Ohio County Commission
November 12, 2024

The Ohio County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Donald A. Nickerson. The Pledge of Alliance was recited.

The minutes from the October 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Grants:

- Courthouse Facilities Improvement Program – Mr. Russell stated Ms. Marco wrote a grant for the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Program. She was awarded funds in the amount of $100,000.00 with a 20% match. These funds will be used to replace the pavers on the West and South porches. The pavers will also have a heating element installed so salt does not have to be used. This will increase the lifespan of the pavers. Motion to approve the grant funds made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- ARPA Update
    - A spreadsheet was presented to the Commissioners which shows the expenditures to date.
    - Town of Triadelphia – The town of Triadelphia is asking for $25,000.00 of ARPA funds to finish their sewer project. The pricing came back higher than anticipated. Motion to approve the request made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
    - Ohio County Public Service District – The Ohio County Public Service District has bid out their vacuum station replacement program. The bid came in at $3,900,000.00. To complete this project, $450,393.00 of the remaining funds will be moved to the Public Service District. The funds must be spent by December 31, 2026. Motion to approve the funding made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
    - Village of Clearview – The Village of Clearview has a sanitary line that needs replaced immediately in the area of River Hills. On a motion made by Mr. Abraham, and seconded by Mr. Wharton, the Commissioners approved $100,000.00 of ARPA funds for the project. Motion carried.
    - Holy Family Child Care Center – Holy Family Child Care Center has provided sufficient documentation to receive the second installment of their ARPA funds. This installment is $25,000.00. Motion to approve the funds made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Prosecuting Attorney, Advise and Consent for New Hire Shayne F. Wilson – Mr. Wilson will be replacing Shawn Turek completing felony cases in the Prosecuting Attorney's

Office. Motion to approve the hire made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

- Prosecuting Attorney, Advise and Consent for New Hire Courtney Dobbs – Ms. Dobbs will be replacing Amanda Vance as the Magisterial Secretary. Motion to approve the hire made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Animal Shelter, Advise and Consent to for New Hire Lori Russell – Ms. Russell will be replacing Nelson Croft as the Shelter Manager. Ms. Russell will report to Ms. Marco. Motion to approve made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Road Name Requests
    - Wildwood Trail – Jeffrey T. Craig is building a tiny home on his property and his permit request showed that there were already three homes on the lane so the lane must be named. Jeffrey R. Craig and Jay Hunt have all agreed to name the lane Wildwood Trail. Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the name, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
    - Chickadee Lane – Lloyd Klages is developing a new road off of Dove's Landing. He is currently planning to build three new homes and is requesting a road name of Chickadee Lane. The vote was tabled.
- Ohio County Commission Opioid Funds – This topic was tabled.
- Community Grant Process – This topic was tabled.
- Airport Liability Policy – The coverage is through Risk Placement Services and the premium has stayed the same as last year. Motion to approve the policy made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Assessor's Additional Duty Letter for Ohio County – The Assessor, Tiffany Hoffman, has completed the additional requirements and tasks as assigned by the state. Therefore, Ms. Hoffman is entitled to compensation in the amount of $15,000.00. Motion to approve the payment made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Staff / Elected Official Reports:

- Administrator Report – Mr. Russell had nothing further to report.
- Facilities – Ms. Marco stated that the five relief angles on the West side of the building have been repaired. The caps on the West porch have been placed on the columns. With regards to the HVAC project, we have officially kicked off the project and the City of Wheeling offices have been moved to the old Wheeling Police Department. They will be out of their offices for approximately six weeks. For the project, we also need to start reconfiguring the second floor. The books from the County Clerk's office will be moved quickly so construction can begin. The next office to move will be the Circuit Clerk, who will move around December 16. The porches, which were approved through the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Program, must be completed in 2025 as well.
- Sheriff's Department – Chief Deputy Croft stated the new cameras for the cruisers have arrived. The Sheriff's Department and EMA will be conducting a drill with Wheeling Central Catholic High School this Thursday.
- EMA Director – The Department will hold a drill at Warwood School on Friday. The team responded to Poplar Lane in Bethlehem for a three-acre brush fire. The cooperation between the departments is always excellent.
- 911 Director – Mr. Pritt had nothing to report.

Finance:

- Mrs. Coyne reported the bills are up to date. Motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.
- Unpaid invoices –No further action is required.
- Exonerations – Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the exonerations, seconded by Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

- Mr. Abraham thanked Ms. Whitchy and all those who helped with the general election.
- Mr. Nickerson stated he attended the 4-H awards ceremony.
- Mr. Russell stated there will likely be a certification call by phone for the election results.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Donald A. Nickerson, President

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