

# COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 19th of September 2024 with the following members present: Jason D'Onofrio, Sandra Ogle, 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 minutes.

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

## **AGENDA**

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

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

## **APPOINTMENTS**

9:30 - DLZ Associate Vice President Gary Silcott presented the Commissioners with an update on Enterprise/664 Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Hocking Valley Scenic Trail, West Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Rockbridge Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer replacement, Haydenville Regional Connection, Demolition Grant, Scenic Hills Senior Center's Educational and Wellness Center Expansion, SR 664 Sewer Extension.

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

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **EPA/ West Street**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve closing out the EPA /West Street loan.

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

### **ODNR Request for funds**

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve DLZ to request funds from ODNR for the Hocking Valley Scenic Trail in the amount of \$13,875.88

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

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve signing the ODNR performance report for funds received to pay DLZ invoices.

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

### **Haydenville Sewer**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve the Haydenville nomination to participate.

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

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve going into appointments.

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

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## APPOINTMENTS

9:45 - Fred Weghorst presented to the Commissioners a request to install a manhole at the intersection of Bradford Drive and Country Club Lane, off of 328 so that 13.7 acres could be developed in the future. Mr. Weghorst would like to install by directional bore a sewer line to the first manhole that comes off of 328.

10:01 - Allen Altfater is requesting a letter of support for a Clean Ohio grant application for an Open Space Conservation Land Acquisition consisting of 4 properties which include Little Cola Cabins LLC., 130 acres total.

10:12 - LHS Superintendent Monte Bainter, presented an update of the Logan High School and informed that he is retiring at the end of October and Christy Bosch is taking over as Superintendent. Mr Bainter will be taking the role of Superintendent of the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) Mr Bainter stated that the school year has started off good. Chieftain Elementary is nominated for the blue ribbon award, which is the highest award a building can get, and are awaiting that news on Monday if they won the award.

The School was awarded a \$1,039,000.00 grant for career tech and VoAg. which will stay in the district.

Mr Bainter also informed us that there is a decline in enrollment in our County and School District, with a loss of about 500 students since 2016. Looking at how we can be more efficient in what we are doing, and creating skills for kids that are graduating. Will be holding a general meeting with the Community.

Mr Bainter stated that the goal is trying to provide the best education for all.

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

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

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### **Clean Ohio**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to table the resolution presented by Allen Altfater.

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

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Dept. of DD - Permanent Improvement N42 - Building Improvements - N42.05 - \$38,766.38

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

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

Engineer	-	Autogas 002-003	-	K02-13 Equipment	-	K02-13	-	\$18,525.00
		Autogas	-	K02-19 - Grants	-	K02-19	-	\$120,560.73
				Medical & Medicare	-	K02-37	-	\$135,915.04

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

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

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Hocking County DD - DD General S1900 -Salaries - S19.01 - \$ 5,000.00

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

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

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Common Pleas - T-Cap Grant - 073001 - Other Expense - TT73-15 - \$ 6,803.34

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

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

Commissioners - Hocking County Sewer - Contract Services P38-06 - \$13,493.22

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

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

## ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

EMA - EMA 91001 - Supplies - W91-02 - \$800.00

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

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

## APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Common Pleas - Ho. Co. ATP Funds - Recovery Support B13-03 - Salary & fringes B311-01 - \$3,271.00

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

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

Family Children First Council - TT69-15 Audit Expense - TT69-08 Family/ Child Support - \$3,000.00

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

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

## Spectrum

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the installation of a new conduit to run a new fiber along Pleasant Valley Road and 180.

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

## AEP

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve AEP to replace 4 existing poles along CR 12.

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

## CEBCO

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve the renewal for CEBCO for 2025.

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

## Depot Land

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to table the request from Murray City Improvement Committee, who are the owners of and wish to discontinue sewer service #62078 for Depot Land,

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

## Burr Oak Regional Water District

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Sandra Ogle to appoint Michael Linton to the Burr Oak Regional Water District

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

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## **Vets Service Commission**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve the Veterans Service Commission to trade in their 2016 Ford Transit and purchase a new vehicle for handicapped accessible veterans to be transported back and forth to VA medical appointments.

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

## **Open Burning**

The State Fire Marshal has ordered a ban on all open burning, firework displays, recreational fires, or the use of any portable outdoor fireplaces, any burning of trash, debris, waste, combustibles, leaf piles, campfires, bonfires, throwing down/discarding of lighted or smoldering material including matches or cigarettes, until further notice.

## **DROUGHT**

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve a resolution by the Hocking County Commissioners declaring a State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions, with specific focus on the agricultural crisis facing the county.

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

## **Trunk or Treat Event**

October 30, 2024 from 6-7:30 PM the Hocking County Board of DD is hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the Hocking County Fairgrounds, open to all ages.

## **WPCLF**

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve DLZ to submit a nomination for Haydenville Sewer Projects.

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

## **Maximus**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve renewing the Maximus Cost plan Contract for 3 years.

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

## **APPOINTMENT SLIPS**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve two appointment slips for EMS.

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

## **Hocking County District Library Board**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to table the Library Board application.

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

## **Foster Hub**

Commissioner D'Onofrio stated that he was moving forward with talking with Buckeye Hills Regional about Foster Hub.

## **CCAO Conference**

The CCAO conference is December 4, 5, 6 th

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## **December 5th Meeting**

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Michael Linton to approve moving the December 5th meeting to Tuesday December 3rd so the Commissioners can attend the Conference.

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

## **Christmas Music on the Steps**

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Michael Linton to approve Commissioner Ogle to have Judy Henninger to arrange music on the steps of the Courthouse.

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

## **Sewer**

Motion by Jason D'Onofrio and seconded by Michael Linton to approve Sewer Superintendent Tim Meehling to replace parts as needed without going through the meeting.

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

## **Murray City pump**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a new pump for Murray City as the old one had wires jammed.

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

## **September 26 Meeting**

Commissioner Ogle reminded that next week's meeting is the quarterly evening meeting and it is at 6PM.

Commissioner Linton talked to the Engineers Office about a received letter for a permit.

## **Laurelville Floodplain Letter**

Commissioner Linton emailed the Mayor of Laurelville regarding the request for assistance with the Flood Plain, the request was sent to legal for review and Commissioner Linton also sent an email to the Engineers Office .

## **Land Bank**

Commissioner Linton said they are making progress on the concept. They had one initial meeting, and the Mayor of Logan is back on board. Commissioner Linton stated that there are between 1000-1500 delinquent properties.

## **Collaboration Meeting**

Commissioner Linton stated that he sent out he invite to department heads and that is scheduled for October 3rd.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jamie Riggs asked how much land is tied up in conservancies, Commissioner D'Onofrio is looking into it.

Sue Morgan inquired about the pump that is getting replaced.

Michael Nihiser discussed the Weghorst sewer line, and the extension of the extension.

## **RECESS:10:50 AM**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve going into recess for 10 minutes.

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

## **RECONVENE 10:59 AM**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to go into Executive Session with Senior Center Director Marjorie Moore for a yearly evaluation.

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

**EXIT:** 11:25 AM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Michael Linton to approve to go into Executive Session, Personnel

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

**EXIT:** 12:07 PM

No decisions made and no action taken

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Michael Linton and seconded by Sandra Ogle to Adjourn

Vote: D’Onofrio, yea, Ogle, 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 August 29, 2024.

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Christy Lindinger, Clerk

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Jason D’Onofrio, President