The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 6th day of August, 2013 with the following members present John Walker, Sandy Ogle, and Clark Sheets.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Clark Sheets.

**MINUTES:** August 1, 2013 minutes approved as read.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by John Walker to approve the Agenda.

Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets, yea.

**DOUGLAS MATHENY–COUNT ON COAL:**  Douglas Matheny director of Count on Coal for the State of Ohio spoke to the Commissioners regarding the benefits of coal-generated electricity. Sandy asked how it would help Hocking County. Doug said without coal it would drive up the cost of electricity. John said he would like to look into it. Sandy said she would like to read and research it.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** Motion by John Walker and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the Prosecutor and the Sewer District reports for the month of July. Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets, yea.

**TRAVEL:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by John Walker to approve the following travel requests:

1) Auditor - Ken Wilson to the County Auditors Association Executive/Legislative meeting in Columbus, Ohio on August 7, 2013.

2) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Murray City Seniors meeting in Murray City, Ohio on August 14, 2013.

3) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the S.E. Regional Jail Finance Committee meeting in Nelsonville, Ohio on August 21, 2013.

4) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Laurelville Seniors meeting in Laurelville, Ohio on August 21, 2013.

Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets yea.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** Motion by John Walker and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the following Additional Appropriations:

1) Sheriff - $8,550.00 to Concealed Carry Handgun Fund X45-07/Web Check

2) Sheriff - $2,500.00 to Concealed Carry Handgun Fund X45-08/OPOTA

Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets, yea.

**EMA GRANT:**  Clark stated that the EMA Interim Director would like to apply for a matched grant for a smart board. The decision was tabled to gather more information.

**MAYOR MARTIN IRVIN:** Mayor Irvin gave an update on the city pool and asked if Sandy had conversed with the other Commissioners and what direction they were heading. Sandy said she had attended a meeting and as she recalled it was discussed to raise the sales tax 25% and possibly the Tourism would let them have some of the bed tax money and she had not discussed it with the other Commissioners and she told the committee that she could not make a decision until she thought about it. Sandy said she has thought about it and talked to the Tourism Board and she didn’t feel it was right for her to make a statement until I told you people and I am not in favor of putting on the tax. Mayor Irvin stated the request was not how you felt about it personally but to discuss the situation with the other two Commissioners and to come to a consensus. Sandy said since you people had your mind made up I wasn’t going to discuss anything with anyone until I had my mind made up. The Mayor asked that they discuss it and it is not for you to make the decision it is for the three of you. John said he could tell you, my opinion on the 25%, we have always held the 25% back for an emergency and I would have to think long and hard before I could dedicate that to the pool. John stated he is not against the pool but that 25% has always been there to fall back on. Sandy said that she felt they need something for the young people but did not agree to raise it 25% for a pool for three months out of the year and we have people in this courthouse that has never had a raise. The Mayor said he respects that and a decision that the Commissioners will make but the request was that you discuss it amongst yourselves and make a collective decision and that hadn’t taken place yet. Clark said it was the first he had heard about it. Sandy said that’s right because I had to make up my own mind on how I felt but would like to see something for our young people. Clark stated he would have to think long and hard before putting a 25% sales tax on. The Mayor stated he respected that. Roger Shaw said that part of the discussion was having a community center that could be used year round. Sandy said that sounds good. Clark said they need to get feedback from the general public.

**DISCUSSION:** John said that Bridges of Transition started yesterday at the Youth Center and would be there 3 days a week.

**PROVIDER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT-SHSC:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by John Walker to authorize President Clark Sheets to sign the Provider Agreement Amendment between the BH-HVRDD Area of Aging and the Commissioners/Scenic Hills Senior Center. Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets, yea.

 **DANIELLE ARNETT-HVCH:** Danielle Arnett from the Hocking Valley Community Hospital spoke to the Commissioners regarding the employee wellness program and how it has worked for the hospital. Wellness Coordinator Randy Goldsberry stated that Danielle has helped set up many meetings with the employees and there also is an online profile that they can do. Randy said the Health Fair will be in October.

**PHONE SYSTEM:** Mark Stout updated the Commissioners on the new phone system stating that it will be up and running next week and that all the phones are installed and the transition will start.

 **HELP ME GROW STORAGE BUILDING:** Clark stated that a storage building from Help Me Grow needs to be moved that is currently behind the Dairy Queen.

Sandy said she has scheduled a meeting regarding the Root Wire Festival on Friday at 10:00AM.

**ADJOURNMENT;** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by John Walker to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Walker, yea, Ogle, yea, Sheets, 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 August 6, 2013. |
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| Peggi Warthman, Clerk |  | Clark Sheets, President |