

# COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 22nd day of March 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 Jeff Dickerson to table the minutes until the end of the meeting.  
Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, abstain.

## **AGENDA**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Appropriation Transfer**

Commissioners - \$6,544.75 from P38-13 OWDA - Principal to P38-14 OWDA Interest Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **Brownfield Grant**

Commissioner Ogle read an email from Colin Flaherty, Regional Office Manager and Senior Consultant from SME.

Phase 1 is complete, and phase 2 has begun.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to move forward Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **Engineer**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the road repair agreement with Columbia Gas. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Resolution for the Salt Contract. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the underground application from AEP for Carbon Hill Buchtel Road. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the legal bid notice for pavement markings on various country roads, bids due 04/19. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **Metro Housing**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the letter of support for Metro Housing. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Commissioner Ogle checked with the Mayor, and the City did sign off and approve one as well. Mayor said it was cleared.

### **WAGA**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the document for WAGA grant. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **Engineer**

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the underground application by Columbia Gas for Haydenville Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the underground application by Columbia Gas for Moore Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the underground application by Madison Energy for Maysville Williams Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the underground application by Frontier for Long Run Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve underground application by Chase Lash - Land technician - Madison Energy for Hock-Hocking Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve underground application by AEP for Maysville Williams Rd. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to amend agenda, and proceed with general business then enter executive session. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

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## Tri-County

Commissioner Ogle read an email from the Social Studies Department at Tri-County Career Center.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to schedule a time to visit. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

### **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Ogle discussed a township meeting that Tim Blair notified her of. This meeting will be in regards to the cabin 's for retired previously incarcerated veterans on April 6th at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Dickerson will attend on behalf of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ogle discussed the complaints of a Homeless camp along the river under Falls Mill Bridge. Commissioner Ogle is working with the Sheriff's office to handle the situation.

Commissioner Ogle met with Paul Shaw to discuss the construction agreement with the Logan-Hocking School District, and to extend the current Resolution.

Commissioner Ogle discussed a complaint about Dog Tag letters that go out, a reminder letter if you have not purchased your dog tags yet. The language at the bottom of the notice is in question. The Auditor's office sends out these letters.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to have Commissioner Ogle speak to the Sheriff's office and Auditor Ken Wilson to change the language to withdraw the 15 day language, when added to the repercussions of non payment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Nihiser questioned the Commissioners if an executive session for employee evaluations is an allowable action under the Sunshine Law. Nihiser added that if employee records are public, he questions why evaluations are done in executive session. Commissioner Ogle stated that this is how they have always been done in the past. Commissioner Dickerson considered rescheduling the evaluations until a legal opinion could be obtained from the Commissioners' legal council.

Sue Morgan commented about a previous situation where an employee was terminated, and denied the opportunity to speak in open session regarding the matter, not that it was this board of current Commissioners, but in reference to the process in question.

Conversation continued in regards to Mike Nihiser's question. Deb Tobin from the Logan Hocking Times added that it was her understanding that it falls under one of the 5 reasons for an executive session.

The Clerk recommended taking a recess before rescheduling, to see if she can contact legal counsel for a quicker answer.

**RECESS:** President of the Board, Commissioner Dickerson, declared a recess at 10:01 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** at 10:15 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the following corrections; on pg. 2 it needs to be added that all kids have been paid, when discussion the Laurelville, it needs to be more clear that the bingo and meals are at Spring Street location. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, abstain.

### **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Dickerson clarified that he still wants a list of those businesses and individuals that were indebted to the children for his public record request, regardless if all paid.

Commissioner Dickerson confirmed that the Board of Commissioners are able to go into executive session. Dickerson asked the clerk to read the Ohio Open Meetings Act, Chapter Nine: Executive Sessions, which reads; To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson under compensation of a public employee with the following individuals; Kaula Funk, Gretchen Gregory, Mark Stout, Bud Seum, Chelsea Wright, Rich Enderle, Josh Givens, Audie Wykle, Jane Seibert, Tim Meehling, and Craig Hartman.

President, Commissioner Dickerson, rescinded the previous motion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jessica Dicken, Hocking County Fairboard Secretary, presented the Commissioners with the results from the fair's 2019-2020 audit that was completed last week. Jessica encouraged the Commissioners to reach out if there are any questions or clarifications needed. She reminded the Commissioners that in 2019 there were a

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few different board members, including a different secretary. This audit will include those who previously served on the board. Commissioner Dickerson confirmed with Jessica that this paperwork is from the State, from the most recent audit, and she confirmed.

Commissioner Dickerson asked Jessica Dicken about missing money in the amount of \$140,000.00, something that he was told. Jessica replied that she is not sure where that would have come from, that to her knowledge there is no missing \$140,000.00. She did say that there are missing receipts but due to a lack of policy, there is nothing further that can be done about those. Jessica asked that if Commissioner Dickerson is aware of something that she may not be, to please reach out for further conversation.

Commissioner Ogle took Jessica's phone number down in case she needed to contact her.

Commissioner Ogle confirmed in the minutes what Jessica was referring to when discussing the 501C3.

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**RECESS:** President Jeff Dickerson declared a recess at 11:42 a.m. until 11:52 a.m.

**CORRECTION** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Sandra ogle to come out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**RECESS:** President Jeff Dickerson declared a recess at 11:44 a.m. until 11:54 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** at 11:55 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh under compensation of a public employee with the following individuals; Rich Enderle, Josh Givens, Audie Wykle, Jane Seibert, Tim Meehling, and Craig Hartman at 11:55 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

**EXIT:** at 1:19 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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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 22, 2022.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President