The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 24th day of February 2015 with the following members present Sandy Ogle, Jeff Dickerson, and Larry Dicken.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Larry Dicken.

**MINUTES:** February 19, 2015 minutes approved.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the Agenda.

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

**AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to amend the agenda to move Nathan Bletchley’s appointment to 9:07AM with Scenic Hills Senior Center Director Marjie Moore following.

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

**NATHAN BLATCHLEY:** Nathan Blatchley of Hocking County Metropolitan Housing Authority spoke to the commissioners regarding the heating issue at the High Rise. Nathan stated that they use a split system and this winter one of the units is not keeping up with the needs but everyone has baseboard heat in their bedroom and if the temperature goes below 68 they look into those units. Larry said they had received calls since December and asked what isn’t completed. Nathan stated that the contractors have been working on the system since September. Larry asked what back up heat do they have. Nathan said they have baseboard heat in the bedrooms. Larry stated that the commissioners do not control the Metropolitan Housing we just asked Nathan to come and explain the heating issue. Sandy asked who approved the heating system. Nathan said that everything is approved by the board. Sandy asked did anyone tell him that if you have a heat pump that you have to have a heat strip. Nathan stated that he doesn’t know the design but this system is used throughout the country and was assured it would work. Sandy requested Nathan to be scheduled for the July 21st meeting to give a report. Sandy also inquired that people are afraid to complain in fear of being evicted. Nathan said that to be evicted you would have to violate the lease and his complaint is the commissioners are being called when they have a 24-hour call center. County resident Misty Beaty said her sister’s apartment is too cold for her to stay there and they had called and nothing is done. Another county resident stated that she has had her oven on 6 days and had called; but Friday she was asked if she needed a space heater. Nathan stated they had offered to move Jean Spang because that unit has issues but she refused and Patty’s temperature is regularly above 65 and they offered her a heater. Larry stated they just want them warm and somehow make it happen but the commissioners have nothing to do with Metropolitan Housing but we do get complaints and he would like an email sent to our clerk of the board who takes care of the Metropolitan Housing with their names and the meeting dates as he would like to attend their meetings. Nathan stated the next meeting is on the 18th they are the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at Pine Ridge Drive. Sandy asked if he could set up a shelter for these people when they are having heating problems. Nathan said where it would be set up is colder than their units are and no one has been below what the Federal Government uses. Jeff asked how many heaters they provided over there. Nathan said that they were at 40 last week. Jeff stated his concern of the safety of the heaters. Nathan stated they are very judicious about that and it is a real concern.

**SHSC-MARJIE MOORE:** Scenic Hills Senior Center Director Marjie Moore said that she has applied for a grant through the Local Giving –Walmart and should hear within 30 to 90 days and if received it would be used for transportation. Marjie also discussed a sign that was agreed on by the Center and the neighbors and the sign would be back in the original spot facing Front Street. Marjie said it is the same sign but would be one sided and would not be LED but would be lit. Marjie said they would need to submit another permit to the City.

Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to apply for a new sign permit for the Scenic Hills Senior Center.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Larry said that the Huls Building boiler tank needs to be replaced. Sandy said they need to proceed with getting prices.

Larry spoke about moving the commissioner’s parking spots to the end of the row to make room for additional handicap parking. Discussion followed regarding new signs for reserved parking, it was decided to check on the cost.

**TRAVEL:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the following travel request.

1) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Ohio Dept. of Taxation Advisory Council annual meeting- Columbus, March 5, 2015.

2) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Hocking County Health Dept. District Advisory Council annual meeting- Logan, March 9, 2015.

3) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Affordable Care Act - Athens, March 10, 2015.

4) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the S.E. District County Auditor’s meeting – Monroe County, March 13, 2015.

5) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Quarterly Township Trustee’s Association meeting – Logan, March 16, 2015.

6) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the S.E. Regional Jail Finance Committee meeting- Nelsonville, March 18, 2015.

7) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Laurelville Seniors’ meeting - Laurelville, March 18, 2015.

8) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Community Improvement Corp. Retreat meeting - Logan, March 25, 2015.

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

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the following Appropriation Transfer:

1) Prosecutor - $2,000.00 from A01E04/Supplies to A01E05/Equipment

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

**COUNTYWIDE AGREEMENT:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the County Wide Agreement Contract for Benton Township for the amount of $652.37.

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

**RAISES:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve a 3.5% salary increase to the General Fund Departments as follows: Commissioners (employees), Treasurer, Planning Commission, Data Processing, Juvenile Court, Juvenile Court Probation, Probate Court, Board of Elections, Courthouse Maintenance, Recorder, Tax Map Office, and Safety Transitional funds are to be taken from contingencies in the amount of $23,127.23 and outside the General Fund as follows: Dog & Kennel and Hocking County Sewer District in the amount of $4,697.52.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Treasurer Diane Sargent asked if it was verified through the Board of Elections that they are wanting their employees to get this raise. Larry said he had called over there and they said they had not received a raise in how many years. Diane said it was a few years ago that they actually raised the amount for the Board of Elections to get the same amount of pay. Diane also stated that she respectfully would like something done to get her employees salary brought up in comparison to some of the other offices in the building within her budget if not this year then next year. Larry stated they are working on the budget now. Diane asked when the raise would take effect. Larry stated next pay.

County Dog Warden Don Kiger stated he appreciated the 3.5% raise.

**DON WOOD:** Commissioner Jeff Dickerson commented on the Don Wood building that as they move forward with this the concerns of phase 1 and phase 2 to the fact of the inspections that they can move forward knowing not to worry about contaminated property. Larry stated that for phase 1 that Don Wood had that done and it should be on his desk today and that he is working on phase 2 and under our contract regarding the environmental that if it is too much we do not have to buy it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** County resident Bill Kaeppner commented about incremental cost going up for the county and the Metropolitan Housing project.

Aretha Hoy spoke to the commissioners regarding Ahoy Transportation and the need for support from South Central Ohio Jobs & Family Services (SCOJFS). Larry stated he would be attending a meeting with SCOJFS on Wednesday and Sandy said she would talk to Jody Walker of SCOJFS.

County resident Jim Kalklosch asked if the Don Wood parking lot is currently being used by the county. Larry stated no.

County resident Jamie Riggs thanked the commissioners for the raises for the county employees.

Bill Kaeppner questioned the appraisal on the Don Wood property.

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

Vote: Ogle, yea, Dickerson, yea, Dicken, 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 February 24, 2015. | | |
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| Peggi Warthman, Clerk |  | Larry Dicken, President |