

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

NOTE Scott Miller, Brandon Stratton, Shannon Disbennet, Christian Dunlap, Christopher Fauber, Susan Howard, 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; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve payment of Bill File No. 23-14. The total bill file amount paid was \$469,292.94. The total General Fund paid was \$274,006.44. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Britton announced that Julia Wise from Community Action had reached out asking for a letter of support for the upcoming Jefferson Street Parking Lot Project.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to sign a letter of support for Community Action. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

APPROVALS

Intrado – Life & Safety Solutions Corporation Quote

Mr. Scott Miller and Chief Deputy Brandon Stratton came in to discuss the Intrado Quote. Mr. Miller is asking for the commissioner's support in implementing Text to 911 at the Highland County Sheriff's Office. Currently this is not an option, but people do try to use it as recently as yesterday. This feature would be able to be paid for out of the 911 Wireless Fund and will be \$3,725.00 set up and \$16,500.00 yearly.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to implement this feature, paid for with 9-1-1 Wireless Funds. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. - Bid opening – Mowing

Mike Gaines – Gaines Property Management \$530.00/week, Hi-Tech \$900.00, Court House \$725.00

Kaleb Watson - \$900.00/week, Hi-Tech \$750.00, Court House \$800.00

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve and accept the bid from Gaines Property Management. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

9:15 a.m. - Bid opening – Chip and Seal Bids County Wide

Allied Construction - \$705,000.00

Miller – Mason Paving - \$571,000.00

9:20 a.m. – Scott Miller – 9-1-1 Communication Week

Mr. Scott Miller wanted to make the community aware that it was 9-1-1 Communication Week. He presented some statistics, how they have been doing on audits, that they are now fully staffed and accumulate for many years of service, meet all state standards, and that their office holds a two-second ring time when someone calls 9-1-1. He was then able to pull up and show two software's that they use in the office to navigate through 9-1-1 calls.

9:30 a.m. - Jeremy Ratcliff – JFS Director – Proclamation

Stephanie Newman, Amanda Roades, Mindy Reynolds, Donald Myers, Shannon Disbennet, Susan Howard, Jeremy Ratcliff

Mr. Ratcliff came in for Child Abuse Awareness month. He gave a small update on the number of kids currently in care and how many cases there were last year involving child abuse. A proclamation was read by commissioners to show their support and picture taken.

Commissioner Britton introduced Shannon Disbennet with Cardinal Land Conservancy. She was here to get a paper signed by the Commissioners stating that they do not have building or zoning in Highland County.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels explained that the county operates four separate sewer systems. We are looking into making some changes, especially to Rolling Acres and Rocky Fork Lake improvements. He mentioned things

such as increasing user fees and costs, using ARPA funds, low interest loans, and keeping the end goal low user rate fees.

RESOLUTION

Res No 23-49 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Engineer awards the 2023 *Highland County Chip and Seal* Bid to Miller-Mason Paving Co., total amount of the award \$571,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton announced that OPIOD settlement allocations will be coming prior to May 2nd in the amount of \$22,970.42.

Also Discussed was the TID meeting hosted by Adele Miller from ODOT. This was a discussion on a Transportation Improvement District. It is an extra opportunity for grant funding, but will require more discussion and involve a board.
Mr. Fauber added that he has applied for Safe Path grants that would involve Amish buggies and a bike path from Hillsboro to Rocky Fork Lake.

10:00 a.m.- Dave Brown and Belinda McCollum

Anne Griffith, Amy Bradley, Jeff Fleming, Dave Brown, Belinda McCollum

Commissioners met with Brown & Rayburn Insurance Company and Mr. Fleming, the medical mutual representative. They are in the beginning discussions of the upcoming deadline for entering into a contract for health insurance. They gave an approximate guess that rate increases will be 33-36% with an incline due to utilization and inflation.

Recess 10:20 a.m. / Reconvene 10:22 p.m.

10:30 a.m. – MARCs Tower Discussion

Dave Bushelman, Dick Miller, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary

Commissioners met with Mr. Miller and Bushelman to discuss the MARCS tower. They discussed the possible locations and possible property owners who were interested in the location near the Marshall area.

CORRESPONDENCE

Janitorial Services – Kortney Sink

Laura Berlon – Traffic Counts

Andrew Sokolnicki – Ascend Innovations

allForms – Regan Wagoner

allForms – Penny Tapp

Secretary LaRose Press -Early Voting Begins

allForms – Michael Wallace

Patrick Witgen – Happy Easter

Ohio EPA – Encouraging Environmental Excellence Award

allForms – Erin Gibson

Ohio Public Works Commission – Quarterly Newsletter

allForms – Kathryn Fitzpatrick

Pam Bushelman – LWG Meeting

Victoria Orchard – Fayette Solar

Phuong Nguyen – Rocky Fork Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant

Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Sustainable Damage Assessment

FEMA – Substantial Improvements/Substantial Damage for Floodplain Management

Shannon Nichols – 2024 ARC/GOA Pre – Application

MEETINGS ATTENDED

TID Meeting

FCFC Meeting

JFS Meet and Greet

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Clerk

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