

March 5, 2025

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present Mr. Willis, Present Mr. Hensler, Absent

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2025.

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

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
420-4300-5323.00	Cap. Improv. Vehicles & Equip.	\$ 100,000.00
Roll Call: Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes	Hensler, Absent

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
338-1700-5305.00	Other Expense	\$ 199,999.00
Roll Call: Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes	Hensler, Absent

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
279-8401-5400.00	Project Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Roll Call: Haller, Yes	Willis, Yes	Hensler, Absent

Auditor Ridgeway submitted the following reports for the commissioners' review: Month End, General Fund Revenue Comparison YTD, General Fund Expense Comparison YTD, General Fund Percent Budget Expended and Jail Operations Comparison YTD.

Dog & Kennel Weekly Report for February 22nd – February 28th, 2025

Brought In	1
Picked Up	8
Owner Surrender	0
Abandoned	0
In Foster or Vet	0
Total In	9
Total In House	21
Adopted	2
Returned to owner	1
Rescued	0
Total Live Out	3
Phone Calls Logged	49

Dog & Kennel Monthly Report for February, 2025

Brought In	7
Picked Up	19
Owner Surrender	19
Abandoned	1
In Foster or Vet	1
Total In	47
Total In House	60
Adopted	6
Returned to owner	4
Rescued	30

Total Live Out 40
Phone Calls Logged 238

Motion by Willis second by Hensler to pay the vouchers.

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

Resolution #54-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the EMS policy, which was discussed last week, the Transfer of Uncompensated Vacation from one public agency to another, with a cap of one hundred twenty hours.

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

Resolution #55-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve, upon the recommendation of the Community Improvement Board members, the applications submitted by the townships and municipalities regarding community improvement projects.

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

Farm Bureau President Mike Scott, Vice President Jessica Taylor, Director Kim Harless and Work Member Alicia Viars were all present to discuss the importance of Agriculture in Jackson County, and how we sometimes take for granted the quality, abundance and value of the food we eat. Director Harless stated they included a Census of Agriculture, which lists the number of farms, land and average size of farm, as well as many other agricultural facts. Mr. Scott stated that Ohio has lost approximately 20,000 acres of farmland, mostly to development, but also because the younger generation does not want to farm or cannot compete with the bigger farms that have a monopoly on that area. Commissioner Willis feels the State of Ohio should make it easier to get a CDL when it comes to driving farm equipment. Farmers and ranchers receive only 14.3 cents of every food dollar that consumers spend. The Farm Bureau has approximately 700 members and will be holding a Members Only “Bingo” in April, just so they can interact with the members in a fun atmosphere and face to face.

Resolution #56-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to proclaim the week of March 16-22, 2025 as National Agriculture Week, and acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce an abundance of agricultural products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation.

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

Agriculture & Natural Resource Educator Josh Winters and 4-H Youth Development Educator Maddie Allman were present to give their quarterly updates. Ms. Allman discussed some of the upcoming events; Quality Assurance Training (3/5), Spring project Fair & 4-H Open house (3/6), Ohio 4-H conference (3/8), Child Abuse & Neglect Training (3/11) & Canter’s Cave Camp Counselor Training (3/15 & 3/16). Ms. Allman thanked the Commissioners for attending the 75th Anniversary at Canter’s Cave in January, which was a huge hit. They are waiting on a final tabulation, but are confident they hit their \$75,000 mark, which will be used to make improvements at Canters Caves. Mr. Winters presented the 2024 total Agriculture and natural Resources numbers (to date). Education events (3015 people/engagements); Operational events (435); Promotional events (1008) with a total of 4458 people impacted through these events. Some highlights of 2024: Beef Artificial Insemination School, Hunter’s Education training and executing the Farm-City Field Day program with over 300 people in attendance.

Resolution #57-25

Motion by Willis second by Haller to proclaim the week of March 2nd – 8th, 2025 as Ohio 4-H week, as 4-H has assisted in the growth and development of Ohio and Jackson County youth for 123 years, and emphasizes leadership development, civic engagement, healthy living, STEM skills, career awareness, and workforce development-empowering Ohio’s youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

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

Dog Warden Jennifer Hughes stated she had no updates, other than the Southview Career Day. She said they finished up their tag renewal sales, with outside sales being \$1133.00, but they lost two locations this year, which amounted to approximately \$300.00 in sales. The Detour sold 419 tags this year, and always do a great job. Commissioner Willis ask Ms. Hughes if she had asked Jerry’s Jamestown market, which is

located by Bellisios. Ms. Hughes had not, so Commissioner Willis encouraged her to reach out to them. Commissioner Willis wanted to know what type of deficit the Dog Pound was showing this year compared to last. Although many of the tags have not been counted in the system as of yet, there is about a 2000 tag deficit compared to last year. Dangerous dog sales are down, and both 3-year and permanent tag sales show only the revenue for year purchased, so this could throw the figures off as well and affects the budget. Commissioner Willis stated the dog pound showed a surplus 4 years ago, but now is working on a deficit. Unfortunately, if people are not willing to pay \$14.00 for a tag, they will not voluntarily pay \$28.00 for a late tag. Commissioner Haller ask if the Dog Pound had any events/fundraisers scheduled, and Ms. Hughes said not at this time. Commissioner Willis stated they would keep looking at the numbers, but they (Dog Pound) are not projected to bring in the revenue needed, as the majority of the Dog Pound's revenue is dog tag sales. Ms. Hughes ask about the money they are to receive from the court regarding fines and tickets. The Commissioners will look into how the court processes these monies, and set up a meeting to discuss.

News Media Representation:

Alex Shope, The Telegram

ADJOURNMENT

MR. HENSLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

ABSENT

Jon Hensler, President

Donnie Willis, Vice President

Paul Haller, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator