

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 Jeremy Ratcliff, Vickie Warnock, Damien Lucas, Nicole Oberrecht, 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. 24-37. The total bill file amount paid was \$220,838.43. The total General Fund paid was \$84,213.96. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-163 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Auditor requests a budget modification within the 1000 general fund in the amount of \$1,500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-164 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners rescind Resolution No 24-130 authorizing a proposed tax levy renewal. Also requested is a proposed tax levy renewal. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-165 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners award the *Clay Township Park Improvements Project* to Kiley Construction in the amount of \$199,283.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-166 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a request to create a new line item within Probations TCAP FY24-25 (2625) fund. Also requested is a budget modification within the 2625 fund in the amount of \$72,731.50. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#47 Commissioners, Roberts Paving, Inc. – Independent Contract Agreement

#48 Commissioners, Highland County Department of Job and Family Services, FRS Transportation – Purchased Service Contracts – FRS Transportation

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to accept the two contracts as submitted. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

Change Order Request – Alpha Construction – PCO #0101 – Waterproofing building foundation

Ms. Nicole Oberrecht explained the change order request for Alpha Construction. This was for the cost of the water proofing that needs to be done. The original cost was \$54,000.00 but is now down to \$20,367.30. They are also requesting six days for this project to take place, including three days for excavation.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the change order for alpha construction. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Highland County Commissioners – WDC Group – Proposal for design and construction services of the Highland County Engineer Truck Barn

Commissioner Daniels explained that we received four responses/proposals for the truck barn, but we had a scoring matrix and WDC Group ranked the highest.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the proposal for design from WDC group. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels asked Mr. Lucas to speak on behalf of FRS Transportation. Mr. Lucas said that they were awarded \$20,000.00 in grant funding to go towards a Free Workplace Ride program for the months of September – November for either interviews or work itself. He said they will be testing this out, but in that phase, they can take over 250 people to work per week in Adams, Brown, and Highland Counties. This program is to focus on new employment in the region. All the individuals must do is fill out a form and complete a survey.

Commissioner Daniels asked Mr. Ratcliff if he had anything to share. Mr. Ratcliff wanted to emphasize that this levy is a renewal. Regardless of the valuations this locks in 2008 values which is revenue from 15-16 years ago.

Auditor Butler had a few things to go over. The first thing he brought up was the continuation of informal appraisal hearings that are going on. He strongly expressed that they were committed to taxpayers and are working for the taxpayers to answer all questions that anyone may have. He also explained a few common questions on taxes. The valuation comes from the Auditor's office, but the tax rates will not come in until December after the state posts the tax reduction numbers.

Commissioner Butler wanted to point out that the Commissioners do have an opportunity to roll back a portion of the tax rate which would provide a relief in the light of recent increases. He is currently working on a recommendation that he sees as the best fit for this situation.

Commissioner Daniels and Auditor Butler wanted to discuss the communication we received from the Ohio Power Siting Board which gave an update on all projects. Auditor Butler did express that New Market Solar Phase I is complete and operational. The PILOT payment for that would be due next year. As far as disbursement, he expressed that it would follow suit with real estate and settlement. The first payment is \$315,000.00; \$70,000.00 of that will go to the County and \$245,000.00 to other entities.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio History Connection – Gist Settlement Historic District – National Register of Historic Places of the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior

Renewable Properties, LLC – Lease or purchase portion of 26.46-acre property at 119 Governor Foraker Pl.

Jeremy Phillips – Juvenile Detention Center – 2/2024 expensive month

Raine Carreon – Demolition and/or clearing of 41 properties – contract award inquiry

Lauren Whitley – Marriage license copy

Graham Leu – IGS – Electricity Contracts

Carco Murphy – request to be added to future quote/bid requests for Ford Fleet vehicles

Ted McReynolds – New Dog Pound

Patricia Newland – 2024 Property Re-evaluation question

allForms – Garry Curtis

allForms – David Heiser

John Andrews – Precise Cost Benchmarks

Highland County Historical Society – Log Cabin Cookout

Cierra Moore – Update

Nedra Benson – Ohio Department of Agriculture – 2024 Ohio Drought Resources Webinar

Community Open House – Hecate Energy

Nick Ciolli – Webinar MARCS Update

Ali Islam – Streamlined Bidding Processes for Enhanced Efficiency

Denise Testa – Medina County Fairgrounds Cover Letter & RFP

Brain Anderson – Meeting Request

allForms – John Smith

OPSB – Highland County Solar Project Update – August 2024

James Burton – Thank You

Gina Collinsworth – Updated Corporate Giving FAQs

Bre Rogers – Site Selection Industry

CCAO – Department of Agriculture Letter

Gina Collinsworth – Senator Brown Hosts Webinar to Assist 22 Ohio Counties Declared Natural Disasters for Drought Conditions

Charlie Felix – Budget your Project

John Levo – The Historical Society Would Like Your Assistance

Karlie Johnson – Precise Cost Benchmarks

John Andrew – Precise Cost Benchmarks

Highland County Solar Project Update – August 2024

REPORTS

Highland County Sheriff – August 2024 credit/procurement card expenditure report

Highland County Sheriff – August 2024 – inmate transport


Highland County Sheriff – August 2024 – statement of costs of prisoners' meals

Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 09/03/2024 to 09/06/2024

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 09/01/2024 to 09/07/2024

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.


Clerk




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