

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 12th day of October 2021 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle and Gary Waugh. Jeff Dickerson is excused.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sandra Ogle.

MINUTES

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Waugh, yea.

AGENDA

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Waugh, yea.

APPOINTMENTS

AOA

Appalachian Ohio Alliance representatives Steven Goodwin and Al Altfater, Larry Gerstner, and Vera Nixon presented the Commissioners with a request for a Resolution of support for the use of Clean Ohio Funds by the AOA, for the conservation and restoration of additions to the Queer Creek Conservation Corridor. This property was owned by Larry Menchhofer and is located on State Route 56. Vera is Mr. Menchhofer's late wife and wants to fulfill Larry's future plans for this property by conserving the land.

Commissioner Ogle asked about the programs offered by AOA. Al Altfater replied to Ogle with a few of the 20 to 30 programs offered.

Vera Nixon gave the Commissioners a description of her late husband, Larry Menchhofer, and his future goals for his properties.

Larry Gerstner discussed the revenue side of sales like this.

Commissioner Ogle the Resolution into the record.

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

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

Chambers

Bailey Simons, Director of the Hocking County Chambers, requested the use of the Fairgrounds on December 4th for the Christmas parade, with a rain date of December 11th. Commissioner Ogle asked if Bailey had cleared the dates with the Fairboard yet, and Bailey replied that she did not because she wasn't sure who to ask first. Commissioner Ogle went over some requirements.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to allow the Chambers of Commerce to use the Fairgrounds for the Christmas parade if it is not being used, paperwork is signed agreeing for the premises to be cleaned up afterwards, and proof of insurance is provided.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Waugh, yea.

Jim Kalklosch asked how one can find these programs and tours offered by AOA. Steven Goodwin provided Mr. Kalklosch with a brochure with the AOA website and number.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Additional Appropriation

BOE - General Fund Salaries Employees A0A02 \$17,640.10; PERS A03A09A \$2,469.61; A03A02A \$11,940.00; A03A06 \$1,537.65

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

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

Advance Request

BOE - #33,587.36 from 01- County A15A15A to 001 General Fund

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

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

Appropriation Transfer

Engineer - \$23,000.00 from K0-26 to K02-02

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

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

Commissioners - \$17,640.10 from Transfers A15A15 to Salaries Employees A03A02A; \$2,469.61 from Transfers A15A15 to PERS A03A09A; \$11,940.00 from Transfers A15A15 to Poll Workers A03A02A; \$1,537.65 from Transfers A15A15 to Contract Services A03A06

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Along with this transfer is a letter from Lisa Schwartze, Director of Board of Elections, with a request for \$33,58.36 from the General Fund stating the monies will be paid back to the General Fund by December 31st 2021 when BOE is reimbursed from the SOS.

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

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

Board of DD

Tracie Dearing's term will be ending 12/31/2021, and has requested to extend her board member position for another term.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to reappoint Tracie Dearing to the Board of DD.

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

Email

Commissioner Ogle read an email from Jeremy Conrad, Caleb Conrad's father, asking for an update and explanation about the recent denial for Caleb to rent some of the 595 property to open a feed store. Commissioner Ogle explained that a grant was awarded to the DD to fix up that property, and there is a balance left. There are questions as to if you are able to rent out portions of that building. Commissioner Ogle asked the clerk to reply to Jeremy Conrad and notify him that this has been passed to the Prosecutor and they are awaiting an answer. Ogle clarified that she is not against the feed store.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ogle stated she is still working on the same projects.

Commissioner Waugh briefly discussed a meeting he attended last week about code enforcement. This is not a landbank or zoning, just a reinforcement of codes. There are plans to move forward with the process.

Commissioner Ogle commented that the open house event was well attended from her point of view, and very nice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Kalklosch asked if the former green school is rented, not owned. Commissioner Ogle replied it is leased.

Mike Nihiser asked for clarification on who owns the former green school, and the Commissioners replied yes they owned the building. Mike commented on the code enforcement, and asked if there was a follow up on how tax money is being spent by Tourism. Commissioner Ogle stated there is no follow up at this time. Mike asked if the Prosecutor has discussed this with his visits, and Commissioner Ogle stated no.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Gary Sandra Ogle 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 October 12, 2021.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President