

April 18, 2023

MINUTES OF APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

- V109-307 Minutes of April 11, 2023:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-absent, Striker-yes
- V109-308 Root Addition WWTP flow meter/slabs ARF \$6760  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V109-309 JFS: Payout T. Taylor \$4,308.99  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call; Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V109-310 JFS Step Increase M. Springer \$21.20 hr. May 7, 2023  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V109-312 Release of Funds: JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V109-313 Appointment J. Musson Board of DD  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V109-314 Annex Reimbursement of Utilities for March  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V109-315 BMV Lease Agreement increase to \$6.00 sq ft. 7/1/23-6/30/25  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V7-29 HH Payout to D. Lawrence, DON, \$4,316.57  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- Signed: JFS and The Marsh Foundation 7/1/23-6/30/25, \$200,000  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- Keeping Kids Safe, Inc. 7/1/23-6/30/25, \$200,000  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- Lutheran Homes Society/Genacross Family & Youth Services 7/1/23-6/30/25,  
\$200,000  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- Advantage Family Outreach & Foster Care, 7/1/23-6/30/25, \$200,000  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Jason Fleming, Garmann Miller Architects submitted change orders with contingency funds for the **Annex Brick Repair Project**. Commissioner Striker moved approve Change Order #001, \$6,855.36-removal and re-install on southwest corner Annex after steel plate deflection. Change Order #003, \$1,010.29-fix west side soldier coursing to line up with the northwest corner. Change Order #004, \$3,332.06-repair and secure the steel plated that deflected on southwest and southeast corners. Change Order #002R1-\$683.57-Northeast corner adding a 4' expansion joint under the window and replacing the 10 broken brick. All are being done with the Annex Brick Repair Project Contingency Fund. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call; Striker-yes, Rush-yes.

Jodi Tudor, **Job & Family Services Director**, gave a monthly update for March and a review of staffing levels. 3748 Food Assistance recipients representing 1710 families. They have not had much push back with the emergency food allotment ending. The state did a good job of informing the recipients. Case Workers are working on the unwrapping of the Medicaid. They are preparing for the Income Maintenance Supervisor's retirement at the end of the year. OMJ-26 active adults and 50 youth. A new clerical worker started this week. The Job Fair in March was well attended with 151 attendees and 53 employers. WKTN broadcasted thru the day. Area high schools came in the morning. Children's Services-30 children in custody \$92,855 paid out in foster care for March. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Four children did sidewalk chalk drawings. She met with HHWP/CAC regarding transportation and they are being added to the list for the RFP. Commissioner Crowe joined the meeting. Brick work should be completed within the next month. She has not heard any complaints.

V109-311 Additional Appropriation: HH/Kohler, \$14,200, EMA Grant \$4375  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Judge Steven Christopher, Judge Maria Santo and Olivia Huss, Recovery Court Adm., discussed the **OneOhio Foundation funds**. They presented ideas to spend the funds on in Hardin County. Wade Melton will be attending the OneOhio meeting tomorrow with Commissioner Rush. As of today the local funds received are around \$80,000 to allocate. Funds will continue to come in for 18 years. The total amount is unknown as it is ongoing as lawsuits are settled. The courts submitted evidence based successes and is required by the Supreme Court: Community Pro-Social Activities: set up events for participants to meet others to engage in activities that don't involve drugs. Evidence Based Treatment: Recovery Courts to offer incentives. They have curriculum with work books. Incentives: gift cards, movie tickets, etc. Evidence shows that it works. They try to keep local. Clinical Services: Clinician-they are currently experiencing short hand and has a high turnover, need more stability. Both courts are working together on the Drug Recovery. Mike Bacon joined the meeting. Agencies do not have to be a 501c. Clinical Services are limited and cannot be court employees. Juvenile Court can have the school provide services. Service Providers need to hire or contract staff to provide these services. Could an MOU be used? Have to have a clinician-there is a statewide shortage. Virtual counseling doesn't work. Turnovers are hindering progress.

Commissioner Rush explained-To disburse the larger pot of funds for Region 17: each county will submit ideas for their county and the Region, who will blend in to 1 or 2 ideas for all counties. When the state approves it will come in and be disbursed to the Fiscal Officer/Auditor. No clarification if these funds can be combined. Local funds will be disbursed thru the courts. The larger funds can be requested by other partners. Probably a good idea to keep the funds separate. The bulk of the funds they are suggesting for Family Engagement. Higher success rate and hopefully kids won't be addicts. Evidence Based Treatment and Community Partners Expenses to help pay for incidentals. Agencies could opt not to be involved. It is important to expose the children and parents to another lifestyle to say and see yes it can be different than how we are. Mike will set up the accounts in the local OneOhio funds and make available to the courts.

Judge Christopher noted he has heard comments of the expenses incurred due to his thoughts on how he sends felons to jail. If you commit a felony-you see jail. A misdemeanor, DUI, goes to jail why shouldn't a felony? A necessary expense.

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