

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** Gerald Wilkin, Vickie Warnock, Donnie Barrera, Brandon Stratton, Yancy Shaw, Joe Coleman, Carlin 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. 23-33. The total bill file amount paid was \$500,505.50. The total General Fund paid was \$50,911.47. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Res No. 23-125** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 2065 Repair – MVL in the amount of \$30,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-126** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 2540 Victim Witness Assistance budget in the amount of \$565.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**Res No. 23-127** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Probation request additional appropriations within the 2770 Prison Diversion Fund in the amount of \$7,658.59. Also requested is a budget modification in the amount of \$412.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**CONTRACTS**

**#73** Commissioners, Engineer, Miller Mason Paving Co. – Bid Documents for HIG CR 5-C New Market Rd. Reconstruction & Resurfacing

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the above-listed contract for the New Market Rd. resurfacing project. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Britton discussed a quote submitted by the Highland County Airport from Superior Petroleum for the replacement of pumps. The airport has agreed to pay for half of the cost and are asking the commissioners to cover the other half. The total cost was \$29,275.00.

**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the payment for half of the work done at the airport. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton also announced that the Rainsboro Sewer Project has been completed. The school is up and running and all the old equipment has been taken out. Also discussed was the Probation department. Gary Breedan has made the Commissioners aware of the floor in the probation office starting to drop.

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

9:00 A.M – Gerald Wilkin – Highland County AMVETS

Mr. Wilkin came to the meeting in representation of the Highland County AMVETS. The Sheriff's office had made mention and requested that they needed funds to pay for new radar equipment for their new vehicles. Mr. Wilkin presented Sheriff Barrera and Chief Deputy Brandon Stratton with a check in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mr. Wilkin also came in to talk about the Revolutionary War Memorial that has been proposed for 2026 for placement on the courthouse lawn. He brought in a proposed letter for the Commissioners to pass on to the county agencies and townships asking for their cooperation in finding cemeteries and graveyards within the county and allowing this memorial to honor as many people as possible.

Mr. Yancy Shaw and Joe Coleman from the Ohio Laborers Union attended the meeting about a follow up on the Invoice that was created for the solar projects and also just letting the Commissioners know that they are available and a resource to reach out to regarding workforce within these solar projects.

*Recess: 9:31 a.m. / Reconvene 10:05 a.m.*

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

10:00 A.M. – Alison Redman/Heskett Insurance Agency

*Alison Redman, Todd Heskett*

Ms. Redman and Mr. Heskett came before the Commissioners to discuss this year's appraisal of all the county buildings. This is something that happens every four years and this was the year to complete that. In general, from 2018 the total appraisal was up \$19.8 million to a total of \$99.5 million dollars. Also discussed were various parts of what is insured and what can be implemented within things such as cyber security, off-site working, and replacement or reproduction of the Highland County Court House.

10:30 A.M. – Luke Kopyar – Johnson Controls Representative

*Luke Kopyar*

Commissioners met with Mr. Kopyar from Johnson Controls. He came to discuss market insights within county government, funding infrastructures, grant services, and other things Johnson Controls may provide, project related, that the Commissioners may not be aware of. Commissioner Daniels asked him about new construction. He said that as of now, they are doing more with existing buildings and infrastructure, but would most definitely reach out if new construction was something they decided to do in the future.

10:45 A.M. – Executive Session – Employment ORC 121.22 (G)(1)

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.**

*Entered: 11:06 a.m. / Exited: 11:25 a.m. No action taken*

**Recess: 11:25 a.m. / Reconvene 1:04 p.m.**

**Work Session(s):**

1:04 p.m. – **Records Storage Building - McCarty & Alpha Construction**

*Doug Karnes, Jason Molnar, Jeff. Scott, Nicole Oberrecht*

**OSU Extension Building – DS2 Architect**

*Todd Cluxton, Nicole Oberrecht*

**Nicole Oberrecht – Work Session**

Discussed carpet at JFS, sewer assessments vs. monthly billing, Rolling Acres and Lakeside Sewer

**Res No. 23-128** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners rescind Resolution No. 23-126, regarding a budget modification within Victim Witness. Also authorized is an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2540 Victim Witness Assistance budget in the amount of \$565.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ohio Department of Development – PY24 Annual Action Plan

Secretary LaRose Press – Two Major Ballot Issues

Joel Menken – Let's fight the Opioid Epidemic

Savannah Dupree – Solar Construction

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Community Action Board Meeting

**REPORTS**

*Dog & Kennel – Dog Count 08/13/2023 – 08/20/2023*

*Dog & Kennel – Call Log Report 08/13/2023-08/19/2023*

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:09 p.m.**





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