

September 28, 2023

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28th 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:

V110-235	Minutes of September 26, 2023:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-237	JFS, Hire N. Snook, SSWII
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-238	Bills
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-239	Reallocation: CSEA
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-240	Additional Appropriation: 2 nd half Wyandot County
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V110-241	Domestic Violence 2024 \$10,000
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V110-242	Indigent September
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V110-243	Johnson Controls Rider-North Annex/3 keypads, Install \$3,190.18, \$713.33, agreement and rider end at the same time
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed:	Domestic Relations Court & Auditor of State Collections Agreement
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Board of Elections: Stephanie McCullough and Amy Purcell, Directors, gave an update. New Republican Clerk due to retirement. August 8 Special Election-3191 yes, 2237-no. Turn-out was larger than expected. Harder to get workers and are considering combining a couple of Precincts. Location Managers are difficult to get. Could staff in the courthouse be given an incentive to work the polls? They would pay, but shouldn't count as time off. Commissioners felt this was a Department Head issue. They shared Issues on the ballot November 2023. NCOA-change of addresses worked with the post office to get addresses updated for those who have not voted in the last 2 general elections. They were given two years to respond, or their voter registration would be cancelled. Logic and Accuracy testing is currently being done. Due to sensitivity the motion detector in the office may be removed. Poll worker training starts October 19. The Appreciation Day in August went very well. Office hours will change October 11-Nov. 5. Voting machines were taken to the Kenton High School (7 registered) as well as the Fair-not well accepted. Staff has completed the Cyber Security training. Winter Conference is January 11-12. New Cyber Security Directives have been issued-their tech vendor is reviewing. They have up to \$10,000 to request. They have been given approval to hire extra help as needed due to issues on the ballot. Stephanie is planning to retire in 2024, a new hire will be in training by July.

Mayor Lynn Jones Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. A public discussion with ODOT is scheduled for November 14 regarding three proposals including the proposed round about. A signal or street light is being reviewed at Silver St/St Rt 53. Several trees are scheduled to come down. Kenton residents pay for a levy to BKP as well as Kenton Fire. Mutual aid is working, but a county-wide levy should be considered. Manpower is another issue. General discussion on the number of levies-all entities should be in discussion on their plans for the future. What is the Master Plan to all work together? At what point do the small core of voters stop voting for these levies? Helms & Sons will be the contractor for the \$100,000 **America Rescue Funds**.

Ali Redmond, CORSA and Chelsea Ward, FLR Insurancenter, delivered the Summary of the property appraisal. Old value was \$110,530,411. New value is \$138,032,043. An increase of 24.88%-\$27,501,632. Last appraisal was in 2019. Premium increase of \$17,776. All buildings valued over \$100,000 were appraised as well as the fairgrounds. A copy of the appraisal was delivered. Replacement or reproduction cost on Historical buildings: Museum- Replacement cost included and Courthouse-Reproduction-\$50.5 million cost included. Replacement is \$28,8 million. \$13,000 could be saved if the courthouse went back to replacement cost. Can change at any time. The renewal application starts in October.

Two representatives Chris Monin and Josh Fleming were present for the **Courthouse HVAC Project** bid opening with the following bid received:

1. Waibel Energy Systems, Inc. BB, Addendum acknowledged, \$286,600.00.

Commissioner Crowe moved to accept the bid as presented and take under advisement of Garmann Miller. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. Estimate is \$400,000. **V110-244**

Denise Althaus, **Treasurer**, Depository Agreements ends October 31, 2023 for active and inactive funds. Not all banks want active funds as we are a large account. Nothing from Community First or US Bank. Does any county department have accounts with these two banks? Denise will email all departments to ask. HSLC and Mt Victory State Bank returned for inactive funds only. Active Funds from: First Citizens-nothing current, Huntington Bank and Middlefield Bank. Commissioner Crowe moved to enter into a Depository Agreement with Middlefield Bank (formerly Liberty Bank) at the current structure agreement for the next four years, on the recommendation of Denise Althaus. Also, to use HSLC, Mt Victory Bank, Huntington and First Citizens for inactive funds. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes. **V110-245**

Holli Underwood, **Alliance**, had several updates to review with the Commissioners. Economic Development Incentive Grant-she is sharing the application. Ada Boys LLC submitted an application. Her Board is in favor of \$5,000. They want to use the funds for Signage and landscaping. This is a good use the excess of conveyance fees, anything above the \$90,000. There is an excess this year. Can the cap be removed in the future with anything over \$90,000 to be placed in their account to be used for projects? She would like to see the program be reserved for commercial and industrial with employment opportunities. Commissioner Crowe moved to approve a \$5000 payment made to the Alliance from the excess conveyance fees to be used for the ED Incentive Grant. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. **V110-246** A Board member has asked for consideration of the separation of the Economic Development Coordinator from the Alliance CEO. No other county has a combined role. With the amount of activity around the state they would like to see the split. Holli would like to see the part time position to be made full time. She would like to see the funds, for the position, be generated within their office to support staff and change some roles/duties as needs arise. Discussion of the Jones Rd. site compared to Fostoria Industrial site-comparable size town. The Board would like to see a Phase I Environmental done at this location followed by a spec building and rail spur. How could they stockpile funds for a project like this that would be marketable? There is three phase electric, water and sewer lines to the site. This would be a commissioner owned, community controlled site. Another site in Forest and out St Rt 67, but with no utilities. Commissioners will review. She has been working with the Five County Comprehensive Strategy Collaborative with Hardin, Allen, Putnam, Hancock and Van Wert. A support letter is needed along with funds. They do community outreach and determine what direction Economic Development needs to go in this direction. Having in place meets a requirement for all US Economic Development regional funds. A grant is being applied for, thru the EDA, to write the CEDS plan for 50% of the \$100,000. The remaining cost would be weighted by population per county. \$6,000 would be Hardin County's cost.

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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