

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 15th day of September 2021 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jeff Dickerson, and Gary Waugh.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the minutes with the following corrections; the clarification should be added that fogging in Murray City was for sewer.

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

AGENDA

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Previous motion rescinded, and amended to add Hank Topf to the agenda.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Fairboard

On behalf of the fairboard, Hank Topf expressed his gratitude to the Commissioners for their help and support to get the fair up and going this year. Mr. Topf mentioned that phase 2 is beginning, and that the Fairboard will get together with the Commissioners to discuss numbers.

Commissioner Dickerson stated that the Commissioners are thankful they can help.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Engineer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the signature of the President on 9 titles that were sold in the Hocking County Engineer's recent auction.

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

Gravestone

Commissioner Ogle read an email from Micahel Johnson requesting permission to repair a family gravestone at the Our Lady of Good Hope cemetery in Good Hope Township. Commissioner Ogle asked the clerk to email Mr. Johnson back and advised him to contact the Good Hope Township for that request, because the Township is responsible for the upkeep of that cemetery.

PHAB

Commissioner Ogle read a recognition from the Public Health Accreditation Board on the designation of the Hocking County Health Department receiving the national accreditation through PHAB.

Advance Request

Sheriff - \$10,637.94 from 083- JAG Grant T83-07 Advances to 001 - County General Fund

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

Additional Appropriation

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Sheriff - 083 - JAG Transfers T83-07 \$10,637.94

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriations

FCFC - Family Children First Council Multi - System Youth TT69-11 \$14,653.00

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ogle stated that she is continuing to work on sewer issues.

Commissioner Waugh mentioned the meeting with the Lt. Governor again, and Commissioner Dickerson stated that the zoom meeting with Buckeye Hills today is like a follow up to that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan asked if the Broadband program is consecutive classes, and is it a degree since it's two years. Commissioner. The Commissioners all discussed that it would cost \$900.00, and they are fairly certain it would be a certification. The Commissioners are unsure if this is for adults, and offered after hours or this is for juniors and seniors and will be done during school hours. The Commissioners will ask for further clarification on the details.

Deb Tobin with Hocking Hills Times asked if there was an expected date of when broadband would be expected in Hocking County. The Commissioners hope sometime in the very near future.

Keri Johnson from the Logan Daily asked the Commissioners if they were aware of a Ohio Broadband grant for the state to help find providers. Commissioner Dickerson said he has not, but will look into that. Keri mentioned Brian Stuart as a resource, and Jeff agreed.

RECESS at 9:48 am.

FOR THE RECORD Commissioner Ogle is excused

RECONVENE at 9:59 am.

APPOINTMENTS

Buckeye Hills

Commissioners met with Buckeye Hills and Reid Consulting via Zoom call. Buckeye Hills set up this appointment with the Commissioners to discuss their broadband profile. IT Director Mark Stout joined the meeting. Sean O'Malley with Reid Consulting presented the Commissioners with an informational slideshow describing in greater detail the need for broadband, where it's needed, and how to fix the problem. Discussions during the presentation included population size, FCC, history of broadband, surveys, and speed tests. IT Director Mark Stout discussed with Sean how some may be unaware services or greater services are available for them, because he personally had this occur. The Legislation was discussed regarding landlines, and updating language to include broadband. Ryan Collins, new broadband coordinator for Buckeye Hills joined the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Hedges from Hocking Times asked if the Hideaway Hills area would be one of the areas broadband would be established, because she is unable to even have a phone line currently. Sean replied that it should be, if providers can reach that location. IT Director Mark Stout and Sean discussed with Rebecca Hedges that landlines are a basic right and if she is to call and ask for a landline, the provider would have to establish that connection for her. She

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could request services just to get the conversation started and establish some copper wiring to get the process going. Then depending on the contract of her landline, she could drop that after establishing the internet.

Keri Johnson with the Logan Daily News asked about those who are in the most rural areas. Ryan Collins replied that he has already reached out to local utilities companies to include information in utilities bills for the speed tests and surveys. Sean replied that in the past they had flyers, and Ryan said he had those as well. Maybe put those in public areas like the library and school districts. Keri asked if the Commissioners planned on putting together a focus group like Shawn recommended, and Commissioner Dickerson said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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Kaula Funk, 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 September 14, 2021.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President