

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 6, 2019

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Gary Waugh and Jeff Dickerson.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Ogle.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **BEN FICKEL AND SANDY WINTERMUTE:**

Prosecutor Fickel discussed the lease negotiations for Calico Ridge Tower. Mr. Kernan made a counter offer of \$375.00 per month

Commissioner Ogle asked Sandy Wintermute if she would be willing to pay the \$375.00 per month.

Ms. Wintermute said she is paying \$350.00 right now and asked if they could go back and offer that.

Mr. Fickel said they would be willing to do a 15-year contract with an annual increase of consumer price index.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson for the prosecutor and Sandy Wintermute to proceed with negotiations on the rental of the communications tower.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson for Sherry Shamblin to speak at 9:40 AM.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **SHERRY SHAMBLIN:**

Sherry Shamblin of Hopewell Health Centers made the commissioners aware that it is National Health Center Week and discussed the important role that Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities plays for their most vulnerable patients, adults who have Developmental Disabilities and young children who have developmental delays.

Commissioner Ogle asked how much it cost DD to be in the program. Ms. Shamblin said she did not know.

### **JILL SQUIRES:**

Jill Squires, Hocking County DD Superintendent, asked if the commissioners would reconsider their original request for a 1.5 mill for ten years.

Commissioner Waugh asked if programs would be terminated if there is no additional revenue. Jill said yes, and staff will be cut.

Commissioner Dickerson asked what their budget was. Jill said in 2018 the budget was three million.

Commissioner Ogle clarified their total levies and the amounts they currently receive.

Commissioner Dickerson and Ken Wilson discussed property tax values and the process it goes through when values are increased.

Commissioner Waugh said they are balancing two things, one is the concern for property owners and the other is DD. He constantly hears from taxpayers they can't pay it.

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Doug Schaffer Cotter asked if the resolution was to put it on the ballot for voters to decide if they want to pay. Mr. Cotter introduced his daughter, Brittany, who is a success story only because of DD.

Sherry Shamblin said she works with nine counties and Hocking County has one of the best programs.

Sandy Starner commented she lived with a commissioner for 16 years and she knows what kind of budget he brought home. She said this is about people who can't do without. She is afraid the commissioners are making a decision for the people of Hocking County.

Doug Cotter said he worked for the government and he does not envy the commissioners position but if it's on the ballot the people can say no, give them the choice.

Shelia Hawk said one vote can break them, her son is helpless and she does not know where she would be without DD.

Dennis Clarry read a statement and asked the commissioners to not kick the can down the road.

Michael Smith read a statement and requested the commissioners allow the levy to be on the ballot.

Amy Spidel commented on what DD and Hocking Valley Industries has done for her family.

Brent Rungee commented he has a daughter with developmental disabilities. It should be up to the voters to decide. He asked the commissioner what their conscious is telling them and what kind of legacy they want to leave.

Kathy Blair commented she worked for both the county board and a provider and is currently a guardian. Without DD he would not be able to function in society with the county board.

Bryce Rydell commented he worked with Brittany and Ryan to get them employed and if it wasn't for DD they wouldn't be in the community now.

Commissioner Ogle clarified that she made the statement last Thursday that Ken Wilson was not here but he was, he just came in late.

Commissioner Waugh said the consensus is that we let the taxpayers decide so he thinks they should let the taxpayers decide.

Commissioner Dickerson commented he was not ready to vote.

There was discussion with Ken Wilson and Jill Squires on going to the ballot March 2020.

Doug Cotter asked what the reservation is. Commissioner Dickerson said he wants to think a little more.

Sandy Starner said she does not understand what putting it off is going to change for the commissioners. It will change a lot for them.

Brent Rungee commented you represent the people and so does your vote.

Karon Fisher commented as a tax payer you are taking away her right to vote, and as a black women she used to not have the right and by saying no, they are taking that away from her.

Hannah Schrader thank Mr. Waugh for his support.

Jim Kalklosch said by not making a decision you've made a decision.

Bryan Stump commented on the DD Levy and its importance to the community.

Michele Himple asked the commissioners to allow the voters to make that decision. They don't support just one person they support the whole care giving unit.

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Commissioner Ogle said her decision was based on all of Hocking County. She does agree with everything that was said. Commissioner Ogle said she disagrees with what Mr. Kalklosch says. She wants to make for certain she has made the right decision.

Jill discussed what would be cut if there is no additional revenue. Commissioner Ogle said they do not have enough to keep the courthouse doors open.

Brent Rungee asked what part of leave it to the voters do they not understand.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to vote to allow the taxpayers to decide on this decision.

Commissioner Dickerson said it is a tough decision and he took into consideration those who can barely get by now without the tax increase. He does not mean any disrespect to Commissioner Ogle.

Ken Wilson commented point of order that there is a motion they need to rescind the motion made the other day.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to rescind the motion that was made last Thursday to not to permit this to go to the ballot.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to permit the taxpayers decide the issue of funding DD.

Commissioner Ogle said she sat here and prayed what she should do. She thinks that they should move forward and let the voters decide.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh with Sandy Wintermute and Ben Fickel under personnel compensation of a public employee.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** With no action taken at 11:34 AM.

### **OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the President of Board's signature for 9-1-1's request for outside legal counsel.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to rescind motion for President of Board to sign and for Commissioner Jeff Dickerson be permitted to sign.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **VERIZON:**

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh for Commissioner Ogle to sign NASPO Contract with Verizon.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **ADVANCE REQUEST:**

Common Pleas - \$821.00 from Fund PSI Writer Grant 072001 to Fund Commissioners General Fund

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Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:**

Prosecutor - Fund: Opioid-LO 187 Approp. Transfer U86-10 \$472.72

Prosecutor - Fund: VOCA Approp. Equipment TT62-12 \$2000.00

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **APPROPRIATION TRANSFER:**

EMS - \$20,000.00 from S20-04 Equipment to S20-05 parts/repairs

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **FUND TRANSFER:**

Prosecutor - Fund: Opioid-LO 187 Approp. U87-10 \$472.72 General Fund 001

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve Auditor and EMA Request for Travel.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve Dog Warden, Lodging Tax, and 9-1-1 July Monthly Report.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Kalklosch thanked the commissioners for allowing the public to vote on the DD levy.

Ben Fickel gave the commissioners an update on Murray's Landing and discussed the possibility of a County Building Inspector.

Commissioner Ogle asked Ben his opinion on the budget.

Brent Rungee requested a copy of the existing and proposed lease agreement for the communications tower.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea. All yea, motion carried.

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Rose Marshall, Clerk

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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 August 6, 2019.

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Rose Marshall, Clerk

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Sandra Ogle, President