

# COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 16th day of March 2023 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jessica Dicken, and Gary Waugh, excused.

## **MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sandra Ogle.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the March 09, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **BILLS**

The following bills were presented before examination and approval:

<b>Name</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SUNRUSH WATER	932	WATER	22.85
LOGAN SCREEN PRINTING	933	!!MISC NAME PLATE SIGNS/PARKING	5.36
PURCHASE POWER	934	PURCHASE POWER	296.58
AUF DRUG TESTING SERVICES	935	EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING PRE-HIRE	159.30
MAXIMUS, INC	936	FY 2022 COST ALLOCATION	8,000.00
OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	937	SUPPLIES	109.32
OFFICE MART	938	SUPPLIES FOR THE OFFICE	138.19
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	939	GREEN & MANILLA CASE BINDERS, ETC	226.55
HILES, BRANDON	940	!! CONTRACT SERVICES	100.00
MONTGOMERY CO. CORONERS OFFIC	941	AUTOPSIES/LAB MORGUE/ETC	3,500.00
OFFICE MART	942	SUPPLIES	269.97
OHIO ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTE	943	MONITORING SERVICES	2,439.00
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER	944	WATER SERVICE	27.50
ROYAL DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION	945	SHREDDING SERVICES	140.35
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	946	MISC-SUPPLIES CHELSEA RICH	88.02
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	947	MISC-CODY MAINTENANCE	133.40
CRABTREE'S LOGAN SALES	948	MISC SUPPLIES	31.58
SAVING HARDWARE	949	SUPPLIES	336.89
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	950	GASOLINE	1,164.45
EDWARDS HEATING & COOLING, IN	951	MISC REPAIR FOR 2023 WORK	610.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	952	PITNEY BOWES LEASE PAYMENTS	2,706.03
TRI-COUNTY TERMITE & PEST	953	PEST CONTROL	45.00
ADT SECURITY SERVICES	954	SECURITY SERVICE	176.48
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	955	CERTIFICATE RENEWAL FEES	101.25
ATHENS-HOCKING RECYCLING CENT	956	RECYCLING PICK-UP	101.49
LOWE'S	957	MISC NEEDED ITEMS PY 2023	150.53
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	958	LIGHT BULBS	52.98
DTB DIRECT TO BUSINESS	959	CLEANING SUPPLIES REMAINDER	302.27
WEX INC.	960	GAS FOR CRUISERS	10,126.34
GALLS, LLC	961	UNIFORMS	263.34
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	962	CRUISER MAIN & REPAIR	317.47
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	963	CRUISER MAIN & REPAIR	380.08

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COMPETITION MOTORS	964	!! CRUISER REPAIR	129.95
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	965	MARCS RADIO SERVICE	2,760.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES, INC.	966	TESTING EVAL	150.00
BUCKEYE STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOC	967	SHERIFF DUES	3,103.00
NEXTONER, LLC	968	SUPPLIES	160.00
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	969	BCMh-2023	894.35
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	970	GASOLINE VSC FAN 2023	324.30
RAFFERTY, VICKI	971	MEALS & MILEAGE TRAINING 2023	20.39
RAFFERTY, VICKI	972	MEALS & MILEAGE TRAINING 2023	93.01
APG MEDIA OF OHIO	973	LOGAN DAILY ADS	171.00
FRONTIER	974	2022 FAX & PHONE LINES	188.27
BAUM LAW OFFICE	975	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	596.58
BAUM LAW OFFICE	976	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	858.00
FICKEL, BENJAMIN E.	977	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	828.00
JACKSON, STEVEN F.	978	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	150.00
KLINE, DONALD L	979	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,392.00
MOORE, WILLIAM	980	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,208.00
MOORE, WILLIAM	981	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	198.00
CRYSTA PENNINGTON ATTORNEY AT	982	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	474.00
PICKETTS, DANIEL A.	983	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	412.50
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	984	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,424.00
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	985	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,788.00
COUNTY TREASURERS ASSN OF OHI	986	SPRING CONFERENCE DAYTON, OHIO	300.00
GIVENS, JOSH	987	TRAVEL	83.84
JLP SECURITY	988	SECURITY MONITORING	90.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	989	IPAD & CASE	800.00
PATTERSON, JAY M	990	!! MEDIATION SERV. CIVIL CASES	195.50
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	991	VENDING MACHINE SUPPLIES	64.22
AVERHEALTH	992	DRUG SCREENS	635.00
JUDGE DAVID LANDEFELD	993	MILEAGE FOR VISITING JUDGE	85.80
FRONTIER	994	SERVICE	931.73
OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	995	SUPPLIES	114.78
STANLEY ACCESS TECH LLC	996	REPAIR & RESTORE POWER DOORS	1,345.92
LOWE'S	997	SNAKE DRAINS COUNTY BUILDINGS	2,140.35
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	998	MISC SUPPLIES TIM/CRAIG SEWER	18.51
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	999	MISC SUPPLIES TIM/CRAIG SEWER	169.99
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	1000	GASOLINE 2023	218.33
PATTON'S TRUCK SERVICE INC.	1001	SUPPLIES 2023	91.19
MASI, INC	1002	TESTING MACHINE-SAMPLES	593.35
CITY OF LOGAN	1003	SLUDGE REMOVAL/EMERGENCY	750.00
PROCARE SEPTIC SYSTEM	1004	CLEANING SERVICE LIFT STATION	1,800.00

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FRONTIER	1005	SEWER SUMMARY BILLING	219.19
NAPA AUTO PARTS	1006	MISC VEHICLE PARTS	22.34
OHIO UTILITIES PROTECTION	1007	2023 ASSESSMENT DUES	41.17
INTEGRATED MGMT SOLUTIONS INC	1008	DRUG CART CASE/DATA MANAGEMENT	400.00
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	1009	RECOVERY SUPPORT COSTS ATP	37.72
TASC OF SOUTHEAST OHIO	1010	COUNSELING & TREATMENT SERVICES	4,561.16
HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS	1011	COUNSELING & TREATMENT SERVICES	2,823.14
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC	1012	SERVICE	36.75
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	1013	RADIO FEE	990.00
COMDOC LEASING	1014	COPIER LEASE	971.72
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	1015	MONTHLY VEHICLE FUEL	70.06
RH FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE	1016	!! FIRE EXTINGUSIHER SERVICE	45.00
BARNES ADVERTISING CORP	1017	2023 BILLBOARD ADVERTISING	484.12
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	1018	GASOLINE PROBATION VEHICLES	198.02
HOCKING CO ENGINEER	1019	FUEL	81.92
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	1020	MARCS RADIO SUBSCRIPTION	60.00
BRONDES FORD TOLEDO	1021	MECHANICS TRUCK	148,375.00
D & M DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	1022	LIGHT BAR	1,050.00
WINZER CORP	1023	MISC PARTS	1,014.59
GOODALE AUTO-TRUCK PARTS CO I	1024	TRANSMISSION REPAIR DUMP TRUCK	2,982.02
CINTAS CORPORATION	1025	UNIFORMS/SANITATION	1,426.47
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS OF	1026	BATTERIES	571.80
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	1027	UTILITY	192.02
PDK CONSTRUCTION INC.	1028	BOLTS & GUARDRAIL POSTS	1,330.00

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve going into appointments.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

9:30 AM- Hocking County Regional Planner Audie Wykle and Sewer Department Assistant Craig Hartman provided an overview of the sewer capacity problems at Rocky Boots Way and the Haydenville Lift Station. It is rated for 22,500 gallons per day and currently the flow is at a five year average, 37,000 gallons a day. With a daily average of 39,000 gallons a day. Last year 2 of the 12 months were within guidelines and 10 of 12 months were over. Mr. Wykle suggested having Mr Hammer with the EPA look at the plant and get his recommendations to operate it more efficiently. Mr Wykle has a meeting with Mr Hammer next Thursday the 23rd to go over what the possibilities are, short of major improvements. Mr Wykle suggests putting on hold the 2 people wanting taps until Mr Hammer looks at and evaluates the plant. Mr Wykle also stated Engineer Scott Sands looked at it, he said it looks like blowers were added and chemical tank improvements were made but he thinks they were done to increase the quality of discharge and not capacity. Mr. Wykle said looking at it from a future planning standpoint, we need to look at expansion for any new industry or commercial business. Commissioner Ogle discussed that applying for an ODNR grant for mine reclamation may be applicable to this.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to go into Public Comment

Vote; Ogle, yea Dicken, yea

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan voiced concerns about giving a permit but not having capacity. Audie Wykle stated that the EPA wanted to caution the County that if the permit is granted it would be over capacity and the County would be liable. Commissioner Ogle said possibly something minor could be done right now to take on more flow, the pumps are big enough. Mr Kalklosch inquired about rainwater from people's house gutters going into the sewer, which may be causing some of the problem. Mr Wykle and Sewer Assistant Craig Hartman stated clay pipes are part of the problem with tree roots as well. Commissioner Dicken said that putting a hold on the taps that Mr. Hoag wanted doesn't mean it's not going to happen, but would be on hold until the situation gets straightened out, it's a liability. Commissioner Ogle stated that the information they had at the time Mr Hoag's tap was approved did not indicate all the issues that they are now aware of.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to go back into general business.

Vote; Ogle, yea Dicken, yea

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to rescind a previous motion to Mr Hoag for the two sewer taps.

Vote; Ogle, yea Dicken, yea

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

Vote; Ogle, yea Dicken, yea

## Appointments

Ohio State Representative for Hocking County, District 92, Mark Johnson presented to give updates on things he is working on right now. The biggest thing is the Operating Budget, we completed the Transportation Budget, it went over to the Senate who will add or subtract things and we will get it back. It is the largest transportation budget in the history of the state because of the 3 billion dollar bridge project in Cincinnati. The State is doing very well with 3 billion dollars in the rainy day fund and an additional 3 billion dollars that carried over from last year. That is because the Economy is doing extremely well. Mr Johnson as our Representative wants our area to do well and get our share of what's coming with the Appalachian grant money. John Carey, who is over that, a native of Wellston, Ohio and works for the Governor, A lot of good things in that and hopefully Hocking County gets a large share of it. The Logan Theater is one thing that Mr Johnson would love to see completed and thinks it will help build storefronts in downtown Logan. Some things Mr Johnson is personally working on is Drunk Driving Bill, house bill 37, and Renter Responsibility bill, which would make renters responsible for bills they run up instead of the landlord having to pay unpaid bills left by renters. Mr Johnson wanted to inform that he always there to listen and will do what he can to help Hocking County. Commissioner Ogle stated that tourism is important to Hocking County but our infrastructure is not set up for it and asked what Mr. Johnson could do to help with the road issues by 664 and Lake Logan Road and in Rockbridge by Go Mart and Dollar General Store. ODOT said that help for that would be 9 years away. Mr. Johnson replied that he had ODNR Director Mary Merks in his office discussing options on parking by the parks, addressing the cars parked on the sides of the roads by the parks. Commissioner Ogle also voiced great concern regarding overnight lodging and people paying huge amounts for property and housing which is greatly raising property taxes for residents. Commissioner Ogle asked if there is anything Mr Johnson can do to help in changing taxing laws for residents versus commercial or rental properties. Mr. Johnson said people come in from outside our area and pay excessive amounts for land by state parks which makes property values go up. Mr. Johnson said they are talking about putting a 10 percent rollback on property taxes. There is a bill in the house now that would allow disabled veterans to not pay property taxes. There is a balance that needs to happen. It is a struggle for people to keep land that has been in the family for generations. Mr. Johnson also stated he will talk to the ODOT District Director and see what we can do about the intersections. There is a lot of paving coming. Commissioner Dicken thanked Mr Johnson for coming to the meeting and being involved, attending chamber dinners and different functions and that when we reach out to you we get feedback. Listening to our concerns and hopefully eventually we can see some changes. Mr Johnson is going to tour the Hocking County Community Hospital today, the Federal Government has grant money Mr Johnson is trying to get for an MRI on site. Commissioner Ogle stated that a letter of support will be sent to Senator Sherrod Brown for the MRI after it is approved in today's meeting. Commissioner Ogle stated that she appreciated Mr Johnson coming to

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today's meeting and for helping with our concerns. Mr. Johnson replied he would work on an income tax cut and a rollback on property taxes.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Nihiser, asked about changing the way property taxes are evaluated. Mr Johnson stated that the local Auditor may be able to freeze assessments for 3 years. Mr Johnson wanted to first talk with several other county officials.

Kelly Johnson stated April 26th is the Auditors Legislation day in Columbus, so the Auditors will be there and will make appointments with them. Jim Kilbarger stated that some of his fathers property taxes went up over 200 percent. Mr Johnson said something doesn't sound right with that, you have the right to appeal. Mr Johnson also said he is in the area a lot and welcomes people to come up to him and ask questions.

## Kelly Johnson

Senator J.D. Vance's Representative Kelly Johnson updated on Senator Vance's Committee assignments, which are as follows: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Commerce Science Transportation, and Special Committee on aging. Kelly also stated she will take questions and take them back to the federal government and get answers. Kelly stated that one of the key things Senator Vance is working on is Railroad Legislation for safety, Looking into Ukraine money that Americans are sending and where is this money going, Touring a facility in Ross County, the only place that makes stakes for tents for the Army, to see an itemized statement of where this money is going, and what are they doing with it. Kelly also stated that we have a very good advocate in Commissioners Ogle and Dicken, and also Mayor Fraunfelter who attends a lot of meetings and wants a lot for the area, and has been working with ODOT. Kelly will be in the next month or two implementing local office hours in the area at the Chamber of Commerce for people that need assistance or help with federal tax, social security, passports, medicare questions once or twice a month.

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Director of Hocking County EMA, Mark Edgar to attend a meeting on Thursday March 23, 2023 at the Ohio Department Of Public Safety In Columbus, Ohio with Regional Operations Specialist Brody Davis

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a letter of support to Senator Sherrod Brown for a request submitted by Hocking County Community Hospital to Congressional Directed Spending for a stationary unit MRI machine for the hospital.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## FUND TRANSFER

Commissioners	-	01 County	-	A15A17A	-	300 P/R Clearing	-	\$5198.99
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Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

LEPC	-	LEPC Grant 660	-	LEPC Training TT-66-10	-	\$1363.00
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Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

## CORSA

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve estimated premium rates for 2024

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

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## VACATION PAYOUT

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve \$720.75 not covered by VOCA for Monica Davis's vacation payout.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## Sewer Service

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a request by Chris and Sabrina Bishop to pause sewer services for 1 year at 14428 Main street, Murray City ,Ohio 43144

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## EMA Township Contracts

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Township contribution contracts from townships of Washington, Benton, Falls, Good Hope, Green, Marion, Perry, Salt Creek,Starr,and Ward, and the Villages of Laurelville, Murray City,and the City of Logan.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## NEWSPAPER CORRECTION

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve corrections to an article by The Logan Daily News on facebook policy,

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## PARKING LOT

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve to have Cameron Horn check a hole in the parking lot and get an estimate to repair.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## CREDIT CARD POLICY

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a revised Credit Card policy.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## Sewer

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra ogle to approve the purchase of a new Sewer DO meter not to exceed \$1500.00

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## VENDING MACHINES

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve raising the prices in the vending machines by .25 cents

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## MAINTENANCE POSITION

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve placing the maintenance position advertisement on the facebook page.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

## COPIER MACHINES

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Sandra Ogle to have Clerk Christy send out an email to Department heads, for inventory of make, model,and serial numbers on all copier machines.

Vote: Ogle,yea, Dicken,yea

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## CLEANING COURTHOUSE

Need to get estimates on having the interior of the courthouse cleaned once the construction is finished.

Need to get with Mr. Horn and have him fill a hole in Murray City on Long street. And follow up on removing a tree at the Prosecutor's Office.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan voiced her appreciation for having the opportunity to ask Representative Mark Johnson questions.

Mike Nihiser made suggestions that hopefully people would voice their concerns about the tax issue.

Commissioner Ogle stated that if people wrote letters or emails, the Commissioners would be happy to pass them on to Mr Johnson. There was discussion about property taxes, levies, and Commercial versus residential taxing. Clerk Kaula Funk informed the public of glitches with Facebook streaming, and our IT Director Mark Stout is working on it.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea

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Christy Lindinger, 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 16, 2023

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Gary Waugh, President