

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 01 day of February 2022 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jeff Dickerson, and Gary Waugh.

MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the 01/25 & 01/27 minutes.

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

AGENDA

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

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

APPOINTMENTS

OSU

Shannon Carter from OSU Extension introduced the new 4H educator Kayla Nihiser. Kayla provided updates on enrollments for members and volunteers, and how introductions to 4-H have been going for grade school children. Kayla thanked the Commissioners for their support.

ABM

John Ferragonio presented the Commissioners with the Master Development Agreement. Commissioner Ogle expressed concern that the main point of focus of installing an HVAC is being overstepped and lumped together with too many other projects. The contract amount is \$49,000.00, which has been approved by the Prosecutor if the Commissioners wish to move forward. John explained that the \$49,000.00 is a hard cost for outside consultants, and an Engineering and specifications plan. That amount will be rolled into the project, if the project is selected to pursue. Commissioner Ogle gets clarification on how the process would work, and what this amount entails. Commissioner Dickerson asks if the price is all that would be charged from ABM. John explains that the \$49,000 will never get paid, if the project is accepted, that amount is built into the project cost, at a guaranteed price. If the project is not selected to continue, then the \$49,000 would be paid but the Commissioners would still have the Engineering plans and specs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan expresses her personal opinion that a County employee should not be dragged into the mix of a sales pitch to become an ally, and as a taxpayer she has concern about the \$49,000. Mrs. Morgan suggests a period of time to think about this agreement is appropriate. John apologies to Mrs. Morgan about this misunderstanding of

bringing Mark Stout into the discussion, and explains why this project is suitable for Hocking County

ABM CONTINUE

Commissioner Dickerson would like to meet with the Commissioners and discuss the contract before any decisions are made. Commissioner Ogle asked if John has an idea of what the HVAC system will cost, and John replied that he does not have cost right now. Commissioner Dickerson suggests getting together in a few weeks to discuss with ABM and Director Tyler Nichols More discussion about pricing, overall costs, and more concerns. Commissioner Dickerson suggests an executive session under contracts with the Commissioners to discuss this in more detail and to get ABM and the Commissioners all on the same page. Commissioner Ogle states that the County will not go into debt for this project. John discusses different avenues the County could go down to offset the cost of the project. This conversation will continue at a later time.

GENERAL BUSINESS

SHSC

Commissioner Ogle read a monthly report and yearly event update from the Senior Center.

Letter of Support

Commissioner Ogle read a letter of support addressed to Senator Schaffer on behalf of the Board of DD to extend their support for a grant application for capital funds.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the President of the Board's signature.

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

Brownfield

An update from County Grant Coordinator Gretchen Gregory notified the Mayor that after discussion with MORPC, the best approach is to postpone round one application, and apply for round two instead.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to not apply for funding from this grant until the second round, with a deadline of April 30th.

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

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Commissioner Ogle read a flier from the BWC and LocalHelpNow, prompting businesses to hire people in recovery.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the informational flier.

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

Survey

Commissioner Ogle read a request to submit a survey.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh for Commissioner Ogle to get with Gretchen to complete the survey.

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

Buckeye Hills

Buckeye Hills request an appointment form to be filled out and sent back.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to fill out the paperwork and send back.

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

Board of DD

Commissioner Ogle read an email from Brianne Chambers from the Board of DD. There are two openings on the Board currently. Between now and next week Commissioner Ogle will work on setting up those interviews and getting the other position advertised.

Additional Appropriation

001 General Fund Contingencies - Transfers A15A17A \$7,000.00

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve.

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

Appropriation Transfer

Commissioners - \$99,457.00 from Contingencies - Transfers A15A17A to Equipment A01A04

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve.

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

PO

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the purchase order and the Then and Now form for the Tractor, Truck, and SUV in the amount of \$99,457.00.

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

HAPCAP

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve Commissioner Dickerson's signature on the Acknowledgement Receipt of Code of Board Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for HAPCAP.

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

Opioid Settlement

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve Commissioner Ogle to attend an Opioid Settlement meeting on February 10th at 6:00 PM with Gretchen Gregory.

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

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ogle continues to work on Sewer projects.

Commissioner Ogle discusses the general fund paying the Engineer's liability insurance every year. The Engineer's cost this year is \$60,000, and the General Fund is \$41,000. Commissioner Ogle would like to look into who is responsible to pay that bill for the Engineer, and if the General Fund is obligated.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to explore the reason why the general fund is paying for that.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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James L. Pickett Jr. residing at 17689 Laurel Run Road of Nelsonville Ohio presented the Commissioners with a request on behalf of his late father James L. Pickett Sr. The two story brick home across from Dee's Diner is a registered historic landmark. This home is a historic landmark. There is a ditch in front of the home that has been neglected since his fathers passing. Mr. Pickett is requesting the Commissioners to help his mother out and put in a culvert. Commissioner Ogle suggested that a conversation should happen with the County Engineer and asked Pickett if he would like to speak with him, or the Commissioners can for him. Mr. Pickett would appreciate it if the Commissioners would talk to the Engineer about this situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Sue Morgan praised the Commissioners on the decision to table the master agreement plan with ABM to discuss the matter further before signing the agreement. Commissioner Dickerson appreciated her words, and Commissioner Ogle expressed her concern of starting the project and running out of funds.

Commissioner Dickerson spoke on the recurring issue of the broiler, and it can't be bandaged much longer. Sue Morgan commented on the work and dedication of Mr. Ferragonio.

Commissioner Ogle discussed sewer, and not being able to collect on delinquent accounts until assessments during tax time. Commissioner Ogle requested from the board to send all sewer bills to the homeowner, not the resident of the home.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to send all sewer bills to property owners, effective approximately April 1, 2022.

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

Commissioner Dickerson asked Commissioner Ogle if Diane Sargent was aware of this change, and Sandy replied yes that she is aware of the increased workload that may come with this request. Commissioner Ogle will get with Diane to discuss further.

The Commissioners discussed the impending winter weather storm, and if the County is under a level 2 Thursday morning come meeting time.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh that the regular scheduled meeting on Thursday be moved to 10:30 a.m. if the County is on a level 2 Thursday morning.

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

Jim Kalklosch asked how much of a notice are landowners going to receive before the new billing procedures will go into effect. Commissioner Ogle will meet with Diane Sargent today to discuss further, but she assumes she will notify customers as soon as possible. Kalklosch asked if Diane Sargent can see all landowners, and Commissioner Ogle replied that yes she can see all parcel owners.

Commissioners discuss the delinquent state.

Mrs. Morgan asked if there is any way of retrieving that \$30,000 delinquent amount that remains for sewer accounts. Commissioner Ogle replied that she believes but isn't certain, that once a property owner receives these bills it will show the delinquent amount. It will not be reset to zero, this amount will show on their bill.

Commissioner Dickerson asked if the Commissioners would like to meet in executive session today or on Thursday, concerning the ABM master agreement. The clerk confirmed there are no pending appointments on Thursdays agenda. Commissioner Dickerson asked the clerk to schedule an executive session on Thursday under contracts at 9:30 a.m. Commissioners discussed if the Prosecutor should be present for the conversation, and it was decided that if he was needed they would contact the Prosecutor. Commissioner Waugh suggested Mark Stout be present, and Commissioner Dickerson agreed. Commissioner Ogle suggested the executive session be at the end of the meeting.

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to schedule an executive session on Thursday for the end of the meeting with the Commissioners and IT Director Mark Stout under contracts.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to adjourn.

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

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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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 February 01, 2022.

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Kaula Funk, Clerk

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Jeff Dickerson, President