – Sewage Complaint
 CCAO Newsletter
 allForms- Andy Honnert
 Lt. Gov. Husted Comms – Husted Announces TechCred Results for July
 Janet Grothe – The Ohio State University and Innergex Renewable Energy partner bring
 Immersive Farming Experience to Ohioans
 The Non-Profit and Social Enterprise Information & Funding Workshop Flyers
 Chris Lee – 5-year DR Painting – Hillsboro 36A

REPORTS

Dog Count Report – 9/10/2023 to 9/16/2023
Dog Call Log Report – 9/11/2023 to 9/16/2023

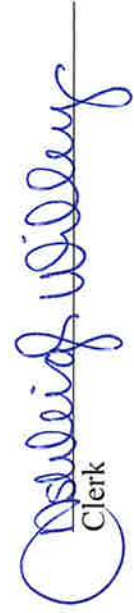
Meeting Adjourned at 2:18 p.m.







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