

July 13, 2023

MINUTES OF JULY 13th MEETING

Commissioner Rush 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:

V110-71	Minutes of July 11, 2023
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-72	Payment of Ditch Maintenance Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-73	Bills
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V110-74	Release of Funds: JFS/Family & Children First, Children's Services
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-75	Additional Appropriation: JFS
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

A **Union Representative** with Ohio Labors a follow up. The Union did a community cook off with a good response with 150 hot dogs passed out. Community is on board for higher wages on the solar jobs. A current employee for RES felt it was great money but was not aware it could be better. Another solar project bid is being put out. HB 33 just signed attached Prevailing Wage to the PILOT funds: 70 to 80% are to be union members. Not trying to cause trouble just want to make sure they pull from the community. Commissioners have not heard any negative comments regarding the Ohio Labor workers. If local workers join the union and this project is completed, the workers can move on with other surrounding projects. There are plenty of jobs opening up. Honda, etc.

Dog Warden Jason Kearns gave an update. He noted an on-going issue with a resident. He will discuss with the Prosecutor's Office how to move forward. Tag sales have dropped this summer. Delinquent calls have dropped-had hoped the Radio spot received attention. 16 dogs in the kennel. Commissioners informed him as a general housekeeping issue; be aware of the county policy on Discrimination and Harassment. Jason will share with his staff and document when reviewed. He will try to implement a 3-month staff review of different policies. ORC 955.05 (B) says after July 1 tag sales are half price. Does not include past due amounts. Auditor reads as only puppies. He will abide by what the Auditor says. He would like for Chris Griffith to price cameras for the back and side.

Martha Nau, **United Way Director**, discussed the 2-1-1 program. A call/text/email center for social services issues. Offering a public service to the community for direction. Offered throughout Ohio. United Way is trying to become the designation. Hoping it becomes mandatory. Want to tie into Allen County 211 which is in-house under the Area of Aging. This would be a financial savings. It allows the public to call one number to get the right information/direction the first time. It is a 24/7 system. The database also does call backs to make sure the caller gets the services requested. The Mental Health Recovery Board has agreed to cover the cost the first year. She needs 80% of government letters of support. She asked for Commissioners support. She has asked Ohio Health, ONU and Mental Health to consider funding after the first year. All information goes into a database and needs to be maintained. A grant is available to create the database. After the first year they will know how much it is utilized at a lower cost with Allen County.

Commissioners and Clerk toured the Lifeworks building and the Safety Center.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

FRED M. RUSH-ABSENT
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board