

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session on the 30th day of November 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 of 11/26 with no corrections and the minutes of 11/23 with the following corrections; notice of invite to to be added, discussed invitation.

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

AGENDA

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Palmer

Phillip Dysard from Palmer Energy presented the Commissioners with competitive bids. In the past it has been an all inclusive pricing, this time to save the County extra money there may be a possibility of dual pricing. The current contract cost was provided to compare to estimated costs. Current contract will end May of 2022. Commissioner Ogle asked why there was such a difference among the competitive bids. Phill replied that it depends on the supplier, peak usage, and load. Phill requests that the Prosecutor looks over the contracts for the top 2, and set up a refresher date. Commissioner Dickerson agreed to the request, and will have the Prosecutor look over contracts. Commissioner Ogle asked how long Phill has been with Hocking County, and he replied going on 4 years now.

OSU Extension

Shannon Carter from OSU Extension thanked the Commissioners for their support, and presented them with folders of information including ANR, highlights in Hocking County, and budgets. OSU Extension has valued a volunteer's hourly wage to be about \$28.50/hourly. Sandy Luck, a Volunteer with Master Gardener, spoke about projects that she has participated in. Sandy Lucky expressed concern for the need and want for classes, with no ANR educator for Hocking County that makes it difficult to hold classes. Valarie, a volunteer with Ohio Certified volunteer Naturalist Group, spoke about her role as a volunteer, success of a farmers market, and the need for an ANR educator. Shannon Carter explained the budget, how much additional she would need for the ANR educator. Commissioner Ogle asked what percentage her adult volunteer rate was. Shannon replied did not have the number, but will provide it for Sandy later. Commissioner Dickerson asked for Shannon to explain Cloverbuds, and the recent success there. Shannon replied that they now do a County Cloverbud program. Starting them young and targeting that K through 2nd grade, is critical for the 4H.

Jail

Present is Sheriff Lanny North, Chief Lief Bicke, Chief Caleb Moritz, and Judge Fred Moses.

Chief Caleb Moritz shared exciting news with the Commissioners. Governor DeWine announced during a press release the award of 1.9 million SEROJ for renovations, and 12 million for the Hocking County Correction project. The money for the Hocking County Correction facility was over and beyond the grant money that was given out to 6 out of 55 applicants. After the state is completed with the project, the jail will be handed over to the County. The Sheriff's office expressed their appreciation for all the hard work from the Commissioners over the past years to get this jail project going, and the Commissioners returned that gratitude to the Sheriff's office and Judge Moses. Chief Caleb Moritz thanked SEORJ, the Warden, and Assistant Warden for their help.

Township

Commissioner Dickerson acknowledged Robert Grossman to speak.

Robert Grossman, from Washington Township, discussed a future request to vacate CR 298 France Rd. This is a class X road. Commissioner Ogle viewed the map that Mr. Grossman had provided. This will continue once the appropriate paperwork is turned in to begin the process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

EMA

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a signature on the application for Mark Edgar to apply to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

Additional Appropriation

Municipal - 0 HOJ Bond Ret. Principal - HOJ CO208-01 \$27,007.96; 208 HOJ Bond Ret. Interest-HOJ CO208-02 \$10,467.31; Special Projects 130 Other Expense G1305 \$150,000.00

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

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

Fund Transfer

Municipal - \$37,475.27 from Special Projects G13-06 to 2008001 HOJ Bond Retirement

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

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

Appropriation Transfer

Commissioners - \$7,000.00 from Other Expense A01A11D to Contingencies - Transfers A15A17A; \$2,600.00 from Professional Services A01A10 to Contingencies - transfers A15A17A; \$9,600.00 from Contingencies - Transfers A15A17A to Lab & Morgue Other Expense A02F17-D

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

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

Sheriff - \$1,500.00 form A06A06 - Contract Services to A06A05 - Contract Repairs; \$940.00 from A06A07A - Training to A06A03 Supplies; \$13,000.00 A0614A PERS to A06A03 - Supplies; \$1,700.00 A06A14B to A06A03; \$25,828.82 from A06A14B Workers Comp to A06A04 Equipment \$10,000.00 from A06A14B workers Comp to A06A02 Salaries Employees

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

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

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

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

Appropriation Transfer

Juvenile - \$1,156.35 from A02C19 - Clerk's Salaries to A02B02A Magistrate's Salary

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

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

Muni - \$437,475.27 from Other Expense G13-055 to Transfers G13-06

Engineer - \$30,200.00 from K02-12 to K02-13

Commissioners - \$7,560.67 from OWD - Interest P3-14 to OWDA - principal P38-13

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

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

Additional Appropriation

Commissioners - County OWDA - Principal P38-13 \$14,435.94

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

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

Advertise

Commissioner Ogle asked the clerk to send job description and details to the media for the full time Janitor position, and the part time regional Planner assistant.

Christmas Party

Commissioner Ogle will double check the date and time for the Christmas party, which will be at the Old Dutch on December 17th from 12 PM to 2 PM, once confirmed. The Clerk will send out emails at the beginning of next week.

Commissioner Dickerson asked that the clerk contact Larry Beal to notify him that singing will be cancelled this year.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Waugh commented on the recent news of the jail funding. This has been a work in progress for about 4 years, a lot of work and dedication from the Sheriff's office and Judge Moses. Commissioner Dickersohn commented that the jail could potentially be at capacity just 3 weeks after opening. This is a

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unique and needed facility, focusing on females, drug addictions, and will offer classes for skills to find employment after their sentence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan asked if the state will provide the jail money for operational cost. Commissioner Dickerson said it was previously discussed that there would be money provided for up front training and salaries, around \$600,000 for hiring.

Sue Morgan asked Shannon Carter if this will be the second educator. Shannon Carter replied that there is currently one educator for 4-H, this additional educator would be for Ag.

Jim Kalklosch congratulated all those involved with the well deserved news about funding for the jail.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by 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 November 30, 2021.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President