

COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 16th day of December 2008 with the following members present Greg Green, John Walker and Gary Starner.

MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Gary Starner.

MINUTES: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to accept the minutes. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

AGENDA: Motion by John Walker and seconded by Greg Green to approve the agenda. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

ENGINEER BILL SHAW-REQUEST FOR PORTION OF BRICKYARD: Engineer Bill Shaw spoke to the Commissioners in regard to a letter he sent requesting a letter of agreement for a portion of the brickyard property. He would like a 2.48 acre piece of the property to construct a salt storage structure, along with a 1.17 acre piece with a storage structure.

DESIGNATE PORTION OF BRICKYARD TO ENGINEER: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to designate the requested area, site # 1 and site # 2 specified in the letter, to the Engineer. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

LETTER FROM BILL SHAW-RELOCATE CURVE ON ROLEY ROAD: The Commissioners received a letter from Engineer Bill Shaw requesting a road viewing and hearing to relocate a short portion of Roley Road TR 98, to improve a dangerous curve.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR ROLEY ROAD VIEWING AND HEARING: Motion by Gary Starner and seconded by John Walker to advertise on December 23, 2008 and December 30, 2008 for a road viewing of Roley Road, Marion township on January 6, 2009 and to hold a public hearing on January 13, 2009 for the for the relocation and proposed improvement. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

BILL KAEPFNER: Bill Kaepfner spoke to the Commissioners about the recent HHTA Board appointment. He feels that they should have appointed someone from the general public instead of a lodging business owner, who already has representation on the board. Bill asked that in the future, please consider appointing someone from the general public that doesn't have any other interest. Gary said the board should consider that with the next appointment. Greg added that it helps to have interested people to who are willing to serve.

FOR THE RECORD: The Commissioners received a letter from the Prosecutor stating that if Gary paid for his cell phone, than it is his. Also that if the cell line and number can be cancelled at no expense to the county, then it should be cancelled. Gary said that it would be an \$18 transfer fee to keep his line, and he will pay it.

BILL RINEHART AND AUDITOR KEN WILSON-BROADBAND: Bill Rinehart and Ken Wilson gave an update of the Broadband Committee. They explained that a resolution is needed from the Board of Commissioners stating their commitment to proceed with Vinton County on the project. They explained that Perry County has removed themselves from the project, but added they could join later in phase two if they are ready. Once a resolution is made from both counties, they are ready to submit the grant proposal for phase one.

PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT BROADBAND EFFORT: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to adopt and send a Resolution to Participate and Support the Efforts of the Broadband Committees in Hocking and Vinton Counties. (Full Resolution attached) Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS: Motion by John Walker and seconded by Greg Green to approve the following Appropriation Transfers:

- 1) J&FS - \$27,000.00 from H52-06/Contracts to H52-20/Transfers
- 2) J&FS - \$4,298.00 from H06-03/Equipment to H06-01A/Salaries-Joint
- 3) J&FS - \$5,013.50 from H06-02/Supplies to H06-01/Salaries-Shared
- 4) J&FS - \$5,000.00 from H06-05/General Assistance to H06-01/Salaries-Shared
- 5) J&FS - \$7,000.00 from H06-06/Fringes to H06-01/Salarise-Shared
- 6) J&FS - \$64,000.00 from H06-06/Fringes to H06-33/Purchased Services

Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

FUND TRANSFER: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to approve the following Fund Transfer:

- 1) J&FS - \$69,948.71 from H52-20-WIA to 0061 Hocking Co DJFS

Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE-ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to approve the following Certification of Additional Revenue-Additional Appropriation:

- 1) J&FS - \$58,704.88 to H52-20/Transfers

Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

AUTHORIZE DEPUTY MORITZ TO ACCESS INTERNET: Motion by John Walker and seconded by Greg Green to authorize Deputy Caleb Moritz access to the internet. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

AUCTION INFORMATION: The Commissioners received the information from the vehicle auction held over the weekend. The county received a check for \$7,439.25 which will be distributed among the Sheriff and the Commissioners.

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CLERK OF COURTS NARCIE STAHR: Narcie Stahr spoke to the Commissioners about the current certified mail system. She said that her staff is not able to access the signature cards until Monday of each week and are not able to read the cards when they get them. She asked if they could go back to the previous method. The Commissioners will look over the contract and see if they can. They don't think it will be a problem, but will get back with her.

BUDGET: Ken Wilson distributed reports and various options for the upcoming budget. There was discussion on pay freezes and a hiring freeze. Gary said that everything needed to be looked at, even bonuses that some offices, even the Auditor's office, have been able to add into payroll. Ken proceeded to explain the options that he came up with, including Option #2 that kept the 2009 budget the same as 2008 and Option #3 that was at 95% of the 2008 appropriations. Ken noted that not all funds can be cut, or frozen, such as TB and the Jail.

PURCHASE PROPERTY NEXT TO SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to purchase the property located at 170 West Hunter Street, next to the Senior Center, for \$28,000 pending a clear title search. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea, Starner, yea.

TAX CREDIT: The Commissioners discussed a \$2,000 tax credit for the current property owner with Ken, he suggested to speak with Bill Rinehart who has more experience with that. Gary said he would speak with Bill.

BUDGET: The Commissioners continued to discuss the budget. Ken suggested to find a happy medium between option #2 and #3. He suggested speaking to each department head individually to tweak individual budgets. He also suggested that a lawyer who specialized in employment law to be contacted if they want to incorporate any hiring freeze to make sure the wording was specific enough. Treasurer Diane Sargent added that some offices could not operate without rehiring. If the clerk in the Commissioners office were to leave, the Commissioners would need to hire someone. The discussion then moved to the IV-D and IV-E Contracts.

FOR THE RECORD: Gary Starner left the meeting at 11:45 am to attend a CIC meeting.

BUDGET: The Commissioners discussed with Ken, Diane and Sandy Ogle the option of freezing the budget at the 2008 appropriations. If it is not working a few months into it, it can be revisited. Diane suggested to have a meeting with all the office holders and department heads in the general fund.

FOR THE RECORD: The Special Meeting that was scheduled for Friday December 19 is cancelled.

2009 BUDGET BE SET AT 2008 APPROPRIATIONS: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker for the 2009 Budget be set at the 2008 appropriations, which was \$7,171,168.02 and is subject to change. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea.

LETTER AND BUDGET MEETING: A letter will be sent to the Elected Officials and Department heads informing them of a meeting with the Commissioners on Monday December 22 at 9:00 am in the EMA Conference room.

ADVANCE REQUEST: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to approve the following Advance Request:

- 1) Community Corrections - \$2,000.00 from R49 to Commissioners

Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Greg Green and seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Green, yea, Walker, yea.

Kalena Ogg, Clerk

Board of Hocking County Commissioners

This is to certify that the above is the true action taken by this Board of Hocking County Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Board held on December 16, 2008.

Kalena Ogg, Clerk

Gary Starner, President