

COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2019

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 8th day of October 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 Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

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

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

GRETCHEN GREGORY:

Gretchen Gregory presented grant paperwork for two CIT Certified deputies at the hospital. It is a three year grant. Commissioner Dickerson asked if the mental health deputies at the hospital will function as deputies. Major Moritz said they will be able to provide additional security. Commissioner Ogle asked if the grant would allow deputies to wear both hats. Major Moritz said yes. Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh for the President of Board to sign document.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to enter General Business.

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

MONTHLY REPORT:

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve Dog Warden September Monthly Report.

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

HOCKING VALLEY SCENIC TRAIL - ODNR GRANT:

Commissioner Ogle presented an Advance of Funds request for the Hocking Valley Scenic Trail in the amount of \$24,506.50. Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson for the President of Board to sign.

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

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER:

Clerk of Courts - \$18912.00 from County 001 to A02E02; \$15306.00 from County 001 to D51.01; \$5286.68 from County 001 to A02E09A

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

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

FUND TRANSFER:

Clerk of Courts - Supplies A02E02 \$1858.00 A02E06

Clerk of Courts - Certificate Title Admin D51-07 \$39504.68 001 County

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

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

MONTHLY REPORT:

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Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve Lodging Tax September Monthly Report.

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

DRIVEWAY PERMIT:

Commissioner Ogle discussed Mr. Jubach's request for a driveway permit. He was denied through the County Engineer. She commented she is not in favor of overriding Mr. Shaw. Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to not reverse opinion of the County Engineer regarding the issue.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ogle commented the Fall Recycle Day is October 12th from 9:00-1:00pm on Sutton Road.

The County Auction is October 12th at 10:00am.

There is a Public Meeting on October 9th at 6:30PM at the Logan High School regarding the Bradford Drive Sewer.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to exit General Business and move forward with 9:45am appointment.

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

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Ken Wilson begin the discussion on the Public Defender changes in state biennial budget. CCAO Representative John Leutz said the primary issue to increase reimburse for indigent defense on behalf of the county. Indigent defense is the constitutional obligation of the state, which has been assigned to the counties to perform for them. The important thing about this is there is a finite amount of money, which consist of two pots. Regardless of costs for the fiscal year July 1 – June 30, that money that has been appropriated is allocated on an equal percentage to each county as their share of funding available for reimbursement of costs that they expended on indigent defense representation during that fiscal year.

Ken Wilson asked if the money is spent prior to June 30th would the state appropriate additional monies. Mr. Leutz said no it is fixed. The Public Defender will change the reimbursement during the fiscal year.

Will Kernen on behalf of the Hocking County Bar Association asked what the total reimbursement for the last fiscal year. Mr. Leutz said about 50 million total. Mr. Kernen asked if the total funds available have more than doubled. Mr. Leutz said yes but that doesn't have any relationship to expenditures. That appropriation was designed to provide additional reimbursement to counties.

Ben Fickel commented when they started discussion if the money is appropriated all counties will jump ship and raise rates. The Public Defender's released a recommendation for counties to do that. If they are anticipating all counties raising rates to \$75 then it is only logical to think all counties will raise rates leaving reimbursement at 70%.

Jim Kalklosch asked if all counties draw from the indigent funds. Mr. Leutz said yes.

John Honeck commented the system as a whole is underfunded. Each Board of Commissioner has to come up with rates to pay attorneys based on their budget.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to return to General Business at 10:24 AM.

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

LODGING TAX:

Commissioner Ogle read an email from the Lodging Tax Administrator. Harvest Moon Cottages is requesting the commissioners waive the late fee for September totaling \$97.88. Commissioner Dickerson said he is opposed to breaking policy.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to deny request.

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

ODSA AUDIT:

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

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ogle asked Prosecutor Fickel where he was at on the easements for the Union Furnace Sewer Project. Prosecutor Fickel said he was down to two and he is waiting on responses.

Commissioner Dickerson asked if Lodging Tax accepted credit cards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Kalklosch commented on the indigent defense reimbursement.

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 October 8, 2019.

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Rose Marshall, Clerk

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Sandra Ogle, President