

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 9:02 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

**NOTE** Janet Grothe, Matthias Wiegel, Vickie Warnock, Alex Butler, Brandon Stratton, Caitlin Forsha and 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. 24-09. The total bill file amount paid was \$126,633.20. The total General Fund paid was \$26,145.06. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Res No 24-38** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a transfer from Transfers Out to 4220 Airport Capital Improvement in the amount of \$2,494.00. Also requested is an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to Other Expense (4220) in the amount of \$2,494.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No 24-39** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners request to create a line item within Rolling Acres Sewer Fund, Advances Out (5000-72420-59085). Also requested is an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the Rolling Acres Sewer (5000) fund in the amount of \$11,000.00. Also requested is a request to repay an earlier advance from 5000 Rolling Acres Fund to 1000 General Fund in the amount of \$11,000.00 (Res. No. 23-28 & 23-69). The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No 24-40** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners approve the re-appointment of Scott Miller as the Highland County 911 Coordinator effective immediately. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **CONTRACTS**

**#13** Commissioners, American Electric Power Company, Engineer – Settlement Agreement and Release and Covenant Not to Sue

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

#### **AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

Change Order - OSU Extension Building – Change Order Number 15A-3, Weller's Plumbing & Heating

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the change order for the OSU extension building. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, Yea

#### **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Jacob Clary asked Commissioner Daniels to give an update on the Dog Pound facility now that it has been open for almost a year. Commissioner Daniels said that operationally things were going well. The adoptions are going okay, but we have a lot of dogs coming in and also some issues with long term adoption issues.

Mr. Clary also asked for a broadband update. Commissioner Daniels said that South Central Power is using New Market as their test area and are going to be testing some homes soon, and then will be rolling out more fiber. They are offering two packages. One is 500 MB up and down and the other is 1000 MB up and down. They will be offering internet and phone packages. He told the press we have not really heard anything else from spectrum or SOCS.

Ms. Janet Grothe stopped in to introduce Matthias Weigel, the new Senior Director of Development for Innergex.

*Recess 9:15 a.m. / Reconvene 10:00a.m.*

#### **MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

10:00 a.m. – Danville Alley Vacation – Public Viewing  
*Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Roades, Commissioner Britton, Christopher Fauber, Melanie Mootz, Nathan Mootz, Jon Holbrook, Bruce Leininger, Luann Henry*

Commissioners met to view the alley in Danville that was requested to be vacated. No opposition was given.

*Recess 10:15 a.m. / Reconvene 11:05 p.m.*

11:00 a.m. – Danville Alley Vacation – Public Hearing

**Res No 24-41** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners agree to vacate an alley in Danville. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

11:00 a.m. – Cierra Moore - Work Session

*Cierra Moore*

Commissioners met with Cierra to discuss seal coating/stripping, mowing, spraying certification, and quotes for the pipe repair at the jail. Commissioners did decide to hold off on repairing the pipe at the justice center.

11:30 a.m. – Healthy Aging Grant Update

*Julia Wise, Jared Warner, Caitlin Forssha, Jacob Clary*

Commissioners met with HCCAO Administrator and Health Commissioner Warner to discuss how the allocated Healthy Aging Grant funds are being used. Ms. Wise explained that the home delivered meals are going great and they have had an increase in meals delivered per day. Commissioner Warner explained upcoming Tech Classes that were going to be offered at the local libraries and senior citizens center.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Announce New Schaeffler EV Manufacturing Facility in Tuscarawas County

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Applauds Collegiate Prop Bet Changes Issued by Ohio Casino Control Commission

OFCF – New Regional Coordinator – Jana Howell

Innertex – Palomino Solar

Department of Development – Monitoring Notice

Office of Communications & Marketing – Development Awards \$8 Million in Grants for Energy Efficiency

Retrofits, Upgrades Across Ohio

Appalachian Regional Commission – In the Region

Department of Development – Ohio Department of Development Provides International Business Opportunities

to 8 Ohio Companies

Humane Society – Sponsor Letter

Gina Collinsworth – Husted Announces AI Education Toolkit for K-12 Educators

Gina Collinsworth – Appalachian Community Innovation Centers Funding Available

Mary Remsing – Governor DeWine, Department of Aging Launch Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator

David Joseph - \$2M Energy Savings for Ohio County

Secretary LaRose – Early Voting Begins Wednesday for Primary Election

Lt. Governor Husted – What They’re Saying: Ohio’s AI Education Toolkit

Gina Collinsworth – All-Ohio Future Fund for Development of Project-Ready-Sites

Gina Collinsworth – Opportunity Appalachia Program and Webinar

Environmental Protection Agency – Division of Surface Water – Annual Sludge Report

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

Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

Gina Collinsworth – Sace the Date: 2024 Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference

Common Pleas Court – Candie Louderbach vs. Highland County and Administrator, Ohio Bureau of Workers’

Compensation

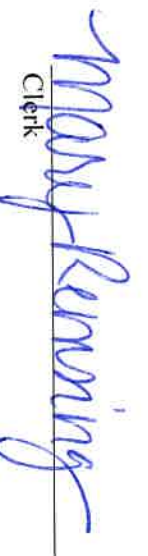
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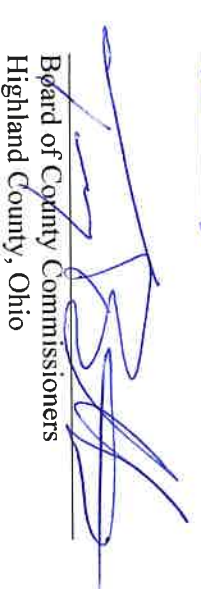
*Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report – 02/19/2024– 02/24/2024*

*Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report – 02/20/2024 – 02/25/2024*

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:49 a.m.**



  
Clerk

  
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