

October 12, 2023

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Commissioners were all present. 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:

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| V110-274               | Minutes of October 10, 2023:  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  |
| V110-275               | Release of Funds Economic Development, Phase I Jones Rd. \$5,450    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes   |
| V110-276               | Payment of Ditch Maintenance Bills                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  |
| V110-277               | Transfer of Funds: Ditch  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes   |
| V110-278               | Additional Appropriation: Hardin Hills, Engineers                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  |
| V110-279               | Bills   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes   |
| V110-280               | Ditch Maintenance-Right of Way Mowing Mgmt. \$113,198.25            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  |
| V110-281               | Brownfield Remediation Payment Dunkirk Masonic Temple               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes   |
| V110-282               | Brownfield Remediation Payment Former Trailer Manufacturer          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  |
| V110-283               | Brownfield Remediation Payment Kenton Feed & Grain                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes   |
| V110-284               | Building Demo & Site Revitalization Bills Demos                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  |
| V110-285               | Paying Bills from CDBG CDAP/NRP Drawdowns Ridgeway/Kenton           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Crowe | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes   |
| Signed:                | First Amendment for Exhibit B Electricity Purchasing Program CCAOSC |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  |

Chris Griffith, **IT Consultant**, submitted information for the county to have multi-factor authentication for all computers, etc. that is required by CCAO/CORSA for liability. 80% compliance by December. Involves anyone that connects to the county network, O365 and any back up the county uses. He presented two different aps that is needed. Chris explained the programs and usage. \$3.00 per user per month. He only knows those departments he has visibility. Estimate 350 employees. Estimate of \$1000 per month. Cost to come from county general. Since all departments use the county CORSA liability, then they will be asked to participate. Chris will educate the users after the CORSA Training in November.

Kara Brown, **Superintendent Simon Kenton Schools** and Amy Newland, Building Supervisor. Met with the Commissioner to discuss the schools proposed new levy. They are looking at a 1 mil that may collect around \$850,000. Kara plans to review and verify Their primary responsibility is to provide services outside of school for adults. They are required to meet Medicaid obligations. They can provide those services thru the day, that is only one third of what they do. They believe the community wants them to have a school and they will provide as long as they can. Six school aged and 48 pre-school students. Only eight counties in the state still provide pre-school in the state. The home district is responsible to educate their students. Behavioral needs are increasing and they are trying to get a program off the ground. She reviewed the budget and estimated budget thru 2026 including America Rescue Funds and PILOT funds. The general levy dollars has stayed steady since 2013-no new funds. They longer they wait to ask for more levy funds, the greater the expense gets. She currently has no resolution from her Board but anticipates to have soon. She is working thru the financial changes. They can't keep providing what they provide today if no new levy funds.

Without the Auditor knowing the real estate rates, nothing can move forward. The Auditor cannot verify the amount at this time for the December 6 due date to submit levies. The anticipated new program involves bringing students from the local school districts into the school to work on behavioral issues. Cost is just under \$150,000. They are expected to support the local school districts but they can't afford to hire teachers. These programs are very expensive. Even if they cut this program, they still have to ask for more funds. With a cash balance sitting, they hesitated asking before this. Without new money they will not make it past 2025. All other revenue is added into the budget. They have been doing long term cost savings: her position, fiscal's position, receptionist coverage by the Nurse. They share positions and responsibilities to keep costs down. Eighty percent of their budget is salary because they are providing human services. They are working on a contingency plan if the levy isn't on in March 2025.

Justin Dick, Kenton Fire Chief Donnelly and Jamie Hunsicker, Health Commissioner. Discussion on using America Rescue funds to purchase a **fit tester**. There isn't a tester in Hardin County to be used for Preparedness and EMA. A test is expected to be done for FD and SRT equipment. Nurses, fire departments, EMS. Quotes (3) were provided. Anyone that would need would have access. Potential storage would be at Kenton Fire. \$21,990.80 for the Premier quote is their recommendation. It is a county wide obligation and fits the **America Rescue Funds**. They will get more quotes for comparison and find out about a warranty and service agreement.

**Deputy Dog Warden** Cody Blair had a call from Walmart regarding a \$1600 grant they could apply for, due today. Cody printed the information off the web page regarding the local Walmart. Public safety for equipment or training. Commissioner Crowe asked Walmart and tried to apply but the process did not work. Everything is going well this week with the Dog Warden on vacation.

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