

June 15, 2023

MINUTES OF JUNE 15th MEETING

Commissioners Striker was absent. 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:

- V110-26 Minutes of June 13, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-absent, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-27 Ditch Maintenance Payment to Right of Way Management \$139,812.75
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-28 Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call; Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-29 Memorial Day Bills-McVitty
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-30 Additional Appropriation: Opioid line items
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-31 CSEA: Extend Probation J. Decker
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-32 Advance of Funds: Crime Victims \$1400 for payroll
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-33 JFS & NWOSS Access Control, \$14,082.19, Camera System \$7,728.47 S000-S06
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- Signed: JFS & Midwest Transportation 7/1/23-6/30/25, \$400,000
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- JFS & Council on Aging Transportation 7/1/23-6/30/23, \$400,000
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- JFS & IV-E Kids Count Too, Inc. 7/1/23-6/30/25, \$200,000
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- CSEA Biennial Sub-grant Ag with ODJFS SFY 24-25
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call Rush, Crowe-yes

Randy McGuire, Cordell Brooks, Vincent Irvin, Travis Journey and Joe Coleman from the **Labors International Union** out of North District Council. Regarding Solar: there is a lot of work with solar. The issue they have is getting any workers should be Ohio workers whether Union or not. 5-8% may be Ohio workers. They say they can't get Ohio workers but false. Ohio workers get them a tax credit. They know for a fact they coach and teach their workers to be Ohio residents. The BMV was visited to find out how to get an Ohio Drivers License. All you need is a utility bills, if you share an apartment you just write your name on the bill. Not hard to get. When taking \$30,000,000 dollars of tax money. We have been to the Attorney General and Governor-changes are coming. The County Commissioners hold the power. They want to say they have to be Ohio workers and follow up on it. They live in our community. We offer a career not a job. When solar is done, you're done. As Union workers you build 2 years to your retirement and health care. They are paying a temporary service. Why not keep your money and tax dollars in your area. At the site they say they have our area but with vehicles coming in they are all different out of state license. They are asking for a partnership with the Commissioners-they will do policing-Madison County is not complaining about the projects themselves. If someone from your community, they will do correctly and have pride in their community. We asked people in Highland County to just go watch how they do. See the difference, you save money and better for you. We have a mobile training center just for solar. The only one in the US. We go to sites and train them on site. We will come here to train, anytime. The first class was ten people who trained-best class we had. They are all working. Instead of \$19 per hour they make \$35 per hour. Our boss wanted a class with women and it is scheduled for next week. We can do for you and send to a Union site. We want first to make sure Ohio workers then we can train for union workers. We want to keep your money in your community and raise your people up. We want to take care of Ohio first.

They left information on why partnering with them. He said the workers in Hardin County are not Ohio workers-Hardin I. Invenergy will not talk with them. We have a three trade agreement with: operators, electrical and laborers. No grievance process, everything is spelled out from day one. Union is a better way of life. We will be on your sidewalk, today, to just allow talk. A lot of bad taste issues from working with Solar here. Mr McGuire explained prevailing wage being paid whether union or not. All is negotiated. If other solar projects in your county, arrange a meeting with us and the developer to make sure local people are given the jobs, the opportunity. Our labor union can supply all our workers. We checked out and know how they operate, we can work together and keep all honest. The Department of Development knows what is going on but can't police. We know what's going on. It is being worked on the pay prevailing wage. They will have to use us as Ohio workers. Better for community, workers and company. Provides a good wage and benefits here in your county for someone that may not want to go to college.

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, gave the May report. Revenue of \$454,636, Expenses \$419,366 with profit at \$35,270. Year ending balance \$1,659,682. Census is flat at 61 with average at 61. HB 33, if passes, effective July 1, 2023 would increase daily Medicaid rate of \$20 to \$40 per day. Vote is today. The private pay rate will need to go up so Medicaid is not above. HB45 report is due end of June. May inflation is at 8% for operations of nursing homes. Need to increase the nurse's wages, if HB33 comes thru. Hardin Community Foundation grant of \$6446 was spent on six reclining/lift chairs. June 17 is a motorcycle event in honor of Father's Day. Food trucks are being brought in June 30th for July 4th.

Dan Marshman is ready to retire from the **Mental Health Board** and brought Matt Manns in as a courtesy to introduce him to the Commissioners.

Roll call resulted as follows:

TIMOTHY L. STRIKER- ABSENT
President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board