

January 22, 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 15, 2025.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to enter into executive session @ 8:35 a.m. with Grant Writer Phillip Buffington regarding matters required to be kept confidential – contractual.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Hensler, Yes

Back in session @ 9:02 a.m. with no action taken.

Soil & Water Manager Danny Barger and Board Member Larry Johnson stated their board approved installing a building to store all of their equipment in. Soil & Water does have the funds for the building, but Mr. Barger has concerns of putting a building on land that the county does not own. Commissioner Haller stated there is room at the Airport, but he would have to discuss with the Airport Authority, as well as checking with the FAA.

Also, Mr. Barger stated that the Ohio Department of Agriculture is requiring Soil & Water to hire a Conservation Technician. This position will be paid 100% by the State in quarterly reimbursements, and they serve at will, with the understanding when the funds are depleted, the job will no longer exist.

Nick Bundren and Ryan Santa-Maria, with the Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition stated they are planning to meet with all 88 counties to discuss renewable energy. Mr. Bundren ask the Commissioners questions regarding Solar Energy projects that had been discussed for Jackson County, and if the subject had received positive or negative comments from the constituents. The Commissioners stated the solar project that was presented to be built on re-claimed land was received with mostly positive feedback, but there were some were not. The smaller projects which are wanting prime farm land, the commissioners are not in favor of, but under Ohio law, that is between the solar company and the land owner. The Land & Liberty Coalition is a non-profit with a main focus of changing the perception of renewable energy.

Fund Reimbursement

| From | Description | Amount |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 730-1500-5946.00 | Reimb. Housing Trust | \$ 336.65 |
| To | | |
| 101-0007-4956.00 | Reimb. Housing Trust | \$ 336.65 |
| Roll Call: Haller, Yes | Willis, Yes | Hensler, Yes |

Additional Appropriation

| To | Description | Amount |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 346-4403-5305.00 | Other Expense | \$ 9,611.74 |
| Roll Call: Haller, Yes | Willis, Yes | Hensler, Yes |

Additional Appropriation

| To | Description | Amount |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 345-1700-5316.00 | Equipment | \$ 565.85 |
| Roll Call: Haller, Yes | Willis, Yes | Hensler, Yes |

Additional Appropriation

| To | Description | Amount |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 228-2001-5400.00 | Project Expense | \$ 1,946.61 |
| Roll Call: Haller, Yes | Willis, Yes | Hensler, Yes |

