The Board of Hocking County Commissioners met in regular session this 21th day of March 2017 with the following members present Sandy Ogle, Gary Waugh and Jeff Dickerson.

**MEETING:** The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dickerson.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the March 16, 2017 minutes.

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

**AGENDA:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the agenda.

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

**BOE:** Lisa Swartz of the Board of Elections spoke to the commissioners regarding electronic poll books and that 15% of the cost will be the counties. Lisa stated they have two estimates one from ES&S in the amount of $39,116.47 and NoInk in the amount of $37,840.00 that would leave the county the amount of $28,830.82 to be paid upfront. Lisa requested that a resolution be made that the amount be taken from the Charge Back Fund and when the State reimburses the money it will be put back into the Charge Back Fund X18-04.

Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve that when the reimbursement comes back to the county for the electric poll books for $28,830.82 that it will go into the Charge Back Fund X18-04.

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

**TRAVEL:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve Brian Wyskiver to attend the CLCCA Spring meeting March 31, 2017 Belville, Ohio.

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

**ROAD REPAIR AGREEMENT-TUSCO FORESTRY, LLC:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the Road Repair Agreements between the Board of Hocking County Commissioners and Tusco Forestry, LLC for Bear Run Road and the Load Limit Permit to exceed the February 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017, 50% legal load reduction contained in their January 5, 2017 resolution,, but not to exceed the load limits specified in Section 5577.07 of the Ohio revised Code. The permit can be terminated any time by the Hocking County Commissioners.

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

**ADVANCE**: Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve the following Advance:

1) Commissioners - $900,000.00 from 001/County to Hall of Justice Construction

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

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

1) Commissioners - $252.45 from A15A17A/Contingencies to A01A06/Drug Testing

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

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

1) Municipal Ct - $2,000.00 from D60-05/Other Expense to D60-02/Fringes

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

**TREASURER –BANK FEES:** Treasurer Diane Sargent requested an additional appropriation of $6,600.00 for Bank and Investment Fees.

Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandy Ogle to approve appropriation transfer of $6,600.00 to A01C10/Bank Investment Fees.

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

**FOR THE RECORD:** There is an Opiate Task Force Meeting on March 23, 2017 at the Hocking County Health Department at 6:00PM.

The Ohio EPA, Athens Hocking Solid Waste District, Hocking County Trustees and the Hocking County Health Department are sponsoring a Free Tire Recycling Event at the following townships from 10:00AM – 12:00PM: Starr Twp. April 22, Benton Twp. April 29, and Ward Twp. May 6. This event will be for Hocking County residents only – no commercial dealers.

**UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION:** Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh to approve the Application for Approval of Underground Construction on Hocking County Right of Way for Jubach Construction to bore 200Amp service under Middle Fork Road to access South Central Electric pole.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** County resident Sue Morgan asked if people are aware of the tire recycling, as it is a yearly event. Commissioner Ogle stated it is a yearly event in the spring and is in the local paper but it is at different townships each year.

**BID OPENING – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – CR#11:**  Bids were received for as the following:

Prestress Services - Bridge #3 - $43,920.00

Prestress Services - Bridge #8 - $72,720.00

Motion by Sandy Ogle and seconded by Gary Waugh postpone award the bid of Bridge Replacement on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** County resident Jim Kalklosch inquired about the Murray City Sewer project. Commissioner Ogle stated that she had contacted Gary Silcott of Stantec and the county has a loan for the project and the first payment will be due next year - July and payments are twice a year but the loan will be rolled over into the grant.

Jim also asked who will be paying for the trash removal for the Hall of Justice. Commissioner Ogle commented that she felt for the amount of work and renovations that are being done by Municipal Court for the other part we are going to be using and the Coroner’s Office it was a fair tradeoff.

County resident Sue Morgan commented on the raising of income taxes caused by grants that come from taxpayer’s money and that matching funds decreases the general funds and she understands that grants can be necessary but grants can cause taxes to increase to make those matches and at what point do we pick and choose which grant to pass on. Commissioner Waugh stated there is a misunderstanding with the grants, grants are allocated money and if we don’t use them another county will and the commissioners do the best that they can. Sue said she understands that concept, but just because we have it we don’t have to jump on it. Gary continued saying the intent of the commissioners is to do as much as we can for the population that’s are mandate because they have trusted us and the primary problem we have budget wise as this is a small part of it - the biggest problem we have is the incarceration and indigents which we have no control over and they have to maintain certain levels of services for the county. Sue continued on government housing projects and vacancies that are available that people from other areas will be attracted to that area and the poverty level goes up. Gary stated these are hard decisions they make. Commissioner Ogle stated she understands what she is saying and it can be a problem but there are some grants we use match money for which are good things – the EMA and one year if we did not put it in their line item in their budget we would have lost it. Sandy said she understands what Sue is saying about housing but there is a major problem with the addiction we have in Hocking County that is keeping these people from getting jobs. We get grants that have match and there are many factors that go into it. Sue stated she agrees and you have to have grant money for certain things but there are other things – do we have to have that will attract other people from another county. Discussion continued regarding matching money and the Inspire shelter and the Mayfield Homes projects.

Teresa Salizzoni of SAMFM commented on the conversation in regards to “those people” are we saying because they are low income that they are second-class citizens and in the conversations she takes it that they are not worthy and to her being poor doesn’t make me any different than anyone else so who are those people.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gary Waugh and seconded by Sandy Ogle to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ogle, yea, Waugh, yea, Dickerson, 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 March 21, 2017. |
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| Peggi Warthman, Clerk |  | Jeff Dickerson, President |