

August 3, 2023

MINUTES OF AUGUST 3rd 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:

- V110-125 Minutes of August 1, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-126 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-127 Additional Appropriation: 2nd half real estate settlement
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-128 Resignation, JFS, E. Bower SSWII, 8/18/23
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-129 Hire C. Varian, Maintenance Assistant, \$16.50 hr. 120 day probation
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- Signed: Authority for the Hardin County Sheriff to purchase from Reineke Ford: 3 Ford Police Interceptors Utility w/equipment upfitting, 1 Ford Explorer XLT w/equipment upfitting and 1 F150 Ford XLT w/equipment upfitting. All 2023's at a cost of \$340,411.16 for use by the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. Funds to come from the America Rescue Plan Funds M064-M05 Public Safety.
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Tom Masterson, Community First Bank requested approval to remove D. Oestreich from the Community First Credit Card account and replace with new hire Amy Long, KHCB
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-abstain as he is on the bank board.
- The **Treasurer**, Denise Althaus, submitted the monthly investment report for July 2023. Commissioners support the **Museum's** decision to hire David Yoder Construction to replace the damaged roof on the Museum Log Cabin at a cost of \$7,156.56. They received four quotes and will pay with an insurance settlement from CORSA.

Holli Underwood, **Alliance**, Workforce-they are partnering with Midwest Regional ESC to bring on a part-time person to assist with the Hardin Career Task Force. Alliance will coordinate the effort without replicating. Local RLF is still searching for legal counsel. Several discussions with the City, RGP and Jobs Ohio exploring options for sites and opportunities around the Kenton area. How to make sites more attractive is on-going. A commercial Brewery is progressing and may want to apply for a local economic development grant. Business Attraction-McGuffey Industrial Project-she has spent time participating in meetings to explore state and local support for the project. 5 County CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) held a first meeting with Administration to discuss putting together an application to create opportunities for federal funding for our region. *Eats on the Street* was a success regardless of the rain. The Downtown Kenton Building & Business Owners Association is offering a grant program. Alliance Membership campaign and Open House is set for Sept. 22.

Mark Doll, **Regional Planning**, Demo updates: \$500,000 plus \$1 million. Brownfield and residential. All residentials are done with the abatement process, next step is putting specs together and bidding out. Until June 2024 to demo. He will work with T&M. Should have bids going out soon. The remediation work is on-going at Kenton Feed and Grain. Masonic Lodge is ready to demo. Forest Factory has not started. Until June 2024 to demo. A McGuffey apartment building is on the demo list. He is receiving calls of a conflict of interest with the Mayor. It meets the blighted conditions and he is moving forward. It is an economic development issue. CDBG- the Forest Storm Sewer Project is done. Kenton just finished and ready for state to come in this fall to do the streets. All will be adjusted and fixed. Ridgeway Projects-he is there every day. The storm tile turned out great. Basketball project is almost

done. Maybe this week. Phase II-Critical Infrastructure, storm sewer can apply for \$470,000, but will need another source for the balance. Issue II loan maybe. Kenton bridge on Leighton St. just came to him and he is working on a temporary fix and will look for a long term fix thru his programs. Was done in 1994 and should have lasted. Weathering steel and galvanized-with the humidity was not a good combination. The state has seen a lot of issues with those type bridges. CHIP –the 2020 program is being finalized. Have until the end of the year to complete. Cannot find anyone to do the jobs so they broke down in parts and have several contractors working on the site. With the issues being toxic, the county is requesting CDC pay back \$8,457.00. The state is involved. A letter was signed by Commissioner Striker in reference to the payback. Mark recommended the Commissioners consider suspending applying for any further CHIP funds. There are issues getting qualified contractors statewide. CDC staffing is not sufficient to do the program and would need to hire two new staff: inspector and housing processor for Hardin County. Mark will also approach the City. Commissioners were in agreement to suspend the program indefinitely.

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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