

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** Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary, Alex Butler, Julie Bolender, Chris Fauber, Christian Dunlap, Chris Hetzel, Mark Parton, Dara Gullett Terri Cragwell, Pam Limes, Jeanine Mullenix, Nicole Roades, Amy McClellan, Vickie Warnock 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. 24-15. The total bill file amount paid was \$596,535.61. The total General Fund paid was \$347,738.91. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:00 a.m. – Alternatives to Violence – Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation  
Commissioners welcomed staff from Alternatives to Violence and asked Ms. Gullett to speak on Sexual Assault Awareness. Ms. Gullett talked about the Forensic Nursing Network coming to Hillsboro Municipal Court on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Daniels was asked to wear red heels as he read the proclamation. Ms. Gullett then asked him if he felt awkward, embarrassed, nervous, etc. as these are feelings victims of sexual assault feel and are the reason for “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” challenge.

9:00 a.m. – Community College Awareness Month Presentation – Dr. Nicole Roades  
Dr. Nicole Roades gave a presentation on statistics and information on Community Colleges around the Nation and here locally in the State of Ohio. She highlighted enrollment, the savings you can have by going to a community college, what they offer, and what they bring to our community economically.

9:15 a.m. - 2024 Chip Seal Project Bid Opening  
**Miller-Mason Paving Company - \$656,200.00**  
Allied Construction - \$1,033,600.00  
Russell Standard Corporation - \$1,024,425.00

9:15 a.m. – Chris Hetzel - OVRDC Coordinated Public Safety/Human Services Transportation Plan  
Mr. Hetzel highlighted the OVRDC Transportation meeting he attended on Tuesday. Discussions were made over the upcoming transportation plan that will be finishing up over the next year, as it is marked to be finished by July 2025. He also discussed rates of travel/pass rates and the future of expansion. Commissioner Roades was also in attendance for the meeting and praised Mr. Hetzel as he was often referenced as the model transportation plan with what he has to offer with FRS. Commissioner Roades also gave praise to Highland County, Villages, and the City of Hillsboro for all working together and making Highland County a great place.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Res No 24-63** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within County General Fund 1000 in the amount of \$335.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No 24-64** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners award the 2024 Highland County Chip Seal Program bid to Miller Mason Paving Co. in the amount of \$656,200.00 The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#### **CONTRACTS**

**#19** Commissioners, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Highland County Child Support Enforcement Agency, Highland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office – IV-D Contract Enforcement Program  
**#20** Commissioners, Knoblauch Lawn Care – Kent Knoblauch – Mowing 2024

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the IV-D Contract and Knoblauch Laen Care Contract as submitted. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, Yea

#### **CONTRACTS**

**#21** Commissioners, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, Economic Development – Appalachian Community Grant Program Technical Assistance Grant, Subrecipient Grant Agreement  
Ms. Julie Bolender explained that our regional area chose OVRDC as the subrecipient for this grant, so this contract is our agreement to enter that contract with OVRDC.

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

**AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE**

Ohio Department of Public Safety – Subgrant Award Agreement – Highland County Sheriff’s Office Body Worn Camera Grant

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to authorize Commissioner Daniels to sign the subgrant award agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**DISCUSSION**

Auditor Butler informed the Commissioners that the first half settlement has gone out. This year we were up 4.5% this year from last year. The general fund will be receiving \$1,520,147.75. Mr. Butler also said he will be needing a work session in the next few weeks to discuss 2024 appraisal. In Highland County we currently have appraisals happening and you may see appraisers around checking on properties.

Commissioner Britton informed the press of the Bell Dedication that would be happening at 12:00 p.m. in front of the memorial.

An adjacent homeowner to the Solar Project on Hess Road came to discuss his concerns with noise, flooding/drainage of solar farms, and who he should contact for these issues. Commissioner Daniels informed him he would pass this on to the Ohio Power Siting Board as they are who regulates the projects.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Gina Collinsworth – Oops/Resending: OVRDC eNewsletter April 2024  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review  
Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review: Post Primary Election Audits Begin  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Activates Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Advance of Eclipse

CCAO Letter

Patricia Lee – Spring Fest Flyer

Gina Collinsworth – Heritage Ohio Main Street Program Now Accepting Applications

Mikayla VanBrederode, Senior Legislative Aid, Senator Shane Wilkin – Lynchburg Clay Local Funding Response

allForms – Matthew Gallimore

Stephanie Huber – Adams/Highland BAC Meeting

Michelle Swallen – Closure

Jason Iles – Solar Updates

Gina Collinsworth – Program Funds Projects that Improve the Safety, Efficiency, and Reliability of Intercity Passenger and Freight Rail

Gina Collinsworth – Opportunity to Join a Peer-Learning Cohort to help with Municipal Fleet Electrification  
CCAO - County Government Month

allForms – Greg Hawkins OFCF – Family & Youth Voice Incentive Program – Survey Results

Gov. DeWine Comms – New State Projects Expected to Create 1,025 Jobs, \$523 Million in Investments

**REPORTS**

*Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 03/31/2024 to 04/06/2024*

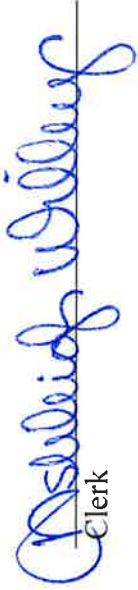
*Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 04/01/2024 to 04/06/2024*

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

FCFC Meeting

FRS Transportation Meeting

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 a.m.**

  
Clerk







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Highland County, Ohio