

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 Donald E. Meyers, K.R. Ball, Hannah Workman, Rebecca Southern, Jeremy Ratcliff, John Hackley, Alex Butler, Christopher Fauber, Caitlin Forsha 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. 25-13. The total file amount paid was \$573,064.54. The total General Fund paid was \$135,796.14. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Child Abuse Awareness Month April Proclamation
Commissioners welcomed JFS and director Jeremy Ratcliff to speak on Child Abuse Awareness Month. Director Ratcliff brought workers from his child placement, family findings, intake, and investigation units. Commissioner Roads read the proclamation and a picture was taken.

APPROVALS

CCAO Worker's Compensation Group Rating Plan
Commissioner Roades asked Auditor Butler to explain this document. Auditor Butler explained that it is a renewal we do every year through CCAO for a cost savings pool for our workers compensation plan.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the CCAO Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Britton highlighted that Issue 2 will be on the ballot this spring and encouraged voters to read up and support this issue. It is a renewal of the OPWC program that we have used every year here in Highland County and across the state. He expressed that it would be devastating to lose.

Engineer Fauber added in that this is a program that helps subsidize their paving program, bridge projects and other things, and is not only utilized by the County, but by other villages and municipalities as well. He said we usually average \$6-700K per year from this program. Over the past 8 years we have gotten 16 projects in Highland County including projects for the Village of Leesburg Sewer project, Village of Greenfield Road project, City of Hillsboro Wastewater and Street projects, and many county road projects. Engineer Fauber did express his support for this issue and asked all citizens to also vote in support. Commissioner Daniels added that this is simply a renewal that the State of Ohio does every 10 years and has absolutely nothing to do with tax money. Engineer Fauber added that over the past 10 years Highland County has received \$37,780,863.00 for over 111 projects.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 25-74 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners appoint Fred Vochum as the Highland County Trustee OneOhio Representative effective immediately for the term of three years 04/02/2025 to 04/02/2028. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 25-75 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners authorize County Engineer to purchase one (1) new 2025 Chevrolet 2500 HD Custom Crew Cab 4x4, not to exceed a total of \$50,516.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 25-76 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners request an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 4220 Airport Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$5,219.87. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

Change Order 006 – Records Storage Building – Fire Sealant of Elevator Pump Room

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve Change Order 006 for the Records Storage Building Fire Sealant addition. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea.

DISCUSSION

Auditor Butler presented the permissive sales tax report for the month of March for January's income. We received \$960,161.96 which is a higher number than we normally receive. He associated this with leftover late sales tax from December's money. This number is up 1.67% from last year.

Recess 9:21 a.m. // Reconvene 9:23 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – McClain FFA
Brooklyn Baldwin, Addison Goddard, Reese Roble, Maguire Ross, Torie Wavetkis, Avery Murphy, Olivia Stegbauer, Alex Butler

Commissioners welcomed the McClain FFA Public speaking team to their meeting to give an Ag Issues Skit as they prepared for their upcoming competition.

Recess 9:40 a.m. // Reconvene 1:00 p.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

1:00 p.m. – Victim Witness Awareness Week Proclamation
Debbie Zile, Lisa Dingey, Ashley Sanders

Director Ashley Sanders thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Victim Witness Awareness Week. She highlighted the upcoming Candlelight Vigil on April 11th which will be a memorial service for all victims lost that they could locate in Highland County. Ms. Debbie Zile also noted that they have asked community businesses to participate in this week. A proclamation was read and picture taken.

Recess 1:00 p.m.// Reconvene 2:00 p.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

2:00 p.m. – Work Session - Scott Miller 911 Upgrades
Scott Miller, Sheriff Sanders

Commissioners met to discuss the upcoming Next Gen 9-1-1 upgrade. The county will also be due for their five-year Central Square upgrade, so Mr. Miller expressed this would be a great time to go ahead and do both. They discussed switching the systems over to Cloud as well vs. being on servers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Connect SCP – Update
Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review
Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review
Frontier – Notice of Frontier North Inc.
Roger Palisoc – E911 Address Rocky Fork OH399
Chelsea Egan – Take 5 Car Wash Fleet Membership
Secretary LaRose Orders Investigation of Perry County Voter Check-In Device
Lt. Gov. Tressel Comms – Lt. Governor Tressel Kicks Off Conversation on Ohio’s Workforce Playbook at Cleveland State University
Chris Lee – Hillsboro DR – 36A
Ron Sexton – Dodson Creek Solar
Secretary LaRose Press – Release: Secretary LaRose Releases Statement on Election Integrity Executive Order Southern Ohio ESC – C.O.P.E.
The AAG for Administration – Notice to DOJ Commercial Vendors: Court Order Regarding Section 4 of Executive Order 14187
DOJ TRO Notice DOT Grantees – RE: US District Court for the Western District of Washington Preliminary Injunction Related to EO 14178 and EO 14168
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor and First Lady DeWine Honor Harold Schnell Elementary School as Part of Science of Reading Recognition Program

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report – 3/16/2025 to 3/22/2025
Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report – 03/23/2025 to 03/29/2025
Annual Report for Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence
Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoners’ Meals for March 2025
Sheriff’s Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditure Report March 2025
Sheriff’s Office – Allowances for the Month of March 2025
CCAO Legislative Platform 2025-2026

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Clerk







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