

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 9:00 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

**NOTE** Alex Butler, Jeremy Ratcliff, Vickie Warnock, Amy Bradley, Chris Fauber, Annie Droege, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the 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 payment of Bill File No. 23-39. The total bill file amount paid was \$413,067.03. The total General Fund paid was \$16,334.04. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Res No. 23-168** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within 1000 Attorney – Indigent Fees in the amount of \$98,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-169** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners approve the re-appointment of Elizabeth Fryman to the Board of DD, beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2027. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-170** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the Sheriff's Office, 1000 budget in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-171** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a modification within the County General, 1000 fund in the amount of \$11,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-172** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the 2780 Emergency Management Agency Fund in the amount of \$908.54. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-173** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the Children Services Fund, 2115 budget in the amount of \$56,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-174** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the Public Assistance Fund, 2050 budget in the amount of \$105,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-175** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize Christopher M. Fauber, Highland County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-176** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a modification within the County General, 1000 fund in the amount of \$50,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**CONTRACTS**

**#82** Commissioners, Highland County Job and Family Services, FRS Transportation – Purchased Service Contract FRS NET Transportation Services FFY 2024

Mr. Ratcliff added that this was an extension to the previous contract which allows Medicaid eligible clients transportation to and from Medicaid providers and facilities through FRS.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the JFS contract to continue FRS transportation for Medicaid transport. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

OhioSE Letter of Support – EDA Grant Application

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to sign a letter of support for the OhioSE EDA Grant Application. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

**Commissioner Employees Teleworking Policy**

Commissioner Britton explained this being a new policy adopted for employees under the Commissioners umbrella.

**Ohio Deferred Compensation – Roth 457 Option Employer Adoption**

Ms. Amy Bradley added that we are pre-tax currently and this is a new option for ROTH/ post-tax. If anyone has questions or would like to entertain this option, they can contact HR or Ohio Deferred Compensation directly.

**Rocky Fork Lake WWTP Improvements - Doll Layman – Contractors Application for Payment #2**

**Highland County Justice Center HVAC Controls - AMERESCO**

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to authorize the president to execute the above listed documents. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:00 a.m. – Annie Dredge – Imagination Library

Commissioners met with Ms. Droege from the Ohio Imagination Library of Midwest Ohio. She came down to explain the program and explain the need for funding from a local program partner. This is a 50/50 State of Ohio funded program and our current donor, Ohio Electric Co-op dropped out in 2021. This program is \$1,800.00 monthly or \$22,000.00 yearly. Ms. Droege asked if the Commissioners could provide her a list for her to reach out to. Commissioner Britton said we would provide a list and send out a letter to local organizations and businesses.

Commissioner Daniels brought up Solar and the invoice that we had sent for payment in lieu of taxes. He explained that in the last week we had placed outreach efforts to elected representatives. Auditor Butler also spoke about the topic and said that we would be able to collect when the state issues a certificate of verification. It has not been issued yet and therefore we are unable to collect payment yet. This would happen when they are 90 days operational.

***Recess: 9:30 a.m. / Reconvene 10:20 a.m.***

#### **MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:30 a.m. – Julie Wallingford – Work Session

*Julie Wallingford*

Commissioners met with Ms. Wallingford to discuss software and records storage plans for boxing, labeling, and software storage.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Elise Kelley – Environmental Control Janitorial Services

Secretary LaRose Press – Eight-year maps have been adopted to establish new districts in Ohio.

Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Issues Statements on the Eve of Potential Federal Government Shut Down

Steve Small – Safe Storage / Opioid Abatement Programs, Settlement Funds

Gina Collinsworth – Ohio New Markets Tax Credit Program ODOD

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Appoints Ciccone to Struthers Municipal Court

Maria Theresa Cadungog – AT&T Business Fiber Highland Co

Kristy Amy – Info for Youth GRIT Meeting

#### **REPORTS**

*Dog Count Report – 9/24/2023 to 9/30/2023*

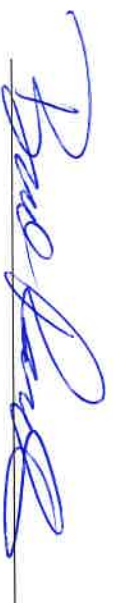
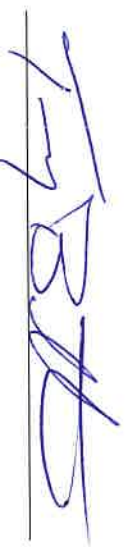
*Dog Call Log Report – 9/25/2023 to 9/30/2023*

*Highland County Sheriff's Office – Credit Procurement Card Expenditures October 2023*

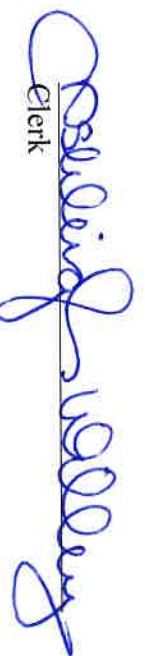
*Highland County Sheriff's Office – Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff's Allowances September 2023*

*Highland County Sheriff's Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoners Meals September 2023*

Meeting Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



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