

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 Mary Greiner, Kim Duff, Shira Smith, Anneka Collins, Baylee Willey, Jeremy Ratcliff, Courtney Tompkins, Amie Ernst, Randy Sanders, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the regular meeting 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 the work session minutes from 8/3/2026. 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. 26-31. The total bill file amount paid was \$324,394.64. The total General Fund paid was \$18,405.53. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 26-168 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Commissioners authorize a “Then and Now” purchase order and the County Auditor is authorized to issue warrants for payment. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

Res No 26-169 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, JFS requests a transfer from 2015 Child Support Enforcement Fund to 2050 Public Assistance Fund in the amount of 29,396.93. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

Res No 26-170 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, JFS requests a transfer from 2115 Children Services Fund to 2050 Public Assistance Fund in the amount of \$37,374.45. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

Res No 26-171 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Engineer requests a budget modification within the 2065 Repair MVL fund in the amount of \$75,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

Res No 26-172 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, Sheriff requests to rename fund 2405 to HDH Policeman's Rotary Fund. Also requested are the creation of 7 new line items and an appropriation of \$262,413.05. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation

Ms. Shira Smith was present and spoke on behalf of JFS along with Director Jeremy Ratcliff. Mr. Ratcliff highlighted they administer and oversee the IV-D and Child Support Contracts, and Ms. Smith shared some statistics on case load and collections they have received. A proclamation was read and picture taken.

9:00 a.m. – Amie Ernst – Greenfield County Court

Ms. Ernst, Chairwoman of the Village of Greenfield was present to speak with the Commissioners regarding Highland County Court. She asked to have a formal seat at any further discussions revolving around Greenfield County Court. She shared many statistics from the last census on population, also touching on the impacts Greenfield would see if the Commissioners chose to close County Court. She explained not only the financial impact, but the impact on the community and residents as well. Commissioner Daniels expressed that the Commissioners had looked into the potential of utilizing space during the Courthouse remodel, but since have found that it may not make good sense technology wise. Ms. Ernst expressed her willingness to work with the Commissioners and update Technology if that was of best interest.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

- *Affidavit in Support of Cognovit Judgment – Highland Co Commissioners vs. Leo Capital Investments, LLC* – Ms. Julie Bolender was present and explained that this document was an expedited document for the collection of the loan via an affidavit. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades to approve the affidavit of cognovit judgement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea
- *Ohio Republic Insurance Company – Policyholder Disclosure – Offer of Terrorism Insurance Coverage – Highland County Airport*
MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades to approve the policyholder disclosure for the Airport Insurance. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea
 - Pinnacle Environmental Consultants, Inc. – Proposal for Pre-Renovation Environmental

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades to approve the Environmental Review for the Highland County Courthouse. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

APPROVALS

- KeyTrak – Sheriff’s Office Guardian Edge Touch Screen Panel, New Install for Clear Door Sheriff Sanders explained that this is an automated Key locking system that will be used in the jail. It will keep track of all keys and when they are checked out and who has them. **MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Roades to approve the KeyTrak agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ms. Bolender had came before the Commissioners at their Monday work session to talk about the USDA Rural Development Mutual Self-Help Housing - 523 Technical Assistance Grant program. The Commissioners agreed to provide a letter of support.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton announced that there will be a meeting on August 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Southern State Community College for the Barr Energy Storage proposed facility on Mad River Road.

Recess 9:32 a.m. // Reconvene 10:30 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

10:30 a.m. – Off-Site Meeting with Eric Roland – ODPS at BMV
Eric Roland, Chris Lee, Renee Gibbs
Commissioners did a walkthrough to look at the BMV space.

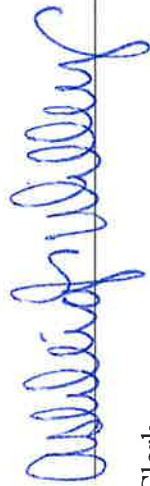
CORRESPONDENCE

7/22/2026 – College Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences – Agricultural Risk and Extreme Weather in Ohio Small Groups
7/27/2026 – Shafer Heating and Cooling LLC – Important Notice Regarding Fraudulent Emails
7/29/2026 – Ebiz Ohio EPA – Public Notification – Highland County Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Renewal
7/29/2026 – Steve Creed – Support for Self Help Housing Program
8/1/2026 – Published Letter to Highland Co Press on Barr Energy Project
8/3/2026 – Thomas Reynolds – Rock Fork
8/3/2026 – Megan Zemke – Ohio Power Siting Board Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Barr Energy Center
8/3/2026 – Amie Ernst – Request to Speak
Motion to Return Case to Active Docket – Highland County Common Pleas Court – In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Liens for Delinquent Land Taxes

REPORTS

Dog Warden Weekly Call Log, ending 08/01/2026
Dog Warden Weekly Dog Count, ending 08/02/2026
Juvenile Court -Disbursement Activity Report – August 2026
Sheriff’s Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditures Report – July 2026
Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff’s Allowances – July 2026
Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoners’ Meals – July 2026

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.


Clerk





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