

May 23, 2023

MINUTES OF MAY 23rd 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:

V109-370	Minutes of May 18, 2023:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call; Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-371	Additional Appropriation: KHCB, Inmate Housing, Sheriff Traffic Grant
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-372	Resignation Dennis Wells 6/2/23
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Richard Lawson, **Maintenance Supervisor**. It was noted when alarm warnings are received, they should be physically checked out.

Jack Kramer, **Invenergy**, Renewable Developer for Hardin Scioto III. Coordinator with the townships and landowners. Phase I is on-line and in operation. Phase II (170/150 mgwt) on hold waiting on modules. Longi stopped production during COVID. Holli Underwood, Trent Bass and Luke Underwood joined the meeting. Phase II plans to be on-line early 2024. No labor force November to April 3. Depends on the weather. Cold and hard to install with your hands (health and safety issue). Hardin III (300/250 mgwt) will move forward with the same weather concerns. The Road Use Agreement is being coordinated. Hopes to be up and on by end of 2024. No plans for Solar IV. Commissioner Rush noted the aesthetic look of the current Solar Farm. It is hoped it is better with continuous improvement. Jack is very aware and is working on the vegetation management. They are learning thru the Phase I project. Phase I was sold to Dominion but Invenergy still owns the services portion. Phase II Invenergy plans to own and operate, at this moment. Their goal is to use all local vendors.

Stefani Epling, **Clerk of Courts**. Commissioners asked if she would move Clerk of Courts fax and Title fax over to cbts and off Windstream. She needs the fax for communications. She is not opposed but wants an option. They hear when it comes and knows if it doesn't go. They have a general email account. Courts still want faxes, not e-filing. She will speak with Chris Griffith and view Veteran's fax set up.

Maria Santo, **Domestic Court Judge**. Judge asked for space and funding in the next budget. She needs a Magistrate with a full-time office. The courtroom will not be an issue. Probate area where public doesn't go in would be perfect with a door added. Judge Christopher does not agree and has a different proposal. Judge intends hiring a scheduling/Adm personnel. She needs space. Commissioner Rush asked why two Magistrates? Ask Judge Christopher- he hired for one day a week. Judge Santo has her own people she knows. He hired without presenting to her. As he (Judge Christopher) presented to you and the State it was not going to cost Hardin County anymore, now it is going to cost. Commissioner Crowe would like to meet with Judge Christopher to see what his intent is. Get all on the same page. Next year 2024, she will need to increase her budget to fully fund a Magistrate. Prior, she was a full time Magistrate with two positions. An appointment will be scheduled with both Judges to discuss and view the areas.

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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