**December 30, 2022**

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present Mr. Willis, Present Mr. Hensler, Present

At 11:00 a.m., Jon Hensler, President of the Board of the Commission, stated that this was an emergency meeting called for the specific purpose of considering an appointment for a vacancy that is going to occur due to the impeding resignation of Prosecutor Justin Lovett, who was present. Commissioner Hensler thanked Prosecutor Lovett for his years of service and operation of the Prosecutor’s office.

Three individuals showed interest which were Wellston Law Director Randy Dupree, Local Public Defender Gene Meadows and Jackson County Assistant Prosecutor Colleen Williams. Both Dupree and Meadows were interested in the position long term, while Williams was only interested in filling in until the Central Committee of the Jackson County Republican Party could fill the vacancy.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Willis to enter into executive session @ 11:05 a.m. under O.R.C. 121.22 to consider appointment of public official.

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present Mr. Willis, Present Mr. Hensler, Present

Back in session @ 11:10 a.m.

Following the executive session, the commission voted to appoint Williams as the acting officer because she was the neutral party interested only in filling in, as she is a resident of Meigs County, and has no plans of running for office.

Jackson County Commissioner President Jon Hensler stated that the Central Committee of the Jackson County Republican Party has scheduled a meeting for Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Republican Headquarters, for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The Executive committee will be meeting @ 6:30 p.m. and the Central committee will meet @ 7:00 p.m. With that date in mind, and according to the Ohio Revised Code, the commissioners are appointing an “acting officer” during the very short time frame of Prosecutor Lovett’s resignation date of January 6, 2023, which is a window of seven (7) days.

**Resolution 260-22**

Motion by Willis second by Haller to appoint Ms. Colleen Williams as the acting officer to fill the vacancy of Prosecutor Lovett for the time period of his resignation date of January 6, 2023 until the Central Committee’s meeting on January 13, 2023, at which time they will fill the vacancy.

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

News Media Representation:

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MR. HENSLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

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Jon Hensler, President Donnie Willis, Vice President

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Paul Haller, Commissioner Carla Marcum, Administrator