

**March 29, 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 March 22, 2022.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

**JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith and Jackson Co. Family & Children First Council Intersystem Coordinator Megan Peters-Wiseman, along with several representing the Gallia-Vinton Education Service Center,** were present to draw attention to April as being National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Director Osborne-Smith thanked the Commissioners and law enforcement for their support, along with her staff, whom she stated has worked long hours to make sure the children are safe within in community. Commissioner Hensler thanked Director Smith and her entire staff for everything they do for the children in our community. “There is no greater gift than our children, no greater asset to our community than our children”. Director Osborne-Smith stated they are partnering with the Gallia-Vinton education service center. One of the service center members stated they will be working with all 12 schools with a site coordinator inviting families to participate in the “Treasure Your Family” project for April, which goes along with Child Abuse Prevention Month, with activities for the parents and children to participate in together, and to build strong relationships with their school districts. Activities range from: Playing charades, hosting a family outing, cookout or hayride to visiting your local library and helping someone in need. JFS encouraged everyone to “Wear Blue” on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in honor of Child Abuse Preventon and Awareness Month.

**Resolution 61-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to proclaim the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

**Additional Appropriation**

To	Description	Amount
101-0400-5102.00	Employee Salaries	\$ 2,478.90

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

**Additional Appropriation**

To	Description	Amount
101-1100-5305.00	Other Expense	\$ 47,575.00

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

**Certificate of Reimbursement**

From	Description	Amount
Reimb. Admin Svs., Reimb. Child Support, Transfer Out, PCSA Transfer Out, Reimb. WIA-Adult		\$139,335.05
To		
Reimb. Admin Svs., Reimb. SCPA, Reimb. Child Support, Reimb. Refunds, Refunds, Children Svs.		\$139,335.05

**Auditor Ridgeway** submitted the sales tax for the current year 2021, and the prior year, 2020 receipts, and the increase or decrease, for the commissioner’s review.

**Dog Warden Weekly Report for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Rescued - 9  
Owner Surrender - 1  
Weekly Total - 21  
Calls Received - 67

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

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

**VA Service Officer for Jackson County Arnold Tripp and VA President of the local board Jerry Ghearing** were present, at the request of the commissioners, to discuss their concerns of the proposed closing the VA Chillicothe Campus within the next 3-5 years. Commissioner Hensler stated they attended the public meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> to receive an update on the study. Commissioner Hensler read a proclamation which states that the Jackson County Commissioners DO NOT SUPPORT the recommendation to close the Chillicothe VA facility. The Commission named Commissioner Haller to serve in capacity of the Jackson County Commissioner’s Veterans Affair Liaison. Commissioner Haller stated he is honored to serve as the Liaison representing the veterans, and will do all he can to represent all those that would be affected and will keep everyone apprised of the situation. VA Service Officer Tripp is concerned with the healthcare and transportation aspects and feels they will piecemeal the project. Commissioner Willis urged everyone to contact their federal representatives regarding this issue. VA Board President Ghearing stated he has been deluged with questions about the proposed closing and is happy that Commissioner Haller will be the Liaison representing the best interest of those Veterans.

**Resolution 62-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the Proclamation stating that the Board of the Jackson County Commissioners DO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THE CHILLICOTHE VA FACILITY.

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

**Resolution 63-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the Letter of Support/Commitment regarding the Buckeye Hills Partnerships and Expansion Opportunities to receive the 2022 Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) impact initiative partnership.

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

Regarding the Sheriff’s Body Camera Program, both Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Haller had concerns on the storage of the footage, which is costly. Counties get the grant and the cameras, but in 1-2 years they cannot afford the storage, which Commissioner Haller states has been the biggest issue at the CORSA meetings.

**Resolution 64-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve, per request of the Jackson County Sheriff, New Fund 336 – Body camera program, with stipulation from Commissioner Willis that they are only approving the fund set up, and have made no agreements to fund anything further.

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

**Resolution 65-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve, per Prosecutor Lovett, the Subgrant Agreement between the Jackson County Department of Job and Family Services and the Gallia-Vinton ESC regarding the “Treasure Your Family Project”.

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

**Resolution 66-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the CSEA IV-D Contracts between the Jackson County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Jackson County Clerk of Courts, Jackson County Common Pleas Court and Jackson County Juvenile Court effective through 12/31/2022.

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

**Resolution 67-22**

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to approve, as read in the record, the adoption of the ARPA resolution, which is the election to take the standard allowance of up to \$10,000,000 as the amount of revenue loss for use for the provision of governmental services under section 603(c)(1)(C) of the American rescue plan. Commissioner Hensler stated Jackson County did not receive \$10,000,000, but that is the ceiling set forth in the language, so that is what the Commissioners are adopting, which allows the county to spend ARPA money on roads and certain other governmental functions, and without these steps, they would not be able to.

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

The Commissioners congratulated Jennifer Hughes and Diann Ramey on their new roles at the Jackson County Dog Pound, and thanked them for the great job they continue to do, and stated a job posting has been placed for an assistant at the dog pound. Jennifer and Lynn both said if anyone is interested but would like to learn more about the job, they are welcome to come out and shadow them. Commissioner Haller commented things have improved considerably over the years and he commended them on the job they have done and will continue to do.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Willis to go into executive session @ 9:47 a.m. for personnel matters.

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

Back in session @ 10:01 a.m. with the following action taken:

**Resolution 68-22**

Motion by Mr. Willis second by Mr. Haller to approve the pay rate for Administrator Carla Marcum at \$18.00 per hour and Assistant Administrator Tommie Harless at \$15.18 per hour, and this to be backdated to January 1, 2022.

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

News Media Representation:  
Phillip Buffington, The Telegram

**ADJOURNMENT**

MR. HENSLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

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Jon Hensler, President

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Donnie Willis, Vice President

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Paul Haller, Commissioner

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Carla Marcum, Administrator