

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 9:01 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners’ office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Carl Rayburn, Richard Stiffler, Jeremy Ratcliff, Daryl Hibbs, Sharon Hibbs, Vickie Warnock, Alex Butler, Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary 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. 24-30. The total bill file amount paid was \$764,589.25. The total General Fund paid was \$43,070.77. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Richard Stiffler

Mr. Stiffler came to the meeting regarding his lot in Madison Township and being told he cannot tie into the public sewer there. In 2023 when he purchased the lot, he was under the impression that he could tie in, now he is wanting to sell it and is being denied access to that system and by the Health Department because of the lot size. Commissioner Daniels said that he will contact the Village of Greenfield and may also speak with the Ohio EPA. He encouraged Mr. Stiffler to do the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs came in with problems in and around Buford that they have been dealing with. They started the conversation off wondering who was responsible for the Township Trustees. Commissioner Daniels explained that the voters/electors are responsible. They do not answer to anyone else. They asked many questions over problems they are facing with the neighboring property to their church, the park in Buford, private property rights, alleys that they assume are vacated, and “junk yards” that they do not believe are legal. Commissioners discussed with them what the Hibbs’ and the Commissioners can do, and it came down to the Hibbs’ expressing their voice at the Township Trustee meetings. Auditor Butler did offer to provide the Clay Township trustees budget to these two individuals and Sheriff Sanders set up an appointment to meet with them over what they believe is illegal activity.

Auditor Butler presented the sales tax numbers for the month of May, received in June. We are up 14.5% from last month and up 4.8% on the year.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-120 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Proposed Tax Levy – Renewal – Highland County Children Services. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-121 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a transfer of funds from Child Support Enforcement Administration, 2015 to Public Assistance Fund, 2050 in the amount of \$28,121.03 for 2024 Child Support shared cost distribution. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-122 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a transfer of funds from Children Services Account, 2115 to Public Assistance Fund, 2050 in the amount of \$100,000.00 for 2024 Child Support Shared cost distribution. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#35 Commissioners, Highland County Sheriff, Jackson County Sheriff, Jackson County Commissioners – Housing Agreement 2024

#36 Commissioners, HCDJFS, Highland County CAO – Purchased Service Contract – Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc. – OWF-SNAP Job Club

#37 Commissioners, HCDJFS, Highland County CAO – Purchased Service Contract – Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc. – Community Case Manager

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Sheriff’s office housing agreement for Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, as well as the JFS and Community Action contracts for OWF-SNAP and the Community Case Managers. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – Investment Meeting
Vickie Warnock, Heather Bieler, Carl Rayburn, Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary

Treasurer Vickie Warnock came to the Commissioners to review all the county’s investments. She went over the rates that our current CDs are at as well as the interest that has accrued since the last meeting.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels brought up the Suicide Fatality Review Committee that Health Commissioner Warner has brought up along with the Highland County ADAMH Board. The ADAMH Board has outlined that the Commissioners can establish a Suicide Fatality Review Committee. He said we will take that under advisement and consideration.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

10:00 a.m. – Sheriff Budget Meeting
Sheriff Sanders, Jennifer Schinkel, Shana Reffitt, Nicole Oberrecht

11:00 a.m. – Auditor Budget Meeting
Alex Butler, Nicole Oberrecht

11:30 a.m. – Clerk of Courts Budget Meeting
Ike Hodson, Nicole Oberrecht

Recess 12:03 a.m. // Reconvene 1:32 p.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

1:30 p.m. – Soil & Water Budget Meeting
Tammy Newsome, Pam Bushelman, Chuck Williams, Nicole Oberrecht

Recess 1:44 p.m. // Reconvene 2:16 p.m.

2:15 p.m. – Municipal Court Budget Meeting
Judge Chad Randolph, Nicole Oberrecht

CORRESPONDENCE

Gov DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review: Secretary LaRose Joins AFPI Federal Lawsuit

Julie Graham Price – Highland County Solar Project Status July 2024
Common Pleas Court – Answer of Defendant South Central Power
Melanie Swisher – Establishing a Suicide Fatality Review Committee
Jared Warner – Establishing a Suicide Fatality Review Committee
Amanda Vaughan – Highland County – Solar Permitting Inquiry / Sunergy Solar LLC
Regina Van Horne – Upcoming Request for Updated Performance Measures for Your Closed ARC Grant
Jami Clark -Insurance Appraisals
AT&T Business – AT&T Data Incident Letter
allForms – Thya Butcher
allForms – Katie Reynolds


REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Weekly Call Log – 07/15/2024-07/21/2024
Dog and Kennel – Weekly Dog Count – 07/14/2024 – 07/20/2024
2023 Annual Report – Ohio 811

Meeting Adjourned at 2:39 p.m.


Clerk




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