

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with David Daniels, Brad Roades and Terry Britton present.

Mr. Daniels 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 Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary, Alex Butler, Shannon Disbennett, Jeremy Ratcliff, Madison Walsh, Janet Grothe, Jemmy Barrera, Lacy Wise, Julie Bolender, Nicole Oberrecht, Vickie Warnock were present for the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea and Mr. Britton, yea,

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 24-12. The total bill file amount paid was \$521,349.38. The total General Fund paid was \$67,808.13. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Shannon Disbennett – Cardinal Land Conservancy
Commissioners started the meeting by meeting with Ms. Disbennett who presented some local agricultural easement applications. These two properties had been presented in 2023 and the Geer property was awarded. This year the Hiatt property was awarded but took half the profit so that both the remaining land that the Hiatt's had and all the Geer property could be enrolled. The final approval is in July.

9:00 a.m. – Alex Butler – CCAO Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan
Mr. Butler brought in the sales tax numbers for the month of March. For the month, we are still up just over 3% from last year at \$889,261.01. Also presented was the group savings estimate for workers' compensation which came in at \$16,441.00 savings. Mr. Butler recommended the commissioners approve this plan.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve and enter into the pool for the 2024 CCAO Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, Yea

9:10 a.m. – Julie Bolender - TechSolve – Leadership
Ms. Bolender introduced and invited Macy Wise of TechSolve to the meeting and asked her to present on what they can do for the workforce in Highland County. Ms. Wise said that they are a manufacturing extension partnership (MEP) that supports manufactures on various levels. They are measured by how many jobs are created and how many opportunities are brought into the business. Mr. Daniels asked how often they work with small manufacturing. Ms. Wise explained that they deal with 75% small manufactures that have less than 150 employees. Commissioner Britton said that Ms. Bolender is our local lead and would be who contacts and works with these manufacturers. She explained that she has used services similar to TechSolve before and it is of interest.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-50 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners received a request from Donald L and Cheryl A Geer for support of their application to the State of Ohio for purchase of an agricultural easement on their property located at 10700 St Rt 73, New Vienna, Ohio. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-51 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners received a request from Kim R. Hiatt for support of their application to the State of Ohio for purchase of an agricultural easement on their property located at 6080 New Vienna Road, New Vienna, Ohio. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-52 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a transfer of funds from Public Assistance Fund, 2050 to Children Services Fund, 2115 in the amount of \$110,546.00 for foster care cost utilizing Title XXT funding. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-53 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 2170 Probation Services fund from Salaries to Medicare in the amount of \$500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-54 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within County Land Bank Fund 2505 in the amount of \$1,250.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

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FCFC Grant Application – Signature Page

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the FCFC grant application as JFS is the implementing agency and commissioners are the applicants administrator. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, Yea

Change Order Request – Alpha Construction – Addition Footer Undercut

Ms. Nicole Oberrecht presented Change Order number 6 for the footing undercut and also Change Order number 7 which was a cost savings as this will take the fiberglass cornice to more of a dry fit material with a savings of \$31,843.11. Ms. Oberrecht recommended not approving Change Order number 6.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve Change Order number 7 and to reject Change Order number 6 pending any explanation or discussion with McCarty's Engineering. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton expressed his disappointment in the failed JFS levy. He explained the short fall and the use of General Fund money that will eventually have to be used that currently funds other needed agencies such as the Sheriff's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Task Force, etc. As JFS is needing funding, these departments do as well and Commissioner Daniels explained that in the end, this comes down to protecting children that need to come out of harms way. He told Mr. Ratcliff that he applauded his work and to continue facing these challenges head on. Director Ratcliff expressed his disappointment and that although it didn't turn out how they wanted to, he thanked everyone who voted in support of it. Overall, he explained that this could be a \$900,000.00 short fall.

Commissioner Daniels asked Ms. Grothe to introduce who she had in attendance with her at the meeting. She introduced Ms. Jimmy Barrera and Ms. Madison Walsh.

Ms. Bolender announced that phlebotomy classes start on Monday March 25th at the Greenfield Workforce Development Center. She was excited to also express that two students who were enrolled are planning to attend nursing school and this will be a great start to their careers.

RECESS: 9:35 a.m. / RECONVENE: 9:44 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – Greenfield McClain FFA Presentation

Olivia Siegbauer, Brooke Baldwin, Maguire Ross, Avery Murphy, Addison Goddard, and Reese Roble

Greenfield McClain FFA will be competing in an Ag Issues competition in April. To prepare for that, they asked to come present their "podcast" demonstration on social media and the benefits or downfalls it has on the agriculture world. At the end of the twelve minute podcast discussion, Commissioners applauded the group and expressed how great of a job they did.

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10:00 a.m. – Gerald Wilkin – Revolutionary War Memorial Discussion

Gerald Wilkin, Gary Duffield, Mary Hawthorne, Christopher Fauber, Jacob Clary, and Caitlin Forsha

Commissioners met to talk about the upcoming Revolutionary War Monument and coming together as a community as well as all of the Townships and elected officials to locate as many monuments and headstones possible within all of the known and possibly unknown gravesites or cemeteries'. Also discussed was the upcoming Vietnam War Proclamation and getting permission to place a sign near the future site of the monument to let residents know that it will be there.

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10:45 a.m. – Julie Wallingford – Work Session

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Commissioners met with Ms. Wallingford to discuss the website, box labels, and some supplies/materials she needs to order.

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11:00 a.m. – Solid Waste District – Plan Ratification
Lauren Grooms, Erica Tucker

Commissioners met to discuss that the draft plan was passed, and the Ratification of the plan can take place and be passed via resolution anytime between April 1- July 1, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

OBM Communications – Ohio Connect\$
Ohio Power Siting Board – Correspondence
Emie Zuniega – Demolition and/or Clearing of Seven (7) Properties
Department of Development – Ohio Business Matchmaker 2024 Webinar Registration Open
Gina Collinsworth – Pike County Business Resource Seminar Register Now
National Prevention Science Coalition – Briefing: Infrastructure for Programs that Promote Healthy Development and prevent Behavioral Problems in Our Youth
Nedra Benson - Department of Development will be hosting a County and Independent Fairs Grant Program Webinar on March 19th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Signs Bills into Law
Gina Collinsworth – Opportunity Appalachia
Colleen Buell – Verification of Employment
Patrick Wiltgen – Making Profound Change – Patrick with Government Forms and Supplies
Janet Brown – Dennis Quaid Show: Viewpoint
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces \$5 million in Funding to improve Maternal and Infant Health
Stephanie Roland – Request to Set Up on sidewalks Around Courthouse
South Central Power – Member Meeting
Healthy Aging Grant – Second Quarter Reporting allForms – Max Lammertink
OFCF Children and Youth – Family & Youth Voice Incentive Program
Robert Ferguson – Highland County Domestic Violence Agency
David Radachy – Question from Lake County
Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
Highland County Sheriff's Office - TCAP
Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review: Over 100,000 Ballots have been cast in Primary Election
OFCF – OFCF Strategic Planning Steering Committee – Representative Interest
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Additional Funding to Reduce Crime Laboratory Backlogs
Department of Development – Registration Open for Buyers: Ohio Business MatchMaker
Nicklas Lafferty – Request for Reconsideration of Arbitrators
Christine Holmes – Zoning Question // Highland County – Madison Township // Proposed Telecommunications Tower
Scott Hess – 2024 Mowing and Landscaping Bid
Riga Geci – Request for Information – AT&T
Cyndi Thornton – Mowing and Landscaping RFP allForms – Dynamic Lawn Care Services
Tasha Ruth – Court Appointed Counsel Fee Reimbursement Rates for Appellate Cases
Gina Collinsworth – OhioMeansJobs.com Launches the Ohio Career Navigator, a New Tool to Help Achieve Career Goals
allForms – Courtney Thomas
Office of Public Defender – Indigent Defense Reimbursement for Capital Cases, Amendment to OAC 120-1-15, Reimbursement Standards and Guidelines
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Signs Executive Order Ahead of the Solar Eclipse
Contracts@alliedsolutionenterprisec.com – RFP 2024 Mowing and Landscaping Services
RPHF – Recycling Scholarship Applications
Ohio EPA Outreach – March 2024 DEFA Monthly Update
allForms – C&C Property and Landscape Maintenance LLC
David Radachy – Recreation Marijuana Law

EPATMDL – Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water – East Fork Little Miami River Watershed Draft Preliminary
 Gov. DeWine Comms – Statewide Impact of Ohio Intel Project Evident in Initial Progress Report
 Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
 Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review
 James Henry – Any New Projects?
 Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor Declares State of Emergency in 11 Counties
 Matt Smith – Construction Estimate
 Gov. DeWine Comms – State Resources Mobilized to Assist Those Affected by Severe Weather

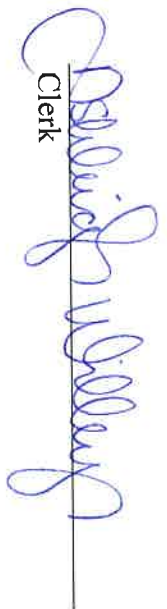
REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 03/10/2024 to 03/16/2024

Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 03/11/2024 to 03/16/2024

Meeting Adjourned at 11:22 a.m.





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