

August 21, 2024

Roll Call: Mr. Hensler, Present

Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Absent

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2024.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

RVC Architect Jon Steverson went over the final blueprints regarding the renovation of the old Health Department building, which will be the new location for the Commissioners. Mr. Steverson stated that all material specifications were updated, with the last revision opening up a specific area more, and making the bathroom ADA compliant. Twenty percent of the budget must be used for ADA improvements. Mr. Steverson said there would be all new LED lighting throughout the building also, with improvements being made with the flooring, cabinetry and painting. They will make a decision on the signage on the outside of the building after more discussion. Mr. Steverson ask that the Commissioners choose some open dates in the next couple weeks to decide on advertising (3) times and a pre-date meeting.

B.O.E. Director Margaret Casey, & B.O.E. Board Members Kim Milliken and Kida Newell were present to discuss the impending absence of an employee and what needed to be done to replace the employee during this election year. Ms. Milliken stated they are in dire need of a full time person (Elections Administrator), who understood their programs and can obtain state clearance. Ms. Casey did some research on surrounding counties, and according to her findings, Jackson County is not staffed to sufficiently do their jobs. Jackson County presently has two part-time clerks, (which are paid minimum wage) but they are also poll workers, so they will be out in the field election day. Board of Elections is asking for \$80,000.00 (\$47,000.00 for full time worker and \$13.00/hr. for part-time workers for the remainder of 2024. The rest of funds would be used for contractual services, but they stated they would need these additional funds yearly hereafter. The Commissioners stated they wanted to consult with Commissioner Willis and look at the budget before making their decision.

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to enter into executive session @ 9:32 a.m., per the request of EMS Director Chris Johnson, for personnel matters. EMS Assistant Director Dustin Coffman was also present.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

Back in session @ 9:45 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to enter into executive session @ 9:46 a.m. regarding personnel matters.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

Back in session @ 10:15 a.m. with no action taken.

Dennis & Mary Jean Reinhart, Erin Stanley (Proj. Develop. Supervisor Ross Cty. Park District, Miranda Vance (Exe. Director of Ross County Park District) Adrienne Roettker (Jackson County Forward) & Kay Howe(Tourism) were present to discuss the benefits of developing a park district in Jackson County. Ms. Vance stated that she has spoken with Mr. Reinhart regarding the benefits of having a parks district: conserving land, school benefits, programming events, green space and are entitled to inside mileage. Ms. Stanley does the grant writing for the park district. Ross County passed a levy in 2018 to fund their park district, which brings in \$700,000.00 a year. They have applied for and received several grants. Ross County has a 3-member board, and rely heavily on Ohio Parks & Recreation. The Commissioners are taking baby steps and getting legal guidance on this matter, as they do not want to rush into something that they do not have all the facts on.

Resolution 170-24

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the contract with Axis Civil Construction, LLC regarding the Brohard Rd. project in the amount of \$609,381.00.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

News Media Representation:
Alex Shope, The Telegram

ADJOURNMENT

MR. HALLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

Paul Haller, President

Jon Hensler, Vice President

ABSENT
Donnie Willis, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator