

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE OHIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met on **TUESDAY, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.** Those in attendance were Commissioner President Connie Brown, Commissioners Michael Hoffman & Shane Koons; Highway Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick, 911 Director Laura Walston, Council Member Chaz Cleary; Sheriff Tom Baxter, Deputy Dawson Hill; Health Department Office Manager Penny Koons; Auditor Kelli S. Vest; Commissioner Attorney John Stroup.

The meeting was opened to the Pledge to the flag.

NOW IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL KIRKPATRICK: Superintendent Michael Kirkpatrick spoke about the bids for the Hartford Road slip. Bobby Phillips from the Gonzalez Company will be attending the October 6, 2025 Commissioner's meeting with the bids. State Road 262 will be closing again on September 22, 2025 for culvert structure replacement near Stephenson Road. Semi traffic may be becoming a problem on the certain county roads. Potential Ordinance may be needed.

NOW THE MATTER OF COUNTY 911: 911 Director Laura Walston needed a signature on the Great Plains Internet contract. Dispatcher chairs are falling apart. Laura is in need of two (2) chairs. They run about \$2,500.00 a piece. Director Laura spoke on the need a radio repeater used for the Highway Dept. Current repeater was struck by lightning. Laura found one through MobilComm, used is \$7,390.87 with no warranty. If bought new it would cost \$12,500.00 with a 10-year warranty. Existing repeater is around 25 years old. Parts are easy to find. A shed that is located on Cass Union Road that houses 911 equipment has come up again in discussion. This shed is on Aberdeen-Pate property and also houses Aberdeen-Pate water equipment. Laura is going to contact Greg Hummel about insurance. Laura is also going to contact Darrell Fletcher to replace the door rubber seal or replace the door altogether. Director Laura talked that the surrounding Counties have a burn ban ordinance in place and Laura suggested Ohio County do the same. **With a motion from Commissioner Shane Koons, Michael Hoffman, seconded All in favor. The burn ban Ordinance 2025-5 is set in place.** Laura asked if it was ok to apply for a grant through Homeland Security for 5 (Five) AED units for the Sheriff Cars. Commissioners gave their approval.

NOW IN THE MATTER OF MEDBEN AND THE INSULIN PRICING SCHEME LAWSUIT: Auditor Kelli brought in front of the Commissioners with the help of County Attorney John Stroup an Insulin Pricing Scheme Lawsuit Litigation. This came from Medben as a benefit management service. Seeger-Weiss LLP is the law firm investigating and filing claims relating to the insulin pricing scheme. Attorney Stroup said there would be no cost for an evaluation. **Commissioner Michael Hoffman, made the motion to move forward, Commissioner Shane Koons, seconded All in favor.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW FLOORING FOR THE COURTHOUSE: Commissioner Michael Hoffman spoke on the new flooring in the Courthouse. Quote was for the corridors as a base bid. Michael Hoffman is going to email Council Member Chaz Cleary new spec drawings. The Commissioners have made the recommendation to the Council to do at least the base bid corridors coming in at \$28,500.00 **Commissioner Shane made the motion, Commissioner Michael Hoffman, seconded All in favor.**

NOW IN THE MATTER OF A NEW OPIOID SETTLEMENT: A New National Opioid Settlement: Purdue Direct Settlement. A participation agreement needs to be signed to take part in this new opioid settlement with Purdue and the Sackler family. Deadline to participate is September 30, 2025. **Commissioner Shane Koons made the motion to approve, Commissioner Michael Hoffman, seconded All in favor.**

NOW IN THE MATTER OF SOLAR FARM ORDINANCE: Commissioner Attorney John Stroup is still working on the Ordinance. Tabled until next Commissioner's meeting October 6, 2025.

NOW IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR: Commissioner President Connie Brown spoke that Mary Ann Bowling will be retiring as the part-time secretary to the Building Inspector. Mary Ann has worked for the Building Inspector for 26 years and will retire as of October 31, 2025. Connie Smith will be her replacement and will be coming in to train. Connie will start on Monday November 3, 2025 as part-time secretary.

NOW IN THE MATTER OF DEEP CLEAN JANITORIAL COMPANY: Commissioner Shane Koons & Auditor Kelli spoke about the Deep Clean Janitorial that is cleaning the Courthouse. In light of recent complaints too numerous to mention and a change in cleaning staff, the consensus was to part ways with the cleaning company. **Commissioner Shane Koons made the motion, Commissioner Michael Hoffman, seconded All in Favor.** Commissioner Shane Koons would be contacting the owner, Mike Craig.

NOW IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER BUSINESS: Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025 were reviewed and approved. **Commissioner Michael Hoffman made the motion, 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 Shane Koons**

made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Michael Hoffman, seconded All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.

COMMISSIONERS

Shane Keene

Michael Hoffman

Attest: Kelli S. Vest Kelli S. Vest, Auditor