

February 6, 2025

MINUTES

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioners 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:

V113-133 Minutes of February 4, 2025:
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V113-134 Release of Funds-Airport
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V113-135 Bills
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V113-136 One Year lease of Annex based on Maximus percentages
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V113-137 Reallocation
1st-Sherman 2nd- Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Sherman moved to approve the purchase of new Christmas bulbs for \$6099.20 to update all LED per the recommendations of Richard Lawson and to come from permanent improvements fund. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes V113-138

Commissioner Striker moved to purchase two pairs of toy soldiers for the courthouse per the recommendation of Richard Lawson maintenance supervisor for \$3398.00 to come from permanent improvement fund. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes. V113-139

Commissioner Sherman attended the Museum meeting on Tuesday evening and the Fair Board meeting on Wednesday evening.

Holli Underwood President & CEO of HCCBA with updates- JobsOhio has a 15-25-acre opportunity that is being explored with the landowners of 2 lots currently. Wealth Works follow up meeting scheduled for Friday February 14, 2025, at 10:30 at the HCCBA office. BR&E (Business Retention and Expansion). We're working on a revitalization district concept for downtown Kenton. Manufacturing survey sent regarding Unionization and Warehousing demand in the county. Enterprise zone meeting preparations are underway for Kenton and Ada. Strategic planning prep for March 5. Then enterprise zone meeting March 7. Local RLF has two updates but needs to be executive session. Commissioner Striker moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(8)(1) at 9:38. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes, Rush-yes Commissioner Rush announced the end of executive session at 9:58. No action was taken.

Pleasant Township Trustees, Beryl Dudek, Sam Norris, and Ron Rogers turn in resolution to consider banning large scale alternative energy projects in their township. Ron- I have received a lot of calls from farmers, and they have been very loud on this topic. All have been phone calls or in person. It's been passionate. Beryl-our twp. is zoned; we are a year into reevaluating our zoning. That is being considered by our zoning commission. They are looking at the whole. Commissioner Sherman- we do our research on who is in the taxing districts. Once we send out letters, we have maps drawn up and posted in libraries for 30 days. Then we set a date to consider the resolution. A few weeks from today we will post and send out our mailers. Commissioner Rush- we will indicate on our posting the date of our pending meeting and when that decision will be made. Ron- as a twp. trustee one of the things we looked at was property ownership. The folks that may not know the ins and out and thoughts that go into it. The bigger picture is pleasant twp. It borders the city of Kenton. Something like this could close off Kenton's' growth, that is another aspect of our consideration. Commissioner Striker- we have no authority over the incorporated areas of the township.

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Beryl- we don't either. Commissioner Rush- so you are asking to designate all or part of unincorporated areas of your township as a restricted area for solar and wind. Any questions for us and our timing? Ron- we have no concerns

Dionne Staley Health Dept. update- not much of an update from last month. Still working on DON position. We are figuring out if we are contracting or hiring. We are figuring out if we can contract. The board meeting they would have to decide. It looks like now based on ORC we will have to hire. It's going to be based on when we can advertise and get that filled. Commissioner Rush- do you have funding? Dionne we are looking into that. We have been looking at finances as far as the finances committee. Commissioner Rush- what did they look like for month of January? \$197,000.00 and having low staff has helped as far as savings. We are working on revised 2025 budget. We are working on the 2026 budget as well. 2025 and 2026 for February meeting February 25, 2025. The township meeting we are all attending is a week from today. Commissioner Rush- how will that look as far as sharing information? Dionne- we are still working on that and meeting with other board members to prepare the presentation. Commissioner Rush- a week from today is an important meeting. Commissioner Sherman- make sure you have your ducks in a row before the meeting and I know you will because you have worked diligently. Dionne- 10 hours a week Williams County health commissioner is going to help give the board and our department advise. He has been in similar situation when he started his career as health commissioner. Tomorrow is his first day. We did have an initial call on Tuesday. I have already sent him some of our financials. He is already helping me. His contract started Monday and goes until April 2. We can end it sooner with 14-day notice. Contract was made by the prosecutor's office. Commissioner Rush- he addressed the board at a board meeting, and it sounds like he can do some things to really help our board. Dionne- no one has left since our last meeting. Our focus right now is filling the DON then looking at our finances after that and what is our greatest need. We are looking at Jims expertise in that area as well. Commissioner Rush- everything is going well and handling basics as of now. Dionne- right. Commissioner Rush- we will see what happens next Thursday. Commissioner Striker- 6:30 at the safety center.

Hale Township Trustees Shaun Creamer and Richard Conley and Fiscal Officer Gina Messner- we brought a resolution to ban solar panels in our township. Commissioner Rush- tell us about your decision making. Richard- there is a lot of truck traffic, we've seen what has happened in Union county. We are an agriculturally dominate township. Commissioner Rush- did you ask your constituents? Richard- most of the people that we talked to were not in favor of solar. We did not get signatures. Commissioner Rush- so it looks like you've encapsulated the wants of the township. You're on record with this signed resolution. We will take this and gather maps and put forward the proper information to the public in a form of posting to the library. There are six in Hardin County. We will post the information that states what it is that needs to be done. We will have a map of Hale Township. We will then advertise our date that we will be discussing this resolution. We send out mailers to all taxing districts in the township. Commissioner Sherman- Mt. Victory is part of Hale? Yes. We have no jurisdiction over incorporated areas. Commissioner Rush- we will have Mt. Victory and Ridgeway colored differently on your maps. Gina- thank you.
Roll call resulted as follows:


_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Fred M. Rush


_____, YES/NO
Joseph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest 

Clerk of the Board