

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in a regular session this 26th day of April 2022 with the following members present: Sandra Ogle, Jeff Dickerson, and Gary Waugh.

MEETING

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to adjourn the 04/24 Commissioners meeting.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

MINUTES

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the 4/19 minutes.

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

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the 04/21 minutes.

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

AGENDA

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh with Prosecutor Ryan Black, Hocking County Fair Board representatives Hank Topf and Mike Roach under possible litigation. Jessica Dicken requested to be added to the agenda. Prosecutor Ryan Black approved, seeing as she is also a fair board secretary.

Jessica Dicken was added to the agenda for the executive session.

Executive Session at 9:33 a.m.

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

EXIT: at 9:45 am.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to enter into general business.

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

Audit

Prosecutor Ryan Black read the following into record:

Background

On 3/31/2022, AOS SIU received a call from Hocking County Prosecutor Ryan Black regarding allegations made by Hocking County Commissioner Jeff Dickerson. Prosecutor Black advised Commissioner Dickerson stated he had been told \$142,000 was missing from the Hocking County Agricultural Society, specifically the Fair Board ... Because Prosecutor Black represents both the County Commissioners and the Fair Board, he requested AOS SIU investigate this matter.

It should also be noted AOS SIU recently closed #2019-CA10989, a preliminary audit and investigation into allegations against a former Fair Board secretary. The case was closed with a determination that no theft had been committed

Work Performed

*On 4/12/2022, I spoke with Commissioner Dickerson regarding his concerns. ... I subsequently explained to Commissioner Dickerson what the figure of \$141,985 represents in the audit report, stating **it is merely the deficiency of operating receipts as compared to the operating disbursements for fiscal year ending 11/30/2020.** As most county fairs did not permit visitors/spectators during the initial onset of COVID-19 in 2020, revenue was limited.*

Recommendation

*At this time, **it is recommended this matter be closed as there is no reason to believe a theft has occurred. Further, it appears the \$142,000 in "missing money" indicated in the initial complaint is merely a misinterpretation of the \$141,985 deficiency listed in the recently released regular audit report.***

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The State Auditor's Office's review unequivocally finds that no money is missing, no theft has occurred, and the matter is hereby closed with no further legal action to be taken.

Commissioner Dickerson speaks, saying he would like to offer his sincere apologies to the Hocking County Fair Board. Also to the three fair board members who are with us this morning. He added I was given bad information not once, but twice. After it was brought to my attention the first time I did ask how do you know this, it was on the report and it was misunderstood and misinterpreted when it was told to me. He continues I never thought or shouldn't have come across that I was casting any accusations, but it was taken that way. Especially by the fair board member, and would like to sincerely apologize - to you and your board, if I caused you problems. If you can forgive me for basing that opinion on bad information, I would appreciate it. I am sincerely sorry. I have always supported our fair board and the programs that they have at the fairgrounds, and I will continue. He continues to say that it - as the Prosecuting Attorney has said - it was misinformation and unfortunately that happens, it is very unfortunate. The Prosecuting Attorney, myself, maybe everyone in this room at one time or another has passed bad information, and I don't know anyone who hasn't. But I did, but I did not accuse anybody on the fair board of stealing or made any accusations that anyone on the fair board was stealing. Dickerson added that he would like to put this behind us and move forward and again I offer my sincere apology and hope that you can see to put this behind us and move forward with me saying that, if anybody from the fair board would like to make a comment, please.

Hank Topf from the fair board addresses Dickerson.

The last meeting you had here, that you adjourned abruptly, the lady I believe her name was Morgan, you brought up that she was trying to create some propaganda because of the election. Well if you go back to the meeting, you had when you brought up the fact that you heard from a reliable source there was missing money, and wondered where that money was, to me that was doing the same thing. You was trying to discredit someone who was running in the election against you, and that is a whole political, and you were very upset when she did it, but it was okay when you did it. Dickerson adds "No, it's not". Topf says, no it's not. Now my other point was, we agreed that we would meet in two weeks and you would keep me updated. Well unfortunately my dad passed away, and I couldn't make that meeting. You never did call me and give me an update. I have yet to hear who your reliable source was, I would like to know who that person was. Dickerson says okay. Topf says, okay, who was your source? Dickerson, he was a former board president, Bud Seum. Topf says okay, well I don't know how the fair board is going to move forward with this because to me it is still it was an accusation that was was um I still don't know how you can get by with sitting as the President of the Commissioners when you hear something like that and you didn't act on it properly, and yet your actions the other day when I reviewed the meeting with Mrs. Morgan, was not the actions of a Commissioner, you should not, you have to have pretty thick skin, people are allowed to express their opinion. YOU actually what was that you said, you're banished, Dickerson said no I didn't say banished, Topf says yes you did, Dickerson says no, Topf says yes you did, do you want me to play it for you, Dickerson says no I don't need, Topf says banished, I heard it, some public chimes in and says out of order. Topf continues, you can't act like that. You can't just act like you're a God, that is unbecoming of a commissioner, especially the president. Dickerson says I regret that it happened, I wish it never had, but - (Topf adds but it did) so close to the election and just so happens to be that someone wants to bring up the fact that I have a disability that I'm legally blind, how can you do your job, you can't do your job, (Topf says well its a valid question, and then play the card throw it back at her, my grandad had macular degeneration, he couldn't see "shit", and he never once complained about it, World War II Veteran, never once played that. Dickerson adds, I didn't complain about it Hank. Topf says well you sure threw it back in her face real quick. Dickerson says because I thought it was designed to make sure everyone out there knows, hey, and whose opinion is it that I can't do my job because of being um, Topf said that's not the, she just asked a, I always wondered to why does Sandy got to do all the ready and everything why does she have to all that for you. I never knew. Dickerson says we help one another to the best of our abilities. Topf says that is not the issue, the issue is the fact that you threw it back at her and basically said your banished. No you can't do that. Bud Seums should be fired immediately, and you should be no longer commissioner. Dickerson said I appreciate your opinion. Topf says I've missed work this is my third time because of what you did, it's my time I have to give up to come here. Dickerson says that's appreciated. Topf adds and I only have so much of it, it's not the fair boards done's give me vacation time, I have to use my own to come here because of what you done to the fair, and I don't know if we will ever recover from it honestly. If you want to make a public apology, when you made that accusation and didn't go to the proper channels and do that right, that is just wrong. Dickerson I never accused anybody. Topf adds you made the statement. - (Clerk notes that a few people talk over each other) - Dickerson says I did not mention the board, Mike Roach adds to the conversation saying then who else was you, while Topf says you should have gone to the Prosecutor right away. Topf says I believe I have the floor, right, do I have the floor. Commissioner Ogle adds yes. Dickerson says I conduct the meeting, and yes you have the floor. Topf says what I meant to say was when you made the statement, you directed it to Ms. Dicken, she is a fair board member. Dickerson says, I asked her because she was the one who handed us the paper. Topf says where is the missing money, we are the fair board, we are in control of the money. It's not hard to figure out, and Dickerson says well that wasn't my intention. Topf says, well that is how it played out. Dickerson says I have sincerely apologized, and I mean that. Topf says well I hope the Commissioners

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act on my recommendation to get rid of MR. Seum and Mr. Dickerson is no longer Commissioner.

Commissioner Ogle asks to say something, stating that Mr. Seum's is off on sick leave, there is no way you can dismiss someone if they're off on sick leave. Topf says as soon as it, I mean, he must have something towards the current fair board members that created this whole mess that were in, and he used you to do it. Inadvertently, but you also did not go through the proper channels and none of this would have happened, all you had to do, if someone comes to you with missing funds you don't just, hey i heard you guys, you go to the proper channels, you should know, you're a... Topf continues, that's what I said, how are you Commissioner when you don't even know to go to the right channels too, all of this would have be avoided. You should have went right to the Prosecutor immediately, hey i heard there was missing money, do your job. Not a public meeting, and discredit the poor Morgan lady. Think that's propoganda for the election, but you did the same thing to her (pointing to Jessica Dicken). I don't understand how you still sit in that seat, I really don't. I don't. I don't see how Bud, sick leave or not, and how did he get a job here, I heard that was kind of suspicious but um thank you for your time, that's all I got to say, I have to get to work. Dickerson says thank you.

Jessica Dicken, so obviously I've been the one that gets to handle, on the back paperwork side, I'm the fair board secretary. So since these allegations were made, Jeff regardless if you want to say that it was misspoken or whatever, it has caused our fair board a great deal of headache and stress, She continues from vendors reaching out to us from junior fair board families, 4-H and FFA, concerned about their children being involved with an organization that is potential involved in stealing money. We have been dealing with vandalism at the fairgrounds. Just a week and a half ago my secretaries office was broken into, windows smashed, coincidence or not, it's' just very frustrating from the fair board's standpoint that you say you are a supporter of the Hocking COunty Fair but you made these allegations. I understand you say you misinterpreted what the gentlemen had said, but you were also aware of our big board switch up over the last three years. Our past president resigned in a not very nice fashion so he's been a disfrontal past fair board member so his allegations, I think, should have brought light that there was probably still some tension there with the current fair board and why he resigned. For the public standpoint though, the fair happens once a year, but as a fair boards members we start planning as soon as we close that Saturday night, with the sale and the derby, that is when we close out and we start again by the next fair board meeting in October. It takes sponsorship though to put it on. The County Commissioners give us some money to help with the Junior Fair program, we receive state funding to help with that, but the rest of that comes from, if we have a good year. Unfortunately the last three years, we have dealt with a big board switch up, we had COVID, we did not get to have a fair in 2020, and then we dealt with last year people still uncertain if they was evening going to come to the fair, we was hopeful this year that we was really starting to turn the corner, but now unfortunately because of the allegations that have been put out to the public and to the world to see, we now, our sponsorship has literally come to a halt. By this point we would have all of our sponsorship collected, I am concerned now that these allegations, and I understand now that you have apologies and I do appreciated that you have publicly apologized, but I want the Commissioners, and you specifically, to understand that when you sit in these seats as Commissioners what you say matters, and now here we are as a 18 board member, and you three Commissioners do sit on the board as non voting board members, that we will have to deal with, these effects of these allegations, I would say throughout this year and into next year. I just want to make that clear, that the headache hat we have been put under and the two extra board meetings, we are holding another special board meeting this evening to discuss how this meeting plays out, it has caused our 18 board members to take time away from their family, from their jobs because of this, and I just wanted to make that clear since we were discussing this in this open forum, and that is all I have to say. Dickerson replies, understood. He asks Mrs. Morgan if she has her hand up, and Mrs. Morgan replies she will save it until public comment, and thanks him for asking.

Mike Roach speaks up and says he has one more thing he would like to make public about this because I am a little confused, Dickerson asks Roach to please state his name, and Mike replies "Mike Roach, Fair Board. Mike continues, supposedly from this audit and came from Bud Seum, and we do understand his wife attends our meetings, she works for that, but this information wasn't out yet. Correct? Dicken replies with correct. Roach continues this audit was not made public yet. So how bud got this number, and misinterpreted that, is confusing to me. BEcause he didn't have, unless he knows someone from the Auditor's office from the State or something and got the information before we did, because the date you brought that up is when you was handed the audit, we had just received that audit previous to that and we haven't even had a meeting yet, to make it where his wife was able to have that information, so I don't think his misinterpretation of our adito is correct. So i'm still in question where he's getting this number from, and how he made this allegation. And in the meeting that you was in here, last time we was here you hadn't even read the audit yet, that was your statement. Dickerson said, yeah I hadn't. Roach adds, so if Bud had this audit or whatever happened, I don't know where he got this number from, this is what we came to conclusion that was it was a minstinterpution of the \$141,000 that is in there. Dickerson replies, I believe he said that it was from the Auditor's website. Dicken says, it was made public a week before when I handed it out so maybe it could have, and Roach says okay that makes sense that clears that up. Dickerson says, that's where that figure came from. Roach says, I appreciate it. Dickerson adds, I assure you I made no allegation, I made no accusation, I did not say. Roach jumps in and says, just to tell you the public is interrupting that differently

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than your opinion. Dickerson says I understand and I apologize. Roach adds it is a direct attack to our fair board is what the public is coming to us about. And they are still questioning how we handle our money. Dickerson says again, I apologize. Roach says, that is all I have to say.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to return to appointments.

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

ARPA

IT Director Mark Stout presented the Commissioners with the revenue replacement draft report before submitting the final. This would show Hocking County claiming the \$5,489,951.00 as revenue loss due to Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.

Current projects done and/or in the works is;

EMS/911 Expenditures \$497,590.44

Fairgrounds Electric \$457,722.83

Sewer Department Related Expenses \$253,139.00

Credit Monitoring for Treasurer \$197.89

Commissioner Ogle asked Mark if these amounts reflect only what is allocated, and Mark replied no. These amounts are what are spent up to this point, for quarter 1 reporting.

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

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

Commissioner Ogle circles back to the projects, and asks for clarification on what was remaining. Mark Stout replied around 4,281,000.00. Commissioner Ogle states out of the 4 mill, 2 mill is for the HVAC system. Commissioner Ogle asks how much is earmarked for the fairgrounds project. Mark replied around 1 mill is allocated, along with \$200,000.00 for the alarm system for smoke/fire. Continuing on with projects Mark adds the assistance for the sewer fund, and a replacement for the software for the Auditor's office. Commissioner Ogle clarifies so that when individuals ask about round two, we can let them know that all funds have been allocated for use. Mark Stout comments on the HVAC system being a bit more costly because of increased demand and decreased supply, but things are looking a bit better when it comes to prices decreasing a bit.

EMA

For the record, let it be shown that EMA Director Bozz Salizzoni is speaking at 10:18 am.

EMA Director Bozz Salizzoni presented the Commissioners with a request to send an email out to all department heads concerning training in may, free to the public. EMA has teamed up with EMS for these training sessions. Stop the Bleed is the training this month, and June will be a CPR training. Training could be two sessions during the day and one in the evening maybe. Bozz added that EMA would like to offer one training a month moving forward, and is open to suggestions on what department heads would like to see training for. Bozz discussed Earth Day coming up, and EMA's agenda for the upcoming few weeks. He mentioned a grain rescue tub, and Commissioner Waugh asked for how that rescue equipment worked. Bozz explained the process in which one would use the grain rescue tub to rescue an individual who is sinking in a grain silo.

Commissioner Ogle clarifies with Bozz that these trainings are voluntary, not required. The email must state so.

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to give EMA Director permission to send the email, that departments may participate if they want.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Engineer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the new section of Grossman Road in Washington Township, meets and exceeds the current condition of Grossman Road.

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

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to award Bid 112369999 for various striping VARPM 2022 to Griffen Striping out of Columbus, Ohio in the amount of \$210,261.60 for 642 & 648, at the recommendation of the County Engineer.

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

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Appropriation Transfer

Prosecutor - \$10,000.00 from BA06-Salaries to BA06-03 Other Expense

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

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

Annexation

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Annexation request for 0.513 acres, Assistant Prosecutor has looked it over and approved.

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

Grants

Commissioner Ogle discussed a letter from State Senator Tim Schaffer's office with information about the Brownfield grant, and the 500k demo grant. Commissioner Ogle provided an update; the 500k has been applied for to tear down the old Jail, Brownfield phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 will be applied for by the end of the week. The 1 Mill will be used for soil clean up.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra Ogle to approve the Clean Hands Affidavit.

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

Lt. Governor

Commissioner Ogle read an email from Bryn Stepp, SE Rep for Lt. Governor, inviting elected officials to attend an announcement at 2:00 PM on Thursday, 04/28, at the Logan Theater. Ogle asked the clerk to send the email out to elected officials, and to attend the event on her behalf. She will be out of town.

Appropriation Transfer

Commissioners - \$574.40 from Le Fringes C77-02 to Civilian Fringes C77-04

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

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

Vendor - Contract Services

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandra ogle to approve the prior Maintenance Supervisor to be a vendor under contract services, to help while the Maintenance guy and Janitorial guy is out on sick leave.

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

Sewer

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to pay the school district for the Don Wood sewer connection, if not already done.

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

HHTA

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the 1st Quarterly report of 2022 from HHTA.

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

Meeting

Motion by Sandra Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to delay the meeting on 05/03 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, due to the MCJDC annual meeting being held at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

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

The Clerk was asked to make sure the media is notified of the time change.

Sewer

Commissioner Ogle briefly stated that before moving forward with the sewer project in discussion, it has been forwarded to the Assistant Prosecutor for further review. It was motioned to move forward, but waiting to hear back before doing so.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Morgan told the board, I would like the board to understand where I am coming from. I'm going to tell this story because it's a true story, and it's pretitant to the message I want to get across. My brother was in the Navy, and while he was out to see, a combustion engine blew up in his face. He had metal in his eyes, they had to fly him back to South Carolina and he was in the hospital for over 10 months, they had to do 22 or 23 eye surgeries on him, and he told me how he would have to be awake while they pulled the metal out of eyes. So I understand a visual disability. My brother didn't have the pleasure of sitting in a room and being

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able to see, because of all the metal that they couldn't get out. He had to wear these really really dark glasses, all day long. He couldn't have the pleasure of seeing Christmas tree lights with these really dark glasses on, because any type of sunlight that came through the window hurt his eyes, because the metal was still there. My brother had a masters degree, had a really good job when he got out of the navy, but because of his disability his vision decline, and he would have to resign this job, that was a very well paying job with his education, and take a lower paying job - because his eyes got worse, and then he had to resign that job and take another lower paying job because of his disability, eventually he had to be on disability. He stayed at our house, while my sister in law had to stay out of town, you know I didn't have to get him breakfast. He knew where the cereal was, he knew where the bowls were, he didn't count on me for one thing. My sister in law gave him a card he kept in his pocket that he would get out so he knew what time to take his medication. I didn't have to give it to him. I understand what a visual disability is. I myself was born blind in one year, and had 4 eye surgeries in one year, by Dr. LaVail I he saved my eye through the grace of God. You know who he is, Dickerson replied yes I do. Dr. LaVail retina surgery he saved by eye. The last time I went to the doctor I had 20/20 vision. After 4 eye surgeries, I was legally blind in that eye. I understand what an eye disability is. And last thursday, when it was indicated "pray God this doesn't happen to me", I know what my brother went through, my brother because of that disease, (corrects herself) not disease, because that blew up in his face, he ended up with a fatal illness, spent two years and 10 months at the Chillicothe hospital and that fatal disease killed him and it killed him because of what happened with that combustion engine. He had to wear these glasses 24/7, even in a house even the moon at night was too bright for him to see without those glasses, he couldn't see Christmas tree lights like we can. SO to even indicate that I don't understand an eyesight disability really hurts me to the core. While we were there, I saw people without arms, without legs. There was one guy that had a bullet hole right here (pointing to the middle of her forehead), and spoke to Mr. Morgan so that he could testify to that. Because of what happened when they was in the war, I understand disability more than the average person and it just takes me to the core, that an allocation was made that I don't understand and that I pray to God that this doesn't; happen to me, I pray to GOd that you don't have something blow up in your face and you don't have metal in your eyes, and you don't have to wear dark glasses all the time I am deeply hurt and offended that an allegation be made that I am insensitive, that's all I have to say.

Jeff Dickerson replies I am sorry to hear about your brother. Why was it important for you to bring that up in last Thursday's meeting? Morgan asks, bring what up. Dickerson replies, asking about my disability and whether or not I am able to do this job because Mrs. Ogle reads the business folder. I just will say this nice and calm, all I have to do is hear. Nothing, no policy says that I have to be able to see. She and Mr. Waugh for the past eight years, Ogle the last ten years, have been more than willing to help me. I've asked. I could have asked the clerk to read the business folder, I don't have to be able to sit down and see and read but if you have time, when this meeting is over, if anybody is interested, I will show you what enables me to read. But it, how am I supposed to take that Mrs. Morgan 11 days before an election, 11 days before an election, and you say well I didn't mean anything, I have to take that as making sure the public knows, you got a Commissioner in here that can't see. I haven't been able to see right for 8 years, and it just seemed like it was intended to harm me.

Bruce Morgan, I am not here to defend my wife, she can do that herself. I've never been to a Commissioners meeting, but I will be for now on, I listened to that and you said you was applaud you had every right to be angry, you may have a right to be anger, but you do not have the right to treat anybody that way, I would never treat your wife that way. You know, I am a gentleman, and for you to not even allow her, you yelled three times, and you kept bringing it up, wouldn't let her talk anymore, telling her she was out of order, tell me where she was out of order, she asked you a question, you kept shutting her up. I worked for the Sheriff's office for 21 years. I had people accuse me of selling their houses, I had nothing to do with it. I had people accuse me of having their tax bills sent to them because they had got taxes in for the bylaws, I had nothing to do with that. I simply explained to them how it worked, I was very nice to them. Never treated them like that, nobody should be treated like that, but especially from a public official. This morning I was thinking, you said I pray to God nothing happens to you, I am going to paraphrase this but James 1:26 says if a man professes to me religious and he doesn't tame his tongue, he's fooling himself and his religion. I pray you will look at that scripture and you will think about it. And if you're offended I used scripture in a public meeting, I will pray for you. Dickerson replies, I am not at all offended. Not at all. Bruce adds, I didn't come here to cause trouble, or defend her - she can handle herself. But when I saw that I had to be here, I'm going to start coming. I didn't know people acted like that in public meetings. I have nothing else to say, I don't know what else I can say. The gentlemen that came through here before pretty much said it all, I tried to bite my tongue, I don't want to say anything. I think he pretty much said it all, but i dont think it's wrong to reiterate it either. Dickerson said if I offended or over reacted, I apologize, but - Bruce adds and I appreciate that but the fact of it is that you kept bringing it up and ruling her out of order, even when the meeting was over, you said it was dismissed, Mrs. Ogle didn't say I second it, you said it's dismissed and the meeting is adjourned. She wanted to explain her situation and you said I don't want to hear it, you had nothing to say in it, the meeting was over. But you still tried to squash her. Dickerson replies why I don't know, because I didn't want her to continue, but I am very sensitive about, Bruce says I understand that, Dickerson says but because I am a Commissioner keep forgetting I am a taxpayer citizen, Bruce says absolutely, Dickerson says I may be a county official but that doesn't give somebody else the right to speak to me, Bruce says absolutely not, it doesn't give you the

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right to be a bully, not a boss, you work for us we voted for you, we're all taxpayers just like you. But you're not a boss, you're serving the public. I shouldn't keep saying this but you for you to keep shutting her off, you made sure your agenda was out there, you made sure it was public what you wanted to say, Dickerson says my agenda was brought up, Bruce said you say you had a right to be angry, every man has right to be angry if somebody says something physically but that doesn't give you the right to treat people like that. Dickerson says again, I apologize I overreacted but I am very sensitive, so would anybody else be, and after 7 1/2 years someone decides to ask the question just by chance, why is this?" Bruce said since you brought that up, I will tell you something I heard this morning, I won't tell you where I heard it. I heard this morning, I don't know what you were thinking last week, but somebody asked me this morning why Mrs. Ogle does your work for you. Dickerson said there have been several people that ask, Bruce says she's a good woman, you're all good people. But I was to assure you, your handicap, she has nothing against handicap people she told you about her brother, marine disability, our family has nothing against handicap people. Bruce adds I don't know Mr. Waugh very well but I knew his father, he was a good good man, he had a handicap, he signed for me to get my first hunter licenses, I was 14 years old, my dad was a truck driver and out. He was a good man, he had a handicap, but you wouldn't know it. Ogle added, he worked every day. Waugh adds, thank you for saying that, I appreciate it. Dickerson says, thank you Bruce.

Jamie Riggs, I have been in public service my entire adult life, I've been a nurse manager most of that. And Mr Dickerson we have voted for you and supported you. You know that I have great respect for all three of you, I'm sure you know that. But also, and I don't like saying that, I had a chance to live with disability with 25 years I've been vented, I've never once played that card, in any position that I am in, people have their first amendment right to ask me any questions, they don't threaten me, but they can ask me any question and in public service I owe them an answer and that is what I am here to say. it is fine for her to ask that question it is her first amendment right it's in this book, and these are the rules that we are to govern by, bursting out at us when we ask questions, it needs to be dealt with in whatever form the by laws or whatever government organization, it needs to be dealt with Mr. Dickerson, or we need to start coming to you but we need an answer, when you get upset, what are we supposed to do? Dickerson says, I don't know why it's pertinent to my vision. And certainly 11 days out to an election I have to believe you know it's to make sure the public knows you know so that maybe I can get beat, so that I can be beat. People need to know he is not able to do his job.

Morgan, 4 years ago, and I explained this last Thursday, 4 years ago. First I want to tell you what my Dad taught me when I was growing up, because this is very important, and I wish all parents would teach their children this. It started when I was in grade school, and let me tell you, I hated it. But it taught me to be a wiser person. My dad said don't ever listen to what people say, listen to what they don't say. And I remember in grade school when my brain wasn't all the way developed and had to go through this horrible training that he put me through, okay tell me what they said, tell me what they didn't say, I was drilled drilled drilled. And now I know why he did. 4 years ago I asked you why Mrs. Ogle was doing the reading, and you said - because the law says I can- you are absolutely right the law says you can, we are back to where my dad talked about, yes I heard what you said but what didn't you, did you tell me then that you was visually disabled, we have a voting process, rather your visual disability has anything to do with how the election goes, that is up to the voters that shouldn't be nothing to be ashamed of. To say you had that. If the voters say well I don't think that matters, I'm going to vote for Mr. Dickerson because of the way he does a good job however, I am also created by the almighty God and how, and if we are to be treated worse than a piece of trash, God made me and he didn't make trash, he doesn't make anybody that is a piece of trash and I was treated like a piece of trash last week the public heard how I was treated. I am God's creation, never has any human being in my life - and this is a true statement - has talked to me as you have ever talked to me. My father didn't treat me that way. We wasn't even allowed to raise our voices in our house when I was growing up, my brother was very courteous and polite, my sister was very courteous and polite, nobody where I went to school, nobody in my circle of friends this is the first time in my life, anybody has so mistreated me and verbally mistreated me and I'm a senior citizen. I was taught respect and curiosity, I didn't get any.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh 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

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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 April 26, 2022.

Kaula Funk, Clerk

Jeff Dickerson, President