

September 14, 2023

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14th MEETING

Commissioner Crowe was absent. Joe Sherman, Commissioner Candidate was present. Staff and guest 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:

- V110-210 Minutes of September 12, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-absent, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-211 CDBG Payment of Bills PY21 CDAP/NRP
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-212 Payment of Bills From Ditch Maintenance
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-213 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement to Pike Repair
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-214 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-215 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-216 Additional Appropriation: Indigent
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- Signed; JFS & Tracy Wright, Supervised Visits, \$10,400, 9/1/2023-8/31/2024
- 1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Dog & Kennel Staff: Jason Kearns, Cody Blair and Charles Grosso met with the Commissioners regarding how to efficiently manage the Dog & Kennel. They have an event on Saturday at TSC and ONU at 3 p with next Saturday at Hardin Hills. They asked the Commissioners to reconsider the use of tranquilizer guns. Discussion on flex time vs. overtime. They will flex their time more as needed to avoid overtime. They do have set hours and all acknowledged they feel more comfortable in the position. Any training they need they should get. Maximum limit is posted.

The **bid opening** was held for the design build for the Eldridge Waste Water Treatment Plant. Luke Underwood, Engineer, was present. Estimate is \$300,000.

- 1. EarthTech LLC CC \$298,780.00
- 2. Mack Industries CC \$221,744.00

Commissioner Rush moved to accept the bids as presented and take under the advisement of the Engineer to be awarded at a later date. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V110-217** The plant was installed in the 60's. Reed Rd WWTP will be bid this Fall. Tank lids were purchased and will be installed in-house. Leighton St bridge was \$6,000 with city paying 75%. Salt barn bid should be ready soon.

The **bid opening** was held for the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project by Zoom.

- 1. NWO Properties Services LLC \$170,605.00 BB
- 2. Benson Contracting, \$179,240.00 BB
- 3. Webber Contracting \$521,235.00 BB
- 4. Tawa Tree Services Inc. \$177,999.00 BB

Move to table? No, Hancock Clerk-will reconvene when ready to act on bids. Allen County is looking how to identify permissible funds to pay for the project when no money is in the fund? Don't see in ORC 6131 how to do. What do the Auditor's say? Hancock Co. we collect once we have the project, we fronted the funds for Allen County with another project. Hancock is carrying both entities on record for the projects. Issued as Hancock Co. debt but is not really their responsibility, it is the joint county commissioners for the project. Each county should pay up front for the project. How are you going to deal with the assessment? The general fund has no issue with the maintenance issue as we front. We do not do across the two entities. Commissioner Striker-each county would pay the bill and then assess their own properties in their county to receive funds back? Reassess the property owners to pay. \$4.00

per parcel per assessment (resolution done in April 2023) for every county should cover the project and build the maintenance for future. Pay up front and assess the landowners in the watershed. Allen County uses maintenance monies in the fund already. Can you review the bid and then allow each county to know cost? Hardin County has just under 10%. (\$22,000) While bids are being reviewed, the counties will discuss with their Auditor on funding before awarding. Another meeting will be scheduled within 30 days.

The **I.T. Committee** met with the following present: Katey Henson, Luke Underwood, Commissioners Striker and Rush, Amy Purcell and Chris Griffith. Mike Bacon and Sheriff rep were absent. Katey called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to disband. Luke moved Amy second. Discussion? Luke told the history of all offices being different and not working together for the best cost for copiers, phones, protection, hard to get service. We now contract with Chris Griffith who keeps all in a group for best cost, etc. all is universal. Chris is good at getting back at each of us. He has no update to the fax issues. 95% of Windstream services were cancelled, we no longer use. But the account was pooled together and has to be cancelled all at once. The fax lines are still in use but want to be ported to cbts. Vote was taken with all yes, **in favor of disbanding**. Katey will discuss the Windstream situation with the Prosecutor.

Denise Althaus, **Treasurer**, trust funds maturity. Chase Stewart CD \$70,000 at Mt Victory. Used for Veterans. Prosecutor did not act on a draft resolution in April 2021. Therefore, Commissioners directed her to re-invest. All funds to be kept separate, 4.9% for 12 months. The other CD is Chase Stewart at Home Savings matures in May. Mt Victory has a \$25,000 Helen Howard Trust for Hardin Hills. Mt Victory will do at 4.9% for 12 months. Commissioners directed her to also invest at Mt Victory. Clark Bailey, Hardin Hills, the principal amount was left separate with interest sent and deposited into the usable amount. CD is at Mt Victory matures in January.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

ROGER E. CROWE-ABSENT
Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board