

April 13, 2023

MINUTES OF APRIL 13th MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V109-302	Minutes of April 11, 2023:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-303	Reimbursement to Pike Repair
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-304	Additional Appropriation: Union Co. 1 st half Real Estate
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-305	Bills
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-306	Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed:	Hardin Hills and Ronda Wyoming Fee Contingency Collection Agreement
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Holli Underwood, **Economic Development**, Mike Bacon and Katey Henson, discussed a program similar to the former CDBG Revolving Loan Funds, with no HUD provisions. To be used to overcome gaps in the local market with private sector jobs and retention. Will increase taxes into the community as well as increased services to residents within the county. Administered by the Economic Development Office/Alliance. Will have a Governing Board. Auditor, Bankers, Business Owners. Includes Agreement document, loan document, etc. Commissioners will sign by resolution. Will there be an Administrative fee? She will discuss with her board. Maximum of \$10,000 per job creation. Will not fund more than 35% of the project. Owner must have equity and financing. Up to 10 years. Application Fee? \$500 or less. Interest at or below prime. Disbursements Board, Commissioners/by resolution, agreements, all completed then confirmation to Auditor to move forward. Records must be kept including actual cost of how funds are used. No blanket loans and will have annual reporting. Checklist completion to move forward. Terms can be flexible for each project or firm for all. Does the county place a lien on the assets? Can you share collateral? Can cash on hand be used as collateral? The county could partner with a local Bank for all loan applications, review and servicing. Fee? Added to the loan? Where does the money come from? County general would provide the initial funding. Van Wert and Delaware Counties currently have similar programs. Is there a cap? All contingent on credit, collateral and what is in the fund. Auditor noted in the past with the former RLF he saw defaults as well as loans paid off. Different situations. That was not county funds. Once a precedence is set, this office is locked in. Commissioner Striker-could America Rescue Funds be used? They need to be asked. Is ARPF use and deplete? This program is to be paid back. CARES was one and done with a limit at \$5000 each. The county would have more control if they administer and loan, not a bank. Purpose of two bankers (in case of a conflict) on the governing board to advise. If property, they should be and keep current on all taxes, no convictions, in good standing with the local health department, etc. At 10:08 Holli requested Executive Session regarding Economic Development with the same attendees. Commissioner Crowe moved to enter Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(8). Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 10:29 Commissioner Striker announced the end of Executive Session. Katey will take the documents under review with the Prosecutor.

Richard Lawson, **Maintenance Supervisor**, regarding his health situation. Surgery is being planned. It is a 6-month recovery but questioned if they would approve him coming back at 6 weeks on light duty. He will need a return to work slip on light duty specifying what that means. Richard would like to replace the ceiling tile in the basement. He will get costs.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board

PROSECUTOR
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