

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Terry Britton and David Daniels 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 Jeremy Ratcliff, Mary Remsing, Kristie Alexander, Tim Parry, Jennifer Schinkal, Randy Sanders, Carl Rayburn, Colleen Ernst, Nicole Oberrecht, Alex Butler, Caitlin Forsha, and Jacob Clary were present at the meeting.

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

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 25-26. The total file amount paid was \$191,913.15. The total General Fund paid was \$32,846.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Hospital Tax Credit Discussion

Mr. Britton welcomed both Highland District Hospital and Adena Greenfield Regional Hospital to the meeting as well as Colleen Ernst. Ms. Ernst explained that the Hospital Tax Credit money will follow Medicaid patients and help our local rural hospitals. She also mentioned that the Governor signed the budget, allowing for this program to continue, at least through 2028. Commissioner Britton asked for clarification for the taxpayers, that this was not adding taxes. Ms. Ernst agreed and also stated there will be no patient surcharge related to this. Commissioner Daniels asked how the rate reimbursement relates to the dollar. Ms. Ernst explained that if the Hospital is contributing, it pulls in a 1:1 ratio of federal match dollars. Auditor Butler stated he had reviewed all the documentation and the rates and was good with moving forward and assisting the Commissioners in this effort.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 25-132 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners establish a Hospital Tax Assessment to fund the Non-Federal share of the Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program Pursuant to AM. SUB. H.B. NO. 96. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

- Ohio Department of Medicaid – Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot – State Directed Payment Program Intergovernmental Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding – Highland District Hospital

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to accept the MOU with Highland District Hospital for the Ohio Department of Medicaid Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

- Ohio Department of Medicaid – Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot – State Directed Payment Program Intergovernmental Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding – Adena Greenfield Medical Center

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to accept the MOU with Adena Greenfield Medical Center for the Ohio Department of Medicaid Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

- Baird – Placement Agent Engagement Letter

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, unrelated to the hospital tax program, to accept the Baird Placement Agent Engagement Letter for the Engineer Truck Barn. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Kristie Alexander – Rocky Fork Lake Sewer Update

Ms. Kristie Alexander gave a one year update on her position as the Rocky Fork Lake Utility Sewer Billing Clerk. She highlighted the increase in revenue in the RFLWWTP accounts over the past few years, the decrease in late/unpaid bills, and an increase in the amount of revenue generated from people paying bills on time. She highlighted the new shut off program she had helped implement as

well as working with the landbank to find abandoned homes in the region. The Commissioners thanked her for her hard work and the good job she is doing with the Rocky Fork Lake region.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 25-131 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners declare that a real and present emergency exists and authorize repairs to the Hi-Tec Building pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 307.86(A)(2). The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Res No 25-133 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Sheriff requests an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the (1000) County General Fund, in the amount of \$4,299.36. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Res No 25-134 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Sheriff requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the (2230) Conceal Carry Fund, in the amount of \$20,411.56. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Res No 25-135 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Sheriff requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the (2230) Conceal Carry Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Res No 25-136 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the (2280) Records Preservation Fund, in the amount of \$2,025.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Res No 25-137 Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the (1000) County General fund in the amount of \$62,511.54. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

CONTRACTS

#42 Commissioners, Prosecutor, Job and Family Services – Title IV-E Services

#43 Commissioners, Job and Family Services, Prosecutor – IV-D Contract Amendment

Mr. Jeremy Ratcliff explained Contract 42 was an increase in additional federal dollars available for child welfare services and Contract 43 is an additional section for local dollars they are able to utilize from additional federal funding. It was an amendment to the original IV-D contract with the prosecutor.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve both contract 42 and 43 for Job and Family Services. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

#44 Commissioners, Sheriff, Jawless Hog Tactical – Training Contract
Sheriff Sanders explained that this was a group of experienced tactical officers who will be providing training on entering buildings and things of that nature.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the training contract for the Sheriff's Office, to be paid from the LETF fund. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

#45 Commissioners, Ohio Public Works Commission, Highland County Engineer, New Market/Prospect Road reconstruction and resurfacing

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the Ohio Public Works contract extension for the County Engineer. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. - Mary Remsing – Dog Pound, Cyber Security, and Rolling Acres Project

Ms. Remsing was present to speak first off on the Dog and Kennel. She asked the Commissioners to accept the resignation of Josh Shively effective June 12, 2025.

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to accept the resignation of Josh Shively. The vote was as follows: Mr. Britton, yea; Mr. Daniels, yea

Ms. Remsing also spoke on the Rolling Acres Sewer Project. It was a critical infrastructure project that is nearing completion on Mad River Rd. Lastly, she spoke on Cyber Security and the increase of awareness the county needs to have on the subject. She has been following H.B. 283 and sat through a training involving the University of Cincinnati and a program they can implement within t

County to bring more awareness and training to our offices. Commissioner Daniels noted that all county employees need to be trained and Commissioner Britton highlighted that this was a very important topic that we need to continue to explore and look into. She noted the Fraudulent Instructions that CORSA is sending out and tips that Employees should know for the holidays and when traveling. Lastly, she noted that the plaster in the Court Room dome was falling in and would need repair. The Commissioners asked her to reach out to CCC to see if they have any contractors who could help with this issue.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Nicole Oberrecht added a few things she was working on. The Hi-Tec Roof Repair permit was submitted to the City of Hillsboro by McCartys. Also regarding the Courthouse project, WDC Group will be having a lift on site soon to get a better look at the outside of the building. She also noted that a legal notice will be going in the paper on Saturday for the Engineer Truck Barn Building. We will have a pre-bid meeting on July 16th and the bid opening will be August 13th.

Sheriff Sanders added that he will be brining vehicle quotes in soon.

10:00 a.m. – Executive Session 121.22(G)(1) – To Consider Employment

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to enter executive session to consider employment of public employees. Commissioners invited Julie Wallingford and Vickie Warnock in. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Britton, yea. Mr. Daniels, yea. Entered: 9:48 a.m. / Exited: 10:15 a.m.

Commissioners made the decision to allow Halle Jones to fill in at the Treasurers Office up to 4 hours per day, five days per week. The Treasurer's Office DTAC fund will help cover some of her extra hours.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor's Appointments for June 27, 2025

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

Secretary LaRose Press – RELEASE: Secretary LaRose Releases Statement on General Assembly Passage of Biennial State Operating Budget

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces State Support for 39 Historic Preservation Projects

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces Transportation Investments to Support Job Growth

CCAO Bulletin

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor, First Lady Celebrate Future Home of Belmont County Underground Railroad Museum

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report – 6/22/2025 to 06/28/2025

Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report – 06/23/2025 to 06/27/2025

Sheriff's Office – Statement of Costs of Prisoners' Meals – June 2024

Sheriff's Office – Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff's Allowances – June 2024

Sheriff's Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditures – June 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 10:18 a.m.


Clerk





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