

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with David Daniels, Brad Roades and Terry Britton present.

Mr. Daniels 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 Brad Williams, Ernie Hattan, Jeremy Ratcliff, David Taylor, Randy Sanders, Alex Butler, Vickie Warnock, Carl Rayburn, Caitlin Forsha, Jacob Clary were present for the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Britton, yea.

MOTION Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 24-41. The total bill file amount paid was \$585,956.64. The total General Fund paid was \$93,410.45. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-188 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the County general (1000) fund in the amount of \$3,500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-189 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners endorse and strongly encourage the citizens of Highland County to support the Highland County Children Services Renewal Levy for approval in the November 05, 2024, election. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

JFS Director Jeremy Ratcliff notes that this is a renewal levy based off of 2008 property valuations and no increase in taxes. He wanted to publicly thank the Commissioners for their support on this resolution. Commissioner Daniels read the resolution in its entirety.

Res No 24-190 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within Repair MVL (2065) Fund in the amount of \$71,180.96. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-191 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Highland County Job and Family Services request a budget modification within the 2050 Public Assistance fund in the amount of \$271,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-192 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize the County Sheriff to declare the following list of items (attached) no longer needed by the County and Obsolete, ORC 307-12(A)(1). The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-193 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within Repair MVL (2065) Fund in the amount of \$48,493.99. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-194 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-195 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners award the *Rocky Fork Lake WWTTP Improvements Project (Phase II)* bid to Mechanical Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,172,800.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#56 Commissioners, CCAO Service Corporation, CCAOSC Energy Solutions, Palmer Energy Company – First Amendment for Exhibit B. Electricity Purchasing Program

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the CCAO Electric Purchasing Contract. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

#57 Commissioners, Highland County Treasurer, NAR Ohio, Inc. – Ohio Negotiated Sale Agreement
Treasurer Vickie Warnock stated that this is a way the county is going to try to get on top of delinquent taxes. NAR will work with our Prosecutor and Land Bank to put tax liens on the properties and then will work directly with the owner who will then pay the company directly as the company is who will be paying the county.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels read an email from Larry Gray highlighting the upcoming Highland Housing Home in Leesburg, Ohio's grand opening. It will be Tuesday October 15th from 1-3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Daniels read a quote for Marshall Septic Services for grease trap cleaning for 2025 at a rate of \$375.00 per time. Commissioners agree to continue using this company.

Commissioner Daniels brought up the CCAO Foster Care Discussion Letter that they will be sending out to CCAO. He explained that this problem is not limited to Highland County, and he hopes that in Columbus they use their platform in the legislature to help fight this problem.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:15 a.m. – Leesburg Industrial Park – Crop Land Bid Opening

Brad Williams Farms \$211.95/acre = \$12,505.51 total

Hattan Farms \$240.00/acre = \$14,160.00 total

Larrick Farms \$211.00/acre = total

Baldwin Farms \$140.00/acre = \$8,260.00 total

Kip Shoemaker \$187.56/acre = \$11,066.04 total

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

Contractor's Application for Payment – Doll Layman, Ltd. – App No 14

Notice of Award – Rocky Fork Lake WWTP Improvements Phase II – Mechanical Construction Co., Inc.,

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve pay app no 14 for Doll Layman and the notice of award for RFL WWTP Improvements Phase II to Mechanical Construction. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels started the discussion on Change Order number 9 with Alpha Construction and the Gas Line Main. Commissioner Roades then took over discussion regarding his meeting with Kirk Seeling from Pike Natural Gas. From this discussion, Commissioner Roades determined that the dig ticket had expired, and Alpha did not call to get another one. No matter if it is expired by 1 hour or 10 days, it is still illegal to dig. After discussion, Commissioner’s seen fit that it was not their responsibility to pay for this change order, and Commissioner Roades recommended denying it.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to deny change order number 9 for Alpha Construction. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – David Taylor

Mr. David Taylor came before the Commissioners to discuss his aspirations and wishes for District 2 if he were to be elected to Congress. Commissioners thanked him for coming and sent him with a few thoughts of what they thought were important/needs in our community.

Recess 9:39 a.m. // Reconvene 9:45 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:45 a.m. – Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) – to consider employment compensation

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to enter executive session to consider employee compensation. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Britton, yea.**

Entered: 09:45 a.m. / Exited: 10:58 a.m. no action taken

CORRESPONDENCE

Lt. Gov. Husted Comms – Husted Announces Next Industry Sector Partnership Grant Opportunity
Highland SWCD – 82nd Annual Meeting Flyer

Highland Historical Society – Save the Date

Department of Development – Ohio Exports Internship Program Empowers Future Business Leaders and Expands Global Markets
Secretary LaRose Press – Secretary LaRose Issues Key Reminders One Week from the Start of Early Voting

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Mobilizes MARCS Equipment and Staff to Support North Carolina

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces \$1.3 Million Allocated in Support of Springfield Schools

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Activates Ohio National Guard to Support North Carolina

Gov DeWine Comms - Governor DeWine Orders Flags Lowered in Honor of Perrysburg Township Firefighter and Paramedic Troy Bernhard

Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

Gov. DeWine Comms – Following Hurricane Helene, Ohioans Urged to Research Charitable Organizations When Making Donations in Order to Avoid Storm-Relief Scams

Village of Greenfield – Property Valuation Increases

Portsmouth EM Site Specific Advisory Board Letter

National Grid Renewables – Ross & Fayette County Solar

Appalachian Regional Commission – In the Region – Hurricane Helene Recovery

Ohio Public Works Commission – OPWC Quarterly Newsletter

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted to Recognize Manufacturing Day on October 4

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Breaks Ground on New Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center in St. Clairsville

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Declares State of Emergency in Four Southern Ohio Counties
Office of Ohio Treasurer – Ohio Homebuyers Plus / Stable Account Flyers

Common Pleas Court – Defendant, Marshall Township, Answer and Counterclaim to Plaintiff’s Complaint for Expedited Foreclosure of Delinquent Real Property Taxes, Invoking Alternative Redemption Period Pursuant to R.C. 323.78, and Crossclaim

Secretary LaRose Press – RELEASE: LaRose Issues Final Reminder to Register to Vote

Conservator – Newsletter of Cardinal Land Conservancy – October 2024

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel - Call Log Report 09/30/2024 to 10/04/2024

Dog and Kennel - Dog Count Report 09/29/2024 to 10/05/2024

Juvenile Court - Cash Receipts 10/02/2024

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 a.m.


Clerk


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