

April 26, 2022

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Present

Mr. Hensler, Present

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Fund Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
710-2100-5946.00	Reimb. Indigent App.	\$ 635.68
To		
101-0007-4959.00	Indigent App. Reimb.	\$ 635.68
Roll Call:	Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes
		Hensler, Yes

Fund Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
730-1500-5946.00	Reimb. Housing Trust	\$ 388.65
To		
101-0007-4956.00	Reimb. Housing Trust	\$ 388.65
Roll Call:	Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes
		Hensler, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
212-9102-5301.00	Supplies	\$ 1,206.00
Roll Call:	Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes
		Hensler, Yes

Certificate of Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
Reimb. Admin. Svs., Transfer out, Reimb. Child support, PCSA Transfer out		\$331,465.24
To		
Reimb. SCPA, Reimb. Child support, Reimb. Admin. Svs., Children Svs.		\$331,465.24
Roll Call:	Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes
		Hensler, Yes

Auditor Ridgeway submitted the following for the commissioner’s review:

Official Amended Certificate #5

Sales tax for the current year 2022, and the prior year, 2021 receipts, and the increase or decrease.

Dog Warden Weekly Report for April 16th, 2022 – April 22nd, 2022

Rescued	-	1
Owner Surrender	-	2
Weekly Total	-	10
Calls Received	-	85

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve vouchers.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

JCEDP Director and CEO Sam Brady announced that the Ohio Department of Development contacted him and stated the county’s application for the McNally-Pitt’s remediation had been approved for \$705,000.00, which is out of the \$1,000,000.00 Brownfield Remediation funds. Mr. Brady said they should have a grant agreement in a few weeks and begin work on the property. Tetra Tech is working on cost estimates, and the work will be bid.

Resolution 87-22

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve Auditor Ridgeway’s request for a blanket super certificate for Fund 332 – Local Fiscal Recovery (ARPA funds) with a threshold of \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars).

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes

Resolution 88-22

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the letter of support referencing the OVRDC 2022 POWER Initiative Grant Application, and Jackson County’s commitment of a cash contribution of \$10,000 towards the required local match.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes

Resolution 89-22

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the request from Engineer Miller regarding a Temporary Work Agreement on Camba Rd. from the property owners giving the Engineer permission to move the fence as part of the bridge project.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes

Resolution 90-22

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the Title IV-E agreements between Job and Family Services and Buckeye Ranch, Inc., OhioMHAS and the Dept. of Mental Health-St. Vincent Center

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes

Larry Johnson, Member of the Jackson County Agricultural Society, discussed their plans to do chip and seal at the fairgrounds this year, and wants to apply for the NatureWorks grant, but the fair board is not a governing body, so he has to go through the commissioner’s office to apply for the grant. Mr. Johnson said he was told that there would probably only be \$14,000 available through the grant this year. The NatureWorks is a 75% grant, and the Fairboard has to match 25% .

Resolution 91-22

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve filing an application for financial assistance through the NatureWorks Program and authorizing Mr. Larry Johnson to execute and file the application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes

Mr. Don Fulton wanted to speak with the commissioners regarding a cattle crossings at Sour Run Rd and Diggs Rd. Mr. Fulton has multiple issues with the Engineer regarding this matter. Attached is the letter that Mr. Fulton read in the commissioner’s meeting:

April 26, 2022

TO: Jackson County Board of Commissioners

The reason I asked to be on your agenda today is that last Thursday I noticed the County Engineer and one of her employees inspecting the bridge just down from my house. I walked down to talk with them, and learned of the Engineer's intention to take out the bridge and replace it with an 8 ft. diameter culvert.

The farm, which I now own, was purchased by my grandfather in 1953. He was a conservationist—a product of the Great Depression. He had a great influence on my being a conservationist, and in development of the farm into grasslands preservation. For over 50 years there has been no plow in the ground on this farm. The sod is comprised of tall fescue, orchard grass, clover, and timothy. This sod has been successfully preserved and maintained by practicing managed rotational grazing.

There are two roadways through this farm, so it is necessary to maintain fences on both sides of both roadways, which is both labor-intensive and costly. Diggs Road T's into Sour Run Rd., thereby dividing the 260 acres into three parts. While maintaining the fences is expensive, they are incorporated into a rotational grazing program involving five different paddocks. The two cattle crossings, one under Diggs Rd. and one under Sour Run Rd. make it possible for the farm to survive financially, while preserving a well-established and productive grasslands sod.

The livestock barns and cattle pens are on one side of Sour Run Rd., while three of the pastures are on the other side. The cattle crossings under the roads are used continuously for the movement of approximately 150 head of cattle. The loss of either underpass would make it very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the conservation practices now in use.

My grandfather was advised by the older neighbors that the Diggs Road bridge/cattle crossing had been constructed in the early 1930's, and that the Sour Run Road bridge/cattle crossing had been constructed prior to the 1920's. I can personally attest to these bridges being used as cattle crossings since 1953. I believe that it was understood that the bridges would be used as livestock crossings, as evidenced by the inclusion of large hinges for a horizontal gate, and four large hooks and eyes installed overhead for a water gate as part of the original bridge. These are not necessary for just a bridge.

If it is decided that the Sour Run bridge must be replaced, I believe the best replacement is a bridge. If unlike in the past we can no longer afford a bridge at this location, the next best alternative might be a box culvert of sufficient height and width to accommodate livestock movement and the large volume of water that sometimes flows under this bridge. The current opening under the bridge is approximately 10 ft. wide and 9 ft. foot high. I have been able to see this bridge from my residence for over 52 years. I have seen the opening under the bridge be completely filled with water several times. The use of box culverts to facilitate the movement of livestock or wildlife under roadways is common in the USA and many other countries. They are considered by many to be good alternatives to bridges. In the last several years Jackson County has installed several bridges and many box culverts.

If the benefit of moving livestock under Sour Run Road or Diggs Road is taken away, it would greatly increase the difficulty of surviving in an already tough business.

Don Fulston

CDC Consultant Whitaker Wright was present to open the bid for the 2021 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Sanitary Sewer Project. There was one company that submitted a bid and was present at the bid opening, and that was Southern Ohio Trenching & Excavating. They submitted a bid (3 parts), which was as follows:

Contract A – (CDBG) \$563,309.78 Contract B – (City of Jackson)\$24,647.22 Contract C – (City of Jackson)\$35,010.00 with a total bid of \$622,967.00. All of the company's business was in order. The bid was not awarded today, as the Engineer and City will review.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Willis to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 10:16 a.m.

Back in session at 10:27 a.m. with no action taken.

News Media Representation:
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ADJOURNMENT

MR. HENSLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

Jon Hensler, President

Donnie Willis, Vice President

Paul Haller, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator