

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met on this day in Regular Session with Brad Roades, 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 Damon Lucas, Jamie Wheeler, Amber Dunseith, Austin Trublood, Janet Grothe, Taylor Avedisian Chris Bowen, Alex Butler, Mary Remsing, Ethan Reynolds, Caitlin Forsha, and 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; and Mr. Daniels, yea

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve payment of Bill File No. 25-36. The total file amount paid was \$326,853.30. The total General Fund paid was \$155,583.89. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Wheeler – STEEL Conference

Commissioners met with Jamie Wheeler and Austin Trueblood to discuss the upcoming STEEL conference. They spoke about the speakers who will be present this year and the excitement around it. They invited and encouraged participation from county employees.

9:00 a.m. – Damon Lucas – FRS Transit Plan

Commissioners met with Damon of FRS to discuss the FRS Transit Plan and a follow-up to the June 18th virtual meeting. Currently they are serving 417 clients and have 116 employees at FRS. According to the Transit Development Plan, it was suggested that they change their monthly pass rates to per trip, create a software change for micro transit within city limits, change their hours of service, introduce more marketing, and build a garage facility. They are working through which of these they think is appropriate. The biggest ask was looking for local government funding as match dollars as their ODOT money will run out in April of 2026. This would be some sort of split between Brown, Adams, and Highland County and in total would be around \$300,000.00. The Commissioners asked him to dig into the funding a little more and come back with more specific details when they are ready.

9:00 a.m. – Taylor Avedisian – RISE Program

Commissioners welcomed Taylor in discussing the RISE program and give some information to bridge the gap between Law Enforcement and the General Public. She works alongside Tonya Sturgill and Creed Culbreth. She reported that she has had 89 interactions and 22 of those were in jail. 15 of these people were successful in getting treatment. She introduced the Operation Bridge program which will take place at the Highland County Fairgrounds. It will take place on September 29th and 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 25-192 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners authorized the purchase of real property located at 212 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133 in the amount of \$275,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea, and Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 25-193 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Commissioners authorize Christopher M Fauber, Highland County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea, and Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 25-194 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Engineer's Office request a budget modification within the 2065 Repair MVL Fund in the amount of \$80,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea, and Mr. Daniels, yea.

Res No 25-195 Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniels, Sheriff's Office declares the following items, no longer needed by the County and obsolete, ORC 307.12 (I). Therefore, the board declares the listed items to be surplus property and no longer needed by the county, see attached list. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea, and Mr. Daniels, yea.

CONTRACTS

#61 Commissioners, Highland County Engineer, Miller-Mason Paving Co. – HIG CR 5-E New Market Rd. & 5F Prospect Rd Reconstructing & Resurfacing Bid Documents

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to approve the reconstruction and resurfacing bid documents for New Market Rd. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea.

APPROVALS

Notice of Intent – Land Bank - Lead Entity Designation for Demolition and Site Revitalization

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to authorize the approval of the Letter of Intent for the Land Bank. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea.

AUTHORIZE TO EXECUTE

- Contractors Estimate – Pay App No. 2 – Unger Construction LTD – Rolling Acres Wastewater System Repair/Replacement

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to authorize the president to execute Pay App number 2 for Unger Construction, LTD. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea.

- Change Order No. 2 – HIG CR 5 New market Road Reconstruction & Resurfacing – Price Reduction

MOTION Mr. Daniels moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, to authorize the president to execute Change Order Number 2 for the New Market Rd project. The vote was as follows: Mr. Roades, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Daniels, yea.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Mary Remsing announced that SOQs were received from two companies for the MARCs Tower Project.

Ms. Janet Grothe announced that Palomino Solar is officially transitioning to the construction phase, and they currently have a lay down yard near the Mt. Olive Church. She also noted that they have made a dedicated line for this project for anyone to call with questions or concerns. That number is 937-820-0164.

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9:15 a.m. – Investment Meeting

Vickie Warnock, Heather Bieler, Mary Remsing, Alex Butler, Janet Grothe, Taylor Avedisian, Chris Bowen, Ethan Reynolds

Treasurer Vickie Warnock presented the 2nd quarter numbers for the end of June. She said that all numbers look good. Commissioner Daniels asked if there was any reason to move anything. Vickie said we are getting decent interest rates and she did not see a reason to move anything.

CORRESPONDENCE

- allForms – Makayla Fraker – Housing Assistance
- Tom Magnuson – Fayette Solar LLC – Request for Release of Bond Obligation Under Road Use Maintenance Agreement
- Appalachian Regional Commission – IN THE REGION: New Awards & Upcoming Deadlines
- Secretary LaRose Press – RELEASE: Secretary LaRose Directs Boards to Remove Additional Deceased Voters from Ohio’s Rolls
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Significant Change to Industrial Minerals Permit with App No IMM-406-6
- Clearlight Energy – OPSB Case No. 25-0263-EL-BGA New Market Solar Farm Notice of Construction of O&M Building
- Cincinnati AIA – Experience the Ice Box Challenge
- Karla Dunbar – Don’t Miss Out: RSVP for a 2025 Post Budget Briefing Today
- Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Highlights Available Support for Schools, Campuses, Churches
- Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor’s Appointments for August 29, 2025

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 8/11/2025 to 8/23/2025

Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 8/23/2025 to 9/01/2025

Juvenile Disbursement Activity Report – September 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Casadeigh Willey
Clerk

September 10, 2025

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