

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

Mr. Roades 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** Jared Wren, Connor Cox, Maria Smith-Lopez, Carl Rayburn, Craig Rayburn, Damon Lucas, Cassie Penwell, Kyle Shaffer, Kevin DeWine, Kylan Brown, Several individuals from Board of DD/HighCo./HHS, Jim Gill, Catlin Forsha, Jacob Clary were present at the meeting.

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

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve payment of Bill File No. 25-10. The total file amount paid was \$182,533.57. The total General Fund paid was \$67,206.40. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Res No 25-58** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners award the PID 111321 HIG CR Var Pavement Markings FY25 bid to A & A Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$170,799.77. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

**Res No 25-59** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners award the PID 111319 HIG-Var-Guardrail FY25 bid to PDK Construction in the amount of \$279,572.75. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

**Res No 25-60** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Highland County JFS requests a budget modification within the Family & Children First Fund, 2190 in the amount of \$15,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

**Res No 25-61** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Victim Witness requests an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$11,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

### MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Developmental Disabilities Month Proclamation

Commissioners welcomed several individuals from the Board of DD, HighCo, and Hillsboro High School. They highlighted the Wildcats game that is coming up on Thursday at Hillsboro High School at 1:00 p.m. They also have the This Is Me Dance on Friday at Hillsboro Elementary School. Ms. Molly Warnock said that Developmental Disabilities month awareness in the community is very important, and they are putting an emphasis on how to live and work in Highland County. Commissioner Roades read a proclamation and a picture was taken.

9:15 a.m. – Kevin DeWine – Highland Solar Update

Mr. Kevin DeWine was present for the meeting with Jared Wren, Connor Cox, and Maria Smith-Lopez to give an update on the Highland Solar Update. This is a 300 MW approved project that reached operation last year. Mr. Cox explained that this project will be under SOLV Energy and has over 1,000 employees on site for over two years. He did say the RUMA was complete. Ms. Lopez reported that the county will receive \$9,000.00 per MW in 2025 which equates to \$2.7 million per year. Commissioner Roades asked about the vegetation and what that will look like. Mr. Cox explained that they work with the OPSB and the project will be enclosed with an 8 foot fence and be covered with some plants for cover. Commissioner Daniels did ask about decommissioning and preventative maintenance over the next 30 years. They did explain that they can upgrade the projects throughout their useful life and repower the plants accordingly.

### CONTRACTS

**#12** Commissioners, Village of Greenfield, Ohio Public Defender – Agreement for Greenfield Indigent Defense Service in County Court

**#13** Commissioners, Knoblauch Lawn Care – Mowing and Landscaping 2025

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the Indigent Defense Contract for the Village of Greenfield and the Mowing and Landscaping contract for Knoblauch Lawn Care. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

### APPROVALS

Koorsen – Knox Box for OSU Ext. and Records Storage

**MOTION** Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the purchase of a Knox Box for the OSU Extension and Records Storage Buildings. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

### DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton expressed his congratulations to Whiteoak High School and Greenfield McClain High School for entering a video to the World Teen Mental Wellness Day. He congratulated Whiteoak for receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place with their video.

Mr. Damon Lucas with the FRS was present at the meeting to talk about the Transit Development Meeting that is upcoming. They are developing a road map to outline the next five years. Currently FRS is doing 10-12,000 trips per month and over 3 million miles per year as they take 250 people to work daily. This is a \$100,000.00 investment through ODOT. He did want to let everyone know that he has a Transit Survey on his website and in vans for riders to fill out. This is a plan that will be submitted by drivers to submit to ODOT by July for a \$100,000.00 grant.

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9:45 a.m. – Engineer Contract to Purchase Land  
*Kirk Seeling, Andrew Duckworth, Christopher Fauber*  
Engineer Fauber presented PNG with a \$390,000.00 check for the purchase of the property and the closing documents were signed.  
#14 Commissioners, Utility Pipeline Ltd/Pike Natural Gas, Engineer – Real Estate Purchase Agreement  
**MOTION** Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to accept and sign the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Engineer Truck Barn. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

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9:30 a.m. – Work Session – Planning Commission  
*Christopher Fauber, Mary Remsing, Gary Martin, Heather Loudin, Emily Tolliver*  
Commissioners met with the Planning Commission about submitting a new planning commission clause list and possibly changing conveyance standards. They plan to present to the Planning Commission Board and then have a public hearing which will be open to the public.

*Recess 10:36 a.m. // Reconvene 1:00 p.m.*

**MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS**

1:00 p.m. – Work Session – Amresco  
Jim Gill, Cierra Moore, Nicole Oberrecht  
Mr. Gill provided an update on the energy efficiency project. He will provide commissioners with a quote to replace troublesome actuators and dampers.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

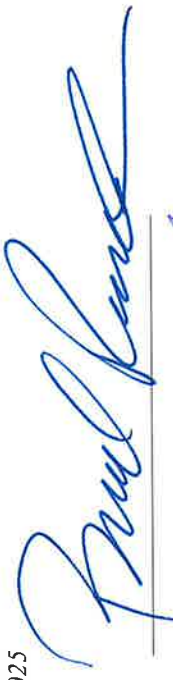

Stephanie Roland – FY1 – Hi-TEC Recycle Bins  
Zak Orner – DLZ’s Gary Silcot is Abusing Power in Greenfield; Highland County Court Must Explain allForms – Jonathan Adams  
Nick Ciolli – Legislative Alert: NG 9-1-1 Amendment  
State Employment Relations Board – Wage Settlement 2024  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review  
Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review  
allForms – Amy Davis  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Signs Bill into Law  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor’s Appointments for March 7, 2025  
Pike Natural Gas – Scholarship Opportunity  
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Appoints Zoz to Fairfield Municipal Court  
Larry Gray – “This is me” information request  
allForms – Wayne Randall  
Highland Co Common Pleas Court – Notice of Default Judgement  
CCAO – OCCO Legislative Reception  
Ohio Economic Development Association – Secure Your Spot: 2025 OEDA Legislative Conference  
Tara Campbell – Thank you for your support  
Dana Berryman – This is Me Information Request  
Innergex – Caisse De Depot Et Placement Du Quebec to Acquire Innergex Renewable Energy  
Highland Co Victim Witness Program – State of Ohio vs. Kenneth Skaggs  
Highland Co. Water Company – Election of Officers  
Fire Inspection Report – OSU Extension Office  
James Pryor – Zoning/Permitting Inquiry; our file Rocky Fork, OH  
allForms – Nikki Brady


**REPORTS**

*Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report – 3/3/2025 to 3/08/2025*  
*Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report – 03/02/2025 to 03/08/2025*

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:51 p.m.**

  
Clerk

  
Board of County Commissioners  
Highland County, Ohio