

November 30, 2023

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30th MEETING

Commissioner Striker was absent. Staff and Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman 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:

- V110-366 Minutes of November 28, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-absent, Rush-yes
- V110-367 R. Crouse, Satisfaction of Mortgage Owner Occupied Rehab
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-368 2024 Ada Indigent Counsel Agreement
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-369 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-370 Awarding Proposals-CDBG/ODOD Brownfield Remediation Program:
Noonan Excavating & Rolloffs-Dunkirk Masonic Lodge, Noonan Excavating & Rolloffs-Kenton Feed and Grain
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-371 Award Proposals-CDBG/ODOD Building Demo and Site Revitalization
Projects: Running G Farms: Alger South Ohio Properties/Kenton/Mount Victory/Ridgeway,
KMB Demo & Excavating: Alger North Ohio and Forest Properties
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-372 Additional Appropriation: Sheriff Payroll
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-373 Indigent-November 2023
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V7-36 Hardin Hills Resignation Payout D. Ziegler \$1,015.18
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- Signed: JFS and Ashton Conley Scanning Services 12/1/23-6/30/24 \$20,000
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Rep. Jon Cross discussed the capital budget process with different pots of funds. \$700 million in carryover. Income tax reductions were done to give back to the people with some going for community project funding. Fair show arena, is this still something Hardin County wanted? Commissioner Rush-I understood you to say \$1million was available during the Fair. Rep Cross-need to apply for the \$100,000. Fair Board needs to apply. Commissioner Crowe-they are waiting on Golden Giant to give an estimate. They want four identical buildings to save money. Intend to keep the current show arena and repurpose. They want to start 2025. Rep Cross-I can reach out to Kolt Buckenroth. They may get the \$1 million but I want to help. Might get half of what they ask for. With extra pots of money available I think a good time to apply. December 18 due in my office. Senator McColley needs to be on board. The fairground project is a big deal. Other things can happen inside those buildings throughout the year. Supports every corner of the county. Traditionally they have given \$1.5 million to the district for the community projects. Fairgrounds would be a one-time project opportunity. Ada is applying for their park projects. For review will use the capital budget process and then get with Sen. McColley to go over and approve. Other state issues: property tax increase, 1,000 school levies on the ballot with 90% passing, primaries coming up, doing some clean up. When asked about the bill on property taxes, Rep Cross explained the Speakers' team didn't think the bill should go, the Auditors Association is fighting over, 50 members said they don't care what the Auditors want we want the bill passed to stop inflation of property taxes. Hard to move the bill. We sat down and talked to make sure all understood and have over 50% passed. The Auditors need to figure out this issue. Heated and strong to get the bill done. 41 counties that were doing re-vals pushed. Commissioner Crowe-time of year to push thru created a logistical nightmare. Rep. Cross agreed. A lot of young inexperienced people involved didn't understand the process. Representatives who were both former Auditors asked to keep working on the bill. Ohio has a complicated tax structure. We are working down to a

0% income tax. Discussion on recruiting of Police and Fire personnel. Issue II is being looked at to re-vamp. Commissioner Crowe-we are wasting so much money setting up boards (ex: One Ohio Foundation) etc. they should just give the money as grants and say use for law enforcement, etc. Should not be so many strings attached. On-going for Hardin County is funding law enforcement, courts, and multi-county jail, which is under sized. No other major projects at this time. Rep Cross is working to make sure ONU Engineering is on the map for Intel over the next three years.

Pat McCauley with **State Treasurer** Sprague’s office. Anything they can do for Hardin County? A new program, Ohio Home Buyers Plus Savings Program, was announced to start in January. Will allow anyone who wants to buy a home to be able to save up to \$100,000 at an increased interest rate. Must be 18, resident of Ohio and property in Ohio. Will pay for closing costs. Some changes have been made to other programs with announcements coming. Pat explained other programs available. Commissioner Striker is on the Advisory Board who will be doing more web meetings.

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