The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session the 13th day of December 2016 with the following members present Larry Dicken, Jeff Dickerson and Sandy Ogle.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Ogle.

**MINUTES:** December 8, 2016 minutes approved.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the agenda.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to amend the agenda to appointment Coroner Dr. David Cumin at 9:10AM.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**CORONER:** Coroner Dr. David Cummin spoke to the commissioners regarding safety issues for the Coroners Department. The Coroner spoke about a shooting scene last week that Coroner Investigator Jamie Walsh was sent to and was left by herself with the deceased on the floor and out of range on St Rt 595 and totally unsafe and completely unnecessary this is the policy that has been going on for two years leaving us alone. This is the third time this issue has been brought to the board and I think to continue to ignore it would be a problem because there is workers comp issues involved, safety and employee issues involved and I hate for it to be continued and ignored. This is a problem that is unique to the Sheriff’s Department it is not with the Logan Police Department, the Highway Patrol, the Forestry Department, or the Laurelville Police Department and I don’t know what to do about it my job is to protect my employees. The Coroner presented a written policy from the Sheriff’s Department from April 1, 2015. Dr. Cummin asked how to fix the problem, does the county hire bodyguards, and how do you protect employees that are in harm’s way. The Coroner stated he doesn’t carry a gun nor does he have a license to carry a gun and not part of his job description. The Coroner stated that Monday there were four sheriff cruisers there with two detectives and two deputies and my employee a mother of three was left by herself at a shooting with the decedent. The Coroner asked each commissioner if it was acceptable. Commissioner Dickerson stated no, commissioner Dicken said no, commissioner Ogle stated that maybe she should get a different job. The Coroner directed to Commissioner Ogle - so we’re against women, so what job should she get. Sandy stated that’s your problem. Dr. Cummin stated it is your problem, because you have been addressed three times. The Coroner asked what do I do to fix this problem because if I have to hire bodyguards so we can have equal pay for equal rights, equal employees of equal gender how are we going to protect my people because if I have to hire bodyguards I will need a budgetary increase. How do you protect your employees, she is a county employees and an elected official that are put in harm’s way. Commissioner Dickerson said that it is a unique situation, as we don’t have the power or the authority to order an elected official to require that kind of protection. The Coroner stated she is paid by the county as an employee of this county that’s where you might get a legal representative to find out what I need to do to get protection for my employees and she is your employee and this is your problem. Commissioner Dickerson stated I would be remiss if we did not consult as you stated they need to consult with the Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Ogle stated they need to get some legal advice. The Coroner stated that’s fine but what do we do in the meantime. Commissioner Dicken requested the Coroner come back on Thursday at 9:35AM. The Coroner stated he could come back. Commissioner Dickerson said he is not trying to prove you wrong that he wants to make sure the right procedures are followed that way we are protecting ourselves, you hopefully and the county at the same time. The Coroner said if one of my employees gets hurt would they be suing me or you and the county. Commissioner Dicken stated you and the county. The Coroner stated then I would guess she is a county employee.

Teresa Salizzoni of SAMFM asked the Coroner that he said equal rights equal pay what does it matter that she is a single mother of three being left there verses Mr. Warthman who is also a father. The Coroner stated she is not a single mother and I think Linn Warthman can protect himself better than she can. Teresa stated that as a woman she takes offence to that. The Coroner stated than you should really take offence to Commissioner Ogle stating she needs to find another job. Teresa stated that she has done some research and she believes there is a court order in place that gave the protocol on how the scenes are to be handled from a judge and she doesn’t believe it’s been lifted. The Coroner asked what it had to do with this question. Teresa stated it has to do with this policy. The Coroner stated it doesn’t read it again; it has nothing to do with leaving us on scene by ourselves you are incorrect. Teresa stated she doesn’t believe so but she will have a look. Commissioner Dicken stated to be here at 9:35AM Thursday we will have an answer for you.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to amend the agenda to 9:24AM to appointment Lena Osborne of HAPCAP.

Vote; Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**HAPCAP:** Lena Osborne of HAPCAP presented the budget for the Goodyear Lift Station Project that was completed December 9th and requested how they would like to fulfill the remaining cost.

**GOODYEAR #2 LIFT STATION DISCERNMENT:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to take $22,200.00 from City Sewer Improvements, $14,600.00 from City of Logan RLF, $15,000.00 from Hocking County Permanent Improvements and the rest out of Hocking County Community Improvement Corporation.

Roll Call: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

Lena spoke about a change order from KSG construction for the amount of $1,827.15. Sandy confirmed that the original contract fee was $120,434.00 and the change order is for $1,827.15 because of the repair water infiltration in an existing wet well which brings the project to $122,261.15. Larry stated over the years I’ve been contractor and would be nice to bid a contract than add the change order after the fact. Lena said they talked to Gary Silcott last week but I just got the invoice yesterday. Larry stated when you bid a job and we approved that bid and now they want a change order after the fact to collect more money. Sandy said it looks like this should’ve have been included in the bid because the problem was there at the time.

**CHANGE ORDER:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson that based on discussion that the change order be denied.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to change the agenda to appointment Auditor Ken Wilson to 9:40AM.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**AUDITOR:** Auditor Ken Wilson presented the budget worksheets and stated they are working on finalizing the revenue worksheets.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to enter into Executive Session at 9:41AM with Auditor Ken Wilson to discuss personnel matters of compensation.

Roll Call: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Larry Dicken to exit Executive Session at 10:25AM with no action taken.

Roll Call: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**AMEND AGENDA:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to amend the agenda to general business at 10:28AM.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the following Appropriation Transfers:

1) Commissioners - $1,024.38 from B05-08/PERS to B05-11/Other

2) Engineer - $14,421.00 from K02-12/Road Mtls to K02-19/Grants

3) BOE - $300.00 from A03A02A/Poll Workers to A03A07/Travel

4) Veterans - $7,018.74 from A09C06/Relief to A09C04/Equipment

5) Veterans - $2,473.69 from A09C03/Supplies to A09C09D/Other Expense

6) Veterans - $2,348.81 from A09C07/Van/Gas Maint. To A09C05/Hospitalization

7) Veterans - $10,000.00 from A09C06/Relief to A09C09D/Other Expense

8) Municipal Ct - $4,990.08 from A02G02/Salaries to A02G09A/PERS

9) 911 - $2,000.00 from H76-07/Other to H76-03/Equipment

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the following Decrease of Appropriations:

1) FCFC - $13,143.04 in TT80/Help Me Grow

2) Sheriff - $62.67 in B27-01/Other Expense

3) Sheriff - $9,203.72 in D29-04/Expense

4) Sheriff - $343.09 in T81-01/Salaries

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to authorize President Sandy Ogle to sign the Notice of Commencement for Guardrail Improvements on CR #3, Lake Logan Road.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**ENGINEER VEHICLE PURCHASES:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to authorize President Sandy Ogle to sign the agreements to purchase two 2017 Ford 250 vehicles for the County Engineer.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**TITLE III B AGREEMENT:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to authorize President Sandy Ogle to sign the 2016-17 Title III B Supportive Services Agreement Modification for the Scenic Hills Senior Center.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**PASSPORT-SHSC:** Motion by Larry Dicken and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to authorize President Sandy Ogle to sign the 2016-2017 Passport Amendment from the Area Agency on Aging 8 for the Scenic Hills Senior Center.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

**DD RESUMES’:** Commissioner Ogle presented the DD Board Appointments that they will discuss on Thursday.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Commissioner Dicken left the meeting at 10:40AM.

**CLARIFICATION EMS RESOLUTION:** Commissioner Ogle clarified the EMS resolution with the health insurance rate table.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Teresa Salizzoni stated she found an audio that paints a different story than what the Coroner said what happened at the crime scene so she encourages the commissioners to talk to the Sheriff’s Office. Commissioner Dickerson clarified that it was on the death that occurred on St Rt 595.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Sandy Ogle to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Dicken, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, yea.

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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 13, 2016. |
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| Peggi Warthman, Clerk |  | Sandy Ogle, President |