

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE OHIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** met on **MONDAY, August 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM**. Those in attendance were Commissioners Michael Hoffman & Shane Koons; Highway Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick; Brent Roberts & Greg Prince from BF&S; 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor Debbie Combs, Sheriff Tom Baxter; Assessor Rhonda Brown; Shane Thornsberry from Vison Government Solutions, Tag Morris from Ad Valorem Solutions; Menee Banschbach; Council Member Chaz Cleary, 911 Director Laura Walston, Bert Southern from Performance Services, Archie Crouch from Land Consultants, Commissioner Attorney John Stroup **Absent: Auditor Kelli Vest, Commissioner President Connie Brown**

The meeting was opened to the Pledge to the flag.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL KIRKPATRICK:** Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick presented the contract from McAlister Excavating Company to repair Ohio County Bridge # 5 carrying Aberdeen Road over Bear Branch. Attorney John Stroup recommended a motion to be made and the contract to be signed. **Commissioner Michael Hoffman made the motion for approval, Commissioner Shane Koons, seconded All in favor.** Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick advised Commissioners that Brightspeed was putting in new fiber wires at Glen Meadows Apartments. Attorney John Stroup said they should have provided a document for the County to approve the easement. Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick is going to contact them to get authorization from the County and will bring to the next meeting.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF PERFORMANCE SERVICES PROJECT MANAGER BERT SOUTHERN HOLDING CELLS AND RENOVATION UPDATE:** Project Manager Bert Southern gave an update. They are in the final stages of completing everything. The changes for access controls will be completed by next week. They ran a pre-test on the elevator and the shunt breaker failed and it will be repaired and tested again.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE FLOORING:** Commissioner Michael Hoffman agreed with the letter Judge F. Aaron Negangard sent out that the flooring does need updated in the Courthouse. They have received one bid from Levensteins Abbey Carpet and want to get other quotes before making the final decision. Commissioner Michael Hoffman is going to reach out to get other quotes.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF THE BLOCK BUILDING:** Commissioners asked Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick if he could tear down the block building in the parking lot. He said that he should have no problem doing this and will need a couple of dumpsters.

**NOW THE MATTER OF THE COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT IMPROVMENTS:** Archie Crouch from Land Consultants, presented to Commissioners a drawing of the parking lot improvements. His plan would create thirty-seven (37) new parking spots and three (3) will be handicap accessible. With further discussion the Commissioner's asked Archie Crouch to do a few updates and to come back to the next meeting with the design plan and pricing.

**NOW THE MATTER OF OHIO COUNTY 911 DEPARTMENT:** Laura Walton came to talk about the Celebration Grant from the Community Foundation she applied for, to replace the server at 911. Also, she said that on July 20, 2025 lightning had hit the Highway repeater and it's going to cost \$12,390.00 to repair. It is working, but there is a lot of static in the line and she doesn't have the funding to repair it. She is going to come to the next Council meeting to ask for funding to repair it.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF OHIO COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE:** Assessor Rhonda Brown had advertised for bids for Reassessment on real property for the years of 2027-2030. First bid that was opened was from Vision Government Solutions for \$108,373.00. The second bid was from Ad Valorem for \$107,040.00. Assessor mentioned that they don't always choose the lowest bid they choose on which one that will work best for the department. Attorney John Stroup has reviewed the bids and the Assessor will take back and review. Will discuss at the next Commissioners meeting.

**NOW IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS:** Attorney John Stroup brought up the Gaming invoice from Joseph Champion where the City of Rising Sun pays half and Ohio County pays the other half. The County portion is \$66,899.50 **Commissioner Michael Hoffman made the motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Koons, seconded All in favor.** HSA/Payroll claims were reviewed and approved. **Commissioner Michael Hoffman made the motion, Commissioner Shane Koons, seconded All in favor.**

With no further business, Commissioner Michael Hoffman made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Shane Koons, seconded All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

COMMISSIONERS

John Lewis

Michael D. [Signature]

Attest: Debbie Combs Debbie Combs, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor