

October 25, 2023

Roll Call: Mr. Hensler, Present

Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Present

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023

Roll Call: Hensler , Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
219-4600-5102.00	Employee Salaries	\$ 50,000.00
219-4600-5952.00	Residential Services	\$208,000.00
219-4600-5301.00	Supplies	\$ 11,000.00
219-4600-5318.01	Professional Svs. Contracts	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$297,000.00

Roll Call: Hensler , Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
259-1400-5327.00	PERS	\$ 11,000.00
259-1400-5305.01	Inmate Housing	\$ 60,000.00

Roll Call: Hensler , Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Fund Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
710-2100-5946.00	Reimb. Indigent Application	\$ 615.37
To		
101-0007-4959.00	Indigent App. Reimbursement	\$ 615.37

Roll Call: Hensler , Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Fund Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
730-1500-5946.00	Reimb. Housing Trust	\$ 364.76
To		
101-0007-4956.00	Reimb. Housing Trust	\$ 364.76

Roll Call: Hensler , Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Dog Warden Weekly Report for October 14th – October 20th, 2023

Rescued	5
Owner Surrender	0
Returned to Owner	4
Adopted	1
Weekly Total	26
Calls Received	103

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the vouchers.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Resolution 196-23

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the Engineer's request to reject bids regarding two local bridge replacement projects, as they are required by ODOT to be bid as separate projects.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Resolution 197-23

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the agreement between Jackson County Job & Family Services and DTAC of Ohio LLC regarding child placement services.

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

JCEDP Director Sam Brady stated that JEDISO and SODI will be meeting jointly with the Department of Energy at the plant site in Piketon on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, and they are inviting the Commissioners to participate. This will be related to how the DOE plans to work with the community plans and contracts at that site. Jediso is a regional cooperative between Jackson, Ross, Pike & Scioto counties to market and promote economic development in south central Ohio. Sodi, which is Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative, helps with the redevelopment of property in the best interest of the people and improve their quality of life. The Commissioners plan to attend.

EMA Director Robert Czechlewski and Deputy Director Samantha Brooks were present to do a bid opening and give quarterly updates. Mr. Czechlewski stated they only received one bid regarding the FY2021 State Homeland Security Grant, which was for a Hazmat truck for Gallia County EMA and will not suffice the State, which had a bid limitation of \$50,000.00. The bid was from Mark Porter for a 2024 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado in the amount of \$60,123.00. EMA has already re-allocated this funds. \$10,000.00 will go for foam for a regional foam trailer, which will be based out of the McArthur Fire Department, to fight large fires. The remaining \$40,000.00 will go toward equipment for the water rescue team. This grant ends in March, 2024.

Deputy Director Samantha Brooks reported they have done twelve (12) flood plain reviews. 911's balance is \$27,587.08. Mr. Czechlewski stated there will be new building regulations & subdivision to present at a later date after all information has been reviewed, which have not been updated for the past fourteen (14) years.

Mr. Czechlewski stated he submitted four (4) projects totaling \$530,000.00 for the FY2023 grant. He stated they received two of those – portable x-ray machine (\$84,000), which will be a regional asset. Also received \$153,273.00 for the Hazmat team (multi-county). A new building is being constructed in Wellston to house all hazmat equipment will be housed inside.

JCSWCD Manager Danny Barger and Board member Malcolm Jones gave a very professional and detailed presentation on all the services the Soil and Water Conservation offers to the county, as well his annual report, budget request, Treasure's report, adjusted rental & fee rates, potential hire, as well as the 2023-2027 strategic plan. Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to meet the needs of natural resource users by making available and coordinating technical, financial and educational resources to conserve soil, water and related natural resources. Mr. Barger also mentioned that Mr. Bob Spurlock and Andrew Bennett will be leaving the board and new members Larry Johnson and Mike Sheeter will begin their term in 2024.

Commissioner Willis stated that he has been checking on purchasing multiple UTV's, (utility task vehicle) with one going to Soil & Water, and have received quotes back and feels that Kobota has the best price and accessories to serve the county's needs. (\$70,000.00 for three UTV's). Soil & Water will also need a trailer. They will be discussing this further.

Executive Session

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to enter into executive session @ 9:51 a.m. with the county wildlife officer Ted Wythum, regarding safety and security matters.

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

Back in session @ 10:11 a.m. with no action taken.

County I.T. Administrator Jeremy VanDine and EMS Director Chris Johnson were present to discuss the county phone system. Mr. VanDine stated they looked at two (2) phone vendors with similar packages, but he recommends Freedomlinx that offers more services built in with no extra costs. The cost is about the same that the county pays now, but it is all new equipment, and as stated, offers more services, with 24/7 customer support. The Commissioners ask that Freedomlinx send a contract for them to review.

Also discussed was the proposed amendment to the tower lease from American Tower/Tower Alliance regarding the tower site on Standpipe Rd. Commissioner Willis stated he did not agree with the terms and wanted a counter-offer sent to them, which all commissioners agreed with. Mr. VanDine will take the counter-offer back to American Tower/Tower Alliance.

EMS Director Johnson also suggested doing an employee referral incentive in the amount of \$500.00, based the new employee works for 6 months. Commissioner Willis had some reservations regarding this and ask that Director Johnson look at what other counties are doing regarding any incentive for attracting employees. Commissioner Haller questioned the legality of the issue. Commissioner Hensler ask Director Johnson to see if there were any type of grants that may be used for this purpose.

News Media Representation

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ADJOURNMENT

MR. WILLIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING

Donnie Willis, President

Paul Haller, Vice President

Jon Hensler, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator