

# COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 23rd day of February 2023 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle and Jessica Dicken. Gary Waugh present via phone.

## MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sandra Ogle

## MINUTES

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to table the February 16th minutes until reconvene after Murray City.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

## AGENDA

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

## BILLS

The following bills were presented before examination and approval:

Name	No.	Purpose	Amount
COMDOC INC	676	MO MAINTENANCE ON XEROX 5550	73.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	677	TP LINK SWITCH 9 PORT	847.84
MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	678	COPIER CONTRACT	9.97
MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	679	COPIER CONTRACT	136.79
HEINLEIN-BROWN FUNERAL HOME I	680	TRANSPORT OF DECEDENTS	300.00
ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME	681	TRANSPORT OF DECEDENTS	150.00
MOORMAN, THOMAS	682	!! CONTRACT SERVICES	75.00
OHIO STATE CORONERS ASSOC	683	TRAVEL	2,342.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	684	15 PACK EXIT LIGHT BATTERIES	138.59
VICKROY DISPOSAL	685	SERVICE CO BUILDINGS CH,ANNEX	700.00
ARAB PEST CONTROL	686	!! SERVICE TO ALL CO BUILDINGS	1.00
JJP PLUMB.	687	MISC WORK FOR 2022	374.95
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	688	SERVICE	403.80
FRONTIER	689	SUMMARY BILLING	142.76
NAPA AUTO PARTS	690	CRUISERS & GARAGE SUPPLIES	13.35
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	691	CRUISER REPAIRS	775.66
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	692	CRUISER REPAIRS	335.93
LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MANAGE	693	TRAINING	1,345.00
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S	694	VARIOUS VENDORS HOUSING INMATE	1,120.00
CASHSTAR, INC.	695	FOOD CARDS FOR RELIEF	3,000.00
NAUMAN OUTDOOR	696	BILLBOARDS	5,000.00
BAUM LAW OFFICE	697	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,600.34
DESPETORICH, JASON M	698	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,536.00
GLEESON, TIMOTHY P.	699	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	528.00
MOORE, WILLIAM	700	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,340.00
	701	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	666.00
DESPETORICH, JASON M	702	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,776.00
MOORE, WILLIAM	703	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,844.00

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MADISON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	704	SERVICES 2022	157.79
VICKROY DISPOSAL	705	SERVICE TO DOG POUND "HOMER"	110.00
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICIN	706	1 YR TAGS @ .10, ETC	469.00
COMDOC INC	707	MONTHLY MAINTENACE XEROX 5325	43.83
NUNGESTER, CASEY	708	REIMBURSEMENT FOR K9 SUPPLIES	23.70
ELITE K9, INC	709	K9 EQUIPMENT	206.16
OHIO CLERK OF COURTS ASSOC.	710	2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,274.32
AVERHEALTH	711	DRUG SCREEN SERVICES	447.00
BAILEY'S PAINTING & DRYWALL	712	!! PAINT PROBATION OFFICE	2,250.00
HOCKING CO MUNICIPAL COURT	713	BANK FEES	25.00
LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MANAGE	714	TRAINING	975.00
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	715	CANON COPIER LEASE	145.09
GOSS SUPPLY CO.	716	SUPPLIES	300
GOSS SUPPLY CO.	717	PRESSURE WASHER HOSE TOWELS	272.05
SAVING HARDWARE	718	MISC ITEMS	109.19
BSS WASTE DISPOSAL	719	3 MONTH SEV. APRIL-JUNE	475
MEEHLING, TIM	720	SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT	67.57
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	721	SERVICE	194.82
MASI, INC	722	TESTING MACHINE	75.55
AT&T	723	MURRAY CITY	688.60
MEEHLING, TIM	724	MILEAGE REIM 2022	7.02
HARTMAN, CRAIG	725	MILEAGE REIM 2022	6.79
TASC OF SOUTHEAST OHIO	726	COUNSELING & TREATMENT SERVICES	4,855.42
SKC COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS,IN	727	HW510 HEADSETS SHS-1870-15	508.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	728	KENSIGTON A1500-HS SHREDDER	477.46
VAL TECH	729	SERVICE-LONG DISTANCE	61.13
AQUAVITA BOTTLED WATER	730	WATER & SALT	21.60
HUDDLE'S, INC.	731	VAN SERVICING	298.35
MADISON ENERGY COOPERATIVE	732	GAS SERVICE SHEWC 580 RADIO LN	525.10
M.E. GOOD & SONS	733	!! CONTRACT SERVICES-WPCLF	277.50
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	734	!! REPAIR OF EMA VEHICLE	588.81

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

## **APPOINTMENTS**

9:30 AM **Alan & Joy Johnson**

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson presented to the Commissioners of their intention to build a Truck Stop/Travel Center on their property by Rocky Boots. They are ready to start construction but are presenting today to acquire two sewer taps. Commissioner Ogle asked if they had any idea on the amount of flow that will be needed and the EPA will need to inform of how much more flow can go through. Commissioner Ogle scheduled a meeting for Monday the 27th at 2:00 PM with Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling to discuss what is needed.

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9:51 AM - Hocking County Planner Audie Wykle

Audie Wykle provided an update on the zoning Committee and addressed concerns that the public may be having on the proposed update. At this point in time we are moving from the plan update to what was recommended by that plan. The plan is on the regional planning website. Mr Wykle stated that he knows what issues they are looking at in creating a zoning code. 1.- Create a zoning code that aims to improve economic competitiveness of the county 2,-Promotes conservation of productive agriculture and forest lands and enhances and compliments community centers. A portion of that is to create a property maintenance code that reduces nuisances and respects the cultural heritage of the county.3- Promote a diverse mix of housing options for current and future residents, and provide a balance to the housing market. 4.-Implement a short term rental sales tax, user tax above current bed tax. The ORC is very specific on the steps required and the legality required to pursue that. There are timelines and hearings required and public notices required. The conversations during the comprehensive plan update is the desire to hire a consultant to come to Hocking County and help maneuver us through this journey that hopefully has worked in a similar county as ours, population wise, with reluctance to zoning. A consultant that can follow the law and guide us in what we need to do to not only write a legal and productive zoning ordinance for the county but also get out into the county and have conversations with folks and address concerns of the people. Write an Ordinance that the Commissioners could approve then be put on the ballot and voted on .We have been looking at funding for the consultant. We are working with American Structure Point who has offered assistance to us for getting a grant. The Appalachian money that the Governor has offered. We are asking for a small part of that. Mr Wykle has suggested starting in March, Monthly meetings the last Thursday of every month in this meeting room at 2:00 PM, with Commissioners appointing a zoning committee. There are parameters that a Zoning Committee can only be made up of 5 members 2 alternates, The 5 member zoning committee will be the ones voting to move forward with the processes that are dictated by ORC, Forming the committee with folks are deemed long time residents that are well known, have history here, folks that would be seen as folks that could be trusted and not have some ulterior motive or financial interest. The Steering committee had 10 members, with some members that live in the city . A requirement was that no members could live in the city The Mayor, Mike Berry, Local surveyor, and Audie Wykle Hocking County Planner could participate as advisory members.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Sue Morgan asked if the city would vote or the county. Mr Wykle replied it would be a countywide vote including City of Logan, Murray city and Laurelville. Sue Morgan voiced concerns about the city voting on it, as she feels the city has taken zoning to an extreme and the County doesnt want that. Also that once voted for there wouldn't be a requirement to have a vote to update the zoning. Mr Wykle replied that there wouldn't be a new ballot but it would be voted on. And the ORC would take back zoning outside the city limits. Jamie Riggs voiced concerns about committee members being selected that would be in favor of zoning. Mr. Wykle explained that to have a well rounded committee there needed to be a diverse group of people with an open mind selected. Jessica Hoag voiced concerns of zoning against tourism ,Mr Wykle explained that someone representing tourism should be there, We need representation from everybody. Mr Wykle stated he would like to see Commissioner Ogle, Retired Banker Larry Keinzle, who is a farmer and Director of Brush Creek Conservancy. Retired school teacher and farmer, Farm bureau member Bruce Ebert from the Laurelville area, Jim Kilbager, who has been opposed to zoning, Chief Caleb Moritz, representing first responders, Rob Bider, he's an Engineer. We want everything to be transparent. We will have meetings every month and open to the public. Alan Johnson voiced his idea that a shareholder system would be beneficial. Mr Wykle stated that would not be in accordance with the ORC. Jamie Riggs voiced concern about having someone representing people on a fixed income. Commissioner Ogle stated she feels she can represent people on a fixed income and the elderly.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to move General Business to end of the meeting.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to go to Appointments.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

**FOR THE RECORD:** Commissioner Waugh had to end the phone conference.

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## **APPOINTMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken with Elected Officials/Department Heads under courthouse security at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Sandra Ogle, yea, Jessica Dicken, yea.

**EXIT:** 10:50 AM with no action taken and no decisions made.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to go into General Business.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Hocking County Municipal Court - Ho Co Integrated Interv/CCA 049 - General Operating Expenses -R49-02

			\$6225.00
Ho Co Integrated Interv/CCA 049	Program Expenses	R-49-03	\$27873.28
Ho Co Integrated Interv/CCA 049	Equipment	R49-04	\$800.00
Ho Co Integrated Interv/CCA 049	Return to State	R49-13	\$421.70

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **Resolution**

The Hocking County Engineer is requesting approval of a resolution to Authorize the Hocking County Engineer to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea.

Roll Call: Sandra Ogle, yea, Jessica Dicken, yea

## **Recycling Times**

Commissioner Ogle announced the recycling date for Hocking County Recycling Day, Saturday May 20, 2023 From 9 AM- 1 PM at the Hocking County Fairgrounds. For tires .50 cents for tires without rims, and \$4.00 for tires with rims.

## **Airstream Project**

Commissioner Ogle stated that Mr Rosen would like us to reconsider the letter of support regarding the airstream project, Commissioner Dicken feels there are too many loose ends and unanswered questions and townships still frustrated. Commissioner Ogle also feels that the public is not in favor of giving the letter of support

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to not give the letter of support .

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

Roll Call: Sandra Ogle, yea, Jessica Dicken, yea

## **Sewer**

Work will start on Monday at the prosecutor's office on the damaged sewer pipe. Contractors have located the bad spot and are going to try to just fix the part that's bad. Which would save considerable money in repairs.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **Mr. Bill Hoag**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to put Mr Bill Hoag on the Agenda

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

Bill Hoag presented a map showing that he doesn't need an easement to access the lift station from private property, he can use the county public easement to access the two sewer taps. Commissioner Dicken asked that if Alan Johnson puts in the Travel Center then there aren't enough taps? Mr Hoag stated there weren't enough taps anyway.

Commissioner wants to sit down with Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling, and possibly he could go to EPA and ask to put more taps in. Mr Hoag stated that we could accommodate Mr Johnson after because he's already been voted on. Commissioner Ogle Stated that she would like to think about it further and get more information before making a decision. Mr. Hoag will make an appointment to be on the agenda for next thursday.

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## Public Comment

Sue Morgan Stated She Appreciated the Commissioners declining the letter of support to Mr Rosen. Commissioners Ogle and Dicken stated they had people in favor of it as well. Jamie Riggs thanked the Commissioners for the explanation on the zoning and considering the heart of the people.

**RECESS:** 11:10 AM

**RECONVENE:** 11:18 Am

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to go into executive session with Chief Caleb Moritz and Clerk Kaula Funk regarding compensation of a public employee.

Vote: Ogle, yea Dicken, yea

Roll Call: Sandra Ogle, yea, Jessica Dicken, yea

**EXIT:** 11:42 AM- No action taken and no decisions made.

**RECESS** until 1:00 PM at Murray City

**RECONVENE:** 1:00 pm in Murray City

Present: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Dicken, Bobby Fuller with DLZ, Nate Simons with HAPCAP and Commissioners Clerk Kaula Funk.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the February 16th minutes with the following corrections; accept, not approve the document for Washington Township.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **Maintenance**

Commissioner Ogle read Maintenance Supervisor William Triplett's resignation letter.

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to accept the resignation, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **Murray**

**FOR THE RECORD:** Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling joined at 1:04 PM

Bobby Fuller from DLZ presented the Mayor of Murray City with pre construction video footage and the contract. Bobby Fuller presented the analysis/recommendations for punch list items 1 (one) through 45 (forty five).

Commissioner Ogle asked for clarification on a few of the punch list recommendations.

Commissioners and Nate Simons discuss funding opportunities, including Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mr. Simons discussed the procedures and timeline of the NRG. Commissioners will allocate their CDBG funding to Murray City to help their NRG application.

The public had concerns about some punch list results, and hesitation on the CDBG.

Murray school was discussed, and a brownfield opportunity through Buckeye Hills.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to award the CDBG Grant to Murray City when it is released.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

Nate Simons scheduled the first public meeting for the NRG, 04/24 at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to fix the hole on Long Street.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

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## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to adjourn.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea,

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk  
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 February 23, 2023.

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk  
Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Gary Waugh, President