

August 31, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Shane Wilkin, Jeff Duncan, Tom Horst. Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Sarah Allen, Barb Cole, Alex Butler, Terry Britton, Rory Ryan, Anneka Collins, Todd Wilkin and Bill Fawley were present for the meeting.

Mr. Wilkin led attendees in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION Mr. Horst, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve payment of Bill File No. 16-34. The total bill file amount paid was \$141,210.47. The amount paid from the General Fund was \$17,871.54. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-180 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, HCDJ&FS requests an appropriation from unappropriated funds to WIA S-35 Fund in the amount of \$99,220.28. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-181 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Board of Elections requests a modification within their budget from Supplies to Gems Supplies in the amount of \$2,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-182 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Board of Elections requests additional appropriations from unappropriated funds to BOE, Poll Workers- Salary & Expense in the amount of \$2,687.36.. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-183 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorizes a contractual agreement for the FY15 CDBG project of W. Main St. – Sidewalk Improvements in Leesburg, per project specifications to Fillmore Construction for \$24,753. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-184 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners establish deposit and fee for vacation of public road. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-185 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners agree to vacate alley adjoin Barrere and Couch Street in New Market Township. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-186 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Engineer requests a budget modification within Engineer Budget from Contracts Projects to Materials in the amount of \$20,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-187 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorize a contractual agreement for the Highland County Administration Handicap Ramp, per project specifications to Dance Excavation, LLC for \$59,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wilkin said that some county departments have returned reduced budgets. These follow the MCO (managed care organization) changes which will no longer permit the county to impose sales taxes on them.

Commissioner Jeff Duncan reported that commissioners have hired Heidi Devine as the new head of recycling for the county. She is retired from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), he added. "She's looking forward to it, and we are also," Duncan said. Commissioner Tom Horst added that the county is looking for a recycling drop-off location in the Rocky Fork Lake area, as well as an additional drop-off in Hillsboro.

Horst also said that the Highland County Visitors Bureau will be holding an open house Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m. The community is invited to meet the new director, Destiny Bryson.

Wilkin said that commissioners are finishing a closing binder agreement with Corvac Composites. This agreement concerns a revolving door loan for a total of \$915,000. Wilkin said that "those dollars (will be) coming back to us, with interest."

RECESS/ RECONVENE 8:44 AM/ 9:07 AM

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MEETINGS/ APPOINTMENTS

9:00 91st Battalion, Sargent Major Joe Riley

Sgt. Major Joe Riley of the U.S. Army's 91st Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C. informed commissioners of the next assessment opportunity in Highland County. The 91st Civil Affairs Battalion team members most recently worked in Highland County in 2014 in cooperation with the Rocky Fork Lake-Area Safety and Advancement Project (ASAP). The 91st Civil Affairs Battalion local missions vary from infrastructure inspection, communications, disaster relief and emergency response. "We have enjoyed great working relationships," Wilkin said, noting that the Civil Affairs team members will not be in uniform, nor will they be armed during the local exercises. "This helps prepare the soldiers for their deployments," Wilkin said. "For us, it (the benefit) is the information and assessments we receive." "These are unscripted exercises," Riley said. "The teams deal with subject matter experts, and the commissioners can change the focus without warning. That's part of it. It really gives our teams to operate on their own both administratively and operationally." Riley said the next mission will be a six- or seven-day exercise with an initial focus on the strengths and weaknesses in emergency communications. "We will be mapping radio capabilities and weaknesses using GPS coordinates to identify poor communications areas," he said. "But if something more pressing comes up, we'll change." Wilkin said "We'll probably add to their list. This has worked out really, really well for us. It's been an excellent relationship." "There's no way we can replicate this training at Fort Bragg," Riley said. "It is so scripted at the fort. If we say 'A,' they respond with 'B.' That's not the case here. It is as real as we can make it for their deployment."

*9:30 Richard & Amy Throckmorton, Prospect Rd., Project
The Highland County Board of Commissioners and County Engineer Dean Owrth avoided a potential eminent domain issue with a Prospect Road property owner after a successful negotiation during the Wednesday, Aug. 31 board meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Throckmorton were the last holdouts among 51 property owners along Prospect Road between state Route 124 and state Route 73, where a \$4.5 million roadway project is set to begin next year. The Throckmortons were originally offered the appraised price of \$10,054 for a little more than one acre, which included approximately six-tenths of an acre currently in the right of way. Richard Throckmorton said he was asking for \$20,000 but was told "that will never happen." "But another property owner settled for 2 1/2 times what his appraisal was," Throckmorton said. "It was appraised at \$4,500, and he settled for \$11,500."*

10:00 New Market Alley, Viewing

11:00 New Market Alley, Hearing

Commissioners signed a resolution to vacate the alley, per Engineer Dean Owrth's recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Highland County Water Company, RFL, Sewer District, Request for Reimbursement

CONTRACTS #82

*Commissioners, ODMHAS, FY 2017
Commissioners, Area 7, WIOA Intergovernmental Agreement*

REPORTS

None

Meeting Adjourned At 11:11 AM

CLOSART

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