

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 5th day of October 2023 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jessica Dicken, and Jason D'Onofrio.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Sandra Ogle.

MINUTES

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve the September 28, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

AGENDA

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

BILLS

The following bills were presented before examination and approval:

Name	No.	Purpose	Amount
HOWARD, DONNA		SUPPLIES THROUGH 2023	116.15
OFFICE CITY EXPRESS		SUPPLIES THROUGH 2023	57
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER		WATER SUPPLY THROUGH 2023	15.5
COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS		MAINTENCE RENEWAL	15712
HEINLEIN-BROWN FUNERAL HOME I		!! TRANSPORT OF DECEDENTS	350
HILES, BRANDON		!! CONTRACT SERVICES	100
MARKIN, JEFF		!! CONTRACT SERVICES	400
MONTGOMERY CO. CORONERS OFFIC		AUTOPSIES/LAB MORGUE/ETC	5250
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		SUPPLIES	69.2
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER		WATER SERVICE	44.5
ARAB PEST CONTROL		MO SERVICES COUNTY BUILDINGS	42
SAVING HARDWARE		SUPPLIES	92.98
JJP PLUMBING, INC		MISC WORK FOR 2023	389.95
ATHENS-HOCKING RECYCLING CENT		RECYCLING PICK-UP	33.83
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.		SERVICE	92.98
CITY OF LOGAN		SERVICE	1331.62
NAPA AUTO PARTS		CRUISER SUPPLIES	7.49
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS		OFFICE SUPPLIES	79.96
TANSKY MOTORS, INC		!! CRUISER MAINT & REPAIR	843.95
HOCKING HILLS COLLISION REPAI		!! REPAIRS	252
TREASURER OF STATE (FUND 83F)		LEADS SERVICE FOR 2023	600
DAUBENMIRE AUTO PARTS		!! WRECKER SERVICE	150
B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.		INSTALL REPEATERS	2012.54
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER		WATER	21.5
FARLEY, TARA		MEALS & MILEAGE TRAINING 2023	179.73
RAFFERTY, VICKI		MEALS & MILEAGE TRAINING 2023	162.5
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER		ELECTRIC FOR 2023	151.87
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS		SPECTRUM UTILITY FOR 2023	149.97

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CITY OF LOGAN	WATER UTILITIES 2023	65.18
BAUM LAW OFFICE	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2857.5
BAUM LAW OFFICE	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1939.11
BAUM LAW OFFICE	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	810
MOORE, WILLIAM	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	787.5
BURKETT SANDERSON, INC	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1955
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2752.5
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	4380
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	720
CORRECTIONS COMMISSION OF SEO	HOUSING OF INMATES	116864.9
GIVENS, JOSH	TRAVEL	45.19
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	EQUIPMENT	1813.23
AVERHEALTH	DRUG SCREENS	1291
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	CANON COPIER LEASE	25.26
APPRAISAL RESEARCH CORPORATIO	RE-VAL CONTRACT	7110
APPRAISAL RESEARCH CORPORATIO	2023 NEW CONST CONTRACT	609
ROBERS, CHRIS D.	AUDITOR TRAVEL & MISC EXPENSE	499.4
COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOC. OF OH	2023 WINTER CONFERENCE NOV15-17	350
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE BILL	65.44
VALTECH COMMUNICATIONS	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	21.29
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	COPIER AND SERVICE	32.15

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

APPOINTMENTS

9:30 - Ben Kitto with Ice Miller Legal and Brian Magorien presented for Southeast Ohio Classical Academy that purchased the old green school on 595, that will begin operating next fall as a K-6th grade community school, they are a 501 C3 organization, and when 501 C3 do bond deals, they need approval to do so from the highest elected officials of the local jurisdiction, which is the Commissioners. Mr. Kitto and Mr. Magorien are here requesting the Commissioners' review and approval of that. The federal tax requirement tax code requires that a notice is published in the newspaper of this hearing and this meeting, and if anyone had comments or questions, either in this meeting or in writing, which they have not received any in writing, Mr Kitto stated there is no liability for the County in any way. Commissioner Ogle asked if this school would or if they are asking for it to be funded by tax dollars.

Mr Kitto replied, this school is to be funded by investors, this project will not be financed by taxpayers. Some tax dollars will flow into the school for its operations, depending on its enrollment.

Commissioner D'onofrio asked what the timeline was. Mr Kitto responded that the school will close on financing later this month or mid November, and will open next August with approximately 280 students.

Commissioner Ogle asked Mr Kitto to explain Classical, Mr.Kitto replied that Classical is the curriculum approach that this school uses, The back to the fundamentals of the principals which the founding fathers founded the Country. A traditional curriculum.

Commissioner Ogle asked what the highest grade is, Mr. Kitto answered that it is K through 6 but hoping to add a grade each year, to eventually be K-12.

Commissioner Ogle asked if once they are a chartered school, could they put something on the ballot. Mr. Kitto stated they could not.

Commissioner D'Onofrio asked how the tax dollars would flow to the school. Mr Kitto said it would depend on the number of students at the school, and would be dollars following County residing students. And mostly homeschooled or private schooled students. Not your typical public school student.

Sue Morgan asked if the students will have to pay tuition since it's a charter school and not a regular school.

Mr Kitto stated that they will not pay tuition.

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Sue Morgan then asked if they would get money from the state to operate. To which Mr Kitto replied that is correct. Mrs Morgan asked if they would have an operating levy. Mr Kitto said community schools are not eligible for that type of funding. Mrs. Morgan asked then instead of the students paying the tuition then, The taxpayers will be paying the tuition. Mr. Kitto said in a sense yes, the same way that you do for the traditional public schools. As it is also a public school.

Jim Kalklosch asked how much per student would be coming out of the tax dollars. Mr. Kitto said that it would depend on the funding for the current biennium.

Commissioner Dicken asked if this falls under school choice then, and tax dollars that we are already paying follows the student instead of following the school. Mr Kitto replied that is correct.

Commissioner Dicken said that this had been sent to the Auditor's Office and everything looked fine from that standpoint and had been signed off on by Erick Smith, Our Assistant Prosecutor. So it looks good from your side for the Commissioners to vote on but we may table that vote though.

Commissioner D'Onofrio said he would like to get more information on it before they vote and asked Mr. Kitto if he could come back with more information and present it again. Mr Kitto said he would be happy to.

Commissioner Ogle asked for more information as to how it is going to be funded, operated, etc.

Deb Tobin asked how they are going to get students. Mr. Kitto said so far it has been word of mouth and the School has significant interest. Commissioner D'Onofrio asked if the school will accept students from out of this district. Mr Kitto said it will.

Deb Tobin asked if there was going to be bussing for the students. Mr. Kitoo said transportation is something that is under review.

Commissioner Dicken asked if there are other schools that have been started by this organization?

Mr. Kitto said Southeast Ohio Classical Academy is its own 501C3 Ohio non profit Corporation but other schools use this classical model.

Commissioner D'Onofrio asked what is the step after approval of their bond. Mr Kitto said that is Commissioners only step, Then the school would get approval from the bond issuer. Then the underwriters structure the deal finding buyers, investors. Based on investor interest the deal will price, that will set the terms of the deal and the Southeast Ohio Classical Academy will either accept the deal or find something better.

There was discussion on where other schools like this are.

Sue Morgan asked why they chose Hocking County. Mr. Kitto said the board that operates the Academy is made up of people from the community who want a different educational opportunity for their children, And to have opportunities here instead of having to move. Commissioner Ogle stated that it sounds like they are not happy with our school system.

Mr Kitto said it's fair to say that they would run things differently if they were in charge of the public school system.

Commissioner Dicken said they were drawn to this area because of 595 school being available and its central location, but the original area they were looking at was in Athens County.

Executive Session

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve going into Executive Session

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

9:50 AM Executive Session with Detective David Wright, Chief Deputy Penny Stack, Deputy Chris Johnson, under Contracts.

Exit

10:41 - Exit Executive Session with no action taken and no decisions made.

Recess

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve going into recess.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Reconvene

10:44 AM

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve going into General Business and move Executive Session for employee relations to after Public Comment.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Amounts and Rates

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

South Central Ohio Job & Family Services

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to appoint Jessica Stroh as Board Member to area 20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board, effective July 1 2023 for a term of three(3) years.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Salvage Titles

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve salvage titles for a 2010 Polaris Sportsman AT with Vin # 4XAMH50AXAA772198 and a 2015 Polaris RZR AT vin # 4XAVHE575FB310876.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Common Pleas	-	Transcripts - A02B09	-	Juror Fees - A02B07	-	\$1,000.00
		Transcripts - A02B09	-	Expenses Foreign Judges	-	\$1,000.00

EMS	-	Hosp&Medicare S20- 14	-	Supplies S20 - 02		\$42,500.00
		Hosp&Medicare S20-14		Contracts/Services S20-06		\$42,000.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Common Pleas - Felony Drug Court Probation - 340001 - Salaries/ Fringes Felony Probation H34-01 - \$35,000.00

Prosecutor	-	VOCA 062	-	Salaries - TT62-12	-	\$15,840.00
		VOCA 062	-	PERS - TT62-12A	-	\$2,217.60
		VOCA062	-	HOSP- Medicare TT62-12C	-	\$229.68

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Commissioners	-	General Fund	-	Advertising & Printing A01A09	-	\$1,000.00
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Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Dog Warden

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve the Dog warden's monthly report.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

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Lodging Tax Report

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve the monthly lodging report.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Sheriff - Sheriff's Policing Rotary 032 - Other Expense Sheriff's Rotary - X32-12 - \$9,000.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Sheriff - Salaries Employees A06A02	-	Contracts Repair A06A05	-	\$7,500.00
Salaries Employees A06A02	-	Contracts Services A06A06	-	\$5,000.00
Salaries Employees A06A02	-	Equipment A06A04	-	\$7,500.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Commissioners - EO214-05 Bond Interest - EO214-04 Bond principle - \$300.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

FUND TRANSFER

Commissioners - 01County - A15A15 - Rockbridge Sewer Bond Ret 214 - \$18,414.62

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

REQUEST FOR FUND TRANSFER OF COUNTY SHARE

Commissioners - A15A15 - 340 - Felony drug court Probation \$12,250.00

Commissioners match portion for the 2023 Felony Drug Court Probation grant

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Commissioners - A15A17A Contingencies - transfers - A15A15 Transfer - \$40,000.00

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea

911

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve replacing light at the 911 building up to the amount of \$500.00

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

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ESTIMATES FOR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE CARPET CLEANING

Dales Carpet Cleaning Quote for cleaning all carpets in Prosecutor's office building - \$ 750.00

New Way Carpet Cleaning Quote for cleaning all carpets in the Prosecutor's office - \$600.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve New Way Carpet Cleaning to clean the Prosecutor's Office Carpets.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Late Fees

Commissioner D'Onofrio advised all County Agencies to try to get things paid on time if they can, so we can stop getting late fees. If they have late fees they need to get documentation explaining why there was a late fee. And If companies will or will not waive the late fee in writing.

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Southeast Ohio Classical Academy

Motion by Jessica Dicken and seconded by Jason D'Onofrio to approve tabling the decision on the Southeast Ohio Classical Academy until next week's meeting.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11:03 AM - Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to approve going into Executive Session for Employee Relations.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

EXIT:

11:06 AM - Exit Executive Session with no action taken and no decisions made.

Sewer Assistant

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to offer the Sewer Assistant Position to Owen Parlato, Pending a drug test and background check.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to offer the Sewer Assistant Position to Owen Parlato, to start immediately pending a drug test and background check.

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, yea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan asked if any of the lodging tax comes to the County fund,

Commissioner Ogle stated that it did not. Sue Morgan asked if any delinquencies reported to the Prosecutor's office have been acted on. Commissioner Ogle said that Assistant Prosecutor Catri handles the delinquent accounts.

Commissioner D'Onofrio stated that it's not necessarily the same ones on a continuous basis.

Sue asked where then does the money go? Does the Tourism Society get 100 percent of it?

Commissioner Ogle said they get 95 Percent, 5 percent goes into a fund and pays the Lodging Tax Administrator.

Jim Kalklosch wanted to thank Josh Givens, Lodging Tax Administrator for including the estimated number of lodges that were included in the 18 businesses.

Commissioner Ogle stated that the new software will help in tracking who is delinquent.

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Colleen Robinette Wright representing Laurelville stated that they did start tearing down the schools yesterday, Mrs Wright also asked if the nursing home could go up for sheriff's sale because it's an eyesore, the health department has already condemned it. They aren't getting anywhere with any of their actions. Mrs Wright is asking for the commissioners help.

Commissioner Ogle stated that the problem with selling it is there is \$50,000.00 in delinquent taxes but Commissioner D'Onofrio is with Buckeye Hills, and they have a program where there is a terrific amount of money allocated for Hocking County. Commissioner D'Onofrio said that it is for the specific purpose of paying the back taxes to get it into foreclosure and to get things done. And there is a meeting in the morning.

Mrs Wright stated that they have a council meeting Monday. Commissioner D'Onofrio asked what time. Mrs. Wright said it was at 7:00 PM, and that if Commissioner D'Onofrio would come and let them know anything he found out. Commissioner D'Onofrio said that he would let them know. Mrs Wright invites all the Commissioners to be included in the village because that is something that is very important because they are on the other side of the County and she feels they are kinda left out.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Jessica Dicken to adjourn.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dicken, yea, D'Onofrio, 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 October 5, 2023.

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Sandra Ogle, President