

February 5, 2025

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Present

Mr. Hensler, Present

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of January 29, 2025.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to enter into executive session @ 8:36 a.m. with Mr. Frank Souders regarding matters that are required to be kept confidential.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Back in session @ 8:57 a.m. with no action taken.

EMA Director Robert Czechlewski and EMA Deputy Director Samantha Brooks were present for the bid opening regarding the FY2023 State Homeland security grant (portable x-ray instruments) for law enforcement, which is a regional asset, and 11 counties will have access to its use. There was one (1) bid and it was from Viken Detection with a bid amount of \$58,765.00. It is the Nighthawk BTX. This bid will have to be approved by the Ohio EMA. Mr. Czechlewski applied for this grant and received \$80,000.00, which will easily cover the cost of the portable x-ray instrument, with approximately \$20,000.00 left that more than likely go toward additional equipment to benefit the region. Mr. Czechlewski does an excellent job in securing grant money for both regional funding and Jackson County.

Mr. Czechlewski also stated that there have been numerous water-line breaks in Wellston, and his concern is all the underground mines/shafts and where 250-300 gallons per minute of water that the city is losing, is going. He contacted ODNR and they sent Wellston all the GIS shape files of all Jackson County, that shows all the underground mines/shafts, which they will use to compare where all the waterlines are located, and try to prevent further mine subsidence in the City of Wellston.

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
252-4100-5305.00	Other Expense	\$164,536.68
Roll Call: Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes	Hensler, Yes

Auditor Ridgeway submitted amended official certificate (#2) of estimated resources for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 as revised by the Budget Commission.

Dog & Kennel Weekly Report for January 25th – January 31st, 2025

Brought In	1
Picked Up	2
Owner Surrender	11
Total In	14
Total In House	17
Adopted	1
Returned by MC	1
Rescued	0
Total Live Out	2
Died in Pound	2
Phone Calls Logged	64

Motion by Willis second by Haller to pay the vouchers.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Resolution #27-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the contract between Jackson County Commissioners & Brenner’s Restoration, LLC regarding the new commissioner’s office renovation.

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

Resolution #28-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the Indigent Defense contract between the Jackson County Commissioners and the Village of Oak Hill for year 2025.

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

Resolution #29-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the establishment of the following new fund (Fund #339), regarding the PY24 CDBG Critical Infrastructure award.

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

JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith was present to give her quarterly updates and 2024 Impact Report. JFS’ vision is to empower, protect, and serve the community with respect, integrity and professionalism. Listed are some facts/figures regarding the different divisions of Job & Family Services: Ohio Means Jobs Center saw 1389 visitors and assisted 504 unemployed individuals linked with support or employment; Child Support collected \$4.27million with \$516,000 in arrears; Children Services spent \$2.7 million in foster care placement and has 124 children in care. Adult Protective Services has grown significantly, with exploitation now the cause for the most referrals in Jackson County.

Also, although still in its infant stages, the county is still working on the Transit Development Plan. There is a transit working group, which is comprised of municipal, organizational and community leaders in the county, which will review initial service designs and preliminary costs, identify and confirm funding opportunities, review recommended transit plan, discuss funding and governance strategy and confirm engagement strategy.

News Media Representation:
Alex Shope, The Telegram

ADJOURNMENT

MR. HENSLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

Jon Hensler, President

Donnie Willis, Vice President

Paul Haller, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator