

September 19, 2023

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19th MEETING

Commissioner Striker was absent. Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman 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:

- V110-218 Minutes of September 14, 2023:
 - 1st-Hold until Commissioner Striker returns
- V110-219 JFS-Step Increase A. Shirk
 - 1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-220 Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Maintenance Assessment 4%
 - 1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-221 Additional Appropriation: Law Library salaries, 2nd half settlement
 - 1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-222 Bills
 - 1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-223 File Lowe Ditch #1133, D. Sams: View 11/7, First Hearing 12/14
 - 1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-225 Reallocation: Web checks
 - 1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Jodi Tudor, **JFS Director**, gave the August report. 1548 Families are on food assistance. One opening in Income Maintenance will be hired when training is available. OMJ has 42 Youth and 21 adults. A career expo is being put together to be held in November. Another in the Spring. 25 kids in custody. 81 new investigations, probably due to school being back in session. One child is on high level need. 21 in Foster Care. Three openings in Children's Services. The Health Department is working to clear out the cubicles.

Josh Anderson, **Director HHWP/CAC**, Leading the Way/Transportation received a grant/Flex Federal Revenue Funds of \$450,000 to expand transit operations in Hardin County as well as a vehicle. They were awarded the full amount. State Revenue Funds were awarded just for operations. They asked the state to use the \$450,000 to leverage additional funds and are waiting on notice. It is a one-year grant. They need \$750,000-1 million to operate the transportation in Hardin County. Looking to be fully operational July 1, 2024. If the county gives funding, that is only used for transportation. Hancock County gave \$300,000 America Rescue Funds. He will share the contract. All vehicles purchased thru the 5311 program are handicap. Hancock County uses 45% of their transportation for getting to and from work. Potentially if a child needs transportation, they can take where needed. Josh revisited the reason Head Start no longer transports. A cut had to be made somewhere to accommodate salaries to recruit teachers. Class sizes were not full. They are serving more children now and classrooms are open. Public Transit in Hardin County may ease that burden. The fares collected will not cover the cost of the program. It is used as an offset of cost not for local match.

At 10:56 Commissioner Crowe moved to enter **Executive Session** with Jason Kearns, Dog Warden, Personnel-evaluation, per ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 11:05 Commissioner Crowe announced out of Executive Session. Commissioner Crowe moved to extend the probationary period of Jason Kearns three months to December 19, 2023. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. **V110-226**. At 17 dogs today.

Angie Marrow (SBCA), Adam Davis (Development Manager), Peyavali Hashipala (Peya) and Ryan Rupprecht (EPR/Evaluation for project), by Teams meeting for a Pre application discussion for proposed DG Solar Projects. They operate the Hog Creek Wind Project. They operate small scale solar 5-10 mgwt and sell to the community in the AEP territory to low to moderate income. Two projects in the county: Ada/Hog Creek-5 mgwt, and west of Kenton-3.5 mgwt is the target. Working with AEP for distribution grid. Commissioner Crowe: Hardin

County does not have countywide zoning. Check each township. Start early by keeping townships informed with the projects. Adam-one project is in the unincorporated area-recommendation? Liberty Township has no zoning. They have spoken with the county engineer. A RUMA needs put in place and drainage needs maintained. No other authorizations needed. The other project is outside Kenton on SR309 and is zoned. The Pleasant Township Zoning Officer is familiar with what is needed per Commissioner Crowe. The PILOT/AEZ is set at \$9,000 per mgwt. Project can be built in 4 to 6 months.

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