

July 27, 2023

MINUTES OF JULY 27th 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:

- V110-108 Minutes of July 25, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-109 Engineer to Advertise and Receive Bids for Eldridge WWTP
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-110 Payment of Bills From Ditch Maintenance
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-111 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-112 Indigent-July
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-113 CDBG Drawdowns PY21 Various
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-114 Reallocation: Auditor, salaries to equipment
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-115 Release of Funds: JFS from Public Assistance
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-116 Off Probation Rate Increase C. Blair
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- Signed: JFS & National Youth Advocate Program 7/24/23-6/30/24, Foster Care,
\$200,000
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- Indigent Burial: B. Stebleton, \$1000
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- Auditor's request for America Rescue Funds for using Vison Government Inc. at a cost of \$4320.00 from M064-M03 to assist Tyler Technologies for the software conversion. Auditor will sign the contract
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- Commissioner Crowe moved to have the Maintenance Supervisor to repair the front door of the Yost house and arrange for estimates to stain and paint windows and porch at the Yost house. Commissioner Rush second.

Ohio Laborers Union spoke on new solar contactors coming in and using local workers. They are trying to make sure if they get PILOT they are using local workers and not falsifying the paperwork as it is not checked until the job is done. They are investigating to make sure all are Ohio residents and turning into the OH Dept. of Development. If they can show not Ohio residents, they will not receive PILOT. This would also affect local residents. When they come to talk to you one of the requirements could be to work with the three trades, all is at prevailing wage. Guarantees tax dollars are not cut down the road. Guarantees all are Ohio workers. Local citizen in need of employment, we will train in solar with mobile training centers. Have trained over 35 to 60. Almost all went to work the next day. They are getting ready to train in Columbus training military (12). Their work program is not a work program. We find people who need jobs and send to training the next day they are making \$35 per hours with all benefits and can go on to the next job site. We make a living out of part time temporary work. Not uncommon to have 15 W-2's at the end of the year. All goes toward our retirement. We want assurances they are using Ohio people. That is what we want. We want the three trade agreements. HB 33 says they are to use prevailing wage which takes effect in 90 days. Commissioner Striker-we only do the PILOT and determine if \$7000 to \$9000. Union-we just want to make sure they are not lying and are using 80% domicile workers. They won't get the PILOT and neither will you. We are trying to be proactive. It does affect you guys. The three trades are all spelled out and no issues during the process. We know

every job from start to finish. No arguing. If not enough electricians they will then take the laborers and teach them the work. And vice versa. If you are sitting and watching you aren't going to know who is who-all can do the job. Interchangeable all three. The training we offer shows them how to the electrical work.

Kenton City Administration: Mayor Lynn Webb Jones and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. The City county parking lot behind the bank is being milled, sealed and striped starting today. The City was awarded \$5 million dollars for water infrastructure. The Mayor noted this does not take care of the sewer portion and asked again for America Rescue Funds and hoped for a percentage instead of a cap at \$100,000. This project actively affects this courthouse/building. Consider more toward the sewer? She is not ungrateful, but the overall concept of the asking equal portions when considering other entities. We continue to finalize and assure we are doing our due diligence going as much as we can. Next piece is street scape. No action at this time on signalization or ODOT. Engineers are helping with the Leighton St. bridge and working on a long-range plan. Commissioner Striker-we have projects we are trying to tie up so we held back not knowing what the bids on the projects will be. We will know more after all our projects are in. We have two more years to work on. Trying to be equal with needs and population to be fair. We will be considering. Commissioner Crowe-our thoughts were to take care of the sidewalks for the streetscape project. Maybe lighting. Cindy-you can rent (lights) but probably better off buying our own. Commissioner Striker-we have pictures of what the lighting used to look at around the courthouse. Keep the Historical value of the square. Mayor-we want to look at hanging flowers, banner size, etc. things that are imperative going forward. Cindy-minimal posts. Mayor-my question to property owners, we can put on great underground, sidewalks, pavers, lighting but we need to look around us. The Chamber and Business Alliance is looking at something they may assist business owners downtown. Challenging to hold together and communicate. Keep looking toward the prize. Commissioner Crowe-kudos to the quarry. They have a great program there. At 10:15 Commissioner Crowe moved to enter **Executive Session** per ORC 122.22 (G)(2) with Mayor and Safety Service Director. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 10:20 Commissioner Striker announced the end of Executive Session.

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