

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

NOTE Alex Butler, Jennifer Schinkal, Chris Bowen, Keith Brown, Jeremy Ratclif, Jeanette Mottie, and Caitlin Forsha 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. 26-04. The total bill file amount paid was \$444,051.71. The total General Fund paid was \$61,119.15. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 26-33 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners approve the appointment of Mary Remsing as CORSA Loss Control Coordinator for Highland County. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-34 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2170 Community Probation Department fund in the amount of \$2,000. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-35 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners grant authorization for the listed “Then and Now” purchase orders and the County Auditor is authorized to issue warrants for their payment (see attached resolution). The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-36 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Job and Family Services requests a transfer from Child Support Enforcement Fund (2015) to Public Assistance Account Fund (2050) in the amount of \$31,315.51. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-37 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Job and Family Services requests a transfer from Children Services Fund (2115) to Public Assistance Account Fund (2050) in the amount of \$138,442.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#6 Commissioners, Economic Development, City of Hillsboro – 2026 Economic Development Department General Partnership Agreement, Highland County Ohio

#7 Commissioners, Economic Development, Village of Greenfield - 2026 Economic Development Department General Partnership Agreement, Highland County Ohio

#8 Commissioners, Economic Development, Village of Leesburg - 2026 Economic Development Department General Partnership Agreement, Highland County Ohio

#9 Commissioners, Economic Development, Village of Lynchburg - 2026 Economic Development Department General Partnership Agreement, Highland County Ohio

#10 Commissioners, Economic Development, Highland County Chamber of Commerce - 2026 Economic Development Department General Partnership Agreement, Highland County Ohio

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the five partnership agreements for Economic Development. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton announced that Charter Communications sent an update on the fiber internet connections throughout the county. They have connected 2,300 business or homes.

He also stated that we had received one quote for the Highland County Boiler gas leak and valve replacement from Frye Mechanical.

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the repair quote for the boiler in the amount of \$2,590.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Britton announced that we received notice that Dr. Wetherington is leaving HDH and we will need to be looking for someone in the Jail.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

Amendment No. 1 – 2023 Residential Public Infrastructure Program

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Amendment. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Highland County Justice Center – 2026 Planned Service Agreement – Johnson Controls

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the Johnson Controls Planned Service Agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Lt. Brown brought up that the towers that control Central are going bad. They have requested Securitas to come in and fix them, and the Sheriff stated that this could come out of their budget. It will take approximately 30-60 days for repairs.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:15 a.m. – Vickie Warnock – Investment Meeting/NAR Tax Lien Program Update

Vickie Warnock, Alex Butler, Heather Bieler, Caitlin Forsha

Ms. Warnock stated that our total interest accrued in 2025 was \$2,350,950.12. She reported on the investments that we have and what percentage of interest we are receiving.

Ms. Warnock also spoke on the tax lien program. October 1st letters went out for those and by October 31st they were to be paid in full or a contract needed to be written up. They currently have 98 liens to be filed from that process and received \$502,710.89 from NAR Contracts and \$141,000.00 in office payments.

CORRESPONDENCE

1/16/2026 – Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

1/16/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

1/16/2026 – Lt. Gov. Tressel Comms – What They're Saying: Lt. Governor Tressel Launches WorkOhio

1/16/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Joins Bipartisan Proposal for PJM to Address Energy Supply, Data Centers

1/17/2026 – Tracey Rurak – Request for Tow Fee Reimbursement and Improved Parking Lot Signage

1/17/2026 – allForms – Greg Miller – Solar

1/19/2026 – allForms – Beth Gehres – ODOT Project

1/20/2026 – Tammy Newsome – Building Status

1/20/2026 – allForms – J. McKinley – Property Taxes

1/21/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces OhioSEE Launch at Campus International School in Cleveland

1/21/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces New Initiatives to Combat Human

Trafficking

1/21/2026 – Jeremy Phillips – FINAL County Shares 2026 UPDATED Jan 2026

1/21/2026 – Lt. Gov. Tressel Comms – Lt. Governor Tressel's WorkOhio Kickoff Tour Continues in Marietta

1/21/2026 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission – Public Comment Needed!

1/21/2026 – Lt. Gov. Tressel Comms – Lt. Governor Tressel Makes First Stop of WorkOhio Kickoff Tour in Cincinnati

1/21/2026 – allForms – B. Waggoner – New Construction

1/22/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Recipients of \$10 million Ohio School

Bus Safety Grants

1/22/2026 – Appalachian Regional Commission – IN THE REGION: Improved Health Outcomes

1/23/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Encourages Ohioans to Prepare for Extreme Winter

Weather

1/23/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

1/23/2026 – Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

1/23/2026 – ODJFS – Highland County Single Audit Corrective Action Plan

1/24/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Issues Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency in Ohio

CCAO – Ohio Department of Aging Survey

Highland SWCD Newsletter

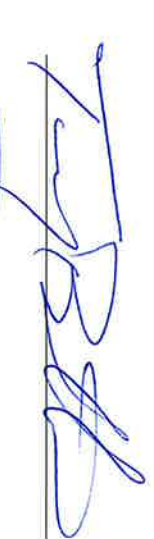
REPORTS

Dog Warden Weekly Dog Count, ending 01/25/2026

Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 01/24/2026

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


Clerk




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Highland County, Ohio