

March 02, 2023

MINUTES OF MARCH 2nd 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:

V109-207 Minutes of February 28, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-208 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-209 Hire JFS SSW2 C. Minter, 3/13/23
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-210 Hire JSF SSW 2 M. Lutz 3/13/23
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call; Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-211 IV-D Contract CSEA and Clerk of Courts
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-212 Resignation JFS: G. Saylor 3/1/23
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-213 Additional Appropriation: Sanders Ditch
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-214 Transfer: Sanders Ditch
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-215 Appoint Fred Rush to WIOA Board
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call; Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V7-26 Agreement with iTech Managed Solutions to upgrade network, \$11,615.99
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
Signed: Hardin Hills and Business Associated Ag for PointClickCare upgrades, 30 day notice of termination
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Holli Underwood, **Chamber and Business Alliance**. Holli requested Executive Session for Economic Development purposes. At 9:35 Commissioner Crowe moved to enter Executive Session with Holli Underwood per ORC 121.22 (G)(8). Commissioner Rush second. Roll call; Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 9:49 Commissioner Striker announced the end of Executive Session. Enterprise Zone meetings are tomorrow for Ada and Kenton, three companies each are scheduled. Career Task Force completed the Career in Agriculture Session. The recording is available to share with other schools. Next session is May on Health Care. ONU Healthwise will be a part of the panel. Working on web site updates and a Spring Fest, May 20. Partnering with the City on the Farmer's Market. New Chamber Vice Chair, Travis King. The Downtown Business Association has started for the nine block area, giving them a voice and offering grants. Small Business Development joined with Rhodes State to offer sessions virtually. Open to the public and free. Commissioner Striker informed that on June 10 the Museum is having an Open House and Dinner at the ELKs for the Kenton Toy Collectors.

Melissa Bodey, **CECBO**, gave a fourth quarter health insurance review. 123% loss ratio. Cebco overall is 104%. Eight large claims. Running high, she will monitor.

A group of ladies (11) met with the Commissioners over the resignation of the **Dog Warden** and Deputy. Some represented the Pawsitive Paws and Humane Society. Robin Jones-We are here to discuss the future not the past. We want changes for the better of the situation for the dogs. Longevity of Dog Warden is crucial. We want to build relationships with neighboring Wardens and Humane Societies. When you hire next, please meet some of the qualifications and interact, can we set up a board with a Commissioner on the board? Before it comes to light, be professional. A lot of rescues are from out of the county and can help pull from their rescues. Let's make it right with all including ORC 959 and 955. It can happen here. Broaden our horizons. We are vested in this county. This is our passion. It grows if we stay informed

and move forward. Commissioner Crowe- we are interviewing now. Have good candidates with qualities you discussed. We are proud we don't have a kill facility. We don't want. Efforts are made to adopt out. Robin-She saw more visible adoptions recently. You have to have visibility. We cannot save every dog but can do better with organizations working as a team. Consider a board. Pat Evans-no kill-do you read the reports-56 dogs taken to Wyandot County probably put down. Previous dog warden. Concerning. Alice Roof-he did not want us out there. P. Evans-he never answered his calls. Weights, treadmill, weight bench in the meet and greet room. Did you go out there? Commissioner Crowe-Yes, once per year (official visit). P Evans-we want things improved going forward. Commissioner Crowe-we ask candidates how comfortable using computer to get information out on dogs. Robin Jones-How can we do better? Once a year to visit is not enough. We need to be better steward of our Dog Shelter. We want feedback from you and want you to hear us. We want a better working relationship. Commissioner Striker-we are required once a year to go to all buildings. But we have all been out there individually. Alice Roof-were you aware that room was a workout room? No. Just because he turned in his paycheck and took half hour lunch you didn't question? Commissioners-that's a broad statement. We met with him once a month over issues. Isn't just the Dog Warden we worry about. Carol Vermillion-I can tell you those dogs are euthanized before they go to the shelter, they don't get adopted. They are put down. Robin Jones-they have euthanasia clinics at Wyandot. We can't save all. Alice Roof-community is mad and upset. Premier facility there. We spent \$100,000 out there. We don't want it to sit there with no dogs. Robin Jones-shelters are full everywhere. A friend called here and they (staff) laughed when stating who the office was. Commissioner Striker-staff is answering phones, all are helping with procedures. Robin Jones-we help and provide a shelter. Education is key. We are missing those tools. We need to use resources right in front of us. Pate Evans-has to be the right Dog Warden. Commissioner Striker-we did not ask her to resign. We are in the process. They are getting care and attention. Carol Vermillion-I have a dog rescue that will take (King) I have a list of rescues. She contacted me about King before with no open spot. I have one in Akron, if neutered, they would pull if you would allow. Commissioner Crowe-we need a dog warden in place who knows how to do. Last Dog Warden wouldn't let me in. Commissioner Striker in the past, let's move forward. Carol Vermillion-you need to know. I have been around him (King), he needs guidance/training. unknown- Why can't others be a part of the interview process: Pawsitive Paws? Commissioner Crowe-gets cumbersome when we are the ones who hire. Phyllis Cummings- I worked for the county, you guys are busy can't keep up. A board would be a great start to let an employee be more accountable. And to let the public to know. unknown-Humane Agent-wondering if you have had discussion with Prosecutor, liability issues? We have a candidate. We've talked to Judge Christopher who is the person to say yes. He wants your blessing. You have concern with liability. Commissioner Crowe-we talked to the Sheriff-he did not feel he was approached and wants discussion. Robin Jones-ORC says candidate with training certificate, you can by-pass Commissioners and Sheriff. Commissioner Crowe-you previously mentioned you spoke with Sheriff, he doesn't recall. Linda-We did, back in September. Alice Roof-so we go to Sheriff then we can hire without permission. Robin Jones-I'm going to Defiance and learning from Stacey (friend). If you had, they could fill the gap at the shelter now. We need networking. We can make this a great situation. Education and Information is key. A board and reporting back. Great opportunities here. Alice Roof-does Keep America Beautiful come in every month? Commissioners-we go there every other month. Alice Roof-some things Michele told us regarding switching days and lunch? Do you do that with all KHCB? Nitpicky with them, are others treated the same way? Commissioner Striker-we have a policy all follow. Commissioner Crowe-personnel issues in the past, we aren't getting into. We have a policy all follow. Robin Jones-Dog Warden is different, should have a different policy. Employees park around the square and shouldn't- my two cents. Alice Roof-here to make things better, community is pissed off. Commissioner Crowe-we've heard what you said and will take under consideration. Appreciate your time. Another meeting in 6 weeks? Schedule with Deb. Carol Vermillion-open to volunteers at the shelter? Commissioners-Yes, have had in the past. Phyllis- People have brought food, leashes, and now turned away at the door.

The **Quarterly IT Committee** met with the following present: Luke Underwood, Katey Henson, Chris Griffith, Becky Stevenson, Mike Bacon, Dennis Burns and the Commissioners. Minutes were reviewed from September 2022. Commissioner Rush moved to approve with Mike Bacon second. Where is Teletron on their return? They were given dates to come in for cosmetic issues in January with no response. Maintenance is working to pull wires: First Floor, Second Floor are done with wires pulled, working on Third Floor then basement. Commissioner Rush-do we consider the job complete? Katey-if you three agree, put in writing to the Prosecutor. Mike-some don't want them back in their offices. I've done my office. Offices have been painted. How do we officially call it even and move on? We went over the punch list with them with photos and discussion. Don't know what more the county could have done. No completion date in the contract. Chris-most cosmetic clean-up has been done with exception of some wiring, (HDMI, raceway in Vets). Can do internally or I can bring in another vendor to complete. Do we end one before we start another? Katey- Yes, at that point. Communicate with them what you feel is owed and why. Chris-ready for phones at the Safety Center. Two phones are ready for Shad to test. Chief Deputy-I can take but he is gone a few days. Probably later. CBTS-left: Sheriff, faxes are starting to port over from Windstream. Vets ported and very happy with the solution. Other departments are interested. Does not work with a physical fax machine, on your email box. Offices are constantly having issues with Windstream fax lines. Numbers are ported. Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned: Mike Bacon moved to adjourn Commissioner Rush second.

The **Ottawa River Joint Board** held a phone conference. Mark Lowery, SWD, was present. Tawa Tree Service log jam estimate is not to exceed \$49,999. Left in the fund is \$125,200.63. Commissioner from Findlay moved to approve using the fund to pay the cost of removal of the log jams. Unknown:Is a map of those log jams? Visual needs shared what we are getting for our money. Tawa has maps and a listing. Anyone else involved in the bid process? Anything over \$50,000 needs bid. What do we get for that money? We need to make an informed decision. Commissioner Shroeder second. Hardin-water backing up-any provisions to remove log jams here? We want addressed. We can check out. When was the \$49,999 log jams assessed? Every year we go out. City of Lima every year. Date? End of December. We go out when water is down. Could we get a video for next time so we can see what needs and is done? I operate on a trust and verified system. A \$11,000 letter for reimbursement for employees for their services, inspection-Allen and Defiance Counties file against the maintenance fund for reimbursement. Ottawa River cash balance \$199,844. Roll call: one commissioner-no, all others that were present voted yes.

The Treasurer submitted the February Investment report.

Scott Howell, Superintendent ESC and Kristy Gilfillian, **Family & Children First Council**. Asking for money. FCFS is growing. Has a real need for needy and dysfunctional families in the county. Scott gave an overview of social networks in the county. 14 groups are mandated to participate in FCFC. They bring/coordinate the agencies together to meet the need, a conduit for efficiency. Joining was Sam Norris. Avoids redundancy. 2017-2020 met as a group of members, very dysfunctional. Has funds to distribute to families, can purchase door chimes, security systems, respite care, fences, etc. for unruly children, high needs children some due to no fault of their own. Plenty of funds to use to help families. Limited funds to hire someone to coordinate the program. \$15,000 from the state. We put the cart before the horse by hiring a full-time director. Scott is involved in two other counties who raise funds from local contributions to cover cost. Mental Health Board and JFS gave half to pay for the Director. Need \$65,000 for salary and insurance. School Districts agreed to give. As other funds come in, those entities will back out. At \$15,000 from the state, Mental Health and JFS will probably give \$10,000 each, leaves \$40-50,000 left. Would like \$80,000 total. Kristy also does Family Coaching, Advocacy and Coaching Schools-Rock Around Care. All of our agencies are stretched to the max. She is an extra person, full time. They hope to be self-sustaining but cannot generate income so will depend on donations. Kristy submitted an overview of FCFC, ORC, what she does and where the funds come from and what they can be spent on. Commissioner will discuss the request.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board

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