

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 28th day of December 2023 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jason D'Onofrio

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Sandra Ogle.

MINUTES

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve tabling the December 21st minutes until the next meeting.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

AGENDA

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Agenda with the addition of Judy Henninger at 9:45.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

APPOINTMENTS

9:30 - Curtis Hayward presented concerns about the state of Lake Logan, in that it is getting very shallow, around ten feet deep, when it used to be about thirty feet deep. The beach area is getting taken over, the dam needs work, Very similar problems that Buckeye Lake had. Commissioner Ogle asked how deep it used to be, Mr Hayward said it used to be thirty feet deep. Carol Mackey a volunteer with the group, with Fred Walter, President of the Hocking County Soil and Water Conservation District, which plays a very big role in the watershed district. Stated that they have over 2600 signatures on their petition at this point. There are three things that they asked the ODNR to focus on and help them to understand what is going on. One is, what are their intentions regarding dredging, they have had a couple of false starts. Dam repairs, vegetation management, They have had two meetings with the ODNR division of State Parks and watercraft with Chief Cobb in attendance both times. They have agreed to have a public open house January the 27th. Ms. Mackey invited the Commissioners to attend. There are several divisions within State Parks and Watercrafts that are involved in lake management that will attend. We are encouraged that we opened the lines of communication. Fred Walter added that it would be helpful if the Commissioners would be at the January meeting to be aware and ask questions. Ms. Mackey added that they did draft a resolution of support for the various County stakeholder groups. And ask if the Commissioners would consider signing it. Commissioner Ogle stated they don't have enough information, It will have to be discussed. Commissioner Ogle said the Commissioners will plan to be at the meeting on January 27th, and asked if it will be open to the public, and advertised. Ms. Mackey informed that it will be open to the public, they are advertising as much as they can. Commissioner D'Onofrio asked if they had a location and time. Ms. Mackey stated it will be held at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge from 10AM-12PM on January 27th. Commissioner Ogle asked if it was ok with them, she would like to invite our State Representative Mark Johnson. Ms Mackey said absolutely, they had sent a letter to him and Senator Wilkin, Also Senator Shaffer, who is chair of the Natural Resources Committee. Commissioner Ogle said that it sounds like there will have to be funding from the State. Commissioner D'Onofrio asked what the website is.

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Mr Hayward informed that it is lakeloganassociation.org.

9:45 - Judy Henniger with the Logan Town Center asked the Commissioners for permission to use the Courthouse for the high school choir, middle school choir, and the children's choir concert during the Ice Festival on January 20th, from 12 PM -4 PM.

Commissioner Ogle asked if they provided security. Ms. Henniger said yes, they would have security with the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Ogle stated that they had discussed having an open house during the Ice Festival to show how nice the Courthouse is looking with the outside cleaned, painting, the floors cleaned and refinished, and the air conditioners out of the windows.

Ms. Henniger stated that this Courthouse was built by the architect that built buildings at Ohio State and this was his last project.

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve having the Courthouse open on January 20th during the Ice festival.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

GENERAL BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Probation Department

Probation Services Grant 2023 - Travel (D85-04) - Salary & Fringes (D85-01) - \$69.09
Prosecutor - VOCA - Salaries TT62-12 - Salaries TT62-01 - 1,440.00

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

Lodging Tax - Fringes C03-02 - Salary C03-01 - 26.03

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

Amend Transfer

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to amend an appropriation transfer to correct the amount from \$2,425.60 to \$1750.00 for P38-12 Workers Comp. to P 38-10 Hospitalization.

Vote: Ogle, yea D'Onofrio, yea.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Juvenile Court - Felony Delinquent Care & Cust 23 - Probation/ Salaries - MM23-24 - \$20.00

Treasurer - Treasurer's Overage Fund 285 - Overage & Refunds Treasurer - BA120 - \$247.38

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Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

ADVANCE REQUEST

Commissioners - 01 County - A15A15A - 186 - Opioid - HOPE - \$32.03

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Treasurer - Treasurer - Pre pay Interest 140 - Other Expense - G14-05 -
\$247.38

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

FUND TRANSFER

Treasurer - Treasurer's Overage Fund 285 BA120 - Treasurer Pre-pay Interest 140001 -
\$247.38

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

SEWER SURVEY LETTERS

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a reminder letter to send to Haydenville Sewer Residents to complete the 2023 sewer survey if they have not already done so.

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

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a letter to send to Haydenville Sewer Residents who have indicated that their household sump pump is connected to the sewer system to set up appointments for inspections of corrections made.

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

811 Member Rep.

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve naming Sandra Ogle as Member Representative.

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

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811 Contact

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve naming Sewer Assistant Owen Parlato as the positive response contact with 811.

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

BAILEY'S PAINTING

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Bailey's Painting to paint and repair the Title Office ceiling, firestop holes around new electric, Estimate \$600.00 and Side Entrance hallway, repair walls, primer and paint. Estimate \$650.00 for a total of \$1250.00

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

South Central Power Company

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve South Central Power to maintenance 2 existing poles at locations 5 and 8 and replace 1 existing pole at location 6 within row.

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

Sick Leave Bank Usage

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve sick leave bank request of 4.7875 hours.

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

Sewer Department

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve \$600.00 for replacement grates, \$400.00 for a toolbox for truck, and \$300.00 for a weed eater.

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

Lodging Tax

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Lodging Tax Administrator Josh Givens to go meet with Perry County about Lodging Tax.

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

Library Board

Commissioner Ogle stated that there are two people interested in the Library Board position

Budgets

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve all outside budgets and special funds.

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

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Commissioners Budget

Commissioner Ogle stated she thought it would be best not to transfer 1 million dollars into capital improvement or the 1.2 million dollars for the start up of the jail and leave it in the carry over until it is needed.

The total budget is \$14,257,662.18, the projected revenue is right at 13 million.

Motion by Jason D’Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Commissioners Budget of \$14,257,662.18

Roll Call Vote: Ogle, yea, D’Onofrio, yea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chad Ricketts asked how many other people have been wrote up for voicing opinions and asking questions of County Officials, getting harassed by then Deputy Caleb Moritz and getting parental rights taken away for asking questions, while others can ask for Commissioners resignations, and asking about tourism association expenditures. Mr Ricketts also asked about free property on Big Pine road and properties now for sale. Mr Ricketts asked if the County would give him 1.3 million for his property.

Micheal Nihiser voiced concerns that some of the facts given about Lake Logan were not correct. Also voicing concerns about the Library Board banning books, stating that if the appointees are going to represent the County and the citizens, it should be done carefully. As in the Tourism Board, people on the board that own 40 cabins, which he feels is a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Ogle stated that it is hard to get people to serve on Boards.

Chad Ricketts stated that Judy Henninger serves on several Boards.

Commissioner Ogle wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason D’Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to adjourn.

Vote: Ogle, yea, D’Onofrio, yea.

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Board of Hocking County
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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 December 28, 2023.

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Sandra Ogle, President