

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 9:02 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Jamie Wheeler, Katy Roades, Mallori Johansen, Heith Brown, Julie Bolender, Jennifer Schinkal, Shana Refitt, Addy Knauff, Carl Rayburn, Kim Boyer, Rachelle Trefz, Amanda Hall, Amanda Knauff, Heather Hughes, Mitch Given, Robert Mootz, Tony Foote, 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. 24-44. The total bill file amount paid was \$801,987.10. The total General Fund paid was \$179,337.21. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Wheeler – Grow! Highland Co. Small Business Proclamation
Ms. Jamie Wheeler from the chamber of commerce came to talk about Shop Small Saturday and introduce the moose on the loose campaign. Many members from Grow! Highland County and the Chamber were present along with small business owners. Ms. Wheeler encouraged the community to shop small November 04 – December 31st. Commissioner Daniels read the proclamation, and a group photo was taken.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-206 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners direct a portion of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payment for the Broadband Expansion Project by Southern Ohio Communication Services (SOCS). The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-207 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize a budget modification within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-208 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 2470 DD – Help Me Grow Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-209 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$142.75. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-210 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unanticipated revenue within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$142.75. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

CONTRACTS

#62 Commissioners, Southern Ohio Communication Services (SOCS) – Grant Agreement

#63 Commissioners, City of Hillsboro – Agreement on Payment Distribution for Municipal Court Clerks

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to accept the SOCS grant agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00 as well as the Municipal Court payment distribution agreement. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Chief Schinkal came to the meeting to discuss the need for two additional patrol vehicles with the upfitting. They have contacted Jake Sweeny and can get 2024 Dodge Durango's for \$40,919.00 per vehicle. She claimed they had three available on the lot, and if we missed those, we would have to order 2025s that would not come in until mid-next year. Commissioner Daniels asked what vehicles we were replacing, and she said two 2016s with over 160K miles.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the purchase of two new 2024 Dodge Durango's at \$40,919.00 per vehicle. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Chief Schinkal said that Ike Hodson gave a generous donation to the Sheriff's Office to buy two vehicles from Jerry Haag motors – 2025 Chevrolet Blazer and a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

9:30 a.m. – Mitch Given – Then Empowerment Alliance

Mr. Given came to discuss Natural Gas and the current grid and resources available for that. His main goal is to get gas and electric generation to Ohio to make us the number one developer in the United States.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels asked for an update from transportation. Mr. Rayburn said that the work program served over 100 people, and they can continue utilizing that throughout the next 30 days. Also, the free rides to vote have been going over well.

Auditor Butler was present to note the sales tax numbers for October. We were at \$788,841.88 for the month which was up 2.69% from last October and 4.24% up year to date.

Ms. Julie Bolender introduced Heath Brown as the new Highland County Workforce Development Director. She explained that he will be working with manufacturers and high school students together. This position will be replacing the former ACESS program director. Commissioners thanked Heath and welcomed him aboard. Commissioner Britton made note of the emphasis of expansion in careers and collaboration.

Commissioner Daniels announced that we have two open seats to fill on the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Recess 9:45 a.m. // Reconvene 10:00 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

10:00 a.m. – Bid Opening – Rolling Acres Wastewater System Repair/Replacement Project

Nicole Oberrecht, Cody Wheeler

Unger Construction \$399,600.00

Cody Wheeler \$418,000.00

Holden Construction \$546,840.00

Recess 10:04 a.m. // Reconvene 11:00 a.m.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

11:15 a.m. - Executive Session – Employee Compensation ORC121.22 (G)(1)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to enter executive session to consider employee compensation. **ROLL CALL: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Roades, yea; and Mr. Britton, yea.**
Entered: 11:00 a.m. / Exited: 1:23 p.m. no action taken

1:30 p.m. – Work Session – McCarty Associates / CCC – Admin Building

Doug Karnes, Tom Shumaker

Commissioners went over plans for the Admin Building reconstruction project.

CORRESPONDENCE

RWE Clean Energy, LLC – Willowbrook Solar I, LLC

Common Pleas Court – Answer of Plaintiff to Counterclaim and Crossclaim of Defendant, Marshall Township Board of Trustees

Medical Mutual – Annual Notification of the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Secretary LaRose Press – Ohio Secretary of State Week in Review

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

Stephanie Huber – Adams/Highland BAC Meeting

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Issues Statement on Death of Jo Ann Davidson

Ava McLaughlin – English Assignment

Gina Collinsworth – Uniting for Auction: An Update on Housing Solutions for Southern Ohio

Gina Collinsworth – OVRDC eNews: ARC Leadership Academy, OhioSE EDNow, OBM Grants Summit

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine: ODH Releases Model AED Emergency Action Plan for Schools, Sports Venues

Robin Garrett – Invitation: Columbus Cybersecurity Simulation

Gina Collinsworth – Funding Newsletter

Highland County Historical Society – Newsletter

National Prevention Science Coalition – Abate the Opioid Crisis

Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor and First Lady DeWine Host Book Readings to Celebrate Opening of New Reading

Spaces in Ohio WIC Clinics

Curt Bradshaw – Southern Ohio ESC

REPORTS

Dog and Kennel – Call Log Report 10/22/2024 to 10/26/2024

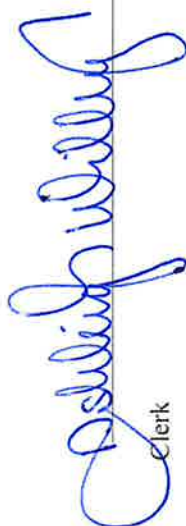
Dog and Kennel – Dog Count Report 10/20/2024 to 10/26/2024

Highland Co Sheriff’s Office – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditure October 2024

Highland Co Sheriff’s Office – Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff’s Allowances – October 2024

Highland Co Sheriff’s Office - Statement of Costs of Prisoners’ Meals – October 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 3:13 p.m.


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