

# COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 08th day of March 2022 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle and Jeff Dickerson. Gary Waugh was absent.

## **MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

## **MINUTES**

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson.

## **AGENDA**

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

## **MINUTES**

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve with the following corrections; Commissioner Ogle asked the clerk to make the section about scraping the broiler parts to be more clear, that whoever scrapes the material will be paying the Commissioners for the scrape as well as removal of the scrap at their cost.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Rockbridge**

Commissioner Ogle discussed an agreement with the school district that was signed 20 years ago and read an email with guidance about moving forward from Tracy Shoults. The agreement is set to expire at the end of May this year, when the agreement reaches its maturity of the 20 year time. Commissioner Ogle stated that a Resolution would be written to be presented at the next meeting.

### **Tax Incentive**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the continuation of previously approved Enterprise Zone tax incentives between the Hocking County Commissioners and Rocky Brand, Inc., Green Twp., Logan Hocking School District, and Tri-County Career Center for the property located 37601 Rocky Boots Way in Logan, Ohio, upon recommendation by the Tax Incentive Review Council.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

### **HAPCAP**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the satisfaction of mortgage, that will need notarized.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

### **Treasurer**

For information; The Treasurer's office will be closed on Friday from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

### **Appropriation Transfer**

SHSC - \$10,000.00 from S24-15 to S2-04

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

### **Insurance**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the President's signature on a document for health insurance coverage to change the language.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

### **Additional Appropriation**

Juvenile - F28-01 \$10,000.00

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

### **Affordable Housing**

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Commissioner Ogle read an email from Nathan Blatchey requesting a letter of support from the County Commissioners. Commissioner Ogle asked to table the request until Tuesday's meeting, the 15th. President Commissioner Dickerson approved, and tabled the request.

## **Clerk**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to increase the Commissioner's Clerk position from 35 hours weekly to 40 hours weekly, due to the continuous increase in workload.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

Commissioner Ogle asked the clerk to make sure a new appointment is created. This will be effective for the beginning of this week, with a date of 03/07.

## **ARPA**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the MARC radios and water rescue equipment for a total of \$157,732.56 for the EMS department, purchased by ARPA money.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

Commissioner Dickerson explained the importance of MARC radios and why it's essential to be purchased.

## **Sewer**

Commissioner Ogle discussed the ongoing conversation about generators for the sewer lift stations, and how important and time crucial it is to get this wrapped up and a generator at the most troubled sites first.

Commissioner Ogle will contact Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling to have him contact some people.

## **Board of Elections**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the Board of Elections to use the garage space at the annex building for training when needed.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

## **Murray City**

Commissioner Ogle discussed the Resolution was signed at the special meeting in Murray City last week. Ogle asked Dickerson if he could contact Senator Schaffer and ask if he thinks the match request would be approved, and if there would be any other sources for that funding. Commissioner Ogle also discussed the need for water meters and the water situation in Murray City, a grant is needed for this project as well.

Commissioners discussed ARPA funds, and if there is any available to put the water project under the Counties ARPA.

At this time, no other projects can be accepted for ARPA until we see what current projects amount to.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sue Morgan asked for clarification on Tracy Shoults name, Commissioner Ogle misspoke earlier in the meeting and used the incorrect last name. The Clerk was aware and made a note.

Sue Morgan also asked for some further clarification on the Sheriff's old building next door. Morgan thought she heard the Commissioner say it was sold, but that was not correct. Commissioner Ogle explained. Commissioner Dickerson clarified that the scrap in the Hul's building would be the first to go.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Sandra Ogle with Auditor Ken Wilson, Deputy Auditor Christy Pickell, IT Director Mark Stout, and Commissioner's Clerk Kaula Funk under personnel compensation of a public employee at 10:05 am.

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

**EXIT:** at 11:47 am.

## **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Ogle discussed the challenges the sewer fund will face if the current sewer rate is not raised. Commissioners discuss raising the sewer rate \$5.00, \$2.50 now and another \$2.50 a year after the effective date. Commissioner Ogle expressed that the state of the sewer fund has no negative effect from the sewer projects that have happened or is currently happening. These projects have actually helped increase the revenue for the sewer fund. The sewer rates need to be increased regardless of sewer projects, because operational costs continue to rise.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to move forward and contact the Assistant Prosecutor for proper procedure to increase sewer rates a total of \$5.00, \$2.50 now and another \$2.50 after one year as elapsed. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, 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 March 08, 2022

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President