The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met on 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 Alisa Barrett, Zaylee Arrington, Lyla Chamblin, Savannah Collins, Riley Butcher, Quincey Gray, Julie Bolender, Sheriff Sanders, William Creek, Nicole Oberrecht, Jacob Clary and Caitlin Forsha was present for the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 07, 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. 26-41. The total bill file amount paid was $297,623.48. The total General Fund paid was $121,325.35. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION
Commissioners welcomed McClain High School to talk about T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition that the school is in. The students did a small presentation on the competition and encouraged the citizens of Highland County to vote daily. Commissioners thanked them for coming in and asked the community to vote daily!

RESOLUTIONS
Res No 26-231 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Victim Witness requests to declare the following items, no longer needed by the County and obsolete, ORC 307.12(B)(1). Therefore, the board declares the listed item to be surplus property and no longer needed by the County, see attached list. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-232 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – from Contributions to Supplies Human Resources in the amount of $200.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-233 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Sheriff's Office requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – from Transfers Out to Sheriff's Salaries and Fringes in the amount of $293,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-234 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Sheriff's Office requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – from Contributions to Sheriff's budget in the amount of $250,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-235 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Sheriff's Office requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – Sheriff's budget in the amount of $7000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-236 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Sheriff's Office requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – Sheriff's budget in the amount of $9,500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-237 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Board of DD requests a budget modification within the 2100 Board of DD fund in the amount of $65,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-238 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 5030 Rocky Fork Lake fund in the amount of $10,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-239 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Soil & Water request a budget modification within the 2070 Soil and Water fund in the amount of $2,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-240 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Court of Appeals request a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – Court of Appeals in the amount of $2,800.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-241 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 2280 Records Preservation fund –in the amount of $2,400.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-242 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Engineer requests a budget modification within the 2065 Repair MVL fund in the amount of $120,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-243 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Clerk of Courts requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General fund – from Clerk of Court Supplies to Contracts & Services in the amount of $1,806.87. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.
Res No 26-244 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a transfer from County, Transfers Out, to Dog and Kennel 2000 in the amount of $2,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#63 Highland County Commissioners, Highland County Sheriff, Jackson County Commissioners, Jackson County Sheriff – Intergovernmental Jail housing Agreement
MOTION Commissioner Daniels moved, seconded by Commissioner Roades, to authorize the Jackson County housing contract. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

APPROVALS

- Letter to Mr. Matthews – Proposed Battery Energy Storage Projects

Commissioner Britton said that Mr. Matthews had requested additional information, so they were going to delay this letter until next week so that they could address all of his concerns.

DISCUSSION

Nicole Oberrecht was present to present a recommendation from WDC group, Chris Wiedener, for the Courthouse Columns. The Commissioners had been entertaining either poly columns or Acoya wood. Chris recommended the commissioners go with Acoya as they are one-piece and designed to hold finish painting and resist decay for a longer period of time. **MOTION** Commissioner Roades moved, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to authorize the Acoya wood 1-piece columns. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton announced that the Law Library will have a vacant seat on the board and they are needing to fill that with an attorney by January 1.

Commissioner Britton also announced that we received 6 RFQs and will be working through those for the Hi-Tec center remodel.

Commissioners had clerk Ashleigh Willey also prepare a proclamation for McClain to be taken and given to them at the STEEL conference today.

Mr. William Creek came to the meeting regarding a neighboring property. He provided pictures to the Commissioners and they are passing it along to the health department for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

10/05/2026 – Kim Jackson – New Behavioral Health Respite Funding Opportunity
10/05/2026 – Carolyn Brakley – Sale of County-Owned Real Property
10/5/2026 – Tony Vero – AI Subscription as Opposed to Free Version
10/06/2026 – Stephanie Huber – Regional Business Advisory Council
10/06/2026 – Tony Anderson – Sale of County -Owned Real Property
10/7/2026 – Mike Glennon – Aerospace Defense Facilities
10/7/2026 – Jennifer Lewis – AAA7 Update – October 2026
10/7/2026 – Ohio Department of Youth Services – Grant Award for Highland County Juvenile Court's FY 2027 Subsidy Grant Funding
10/7/2026 – Nick Ciolli – Webinar Announcement: Counties & Power Siting
10/7/2026 – Kathryn Perigo – Nominate a Volunteer in District 17
10/9/2026 – Lisa Fiscus – BESS Barr Facility on Mad River Rd. in Highland County
10/10/2026 – Tammy Sheridan – Urgent Request for Joint Engineering and Traffic Safety Evaluation on High-Risk Rural Corridors
10/11/2026 – Eric Matthews – Request for Countywide Public Meeting and Answers to Outstanding Questions at Next Commissioners Meeting

ADVISORY_ Ohio Election Integrity Com...	10/13/2026 6:35 AM
ADVISORY_ Ohio Election Integrity Unit A...	10/13/2026 10:34 AM
Counties Current_ October 13_ 2026.msg	10/13/2026 10:34 AM
Governor DeWine Celebrates Success of ...	10/7/2026 1:37 PM
IN THE REGION_ Apply Now for Summer...	10/8/2026 3:11 PM
OCCO Legislative Reception- November ...	10/9/2026 8:00 AM
Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Re...	10/13/2026 6:34 AM
Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Projec...	10/6/2026 2:09 PM
Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review....	10/13/2026 6:34 AM
RELEASE_ LaRose Launches First-Time Vo...	10/8/2026 10:50 AM
RELEASE_ LaRose Releases Latest Early Vo...	10/13/2026 1:03 PM
Reminder - Ohio EPA's Recycle Ohio Gra...	10/8/2026 1:01 PM
Statehouse Report_ October 9_ 2026.msg	10/13/2026 6:44 AM
The Regional Report - October 2026.msg	10/9/2026 1:34 PM
Webinar Announcement_ Counties & Po...	10/7/2026 1:37 PM

REPORTS

Dog Pound Weekly Call Log, ending 10/03/2026
Dog Pound Weekly Dog Count, ending 10/04/2026

Meeting Adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Clerk

Board of County Commissioners