

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** Cierra Moore, Carl Rayburn, Randy Sanders, Addie Brown, Geneva Vaughan, Valerie Williams, Barbara Lacker, Alex Butler, Julie Wallingford, Jennifer Maynard, Rosetta Williams, Cynthia Marks, Jenni Lewis, Emily Blagg, Jamie Herrmann, Mechell Karnes, Cindy Frost, Ruth Spendlove, Jeanie Schaffer, Juanita Kelly, Sue Riley, Pauline Morris, Courtney Tompkins, Lin Packard, Robyn Coomer, Diane Combs, Jim Samuel, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the regular meeting 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. 26-18. The total bill file amount paid was \$1,124,088.68. The total General Fund paid was \$90,025.92. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **CONTRACTS**

**#28** Highland County Commissioners, Highland District Hospital, Sheriff's Office – Security Services Agreement **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Highland District Hospital security contract. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**#29** Highland County Commissioners, Sheriff's Office, Pike County Board of Commissioners, Pike County Sheriff's Office – Intergovernmental Jail housing Agreement **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Pike County Housing Agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**#30** Highland County Commissioners, Auditor's Office, Local Government Services LLC – Consulting Services Agreement **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the LGS Annual Services Agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **APPROVALS**

*Johnson Controls – Hydrostatic Testing Proposal and Service Agreement*

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Hydrostatic Testing and Service Agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Roades announced that there was a committee that was formed consisting of the prosecutor, engineer, health commissioner, EMA director, and GIS/Maps department. He explained that the Committee met with Alicia Silvero from ODNR Flood Plain Management, and after discussion, decided that it would be in best interest of not only the county, but residents as well to not have a flood plain management program. Ms. Collins weighed in adding that she would be filing Civil suits if the homeowners did not comply and it would end up falling back on the County if we did not catch simple repairs, which was not a liability we wanted to entertain. Commissioner Daniels added that we have done our research, and he recommends that we do not participate and seek this matter closed.

Commissioner Britton read over the Ameresco Controls Renewal Agreement. He said he had compared it with the previous contract with Wellers and agrees that the price has increased, but only by about \$1,000.00. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Ameresco Contract in the amount of \$20,033.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton presented the Ellis Fencing quote for the Dog Pound. Commissioner Roades added that the dogs have been chewing around the AC unit, so we need to get it fenced in. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Ellis Fencing quote in the amount of \$1,275.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton asked Cierra Moore to present the CO/Gas detector quote. Ms. Moore added that this would be for the mechanical room where the gas line runs into the kitchen from there. Ameresco presented a quote that does not go to the panel but has an alarm and strobe. The amount is \$9,800.00. Johnson Controls presented a quote for \$19,825.20 and this includes an alarm in the fire panel as well as a specific strobe to identify where the leak is taking place. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Johnson Controls quote in the amount of \$19,825.20. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Daniels gave notification of the new tower submission we were made aware of at 3935 Point Liberty Rd.

#### **MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

9:15 a.m. – HighCo New Courtyard Re-Bid

*Dance Excavating \$108,500.00*

Ms. Remsing said that this was a little over the threshold for excavation and no equipment was included, but she plans to award once everything is reviewed.

9:30 a.m. – Older American's Month Proclamation

Commissioners welcomed visitors from the Highland County Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging, and Highland County Community Action Home Delivered Meals and Greenfield Center. Commissioners welcomed comments from the floor about how residents enjoyed the benefits that they are able to enjoy. A proclamation was read and picture taken.

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10:00 a.m. – Jim Samuel – Update on Next Era

Mr. Samuel and Ms. Tompkins were present to discuss the proposed 200mw Battery Plant. They spoke about the upcoming public hearing at SSCC on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. He also mentioned that he would be meeting with our EMA and Fire Department later today as well. They mentioned wanting to be good neighbors and would be implementing quail into the area for nature preservation and hope to be involved in the community.

10:15 a.m. – Work Session – Julie Wallingford

*Julie Wallingford, Jennifer Maynard*

Commissioners worked through a punch list with Julie and Jennifer talking about the upcoming move, final touches to shelving installation and other building punch list items.

*Recess 10:25 a.m. // Reconvene 10:30 a.m.*

10:30 a.m. – Executive Session – ORC 121.22 (G) (1) To consider employment of public employee - Alex Butler

**MOTION: To enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea. Commissioners invited Alex Butler in. Entered: 10:31 a.m. Exited: 11:39 a.m.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

4/15/2026 – Bricker Graydon Wyatt – OPSB Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Barr Energy Center OPSB Case No. 26-0498-EL-BGN

4/22/2026 – Portsmouth EM Site Specific Advisory Board Letter

4/24/2026 – Jim Samuel – Barr Storage May 6 PIM Landowner Letter

4/27/2026 – Governor DeWine's OhioSEE Program Brings Eyeglasses to 23 Students at Northview Elementary School in Jackson Co.

4/27/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Celebrates Greensview Elementary in Upper Arlington as Science of Reading Champions

4/27/2026 – Mike Shelton – Section 5577.12 I Liability for Damages – Prosecution – Application of Moneys

4/27/2026 – AEP Ohio – Dynegy Energy Services Notifications

4/28/2026 – Secretary LaRose Press – RELEASE: Secretary LaRose Releases Important Reminders One Week From Election Day

4/29/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Ohio's Participation in A Hone For Every Child Initiative

4/29/2026 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission – Deadline Extended – FY27 Area Development Pre-Applications

4/30/2026 – Jenna Griffin Gage – Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program Monthly Update

4/30/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Appoints Coil to the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, General and Domestic Relations Division

4/30/2026 – Appalachian Regional Commission – IN THE REGION: Remembering Former Federal Co-Chair Dr. Jesse L. White, Jr.

5/01/2026 – Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

5/01/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

5/01/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Visits Zanesville to Break Ground on New Walking & Biking Trail in Appalachia

5/01/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Launch of Ohio Aging Compass

5/01/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor's Appointments for May 1, 2026

5/01/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Ohio Sales Tax Holiday

5/01/2026 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission – The Regional Report – May 2026

5/04/2026 – Lt. Governor Tressel Comms – Team Tressel Fitness Challenge Returns this Fall; Registration Now Open

5/04/2026 – Gov DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Visits Marr/Cook Elementary School to Continue OhioSEE Tour and Celebrate Science of Reading Achievement

5/04/2026 – Nctolli – Counties Current: May 4, 2026

**REPORTS**

*Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 05/02/2026.*

*Sheriff's Office – Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff's Allowances for the Month of April 2026*

*Sheriff's Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditures Report for April 2026*

*Sheriff's Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoners Meals for the Month of April 2026*

*Juvenile Disbursement Report – May 2026*

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.**

*Julie Wallingford*  
Clerk

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