

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 Jared Warner, Julie Bolender, Randy Sanders, Alex Butler, Vickie Warnock, Dara Gullet, Dawson Barreras, Shawn Atkins, David Bushelman, Lynn White, Sarah Collins, Jeannie Mullenix, Carl Rayburn, 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. 24-39. The total bill file amount paid was \$785,927.63. The total General Fund paid was \$22,084.55. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Domestic Violence Month
 Ms. Dara Gullet came to the meeting to announce the upcoming Trivia Night Fundraiser that will include raffles, giveaways, and a dinner. Ms. Gullet also requested the marriage license fees for 2025 which brings them approximately \$8-9K per year from both Highland and Clinton counties.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the request from Domestic Violence marriage license fees disbursements for 2025. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.
 Commissioner Daniels read the proclamation and a picture was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-172 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a request to appropriate \$450.00 to Advances Out 2525. Commissioners also request to repay an earlier advance from 2525 Block Grant PY22 to Advances In in the amount of \$450.00 (Res No 24-22). The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-173 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners approve the following department as authorized users to the Highland County Credit Card Policy (Res No 24-56) adopted on March 27, 2024: Highland County RISE Program in the amount of \$1,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-174 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners Declare State of Emergency Due to Drought. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.
 Commissioner Roades started out by saying that we are in a severe D4 drought. He explained that this would allow state funding to become more readily available. Currently USDA has funding for crop and animal farmers. Ohio Department of Agriculture has a Hay Directory available for both the producers and the consumers. EMA Director Dave Bushelman added that September 6th was when the burn ban was put in place. Shawn Atkins from the City of Hillsboro added that the City has 70 days water supply left, but they have tapped into the county water and he said they broke even yesterday.

Res No 24-175 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, 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 Programs and to execute contracts as required. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

APPROVALS

Application for Legal Counsel – Common Pleas Court
MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the application for additional legal counsel. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Jared Warner announced some upcoming events through the Health Department including the Break for Breakfast event on October 11th, a Free Water Bottle Refilling Station with approximately 50 grants available, Solid Waste Dumpster Days on October 8th and 9th as well as October 29th, and then an upcoming Tire and Electronics Collection Event on September 28th.

Mr. Alex Butler reported on the Sales Tax numbers for September. The total was \$869,984.39 which was 4.9% higher than September last year and up 4.4% YTD.

Mr. Rayburn announced the upcoming Free Rides for election season. Those can be scheduled for early voting or the day of to your polling location. He also announced the upcoming Quarterly Transportation Advisory Meeting which will be held October 15th @ 3:00 p.m. and is open to the public.