

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 9:02 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

**NOTE** Cynthia St. Clair, Dave Bushelman, Julie Bolender, Maddie Dearmon, William Edenfield, Cierra Moore, Amber Dunseith, Jamie Wheeler, Jeremy Ratcliff, Larry Gray, Austin Trublood, Michelle Swallen, Avery Elliott, Karen Faust, Roger Ruggles, Dinah Phillips, Rocky Coss, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

Mr. Dave Bushelman was present at the meeting to give an update on the storms that rolled through Highland County last night. He reported that we had 58 mph winds that lasted for over 4 hours in a line of 200 miles or more. It caused 45 % of the county to be without power. He has a damage assessment on his Facebook page that he encourages folks to fill out as he and surrounding EMA directors will be out and about the next few days.

**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; Mr. Roades, yea.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the work session minutes from 8/10/2026. 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. 26-32. The total bill file amount paid was \$486,243.23. The total General Fund paid was \$153,477.74. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Res No 26-173** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners approve the revised qualified energy project application for certification for Dodson Creek Solar, LLC. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

**Res No 26-174** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners agree to reduce the 2026 County Budget in the amount of \$53,388.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

**Res No 26-175** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2280 Records Preservation Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

**Res No 26-176** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2000 Dog and Kennel fund in the amount of \$7,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

## DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton announced that the Airport Hangar project is needing a loan to complete the match for an additional \$90k that is needed. **MOTION** Commissioner Daniels moved, seconded by Commissioner Roades, to approve the Airport Authority to move forward on the construction of steel frame 4-bay rental hangar with 2 equipment storage units and applying for the DOT State Infrastructure Bank financing for the project with the Board of County Commissioners as co-sponsor on the loan.

## MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Wheeler - STEELE Conference

Ms. Jamie Wheeler and Mr. Austin Trublood discussed the upcoming Steel Conference on October 14<sup>th</sup>. They showed a short video encouraging everyone to attend or send employees to this great leadership conference.

9:00 a.m. – Cynthia St. Clair – East Danville Church

Ms. St. Clair and Mr. Edenfield presented the Commissioners with pictures of a tile issue near the Sonner Chapel Church in East Danville. The tile is causing an issue where the church is going to eventually be in disrepair due to the ground sinking. The driveway is being washed away due to drainage issues. The Commissioners said that they were going to get Chris Fauber involved.

9:00 a.m. – BOE Mini Split Discussion

The Board of Elections and Cierra were present again to discuss the BOE mini splits. After discussion and reading over the quotes, Commissioner Daniels decided they did not have an apples-to-apples comparison. He asked that Nicole Oberrecht create a spreadsheet to compare each quote so that they can get this figured out.

9:00 a.m. – Jeremy Ratcliff & Larry Gray - Early Intervention/ Service Coordination Reporting  
Mr. Ratcliff and Mr. Gray were present to give an update on the Early Intervention program now that FCFC has been dissolved. While present, they also submitted early intervention/service coordination reporting to commissioners for their approval

**AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

- 2026 Highland County Fair LE Contract **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades to approve the contract for the Sheriff's Office to patrol at the Highland County Fair. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

10:00 a.m. – Common Pleas Court Budget Meeting

*Judge Coss*

Commissioners discussed the 2027 Common Pleas Court budget. Also while Judge Coss was present they discussed potentially moving the Law Library to the Records Center permanently and got his thoughts on that. While he was there Commissioner Roades also asked him to give input on the County Court discussion and his advice to reach out to the Supreme Court. He explained to the Commissioners the general consensus of the Supreme Court and that we only have 1 of 4 County Courts left in the state.

*Recess 10:29 a.m. // Reconvene 10:40 a.m.*

10:45 a.m. – Treasurer Budget Meeting

*Vickie Warnock*

Commissioners discussed the Treasurers 2027 budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- ☑ Counties Current\_August 10\_2026.msg 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Governor DeWine Activates State Disaster... 8/6/2026 ;
  - ☑ Governor DeWine Issues Reprieves.msg 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Governor DeWine Signs Executive Order\_... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Governor's Appointments for August 7\_... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ IN THE REGION\_ Cybersecurity Defense ... 8/6/2026 ;
  - ☑ Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Re... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ RELEASE\_Secretary LaRose Calls on Ohio... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ RELEASE\_Secretary LaRose Encourages L... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Statehouse Report\_August 7\_2026.msg 8/10/2026
  - ☑ Summer 2026 edition of County Leader a... 8/10/2026
  - ☑ The Regional Report - August 2026.msg 8/7/2026 1
  - ☑ Twelve Felony Arrests\_Nine Illegal Firear... 8/6/2026 ;
- 8/4/2026 – Cinda Wilson – Barr Energy Battery Storage Facility Letter
- 8/6/2026 – Mark Zurada Esq. – OPRA Request: Dawson Road Reconstruction & Resurfacing
- 8/6/2026 – John McHugh – Highland County Courthouse Exterior Renovations
- 8/6/2026 – Aaron Timmons – Highland County Courthouse Exterior Renovations
- Highland County Common Pleas Court – Motion to Add Parties – Vickie Warnock vs. Connie Henderson
- Bright Local Schools Ribbon Cutting Invite Letter

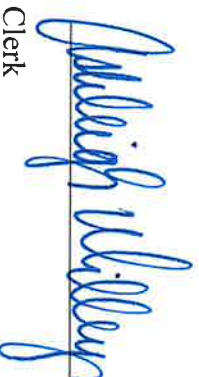
**REPORTS**

*Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 08/07/2026*

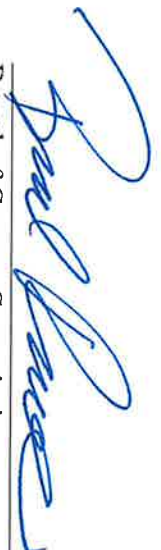
*Dog Warden Weekly Dog Count, ending 08/09/2026*

*Dog Mileage Reports*

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**

  
Clerk


  
Board of County Commissioners  
Highland County, Ohio