# Ohio County Commission
# March 5, 2024

The Ohio County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Donald A. Nickerson. The Pledge of Alliance was recited.

Delegations:

- Sharon David from the Ohio County Cemeteries Foundation would like to look into a research project at the Farm. They would like to complete a restoration training contingent on Ohio County Commission approval and grant funding requests. They would ask that some gravel be placed on the long road and help with clearing some trees. Mr. Nickerson would like more details on the workshop – who would be assisting, where they are working, and when they plan to hold the training. Ms. David will send the information requested to the County Commission for review.
- Paula Calvert from Family Service – Upper Ohio Valley, stated the organization will be at vendor and health fairs for seniors and they are hiring a new transportation driver. They were at a one week waiting list, now they are at three days. They are waiting on information for the local Farmer's Market and will increase Meals on Wheels delivery. They offer a Monday – Friday delivery. They serve 225 people in Ohio County.

The minutes from February 20, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Grants:

- Courthouse Facilities Grant – The Ohio County Commission received $100,000.00 from the West Virgina Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority. The project was put out for bid and one was received from Angelina Stone and Marble in the amount of $187.580.00. Approval of the bid was tabled to give Ms. Marco time to see if any other companies would be interested in the project.

Community Grants:

- Foundations Baseball Catcher's Clinic – The Commissioners asked for more information on the event. The request was tabled.
- Auggie's 5K Run and Walk – Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve $500.00 for the event, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Hoorah 2 Heroes 7th Annual Law Enforcement Event – Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve $4,000.00 for the event, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Wheeling Central Catholic Golf – Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve $150.00 for the event, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- MEC Basketball Tournament – Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve $5,000.00 for the event, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- American Legion Post 1 Rhododendron Girls and Boys State – The Ohio County Prosecutor's Office has graciously agreed to use forfeiture funds to send ten young adults to Boys and Girls State at a cost of $3,250.00.

Old Business:

- ARPA Funding Update – The updated commitments and disbursements made to date were presented to the Commissioners. No action is required.

New Business:

- Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board Agreements – Motion to approve the agreements made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Addressing at Dallas Pike Campground – A motion to approve the new road names was made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- WVU Medicine Children's Northern Region Outpatient Center Support Letter – Motion to approve the letter made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- New Hire – 911 Dispatcher – Mr. Russell is seeking the advice and consent to hire Heather Zink as a full time 911 Dispatcher. Motion to approve made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Matrix Case Management Software – The Prosecutor's Office had demonstrations with five companies because their system is slated to be discontinued in June 2024. There is a $40,000.00 upfront cost and then it is $1,500.00 per year, per license. This purchase would require a budget adjustment. Motion to approve the purchase of the Matrix System made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Elections:

- An election calendar was provided for review. No action is required.

Staff / Elected Official Reports:

- Administrator Report - Mr. Russell introduced Ms. Kimberly Lemley, who joined the Ohio County Commission staff as an Accountant. A space was recently toured to house the County Clerk's books. The Assessor has certified the values. A meeting was held in Marshall County concerning Next Generation 911. An update will be provided at a future meeting.
- Facilities Update - Ms. Marco – An update on the HVAC project was provided: the steel will be delivered for the fifth floor and will be installed, the second floor roof is complete, the piping in the penthouse is complete, the windows on 16th Street have been completed, the structural steel for the second floor will be delivered within the next two weeks, and the swing spaces will be set up in mid-March. Although approved by the Commissioners to pay for with endowment funds, the animal shelter beds were able to be purchased through grant funding. The flooring project at the animal shelter will begin on March 18. The airport tower renovations will be completed by mid-May.
- EMA – Mr. Vargo – Each school in the County now has two Stop the Bleed kits which were purchased locally. The department is also completing outreach training with the Sheriff's Department, and they held two Alice training courses.
- Sheriff's Department – A representative from the Sheriff's Department was not in attendance at the meeting.
- 911 – Ms. Theresa Russell introduced Ricki Pritt, the Deputy 911 Director. The Director recently attended a technology training session and is working on the Rapid SOS system.

Finance:

- Mr. Archey reported the bills are up to date. Motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Unpaid invoices – Some of the invoices were awaiting grant funding. No further action is required.
- Exonerations – After review, the exonerations were approved by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Donald A. Nickerson, President

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