

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 1:00 p.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners’ office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Jeremy Ratcliff, 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. 24-49. The total bill file amount paid was \$151,054.65. The total General Fund paid was \$18,869.77. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

Res No 24-266 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Court of Appeals requests a budget modification within the 10000 County general Fund in the amount of \$500.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-267 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Auditor requests a budget modification within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$11,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-268 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 1000 County General Fund in the amount of \$17,880.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-269 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners requests to create a new line item within the 2070 Soil and Water fund – Health Insurance. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-270 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners requests to create a new line item within the 2065 Repair - MVL fund – Health Insurance. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Res No 24-271 Mr. Roades moved, seconded by Mr. Britton, Commissioners authorize an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds within the 5000 Rolling Acres Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Daniels told Treasurer Warnock that he wanted to table the Greystone proposal for another week as they are still checking around with other departments.

Commissioner Daniels read off the Snow Removal Bid from Parry Landscapes.

Court House Snow Removal - \$260.00 without Ice Melt - \$130.00

Admin Building Snow Removal - \$115.00 without Ice Melt \$75.00

Beech St. Walkway Snow Removal - \$40.00 without Ice Melt - \$20.00

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to approve the 2024-2025 Snow Removal Quote from Parry Landscapes. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Daniels announced the Sewer Rates for 2025 will be staying the same for Rolling Acres, Lakeside, and Rocky Fork. He did say the 2026 Sewer Rates for Rocky Fork Lake will be raised as we will have received one year of collection before the debt payment will be due in 2027.

MOTION Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Roades, to keep Rocky Fork, Lakeside, and Rolling Acres sewer rates the same in 2025. The vote was as follows: Mr. Daniels, yea; Mr. Britton, yea; and Mr. Roades, yea.

Commissioner Daniels asked that Mr. Butler and Mr. Ratcliff discuss Foster Care Costs and what our next steps should be moving forward. Mr. Ratcliff started the conversation with the fact that they do not have a dedicated funding source or State or Federal money allocated to Foster Care. He anticipates \$1.2-1.5 million needed from the general fund as we are on pace for \$4.2 million dollars’ worth of foster care costs in 2024. Auditor Butler added that the levy was a renewal and as it now has expired, no money will come in from it in 2025. Commissioner Britton added that the Citizens of

Highland County lost an opportunity to support JFS at a lower rate, and that will now change. He added that it was unfortunate that we were dealing with this. Commissioner Daniels added that funding is necessary, and we will have a levy in the future. He reminded everyone that votes and childcare should not come down to a dollar amount.

Auditor Butler presented the Estimated Revenue for 2025. He noted that it's broken down into Real Estate, Sales Tax, Casino, PILOT, Local Government, Fees, and Other Receipts. He is estimating that we will receive \$16,750,000.00 in 2025 – as a conservative number.

MEETINGS/APPOINTMENTS

1:30 p.m. Executive Session – ORC 121.22 (G)(1) To Consider Employee Compensation
EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION: Mr. Briton 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: 1:21 p.m. / Exited: 2:11 p.m.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Whenever Water Sports
allForms – Joy Y Pence
allForms – Russell Sawman
allForms – Isiah Walters
Gov. DeWine Comms – Governor DeWine Announces \$10.9 Million for Community Development, Improvement Projects
allForms – Max Lammertink

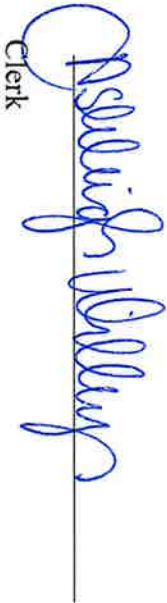
REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – Month of November 2024 – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditure Report
Sheriff's Report – Month of November 2024 – Statement of Expenditures
Sheriff's Report – Month of November 2024 – Statement of Costs of Prisoner's Meals

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



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