

August 29, 2023

MINUTES OF AUGUST 29th 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:

V110-171 Minutes of August 24, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-172 Advance & Back of Funds: Crime Victims, Lease Ditch
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-173 Reallocation: Board of Elections
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-174 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V110-175 Hire C. Schulz SSWII, JFS 9/5/23
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-176 Release of Funds: to Family & Children First Council
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-177 Engineer to Advertise and Receive Bids for Eldridge WWTP re-bid
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-178 Additional Appropriation: Windstream & cbts \$18,000
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Commissioners approved the legal notice for the **HVAC** on third floor with Garmann Miller Engineers.

Sheriff Everhart and Chief Dennis Burns discussed on the cbts phone system transition stall. Sheriff and Chief want copied on all correspondence. Sheriff is at full staff and feels they are very competitive. New vehicles are good to go and waiting on parts. 911 may be short on wages. They are reallocating funds to cover the shortfall. The vendor hired to clean up the Safety Center Data room cannot do the project. The Sheriff's IT, Shad McGrath, has agreed to work with their vendors to have them come in and assist him in labeling all data. A new contract will be drawn up and the Accumen contract cancelled. Commissioners will act on when the new contract is presented.

Department Head meeting was held in Veterans Hall. On the agenda:

1. Commissioner Striker welcomed all and shared that the network project started 2 years ago is close to being finished with the fax lines hopefully being moved from Windstream to cbts in the near future. Bids for the caulking project around the courthouse and HVAC for third floor is the works. The south entrance is finished. The North Annex on Kohler Street, west side, is being prepared for Soil & Water to occupy. There is storage areas in the North Annex as well as the "old Harco" building.
2. The Health insurance is increasing 13% for 2024. Actual cost will be known next week.
3. The county has America Rescue Funds available. If any interest let the Commissioners know.
4. 2024 County general budget worksheets will be available next week and are due Sept. 27, 2023. Add no workers comp for 2024. This is due to large rebates over the years and the balance should last 4 to 5 years.
5. The Auditor informed all of new software, Tyler Technologies. No alpha numerical account numbers just numbers. Hope to be up and running in 9 to 12 months. Used America Rescue Funds to purchase. No more green bars. You will need to print your own reports. Plan to roll over at the end of 2024.
6. Inventory-keep up to date-if items are not listed, they do not qualify for any claim that may come up. The county does not depreciate items. The insurance company has your list as you have submitted.

7. Lori Clark has set November 1st as open enrollment. A Health Fair is being planned with Wyandot Memorial this fall. She is waiting on quotes. A mobile mammography is planned for December and Spring at no cost thru your insurance. May be a free program if you qualify.
8. Wellness-CEBCO is changing from Health Works to Anthem. It will be claims based with a specified dollar amount \$5-\$60 per item. Most are things we do already: Prescription refill, health assessment, immunizations, annual physical, preventative, etc. Nothing to chart on a portal. Up to \$200 can be earned on a gift card you can cash in any time. Starts August 15. The Anthem/Sydney portal will not be up and running until January 1, 2024. There will be a look back so continue doing. At the county level there will still be lunch and learns, walking challenges, etc. We will provide more information as we receive.
9. Amy Long introduced herself as the new Keep Hardin County Beautiful Program Manager.
10. The Health dept will be having a community Flu shot drive thru on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 to 12:30 under the Annex.
11. October 24 at 10:00 is the next Records Commission Meeting. Keep your Disposals updated.
12. No Commissioner sessions on Thursday, September 21, 2023. All bills will be paid on Sept. 19. Submit bills by noon on Friday.
13. The Annual Christmas Party is December 12 11-1:00 in Veterans Hall
14. The Auditor noted the 2022 audit is almost completed.

Kevin Cole, **RWE Scioto Ridge Wind & Solar Projects**. They are following all the OSP rules and have held two public meetings. Permit was filed August 23 and could take 12 months. Hope to start construction this time next year with completion Sept. 2025. He shared the initial design plan. 110 mgwt solar with 20 mgwt battery storage on 2,000 acres. 849 acres will actually have facilities located in Lynn (70%), McDonald (16%) and Taylor Creek (14%) Townships. They have attended all the township meetings. Issues with PJM may be resolved and ready to move forward. Invenegy is having drainage issues on Hardin III. The landowners suggested Billenstein's who have been amazing to work with. They have a map of every drainage tile. They have been brought on as consultants. Shipalogy was hired to reach out and as public relations for RWE. ERSG was hired as a consultant on battery safety. They are not 100% they are building the battery system. Their company went out and bought all they needed for the project, which is sitting in a warehouse. Last March RWE purchased assets of ConEdison had, which made the third largest solar in the world. 1200 employees. \$50 billion is being spent in the U.S. for solar energy. When this project ends in 35 years, they will start the project all over.

Commissioner Crowe moved to hire **C&Y Painting**, on the recommendation of Richard Lawson, Maintenance Supervisor, to paint, caulk and repair items at the Yost House at a cost of \$11,500 to be taken from the Yost line item S020-S17. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, **V110-179**

Bradford W. Bailey, **Hardin County Prosecuting Attorney** requested Executive Session regarding pending litigation. Commissioner Crowe moved to go into Executive Session per ORC 122.22 (G)(3) at 11:47 Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Striker noted out of Executive Session at 11:55. American Rescue Funds rules were reviewed. Funds can be given to the Alliance but a clause states funds cannot be generally be used for economic development. All has to be tied to Coronavirus. Supply and shipping issues due to COVID could be a use. January 1, 2020-April 2023 when the pandemic ended. A sub-recipient agreement could be used that follows the general use. Infrastructure, revenue economic loss, water sewer, broadband, health, somehow the projects needs to be tied to the loan/project. Payback comes to the county. You could start a revolving

loan fund. Those payback funds won't be targeted with the same restrictions. Commissioners noted the government set up the \$10 million as economic loss whether you had or you did not claimed a loss. There are exclusions. Any general government service was approved to be used. Prosecutor-general use is approved but can't be used after crisis is over. Chamber is who you want recognized to have the funds and loan. Fit into one of four categories. Commissioner Crowe-CCAO was asked and sent the portion of rules that referred to not being subject. We as government do provide funds for this purpose, we hired the Alliance, and we are wanting to extend those funds thru a revolving loan fund. Prosecutor-supporting one of four eligible use of funds. Has to be tied to COVID. Supply and demand. Commissioners wanted to put more of the America Rescue Funds for others. Monies received back, from those loans, can be used for future RLF loans thru the Chamber Alliance. Prosecutor-can only be prior to April 2023, not future business. County funds may be able to be used without restrictions to COVID. To the Chamber for projects? Commissioners will put in writing if county general funds can be used for Revolving Loan Fund for the Prosecutor to research. America Rescue Funds needs committed by September 2024.

The **Dog Warden** noted the kennel was full. He will post no surrenders or drop offs until further notice.

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

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