

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 11th day of January 2022 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 from 01/06 with the following corrections; protect not project, and the 01/10 minutes with no corrections.

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

Mark Stout

IT Director Mark Stout discussed the final rule with the Commissioners for the ARPA funding. Reporting date is April 30th, until 2024. Mark discussed what the funding could be used for, amid the final ruling. Money must be allocated by 12/31/2024, and spent by 12/31/2026.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle with discussion to open the ARPA 2022 PO in the amount of \$1,821,007.17, with the question that with this purchase order can the admin fee still be collected for the construction projects. Mark Stout replied yes.

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

Mark discussed more about collecting an admin fee, how the County could go about doing so, and how the money could be categorized. The county could claim it as revenue loss, and it could be put into the General Fund. Mark will look into it further. There will be another round of 2.7 million in the spring. Commissioner Dickerson asked if some of the money could be used for a fire alarm system, and Mark replied that if it was put into the General Fund, then it could be used for anything seen fit, aside from going against COVID protocols.

HAPCAP

Nate Simon from HAPCAP presented the Commissioners with an amended agreement for the allocation project for the Scenic Hills Wellness Center parking lot project, and the Critical Infrastructure project for West St. All amounts are the same, just some wrong language was taken out, and the same standard language was put in.

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

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

FOJ

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Commissioners' signature on PO 22005 for \$15,000.00 for FOJ fund partial withdrawal.

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

Engineer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the request from the Hocking County Engineer to adopt a resolution authorizing the County Engineer to proceed by force account for the normal maintenance and repair of the County roads and bridges as the Engineer deems appropriate in compliance with Section 5543.19 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Inspire Shelter

For information purposes, the Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter (HHIS) will be hosting Central Outreach for Hepatitis C testing on January 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dog Warden Report

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the 2021 year Dog Warden Report, and the December 2021 monthly report.

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

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Commissioners discussed and praised Deputy Wright and his hard work and excellent job at the position he holds. The Commissioners have had members of the public praise him.

Travel

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Auditor's travel request for January 2022.

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

Appropriation Transfer

Treasurer - \$194.20 from A01C04 Equipment to A01C09A PERS

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

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

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriation

Sheriff - LE Victim Specialist 772 Travel B77-05 \$3,017.00; Transfers B77-06 \$5,004.00; Advances B77-07 \$10,000.00; Contract Services B77-08 \$4,000.00; Other Expenses B77-09 \$612.01; Printing TBD \$2,500.00

Commissioners - OPIOID HOPE 186 Salary U86-01; PERS U86-02 \$3,843.84; Workers Comp U86-03 \$425.57; Medicare U86-04 \$398.11; Equipment U86-06 \$1,500.00; Contract Services U86-08 \$113,323.00; Other Expenses U86-09 \$8,000.00; Supplies U86-09A \$2,500.00; Transfers U86-10 \$15,593.28

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

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

Vehicle

Commissioner Ogle has been talking to Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling, IT Director Mark Stout, and Chief Caleb Moritz in regards to finding an available truck to purchase for the sewer department using ARPA funds. A truck has been found for \$42,085.00, that would be a final price of \$34,425.00, with an additional \$849.00 for rust prep. This total includes delivery and extended warranty on the motor. This truck is also snow plow prepped, which would make removing snow much more efficient and quicker. Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling discussed with Commissioner Ogle that if it was forecasted for heavy snow, the sewer department could leave their truck with the snow plow for the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Bud Seum to use.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchase of the sewer truck, with the addition of the rust prep for \$849.00 and the purchase of a snow plow that will fit onto the truck.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Kalklosch asked if you could use the ARPA funding for unforeseen costs associated with the jail bill being higher than normal. Mark Stout replied that if the funds were claimed as revenue loss, then put into the General Fund then yes. Once the money is claimed as revenue loss then the money is no longer under the justification of categories from the federal government.

DISCUSSION

The Commissioners and Mark Stout continue to discuss ARPA funding, carry over balance reflected with ARPA funds, and prioritizing projects still.

Commissioner Ogle discussed looking into purchasing a vehicle for County use, for the Commissioners. The Commissioners travel frequently for meetings, and mileage reimbursement is 58.5 cents per mile, which could add up quickly. The Commissioners have never asked for mileage reimbursement, but could. This will be looked into further for a 4 wheel SUV style vehicle that could seat 6 to 8 people.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to see what can be done about

Commissioner Dickerson asked if they were looking for a previous owned vehicle or new. Commissioner Ogle and Waugh agreed that new is almost cheaper or the same price as previously owned these days.

FOR THE RECORD

President Jeff Dickerson added Ron Kappel to the agenda at 10:24 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Ron Kappel

Ron Kappel asked the Commissioners if there was currently a Veterans discount in place for the sewer department bills, and the Commissioners replied no. At this point there is no way of doing so, because of the

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rules from the source of funding for the projects. Commissioners agree that it is worth addressing and looking into. Mr. Kappel asked if he could connect now, Commissioner Ogle stated that if he got a letter, then yes.

The Commissioners will look into the suggestion.

FOR THE RECORD

A motion is on the floor from the previous motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

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

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Mark Stout, 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 January 11, 2022.

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Mark Stout, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President