

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 Larry Gray, Jeremy Ratcliff, Alex Butler, Ethan Reynolds, Jennifer Schinkal, Jeff Duchardt, Aneka Collins, Jacob Clary, 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. 26-07. The total bill file amount paid was \$423,414.71. The total General Fund paid was \$99,824.10. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 26-48 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 26-49 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Engineer request an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2065 Repair MVL fund in the amount of \$49,530.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-50 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Probation requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2620 PSG FY24-25 fund in the amount of \$676.15. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-51 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners re-appoint Robert Jackson, Chief Probation Officer of the Highland County Juvenile Court, to serve as Trustee for the South Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center board. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 26-52 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Auditor requests to rename fund 7030 from Delinquent General Personal to Solar PLOT Settlement fund. Also requested is to rename and create two lines within the fund: First Half PLOT Distribution and Second Half PLOT Distribution. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#12 Highland County Commissioners – Maximus – Highland County Prosecutor – IV-E services **MOTION** Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the Prosecutor’s office IV-E contract with Maximus. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#13 Highland County Commissioners – Lexipol – Sheriff’s Office – Master Service Agreement **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Sheriff’s Office Lexipol service agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton announced receipt of notice for the 136th GA Capital Budget funding opportunity. He announced that these project submittals will be due in March. He also announced the Cybersecurity Grant Application that is going around.

APPROVALS

- Letter to Congressman Taylor “Support for Continued Funding of the Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Program”
- Commissioner Britton announced following the OVRDC 1st round caucus meeting, it was announced that ARC funding is being cut by the federal government. The Commissioners decided to send a letter of support to Congressman Taylor.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:15 a.m. – Jeff Duchardt – Canon Cyber Security Presentation

Mr. Duchardt presented on Canon’s Cybersecurity Program on Government Security Challenges.

9:30 a.m. – Jeremy Ratcliff and Larry Gray – Early Intervention Report

Mr. Gray and Mr. Ratcliff presented the Early Intervention Report. Mr. Gray said this was a way to monitor toddlers 0-3 years of age which was a requirement by DCY. Mr. Daniels asked if anything jumped out after this program has transitioned and switched from FCFC. Mr. Gray said it is actually going better, noting that we have received more referrals and is fully staffed. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the Early Intervention Report for EI services. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

In other discussion, Mr. Gray said that Clinton County will be collaborating with Highland and Fayette at the multi-system youth home in Greenfield. They see that becoming operational May 1st.

Mr. Ethan Reynolds was in the area and stopped by from the Governor's Office.

Recess 9:26 a.m. // Reconvene 9:49 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

10:00 a.m. – Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider employee compensation – Brett Geary **MOTION: To enter into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea. Entered: 9:49 p.m. Exited: 11:00 a.m.**

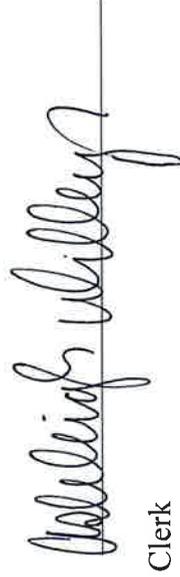
CORRESPONDENCE

2/1/2026 – South Central Power Company – Rate Increase Letter
 2/6/2026 – Jessica Lane – Permit Inquiry
 2/9/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Continues OhioSEE Tour at Northeastern Elementary School
 2/9/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Received \$14.7 Million to Strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education
 2/9/2026 – allForms – C. Sears – South Central Power
 2/10/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Continues OhioSEE Tour at Robinwood Lane Elementary School
 2/10/2026 – allForms – T. Grey – Property Taxes
 2/11/2026 – OVRDC – Appalachian Ohio Planning Initiative
 2/11/2026 – Jennifer Lewis – AAAA7 Update
 2/12/2026 – Aaron Adelman – RE: Verizon Antenna Upgrade at 7665 S R 135, Lynchburg, OH 45142-9305
 2/12/2026 – allForms - B. Barber – Eagle Scout
 2/12/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces New Child Wellness Campuses to Keep Children Closer to Home
 2/12/2026 – allForms – T. Fiehler – Zoning
 2/12/2026 – Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Tressel Recognize Top Business Advisory Councils for 2026

REPORTS

Dog Warden Weekly Dog Count, ending 02/15/2026
Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 02/11/2026

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 p.m.


 Clerk


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