

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 Jeanette Mottie, Christian Dunlap, Christopher Fauber, Kim Baker, Matt Binder, Riley Stratton, Shawn Adkins, Steve Patton, Laura Burton, Sandra Bolin, Dave French, Phil Wilton, Jeremy Ratcliff, Dave Brown, Belinda McCollum, Alex Butler, Vickie Warnock, 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. 24-21. The total bill file amount paid was \$1,314,866.01. The total General Fund paid was \$18,993.34. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – CHIP Program Public Hearing #2

Ms. Julia Wise and Ms. Jeanette Mottie came to speak on the CHIP Program. The deadline for the application is June 20th. As no one was at the meeting to oppose the information that was given at the first public meeting, Ms. Wise said that the Commissioners will be the primary applicant with the City of Hillsboro being the secondary along with them.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

CHIP Program – Response to Monitoring Report

Mr. Daniels asked Ms. Wise to explain this document. Ms. Wise said that in order to continue to remain in compliance and fulfill their wish of having one audit group for the entire Highland County Community Action Organization instead of separating the CHIP program from them.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the letter for the CHIP audit response. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea

9:00 a.m. – Sheriff Barrera – Public Announcement

Commissioner Daniels invited Sheriff Barrera to give his announcement. Sheriff Barrera announced to the public that effective May 31, 2024, he will be retiring from the Highland County Sheriff's Office. He thanked everyone who has worked with him along the way and expressed that it was a pleasure serving alongside everyone.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-79 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Board of Elections request the creation of a new fund – Greenfield Special Election (2080) with the attached list of line items. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-80 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize the sale of One Dollar (\$1.00) to Sheriff Donald E. Barrera, for his retirement weapon, as he is scheduled to retire on 05/31/2024, and to which the property is valued at less than \$2,500 each for the Highland County Sheriff's Office. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-81 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize the Highland County Engineer to enter into a contract for the lease purchase of two (2) 2025 Western Star 47X Tandem trucks from Fyda Freightliner. Said lease purchase agreement shall be for a period of four (4) years at 5.25% through Merchants National Bank and not exceed \$582,136.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-82 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 General Fund in the amount of \$2,500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-83 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the Healthy Aging Grant (2265) fund in the amount of \$3,806.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-84 Mr. Rodes moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize the County Auditor to declare the following items no longer needed by the county and obsolete/damaged equipment, ORC 307-12 (A)(1). The said board declares the listed items to be surplus property and no longer needed by the County. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Rodes, yea.

Res No 24-85 Mr. Rodes moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Highland County Veterans Service Commission requests to create a new line item within the 1000 General Fund, Donations, and appropriate \$750.00 from unappropriated funds. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Rodes, yea.

Res No 24-86 Mr. Rodes moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 General Fund in the amount of \$3,387.50. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Rodes, yea.

CONTRACTS

#27 Commissioners, Schindler Custom Elevator Company – Highland County Court House and Administration Building Elevator Contract

#28 Commissioners, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Highland County Child Support Enforcement Agency, Highland County Common Pleas Court – CSEA IV-D Contract with Common Pleas Court

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Rodes, to approve the above-listed contracts as Mr. Daniels expressed the Schindler Contract was for the yearly maintenance and then the IV-D contract is a recurring contract. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Rodes, yea

Auditor Butler presented the April sales tax receipts report. The total amount received was \$714,208.17 which was up 3% year to date, but down 1.35% from last month.

Commissioner Daniels informed the press that all three Commissioners would be in Columbus on Thursday, May 23 to meet with the Department of Taxation, Department of Development, Power Siting Board, and others to talk about Solar and the Pilot Payment issues we are dealing with currently.

9:15 a.m. – Bid Opening – OPWC HIG CR 5 New Market Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing
Miller Mason Paving Company \$983,516.00
Filmore Construction \$1,098,969.75
Cox Paving Company \$1,240,843.76
The Shelly Company \$1,209,758.75

The Engineer’s office will review and hold before awarding the bid.

Recess 9:17 a.m. // Reconvene 9:30 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – Bid Opening – Clay Township Park Improvements
Kiley Construction \$199,283.00
Filmore Construction \$295,843.00

McCarty & Associates and Nicole Oberrecht will be reviewing before awarding.

9:30 a.m. – ARC of Appalachia – Kim Baker, Seth Oglesby - Introduction
Kim Baker, Seth Oglesby
Ms. Baker and Mr. Oglesby presented a PowerPoint presentation on the ARC of Appalachia and the Economic Benefits it brings to Highland County. With over 46,000 visitors last year to their sites in Highland County, Ms. Baker presented some examples of the amount of revenue these attractions can bring in for our Economy.

10:00 a.m. – Executive Session – ORC 121.22 (G)(8) Confidential Business Information Related to Economic Development Assistance Applications
EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information related to Economic Development.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Britton, yea. Entered: 10:00 a.m. / Exited: 10:50 a.m. no action taken

10:30 a.m. – Executive Session – ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss employee compensation.
EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Britton, yea. Entered: 10:55 a.m. / Exited: 11:44 a.m.**

Commissioner Daniels came out of Executive Session and disclosed that the Commissioners had discussed Employee Insurance with Brown/Raybourn and the Medical Mutual representative. The Commissioners were presented quotes to look over with a no shop rate.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept a no shop rate from Medical Mutual of America with a rate of 6% increase. Also accepted was the Superior Dental Contract which remained the same as the previous year. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades. yea

Commissioner Daniels did offer up that they would be open to the opportunity to discuss an extended renewal rate next year so that our term could start January 1 instead of in June. This would also allow the opportunity for a 3 or 4 tier exploration plan as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Energy for Everyone Propane
Jared Warner – Highland County Digital Literacy Program
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces \$2 Million to Launch Pilot Program Placing More Foster Children in Homes
allForms – Cody Bland
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces \$3.1 Million in Energy Efficiency Grants to Brighten Ohio Communities
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Announce Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Opportunity
Liberty – New Market Solar Project
Michelle Hill – Paint Creek Fire and EMS
Secretary LaRose Press – Secretary LaRose Announces Expanded Effort to Verify Citizenship Status on Ohio Voter Rolls
Weastec – National Pollinator Week

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 05/12/2024 to 05/18/2024
Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 05/14/2024 to 05/19/2024

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. B. A.", positioned above a horizontal line.

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