The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 23rd day of June 2022 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jeff Dickerson, and Gary Waugh.

MEETING

During last week's meeting, an executive session was improperly exited. According to procedure, there is a need to reopen the meeting to properly handle the exit.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to reopen the June 16th meeting. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

EXIT: 10:25 a.m. with no action taken, no decisions made.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to go back into the regular scheduled meeting. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the 06/09 minutes. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

<u>AGENDA</u>

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

BILLS

The following bills were presented before examination and approval:

Name	No.	Purpose	Amount
COMDOC INC	I 2185	I MO MAINTENANCE ON XEROX 5550	I I 73.99
SARGENT, DIANE	2186	TRAVEL CTAO MEETING & CONFERENC	74.88
SMART BILL	2187	SERVICE FEES & SUPPLIES 2021	136.26
MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	2188	COPIER CONTRACT	136.79
AVERHEALTH	2189	GPS MONITORING	2,536.50
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK	2190	DEPOSIT TICKETS	30.00
ROYAL DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION	2191	SHREDDING SERVICE	134.50
VICKROY DISPOSAL	2192	SERVICE CO BUILDINGS CH, ANNEX	840.00
B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2193	ANTENNA	134.48
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	2194	MARCS RADIO SERVICE	2,760.00
HOCKING CO SHERIFF	2195	FOJ FUNDS	10,000.00
HUNT, SANDRA LEACH	2196	TRAVEL TO SUMMER CONF.	47.98
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	2197	BCMH-2022	12,968.48
OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	2198	2022 SUPPLIES	33.37
APG MEDIA OF OHIO	2199	COMMUNITY RELATIONS PAGE	33.00
HOCKING HILLS COLLISION REPAI	2200	!! PAINT NEW FLAG DISPOSAL BOX	596.31
FRONTIER	2201	2022 FAX LINE	52.04
BAUM LAW OFFICE	2202	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,656.00
SMITH, ERICK C.	2203	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	264.00
MADISON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	2204	SERVICES 2022	92.75
VICKROY DISPOSAL	2205	SERVICE TO DOG POUND "HOMER"	125.00
BROWNIES TRACTORS SALES &	2206	TRACTOR FOR MAINTENANCE	27,082.00
COMDOC INC	2207	MONTHLY MAINTENACE XEROX 5325	29.70
GIVENS, JOSH	2208	TRAVEL	82.33

CREATURE COMFORTS VETERINAR	2209	!! K9 CARE	354.19
HOCKING CO RECORDER	2210	RELEASE TAX LIENS TAXEASE 2022	38.00
AVENU INSIGHTS HOLDINGS LLC	2211	!! INDEXING MONTH OF MAY	1,692.60
MAX TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	2212	PROBATION MONITORING SERVICE	440.00
APPRAISAL RESEARCH CORPORATI	2213	2022 NEW CONSTRUCTION	609.00
XEROX CORPORATION	2214	COPY MACHINE LEASE/COPY CHARGES	136.74
BECKMANXMO	2215	ENVELOPES-SPLIT PROBATE COURT	318.23
KING KITCHEN & BATH	2216	CABINETS FOR SHEWC	3,586.80
MASI, INC	2217	TESTING MACHINE	82.55
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	2218	SERVICE	232.65
FRONTIER	2219	SEWER SUMMARY BILL	208.48
AT&T	2220	MURRAY CITY	773.81
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	2221	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	35.00
LOGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT	2222	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	200.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	2223	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	35.00
HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	2224	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	25.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	2225	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	89.55
912 GENERAL MAINTENANCE LLC	2226	!+ RENT-RECOVERY SUPPORT ATP	800.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	2227	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	87.59
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	2228	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	285.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	2229	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	400.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS	2230	COUNSELING & TREATMENT SERVICES	2,376.90
X CHAIR, LLC	2231	DISPATCH CHAIR/X3 LEMAX HEADSET	1,100.00
BURCHAM, GEORGIA K	2232	!+ CALICO TOWER RENTAL	2,250.00
VAL TECH	2233	SERVICE-LONG DISTANCE	55.93
DALE'S CLEANING SERVICE	2234	!! DISPATCH CARPET	260.00
AQUAVITA BOTTLED WATER	2235	WATER & SALT	21.60
VILLAGE CAFE	2236	LUNCHEONS	111.71
MADISON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	2237	GAS SERVICE SHEWC 580 RADIO LN	144.37
MOORE, MARJIE	2238	MISC SPECIAL PROJECTS	822.83
LEFFLER, GINA M.	2239	CAKES FOR EVENTS	130.00
TRIAD GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS, I	2240	AUG'22 REMOTE BALLOT MARKING	1,043.00
HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	2241	ADM.FEES FOR 2021 WPCLF	121.20
HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	2242	PERMIT FEES 2021 WPCLF	125.00
WILLIAMS, MICKEY	2243	!! CONTRACT SERVICES-WPCLF	3,415.25
EDGAR, MARK	2244	20LB BAGS OF ICE	10.98
EDGAR, MARK	2245	GASOLINE @ \$4.879/GAL	30.02
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	2246	MARCS RADIO SUBSCRIPTION	50.00

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

APPOINTMENTS

Engineer

Bid opening for paving of various roads. Maggi Berry was not present so the bids were presented by Kaula Funk, Clerk of Commissioners.

Shelly & Sands out of Zanesville, Ohio Project #1 \$675,282.55 Project #2 \$865,685.65 Project #3 \$153,953.43 Project #4 \$221,880.90 Project #5 \$856,665.06 Project #6 \$48,298.00 Project #7 \$268,828.29

McKee Paving and Materials out of Nelsonville, Ohio Project #1 none Project #2 none Project #3 \$200,185.00 Project #4 \$266,447.00 Project #5 none Project #6 \$56,500.00 Project #7 \$324,715.00

The Shelly Company out of Thornville, Ohio Project #1 none Project #2 none Project #3 none Project #4 none Project #5 none Project #6 none Project #7 \$ 260,487.75

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to table bids until next Thursday. Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

DLZ

Gary Silcott and Tracy Shoults provided the Commissioners with the monthly updates and drawdowns for the sewer projects.

Gary Silcott provided updates on Murray City, Carbon Hill, Union Furnace, Enterprise, HVST, West Street, and the Rockbridge and Haydenville I&I updates.

Commissioner Ogle asked about a recent complaint about an odor on 328. Gary Siclott said that he suspects it has to do with how many homes are hooked up, not enough flow to keep the sewage moving. Commissioner Ogle expressed she didn't like the "I think" statement Gary Silcott made. Gary said that he didn't know for sure but he assumed.

Commissioner Ogle discusses a resident that lives on James Road that has to have a 6 inch pipe, and was told that would eliminate his problems. TAM suggested a flatter slope, 6 inch lateral, that they would provide. Commissioner Ogle asked who provided him that answer and who is providing the piping, she would like to see the letter stating that 6 inch will fix the issue. Gary Silcott agreed and stated maybe the Health Department is involved in that response.

Commissioner Ogle will look into the matter.

Tracy Shoults presented the monthly drawdowns

Murray City

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Bricker and Eckler invoice for \$540.00.

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

Enterprise

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the contractor draw for \$70,527.22.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the EPA stormwater invoice for \$200.00, and two invoices for DLZ.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to rescind previous motion, after further discussion a better breakdown should be provided.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the \$200.00 EPA invoice, the may invoice for DLZ in the amount of \$9,939.27, and the June DLZ invoice in the amount of \$12,582.00, and the TAM construction draw down for \$70,527.22.

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

HVST

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve three requests for \$6,300.00, \$4,725.00, \$5,600.00 from the capital budget, for a total of \$16,625.00.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve \$4, 125.00 that was paid, requesting that draw down of funds.

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

HAPCAP

Jeremy Boggs from HAPCAP presented the Commissioners with amended documents for the rehab project for HUD, the dates didn't match up on the last amended copies that was presented by Glen Crippen. This will be republished in the paper for notice.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to rescind the previous motion approving the documents from 05/26.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the new updated documents.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to go into general business.

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

ABM

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the purchase order for ABM for \$3,000,000.00 to be opened with ARPA funding.

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

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriation

Commissioners - American Rescue Plan Act - 278 B278-01 \$2,744,975.50

Second payment of ARPA

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

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

Engineer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the underground application by Columbia Gas for Main Street in Union Furnace.

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

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the underground application by Columbia Gas for Fairhaven Drive.

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

Commissioner Ogle asked that the clerk verifies with Maggi Berry from the Engineer's office that these are correct, they have resubmitted the documents.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the underground application by Columbia Gas for Limeback Road in Union Furnace.

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

Additional Appropriation

Municipal - Adult Treatment Project Recovery Supplies R27-04 \$50,000.00

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

Fund Transfer

SHSC - \$150,000.00 from Senior Center 024 S24-16 to Capital Projects - 150

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

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

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriation

BOE - Election Revenue Fund Other Expenses X18-04 \$508.80

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

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

Additional Appropriation

Board of DD - Permanent Improvement Equip. N42-04 \$10,000.00

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

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

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriation

Common Pleas - Magistrate Tech Grant G64-04 - G46-02 \$7,327.30

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

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

Common Pleas - Misc. Special Projects D48-04 \$2,044.42

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

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

Ohio811

Commissioner Ogle would like more info on the Ohio811, popularly known as OPPS. After clarification she will discuss the matter further next week.

595

Commissioner Ogle updated that an ad is being passed back and forth, making final touches and changes. It will be advertised soon.

Ohio811

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the Ohio811.

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

Commissioner Dickerson commented that it could save a life.

Discussion

Commissioner Dickerson discussed signage on a township road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to go into public comment.

Sue Morgan praised Commissioner Ogle for always paying great detail to the "little guy". She commented on how Mrs. Ogle shows the individual attention, knows what's going on, and then talks to the right people to help figure out the issue to the end.

Commissioner Dickerson added that is why Commissioner Ogle is on her 4th term.

Commissioner Ogle adds that she tries to do her best, and Sue Morgan appreciated her caring and kind personality.

Jarrod Dicken presented the Commissioners with concerns as a Hocking County citizen. Dicken expressed his concerns of hate and slander going on, and why the EMA Director was terminated last week. Adding that the deputy director still has his job. Dicken mentioned his recent education with a masters and did some work with an EMA. Dicken continued stating that the decision brought up a concern for the safety putting the County endangered, and feels this was a personal decision for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dickerson replied that there is speculation that this was done with no thought, which is simply not true. The position of the EMA Director is an unclassified position and does not require a reason to be

terminated. Dickerson adds that no employee is going to be released without good reasoning, legal counsel was consulted, and the decision was not half "assed", the position needed to move on in a different direction. Jarrod Dicken replied back to Commissioner Dickerson that without reasoning, that leaves a door open for speculation. There was nothing seen for just cause, and the EMA position has an important role in the County. Dicken thanked the Commissioners and offered his services to help find an adequate individual to fill the position, and Commissioner Dickerson replied that they may take him up on that.

APPOINTMENTS

Charles Pulsun

Charles Pulsun presented the Commissioners with great concern about the West Street area. He discussed issues with trash and drugs. Mr. Pulsun recalled recent interactions with the Sheriff's office, to which Chief Caleb Moritz was present and able to discuss with Mr. Pulsun. Pulsun added his concerns for children in huts, and Commissioner Dickerson asked if those children were in danger. Commissioner Ogle suggested that Mr. Pulsun contact Children Services with his concerns. Chief Moritz discussed Mr. Pulsun's concerns in more detail, adding that there is no zoning in the County and West Street is County, not city. Chief apologized for any past interactions that had Mr. Pulsun displeased with the Sheriff Office. Mr. Pulsun made some allegations on past elected officials, who are no longer alive. Commissioner Dickerson replied to Mr. Pulsun that the County Commissioners have no authority over other elected officials, they work together but there is no authority over one or the other. Dickerson adds that the Commissioners and the County are very lucky to have Sheriff North and Chief Moritz, they are highly creditable. Mr. Moritz extended an invitation to a sit down meeting with Mr. Pulsun to sort out his concerns. Mr. Pulsun denied, adding he wants the minutes of this meeting, and remarks about the FBI looking into corruption in Hocking County. Mr. Dickerson stated that was good, he would like to see that happen.

Auditor

Auditor Ken Wilson presented the Commissioners with an announcement from the state agency concerning reporting fraud from employees. There is a form for them to read and fill out, and it can be handled a few ways. It can be presented in the employee packet for new hires, or an amendment within the policy handbook. Commissioners discuss the current standing of the updated policy handbook, and the need to get that process finished. Commissioners and the Auditor agreed to discuss this further and how to properly supply the employees with a fraud reporting form and acknowledgment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan commented that she personally doesn't think it is the public's business as to why the EMA Director was fired. Mrs. Morgan adds that one can not become better if they do not know their weakness and can correct what is wrong. She restates she doesn't think the public should know, but the EMA Director should know for personal growth.

Deb Tobin from Logan Hocking Times, and a County citizen, comments on the uncertainty of the process, adding that he wasn't given a reason as to why he was fired, and she understands that is not a requirement. Deb continues by stating that typically you are given a certain amount of warnings, with certain actions per warning or offense - and after viewing her public record request for his personal file - there were no disciplinary actions. Deb expresses her respect for the Commissioners, but genuinely wants to know what is going on - with a list of questions she would like addressed. Commissioner Dickerson states that the Commissioners could be not providing a reasoning out of respect for Salizzoni, there are no comments, the board is not hiding anything, and board does not have to per his classification of the position he held. Dickerson added Salizzoni also didn't ask. Deb Tobin replied that he was in shock, expecting a conversation about previous storm weather, not seeing it coming. Deb asked when this was discussed, was there any prior conversations leading up to that day other than the executive session. Dickerson added that the discussion was only held in the two executive sessions prior to the termination. Dickerson emphasized discussed, not any decisions were made within those executive sessions.

<u>RECESS:</u> at 11:06 a.m. **<u>RECONVENE:</u>** at 11:09 a.m.

Commissioner Dickerson replies again, adding that the board had a good idea of what they were going to do. Deb Tobin asked about the legal council being consulted, because she checked with the Prosecutor and as of before this meeting, the Prosecutor has not been contacted for discussion concerning this matter. Dickerson replied that the board has different legal consulting routes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to go back into general business.

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

ABM

Commissioner Dickerson discussed ABM needing proper identification while on County grounds and in the buildings. They must wear their identification and make sure to introduce themselves when entering an office.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to discuss that with ABM.

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

FOR THE RECORD: time is 11:14 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessican Dicken, Hocking County Fair Board Secretary, commented on the EMA halt of procedures for the fair board, with projects in limbo. Working on an EOP for the fair, moving the EMS station, the fencing, these are all current projects the EMA Director was assisting in. Dicken adds that Dickerson has commented that the board has complete faith in the EMA Deputy Director, but he has not been present for any discussions, or had the training to handle any of the projects that are now in standing. Dicken asks if there is a plan in place - if the County plans on getting Mark the proper qualifications to handle the projects, and if this is typical of the County to place individuals in those positions when not qualified. Dicken states that she has complete faith that Mark can learn the job, but does he know the job in place. Dicken expresses her frustration with the hanging of projects.

Commissioner Ogle asks Jessica in response how she knows what Mark knows and what he doesn't know. Dicken replies that she has sat in meetings with him where he was learning, but he was not handling the EOPs. Commissioner Dickerson comments that he has confidence in him, and he is learning. Dickerson continues by commenting on how Mark Edgar is not one to look over and look over a matter, he will take it and absorb it - knowing him even personally for a long time Dickerson comments that the board has faith in him or they wouldn't have put him in that position. Adding that there has been no decision on if the position of EMA Director will be open for applications - the board shows trust in their employees, and support those like Mark Edgar. Dickerson states if other Directors are worried about their jobs, then they're not doing their jobs. Commissioner Dickerson asked if Dicken knew where the EOP currently stands and if she knows what direction it was going in and perhaps she can help assist Mark. The other projects Mark can handle and see through. Commissioner Ogle adds that while over at the EMA the other day the EMS Chief was there, the fire Chief, and the Ohio EMA Director. If Jessica was to give the Commissioners the EOP, she is certain that the Ohio EMA could help Mark do what is needed. Dicken replied that she wanted to make sure from that standpoint that Mark was able to finish these projects, for insurance reasons - she has been able to work with Mark in multiple meetings and has been great to work with. Dicken states she knows that Mark's background wasn't in emergency management, and Commissioner Ogle commented that she didn't have a background in politics but feels she's doing a good job. Dicken replies that her background also does not include politics but is learning. Commissioner Ogle replies that she is not for certain Dicken is learning enough - they agree that is Ogle's opinion. Commissioner Dickerson adds that he will not sit here and listen to what is becoming disrespectful, but Dickens and Kalklosch have a good chance to sit in Jeff's seat, and decisions are much different sitting on the other side of things.

Dicken adds that she was not trying to be disrespectful, she was concerned with the projects at hand that were on hold now and unfinished - with an EOP due date of July 1 for insurance. Commissioner Ogle replied that Dicken can get with her for anything that she doesn't have done and they can figure it out. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Kaula Funk, Clerk

Board of Hocking County Commissioners

This is to certify that the above is the true action taken by this Board of Hocking County Commissioners a regular meeting of the Board held on June 23, 2022.

Kaula Funk, Clerk

Jeff Dickerson, President