

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 29nd of February 2024 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jason D'Onofrio, and Michael Linton

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jason D'Onofrio.

MINUTES

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the February 22nd minutes.

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

AGENDA

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve the Agenda.

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

BILLS

Name	Purpose	Amount
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER	BOTTLED WATER COURTHOUSE & BOE	12.00
ZASHIN & RICH CO., LPA	VARIOUS LEGAL EXPENSE	735.00
HOCKING COUNTY TREASURER	FIRST HALF TAXES ON BURCHAM PR	579.67
MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	COPIER MAINT	463.56
OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	SUPPLIES	197.67
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	COPIER LEASE & COPY CHARGES	17.11
BLAZER, KIM	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE	16.62
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	!! TRAINING THRU 2024	425.00
GALLS, LLC	SUPPLIES	58.78
GALLS, LLC	SUPPLIES	197.38
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER	WATER	44.50

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CINTAS CORPORATION	FLOOR MAT SERVICE	222.75
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER LEASE & OVERAGE CHARGES	336.13
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	PITNEY BOWES LEASE	2,985.81
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE BILL 2024	342.53
TRI-COUNTY TERMITE & PEST	PEST CONTROL 2024	45.00
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	SERVICE	6,557.00
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.	SERVICE	4,063.25
VAL TECH	LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	261.34
SAVING HARDWARE	OFFICE & GARAGE SUPPLIES	177.98
COMDOC INC	COPIER MAINT	156.95
ROCKY SHOES & BOOTS OUTLET	UNIFORMS	148.48
HANDCUFF WAREHOUSE	GRIP RESTRAINT MITTS	239.40
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER	WATER	28.00
DOC'S TOWING	!! WRECKER SERVICES	200.00
MORGAN CO SHERIFF IMPOUND LO	!! WRECKER SERVICES	200.00
B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	SERVICES/RADIO REPAIRS	204.87
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	7.78
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	BCNH 2024	1,520.50
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	ELECTRIC FOR 2024	215.13
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICE FOR 2024	159.97

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BAUM LAW OFFICE	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	3,755.37
FICKEL, BENJAMIN E.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,310.00
MEADOWS, JORDEN M	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,557.50
MEADOWS, JORDEN M	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,542.50
KLINE, DONALD L	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	577.50
MOORE, WILLIAM	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	4,275.00
MOORE, WILLIAM	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	802.50
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,672.50
WEAVER, CAMERON M.	!! PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,492.50
NETCARE CORPORATION	COURT EVALUATION 2024	8,600.00
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S	VARIOUS VENDORS HOUSING INMATES	368.00
OHIO COUNTY DOG WARDEN ASSOC.	OCDWA	250.00
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICIN	DOG-KENNEL TAGS	463.20
LOGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT	100 PUBLIC TRANS TICKETS	200.00
GIVENS, JOSH	TRAVEL	45.56
CREATURE COMFORTS VETERINARY	!! K-9 VET MAINTENANCE	395.17
WALMART	GIFT CARDS FOR SENIORS	5,000.00
THE KROGER CO.	GIFT CARDS FOR SENIORS	5,000.00
WYKLE, RHONDA	TRAVEL EXPENSE-MONTHLY MEETINGS	44.22
T MOBILE	CELL PHONES	367.69

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WYSKIVER, BRIAN	!! COINS FOR DRUG GRADUATE	30.00
SHEPLER, KATHY	EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	30.00
LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MANAGE	INVESTIGATION TRAINING	885.00
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	CANON COPIER LEASE	2.80
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT MOM COPIER	96.67
APCO INTERNATIONAL, INC	TRAINING/CERTIFICATES, ETC	125.00
FRONTIER	TELEPHONE BILL	66.84
VALTECH COMMUNICATIONS	LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE	19.00
DLZ OHIO, INC.	BIDDING/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION	436.61
DLZ OHIO, INC.	BIDDING/CONTRACT ADMIN	757.50
NELSONVILLE UTILITY OFFICE	MURRAY CITY & CARBON HILL SEWER	4,212.62
KRISTA'S PORTA JOHNS & SEPTIC	!!LABOR HAUL OF WASTE	822.64
MASI, INC	TESTING MACHINE SAMPLES	142.15
VERIZON WIRELESS	SEWER CELL PHONES 2024	81.80
TANSKY MOTORS, INC	MISC & OIL CHANGES 2024	72.92
HOSKINS SOLUTIONS LLC	INSTALLATION OF NEW CONVERTOR U	630.00
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	SERVICE	395.83
TASC OF SOUTHEAST OHIO	COUNSELING/TAX SERVICES ATP	2,353.93
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	MONTHLY SERVICE INTERNET	119.99
AT & T MOBILITY	MONTHLY CELL SERVICE	90.20

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VAL TECH	MONTHLY SERVICE-LONG DIST	78.75
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.	MONTHLY SERVICE-GAS	127.62
B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	SERVICES	410.00
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	568.96
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	280 RADIO LANE ELECTRIC	401.18
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	187 S SPRING ST-ELECTRIC	604.94
MOKU, JACQUELYN	!! EXERCISE CLASS INSTRUCTOR	280.00
SOUTH CENTRAL POWER	LAURELVILLE SR CTR ELECTRIC SER	295.00
BARNES ADVERTISING CORP	BILLBOARD ADVERTISING	150.00
ROYAL PUBLISHING	ADS	80.00
SAM FM WKNA	ANNUAL RADIO ADVERTISING	667.00
HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	ADM. FEES-2022	318.08
HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	PERMIT FEES-2022	824.00
EMERGENCY MGM ASSOC OF OHIO	DEPUTY DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP	50.00
MCCORT, MICHELLE	HOTEL ROOM-DD @PLSO	127.00
MOORE, RANDY V	FUEL-1ST Q	12,262.07
MELVIN STONE COMPANY, LLC	AGGREGATE	1,253.59
MAR-ZANE, INC.	AGGREGATE	1,444.80
FYDA FREIGHTLINER COLUMBUS, I	CAB & CHASSIS ODOT CONTRACT	218,474.0 0

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SHARE CORP	SUPPLIES-STOCK	398.24
B & C COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	RADIO REPAIR	152.00
STEVE'S MOBILE TIRE SERVICE	TIRE REPAIR	270.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	TANK RENTAL 2024	643.70
GLACIER MTN BOTTLED WATER	BOTTLED WATER	443.00
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	ELECTRIC-UTILITY	1,068.92
AT&T	UTILITY-MOBILE 2024	91.44
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	UTILITY-INTERNET '24	214.74

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

APPOINTMENTS

9:30 - HCBDD Superintendent Jill Squires along with lifelong residents Charlie Miller, Stephanie Riggs, and Mathew Stout presented a Proclamation and read by Commissioner D'onofrio Proclaiming March 2024 as Disability Awareness Month. Pictures with the Commissioners were taken.

Jill Squires also announced leap year day, February 29, 2024 to be awareness of rare diseases day.

9:35 - Hocking Hills Tourism Association Director Karen Raymore presented an end of 2023 Tourism Report. Stating that HHTA has cut back on marketing within the Columbus area in the peak season and focusing on Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Chicago, and seeing a good response to that, they are staying 4-5 nights . Also Ms. Raymore updated the Commissioners on legislation on the sales tax loophole, which could bring in over 500,000 dollars a year. Updates on Clarity of Place consultants plan survey which will be out in May, Two town hall meetings that were successful, and plan to do yearly, End of year Financials, Ms. Raymore went over how the sales tax is distributed, And a preview of the 2024 Budget.

Commissioner D'Onofrio asked if the reason our lodging tax collections have more than doubled in the past 5 years is because of tourism growth and the fact that we are collecting better? Ms. Raymore stated that Hocking County is the Envy of the State with our Lodging Tax Administrator, As Josh does an amazing job, and has helped other Counties, and a combination of better collection, higher rates and more visitors.

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Plus HHTA has signed on with a data mining company and is working with OU to get an intern to help with that to get an idea on how many visitors we get and where they travel around the county.

Commissioner Linton asked how Josh gets paid. Ms Raymore explained that Josh gets paid out of the 5% of the 3% of the sales tax.

Commissioner Linton also asked if the survey that Clarity of Place did included emergency services? Ms. Raymore stated that they did, there were in person meetings at the Theater in November and several people from emergency services were there.

Commissioner Linton asked Ms. Raymore to comment about the shortfall of the ability to provide emergency services and taxes that was raised by Laurelville Fire Chief Buthch Valentine.

Ms. Raymore asked if he had talked with the Townships, The lodging tax the HHTA takes in per O.R.C. cannot go to the fire departments but the townships lodging tax income can be spent on anything the townships decide.

Commissioner Ogle clarified that the County does not keep the 5%.The County holds the money.

Commissioner Linton stated that he was just confirming that Josh's pay doesn't come out of the County General Fund.

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to go into General business.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to Proclaim March 2024 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

FUND TRANSFER

Sheriff - General Fund - A06A02 - Concealed Carry Handgun License - \$5,000.00

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to table the fund transfer until sure if it is a transfer or an advance.

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

ADVANCE REQUEST

Sheriff - 01County - A15A15A - 006 ICJR Grant - \$2,550.00

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Hocking County Board of DD - DD General - Other S19.15 - S19.04 Equipment - \$25,000.00

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Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Scenic Hills Senior Center

Scenic Hills Senior Center 024	-	Contract Services	-	S24-06	-	\$18,208.00
		Supplies	-	S24-02	-	\$9,416.40

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

Commissioners - Capital Budgets Grant 895 - Contract Services - D89-01 - \$98,500.00

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve a Certificate of Appointment from the EMS.

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

Mower Quotes

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Michael Linton to approve Maintenance Superintendent Troy Vanbibber to get quotes for a mower.

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

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Sheriff's Office equipment Grant in the amount of \$43,438.08 for new computers.

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

LE-AX Water

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve LE-AX Water to install a 3/4" water service to 18625 Laurel Run Road Nelsonville, Ohio.

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

Frontier

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Frontier to place a service drop of approximately 114' in Little Cola Road 34' to cross the road & 80' along the Row of Road via boring at the depth of 48' below the ground level to serve the customer at 14385 Little Cola Road, Rockbridge, Ohio 43149.

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

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South Central Power

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve SCP to replace 5 existing poles in ROW along Blackjack Road.

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

South Central Power

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve SCP to replace 1 existing pole in ROW along Krinn Unger - Keck Road.

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

Letter of Support for Lake Logan

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the letter of support contingent on the content of the letter.

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

ODOT

Update on ODOT trimming trees on Goose Creek Road to the Vinton County Line, with road closures periodically during the week of March 4th.

And on State route 664 to State route 374, with road closures periodically where the work is taking place.

Zoning Meeting

Commissioner Ogle reminded us of the Zoning meeting today in the Commissioner's meeting room at 2 PM.

TIMESHEETS COMP TIME

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve the Commissioner's Clerk to establish a Comp time ledger to keep track of Comp time of Commissioners employees.

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

ODOT MEETING ON RT. 33/ROCKBRIDGE

Commissioner Ogle informed everyone on the ODOT Public Meeting at the Church on Chieftain Drive on March 12, 2023 to discuss Route 33/and Rockbridge at 4:30- 6:30 PM.

Rockbridge Surveys

Commissioner Ogle informed that the Clerk will get with the Treasurer's Office to get addresses for the Sewer Survey.

Sewer Estimate Repair

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded Michael Linton to approve Peter's Plumbing to repair the broken Y in the sewer line next weekend for the amount of \$1,981.98

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

School Bus signs on 93

Commissioner Linton informed that Maggi Bery worked with ODOT about school bus signs on 93 by Sutton Road. ODOT will assess the need and if approved, will put up multiple signs.

HR

Commissioner Linton inquired of the possibility to look into an HR Position to share with the City and share the cost of, Commissioner Linton stated that he will meet with the City to discuss.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Linton asked who is on the Policy committee.

Commissioner Ogle stated that she is on the Policy Committee, along with Prosecutor, Recorder, Treasurer, Marjorie Moore, The Clerk, Auditor, The Dept Heads.

Policy Book

Motion By Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to have Clerk send Policy Handbook Attorney David Riepenhoff a request for a final bill and inform them that their services are no longer needed, Also Commissioner Ogle stated that the Clerk makes copies of the Policybook that Commissioner D'Onofrio has from CORSA and so the Commissioners can review it then set up an appointment for the Policy Committee.

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

Grant Writer

Commissioner Linton asked what the plan is for hiring a Grant writer? Commissioner Ogle said the goal was that when Gretchen Gregory left , Kaula was appointed as grant writer/clerk until the grants were finished, and would then consider hiring a grant writer.

There was discussion on how to hire a grant writer and the different options.

CEBCO Wellness Program

Commissioner Linton and Commissioner D'Onofrio met with CEBCO, and discussed information they brought about employee benefits and wellness rewards. Commissioner Linton discussed the possibility of a health fair for county employees. BWC provides financial incentives to do wellness things.

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Commissioner Linton to sign an agreement that CEBCO provide funds to support the wellness program.

There is also an App. that will give gift card incentives for getting wellness tests/screenings.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dwayne Brown Discussed issues he has had with water backing up onto his property since the new sewer system was installed and they removed a storm sewer and did not replace.

Commissioner Ogle stated that she would work on it.

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Until Executive Session at 12:30 PM

RECONVENE:

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to go into General Business

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

FUND TRANSFER

Sheriff - General Fund - A06A02 - Concealed Carry Handgun License - \$5,000.00

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

SUBGRANT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve in the amount of \$2,920.00 for a extradition transport reimbursement.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12:32 - Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to go into Executive Session with Chief Assistant Prosecutor Tom Stolly under Contracts.

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

EXIT: 1:07 PM - With no action taken and no decisions made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:08 - Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Michael Linton to go into Executive Session with Assistant Prosecutor Alisa Turner - Personnel

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

Exit - 1:45 -With no action taken and no decisions made,

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to go into General Business.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

VAWA GRANT

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to appoint Chief AssistantProsecutor Tom Stolly to act on behalf of Commissioners in relation to Grants that are pending or in place to make sure all appropriate action is handled during this period of time

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

Appointments

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Tom Stolly Presented the Commissioners with the VAWA Grant, for approval of the Board, for hiring a victims advocate which will be funded by the grant. Which has already been allocated in the Prosecutors Office Budget. Mr Stolly Presented the Commissioner’s with pre award conditions forms for approval, for the Prosecutor’s office to submit the document, and approve the Grant application.

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

Vote: Ogle, yea, D’Onofrio, yea.Linton, yea.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to adjourn.

Vote: Ogle, yea, D’Onofrio, yea.Linton, 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 February 29, 2024

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Jason D’Onofrio, President