

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 18th 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 01/11 minutes with the corrections already discussed and fixed by the clerk, and the 1/13 minutes.

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

Grant Coordinator

Gretchen Gregory, County Grant Coordinator, talked with the Commissioners last week, and would like to follow up on that conversation. With grant deadlines approaching, a decision needs to be made as to which projects should be allocated to which grant. Commissioner Ogle researched the South Perry gas station and found that it was sold in a recent Sheriff's sale. The Laurelville Nursing Home owes \$40,000.00 in back taxes, so that project is out. The old school in Murray City rides the County line of Athens and Hocking, so the project would be a bit tricky. The Commissioners agree that the old Jailhouse beside the Courthouse should be the demo grant project and the old dump site out Clay Hill Road should be the Brownfield grant project. Gretchen said that a land agreement would have to be signed with the City in order for the County to work with the City on the Brownfield grant. Next Council meeting is the 25th, so if the land agreement could be looked over by the Prosecutor and then sent to the Mayor for approval on the 25th, that would be ideal. Commissioner Dickerson suggested the Mayor attend a Commissioners meeting for a few minutes so that they can discuss the project, and asked Gretchen or Kaula to set that up. The Clay Hill property, once cleaned up, would be a new home to a training facility for first responders.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the Demo grant project to be the old Jailhouse, and the Brownfield project to be allocated to the old dump site on Clay Hill Road.

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

Gretchen will send the Land Agreement to the Prosecutor for review.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARPA

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve APRA funding, in the amount of \$1,775,387.35 to be deemed as revenue loss, so that it may be transferred to the General Fund.

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

Sewer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the connection of a new sewer tap at parcel #06-000822-0000 in Haydenville for a \$3,000.00 sewer tap fee, and a reconnect at sewer parcel #006-000823-000 in Haydenville for \$150.00 reconnect service fee.

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

Vehicles

Chief Caleb Moritz presented the Commissioners with final quotes on the salt spread and snow plow to be added to the approved truck purchase for the sewer department. The salt spreader is \$2,664.00 and the snow plow is \$8,436.00.

Chief presented the Commissioners with a quote for a 2022 GMC Terrain for an amount of \$33,065.00, with added discount, for a total of \$28,165.00. The vehicle is all wheel drive and could potentially be delivered this week.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchase of the snow blade for the sewer truck.

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

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchase of the 2022 GMC Terrain.

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

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Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchase of the salt spreader for the sewer truck.

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

Commissioner Dickerson asked for Mark Stout to join, and for Chief to stay for another discussion.

Commissioner Dickerson asked for IT Director Mark Stout and Chief Caleb Mortiz to look into the purchase of a new tractor for the Courthouse to use. Something 4x4, 30 or more HSP, front plow, and a cab with heat if possible. Chief said that perhaps 30 HSP was a bit much for the jobs it would do around the Courthouse grounds. Dickerson asked that they both work with Bud Seums, Maintenance Supervisor, on this purchase.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchase of the tractor.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to rescind the motion on the floor.

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

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to look into the purchase of a new tractor that will work for the Courthouse.

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

Engineer

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the request to reduce the legal load limit by 50% on all County Roads except for CR #33A, Chieftain Drive, CR#33B, Hocking Drive, and CR#25, Haydenville Road.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the application for underground construction by Frontier Communications for work on Lake Logan Road to bury a telecom cable.

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

Appropriation Transfer

911 - \$1,500.00 from H76-07 Other to H76-06 Training.

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

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

Sewer

Motion by Sandra and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the request for a sewer tap request made by Crossing Waters on behalf of Mr. Tansky.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the amendment to the sewer policy that all sewer clean outs have to be county approved.

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

Furniture

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the purchases of misc. Furniture for the IT department move, for \$5,000.00.

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

Sewer

Commissioner Ogle stated that she spoke with Mike Muncie from TAM Construction and he said he would have to ask for an extension on the sewer project. Commissioner Ogle anticipates that request to be at the next DLZ update.

Tim Meehling will be meeting up with some customers.

Discussion

Commissioner Dickerson asked for an update on the County Employee Policy Handbook. The Clerk replied that the only steps left is for the Policy Committee together for one more look, have a final version be printed and approved by the Committee, then the Board of Commissioners can pass the new policy handbook.

Commissioner Ogle mentioned that the same thing needs to happen with the Sewer Rules and Regulations handbook.

Commissioner Dickerson asked the clerk to reach out regarding an update on Broadband, see if Buckeye Hills has any updates. Commissioners discussed that this process always halts around this stage of planning and brainstorming. Commissioner Dickerson asked for the Clerk to reach out to Nelsonville Cable and see if

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they could join the Commissioners during a regularly scheduled meeting for a discussion about potential expansion in the service area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh 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 January 18, 2022.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President