The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session the 3rd day of January 2017 with the following members present Gary Waugh, Jeff Dickerson and Sandy Ogle.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Ogle.

**MINUTES:** December 29, 2016 minutes approved.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the agenda with the addition of Nathan Blatchley at 9:08AM.

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

**NATHAN BLATCHLEY:** Nathan Blatchley of Metropolitan Housing spoke to the commissioner in regards to the Mayfield Project stating he is putting together the application for low income tax credits and the only body who has a say on property tax is the commissioners the property in question sits in an community reinvestment area which by statue passed by city and county means anyone who develops that piece of property is eligible for no property tax for a 5-year window. Nathan stated Hocking Metro is a contributing member of the community and that by itself would probably get the 5 points they need. Nathan said he wanted to make sure it’s clear on where they are coming in on this we are saying that the responsibility to add to the local taxes and even though we are eligible not to in that 5-year window and then pay our 10% they are choosing to pay 5%. Nathan stated that it is Hocking Metro’s requests not to create a new agreement but reauthorize the agreement that you enter into this time last year; so we would pay 5% pilot for a period up to 15 years or it can be as low as 7 years if you choose to say no then we will move forward as the tax law is written today and pay less. Commissioner Ogle said she is not ready to make a commitment that she has several things she is looking at. Commissioner Dickerson agreed. Commissioner Ogle said she would call.

**TRAVEL**: Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the following travel requests:

1) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Murray City Senior’s meeting – January 4, 2017.

 2) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the CCAO Executive/Legislative meeting – Columbus, January 11, 2017.

3) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the SECAAO meeting – Logan, January 13, 2017.

4) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the CIC meeting – Logan, January 17, 2017.

5) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the SEORJ Finance Committee – Nelsonville, January 2017.

6) Auditor - Ken Wilson to attend the Laurelville Seniors’ Meeting, January 2017.

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

**PROSECUTOR REPORTS:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to approve the

Month of December and 2016 yearly report for the Prosecutor.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** County resident Bill Kaeppner commented in regards to the Mayfield

Project and the tax abatement and that he is trying to find out who is the property owner of Pine Ridge because as he understands they are paying nothing but wants to find out for sure.

County resident Maddie Snider congratulated Commissioner Waugh and that she appreciates our local government and she is an observer and is here to learn.

County resident Ms. Morgan stated she appreciates that the decision is on hold and shared her concerns with public housing and stated it is city issue and just because you are allowed to vote on something doesn’t mean that it’s in your best interest to vote on it. Commissioner Dickerson stated he would like to reiterate that he agrees with Ms. Morgan about the city and that he can’t figure out why they are asking us to approve something that if we say yes to is going to be strapped to the backs of the city and as a county we would not appreciate that same action being taken that would cost us money and have no control over it and it will require additional personnel for police and fire protection.

Commissioner Waugh said he agrees with Commissioner Dickerson and that he has seen projects like this and he has never saw one work, and on his experience enclaves like this it creates more problems than they solve and has never seen the exception. Gary also stated we are asked to do something that effects the City of Logan.

County resident Jim Kalklosch mention that maybe the commissioner could do is wait to see how the city votes. Bill stated that Nathan will file with or without their support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to enter into Executive Session at 9:32AM to discuss personnel matters of compensation of a pubic employee.

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

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Jeff Dickerson and seconded by Gary Waugh to exit Executive Session at 11:36AM with no action taken.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Jeff Dickerson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Waugh, yea, Dickerson, yea, Ogle, 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 January 3, 2017. |
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| Peggi Warthman, Clerk |  | Sandy Ogle, President |