

March 23, 2023

MINUTES OF MARCH 23rd 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:

V109-260 Minutes of March 21, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-261 Indigent Governors Request to Keep in Biennium Budget
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-262 Reject Bid for Federal Bridge/10% Over Estimate
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-263 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-264 Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-265 Reallocation: Prosecutor-Salaries
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: Corporate Resolution for TCM Bank N.A./Middlefield/VISA for a credit card for the new Dog Warden and Deputy (one card).
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
The Architectural Review Committee/Kenton City approved the permit plans for the Annex Brick Repair Project.
Prosecutor's Office was asked to draft a letter to Teltron Design Group LLC noting the final payment, \$5646.00, as settlement of the contractual agreement, Courthouse Network Project, previously entered into.

City of Kenton: Mayor Lynn Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. Mayor-they anticipate these meetings to keep each informed of upcoming projects and ideas. First-the EPA grant of \$4 million and \$2 million from the Army Corp of Engineers. They are phasing in and was allowed to receive the funds to be done in 2024. The 2025 N. Detroit St project is still on the books. N. Detroit St. will be shut down the entire length of both projects for consistency. They are very grateful for the funding. Cindy-with ODOT phasing, pricing included two 2024 Main St projects which they have \$6 million for but need \$9 million. Downtown roads are poor on a brick base. Since the road is completely torn up they want to replace sewer and water lines. One line cuts under the old Uhlman's across Lima (Franklin St) over Franklin St. and across the Courthouse yard. \$700,000 more due to the sewer line. New lines will be run behind the stores and come down Main St. If the county has any excess ARP funds, they would appreciate being put on the list. The old line will be abandoned. Prices are just for the whole nine block area/Downtown Historical. They hope to apply for USDA funds. Commissioner Striker-sewer gas is pushed back into the basements on the square after heavy rains. (Warehouse Store). The Sewage plant treats twice as much water as they make. Consists of downspouts, river down flow, brick sewer lines. More economical to line sewers with a liner. Commissioner Striker-I would like to see the sidewalks and buried light lines for wrought iron looking lights. Mayor- ODOT will only help pay for the four lights around the courthouse-rest is up to the City. We look for other funding, USDA, etc. The first Safety Study the Governor was asked, due to our traffic problem, nobody sees the comfort level of the community-crossing the streets, back up of traffic. We are learning what is warranted and what is not. Five options on alternating traffic. We wonder, do we put the \$1.7 million in the short term. Diagonal parking narrows the street to not look attractive to truck traffic. Then we looked at the exchange. Our streets were never designed for this much commerce thru town. The Walmart traffic light is a \$22,000 fix. Is it needed? ODOT is doing a study to see what is needed. Discussed ideas to keep traffic moving and safe. Cindy has discussed, with the Engineer, the paving of the parking lot behind the bank. Luke is getting another quote. First Farmers Market is May 20. Next meeting they want to discuss Economic Development, with

Jobs Ohio bringing things in she would like to be as aggressive as possible. She will continue to work with Holli Underwood. Their dream is for the Port Authority to be open for all in the county to join. Someone jumped in and offered to help form so we took advantage. Will always be open as a great tool.

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