

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 27th day of September 2021 with the following members present: Jeff Dickerson and Gary Waugh. Sandy Ogle is excused.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

AGENDA

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

BILLS

The following bills were presented before examination and approval:

Name	No.	Purpose	Amount
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Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Recess: at 9:32 am

Reconvene: at 9:37 am

GENERAL BUSINESS

Treasurer

Commissioner Waugh referenced a letter received from the Hocking County Treasurer asking about documentation to COVID related sick hours, if the employee didn't have sick or vacation hours to use. Auditor Ken Wilson was present so Commissioner Waugh asked his advice. Auditor Ken Wilson replied that if it was just for documentation purposes only, his office doesn't have a problem with that being done. However, if there is more to the topic, perhaps a more in depth conversation with Diane would be needed. Commissioner Waugh will follow up further for clarification.

ARPA

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the current rough draft list of expenses for the first round of ARPA funding.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Engineer

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the underground construction application for Frontier Communication to replace cable on Jack Run Rd.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Certification of Additional Revenue Additional Appropriations

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Commissioners - Sewer 038 Contract Services P38-06 \$5,000.00; Additional revenue received, in the amount of \$127,000.00 from sewer bills that needs certified to allow appropriations to pay invoices.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Additional Appropriation

Commissioners - Sewer - 038 Contract Services P38-06 \$5,00.00

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to rescind.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Prosecutor - VOCA 062 VS Tracking Transfer TT62-18 \$342.12

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Ho Co Int. Intervention - Ho Co Int. Intervention Fringes R49-01A \$2,751.56

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Appropriation Transfer

Sheriff - \$1,600.00 from B05-09B Hosp and Medicare to B05-05 Contract Services

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

APPOINTMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to enter into executive session with Auditor Ken Wilson under contracts at 9:46 am.

Roll Call Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

EXIT: at 10:19 am

Auditor

Auditor Ken Wilson discussed training going on today for the new dog licenses online system, and SCOIC wants to meet with the County department heads to discuss renewal premiums on Thursday, September 30th.

Commissioner Dickerson asked the clerk to schedule a meeting with department heads for Thursday, and to ask they be seated and ready at 10:30 am to discuss COVID prior to the insurance meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

EMA & 911

At the request of the EMA and 911 Directors, Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to close the EMA building to all public effective immediately.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Masks

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Commissioner Waugh discussed the ramping numbers of COVID, and the need for a mask mandate now vs. waiting until a meeting can be set up with department heads.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to require masks upon entry of the courthouse for all employees and non-employees. All persons entering the courthouse must have a proper face covering that covers the nose and mouth. This mandate becomes effective on Monday, September 27, 2021. Once within the department, any further procedure is then up to the elected official or department head.

Vote: Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

Discussion about the importance of this mandate was discussed. Employees being sick, limited staffing in some departments, and the Courts will soon be ordering masks.

Commissioner Dickerson repeated the motion for clarification and emphasizing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Nihiser commented that masks are not effective when not properly worn.

Commissioner Dickerson added that to the previous motion, for masks to be worn properly over the nose and mouth.

Mike Nihiser discusses monthly board reports that should be given to the Commissioners per a Resolution passed many years ago. Tourism Association submits monthly board meeting minutes, which does not provide adequate information in Nihiser's opinion. Nihiser would like to know how the Tourism Association spends their tax money. Nihiser expressed concern of failure of proper procedures by the Tourism Association.

Keri Johnson from the Logan Daily News asked for a total amount the County received from ARPA funds. IT Director Mark Stout joined the conversation to answer somewhere in the 5.4 to 5.7 million dollar range for the total amount, but that amount is released in 2 rounds. Next round will be around May 2022.

Keri Johnson from the Logan Daily News asked if there had been any further details about the Opioid settlement. Commissioner Dickerson replied that the Commissioners have not heard or discussed any additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to adjourn.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Waugh, yea.

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Kaula Funk, 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 September 24, 2021.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

Jeff Dickerson, President