

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 Janet Grothe, Taylor Calder, Samuel Richard, Doug Karnes, Randy Sanders, Jeremy Ratcliff, Alex Butler, Ryan Russell, Christian Beatty, Mary Remsing, Jacob Clary, and Caitlin Forsha 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. 26-10. The total bill file amount paid was \$810,776.98. The total General Fund paid was \$680,264.97. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#16 Highland County Commissioners, Engineer, Prestress Services Industries of Ohio, LLC – 2026 HIG-CR8-4.19 Prestressed Concrete Box Beams Bid Documents **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Engineer's Prestress Concrete Box Beams Bid Documents. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

Program Year 2026 and 2027 Sub-Grant Agreement – Greater Ohio Workforce Board, Inc.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Sub-Grant Agreement for OMJ. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

- Rocky Road Sunoco – New Liquor License

Commissioners stated that we would allow two weeks of public comment before this was sent back to the state.

Pike Natural Gas – 212 Hobart Drive Estimate **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Estimate to install natural gas at the Schwann Building for \$2,500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton read a proclamation to honor Jenna Jenkins who recently received her Eagle Scout rank. The Commissioners will be mailing that out to her.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Jeremy Ratcliff – SNAP Benefit Discussion

Job and Family Services Director Jeremy Ratcliff spoke on the Big Beautiful Bill and the impact it will have on SNAP benefits. These benefits are for able bodied adults ages 18-54 work required, and is for veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness, former foster individuals under 25 years old, and parents or adults to those under 18 in the assistance group. States have been notified that veterans, people experiencing homelessness and former foster youth were to be removed. It also expands the age requirement from 18 to 54 to 18 to 64, taking effect in March.

He noted that Highland County has a 0% error rate currently after audits on our program.

9:15 a.m. – Bid Opening – Mezzanine Railing – Justice Center

TAT LLC - \$142,000.00

J.R. Enterprises - \$136,500.00

Dance Excavating - \$172,500.00

Commissioners will review and award next week.

Janet Grothe with Innergex introduced a new employee and gave a brief update on the construction of the Palomino project.

CORRESPONDENCE

03/02/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Violent Crime Reduction Operations in Dayton, Cincinnati Result in Eight Felony Arrests


03/02/2026 – Justin Brown – 2025 Wage Settlement Report


- 03/02/2026 – Highland County Historical Society – Brunch
- 03/02/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces 8 Projects Set to Create 1,320 Jobs, More than \$853 Million in Investments
- 03/02/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor and First Lady DeWine Celebrate New Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Research and Ohio Milestones on Read Across America Day
- 03/03/2026 – Rose Sellers – Inviting Veterans to an Event
- 03/03/2026 – allForms – A. Slusher – Solar Resolution
- 03/04/2026 – Department of Development – Don’t Miss the Opportunity to Grow Your Government Sales with the Ohio Procurement Internship Program
- 03/04/2026 – Ohio Election Integrity Commission – ADVISORY: Ohio Election Integrity Commission to Meet on Friday March 6, 2026
- 03/05/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Signs Bill into Law
- 03/05/2026 – allForms – B. Hollands – Dog License
- 03/06/2026 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission – The Regional Report – March 2026
- State Employment Relations Board – 2025 Wage Settlement Report
- 03/06/2026 – Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week om Review
- 03/06/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
- 03/06/2026 – Statehouse Report – CCAO
- 03/06/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces More Than \$9 Million in Grants to Create Workforce Housing in Five Counties
- 03/09/2026 – Jenna Griffin Gage – Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program Monthly Update
- 03/09/2026 – henry bray – Event Inquiry

REPORTS

Dog Warden Weekly Dog Count, ending 03/08/2026
Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 03/08/2026

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 a.m.





Melanie Willey
 Clerk



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