

January 16, 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:

- V113-93 Minutes of January 14, 2024:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V113-94 Release of Funds JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes  
V113-95 Additional Appropriation  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes  
V113-96 A. Conley as full-time Director JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V113-97 Indigent Defense December  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes  
V113-98 Reimbursement of funds to pike repair ditch maintenance  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes  
V113-99 Reimbursement of funds to ditch maintenance  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V113-100 Payment of Bills from Ditch Maintenance  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes  
Signed: A. Conley 2-year contract Director JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
2024 ODOT Mileage Certification  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Sherman attended the Soil and water meeting this morning. The soil and water staff wanted to thank Luke Underwood and the engineer department for how well they're taking care of the snow removal .

Commissioner Rush attended the LEPC meeting yesterday. A soil and water employee approached him and thanked the commissioners and engineers for taking good care of their lot.

West annex sent a thank you saying it was the best they have been taken care of as far as snow removal in a long time.

The following resolutions were read aloud individually to a public group in vets hall before being voted on and signed.

- V113-101 Lynn Township restricted utility zone  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes  
V113-102 Dudley Township restricted utility zone  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V113-103 Cessna Township Restricted Utility Zone  
1<sup>st</sup>-Sherman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes


**Garmann Miller and Damschroder update meeting-** Richard Lawson Maintenance Supervisor was present for the meeting as well. Some ongoing problems that will impede progress are the courts schedules, and weather. Due to expected temperatures and court schedules the crane will be coming on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The construction schedule was updated to reflect the loss of this week. Damschroder will email Garmann Miller the updated schedule. There are about 5 full working days of labor left. With a day or so left Damschroder will have thir quality control inspection performed by Justin Welch. Once ithat is completed will call in for a Warranty inspectiong from DuroLast. Damschroder will let Garmann Miller know on the date and time so they can be on site for the inspection as well.

**Hardin County Coroner Dr. Aaron Fritz update-** annual update of the office and let you know how we're doing. This year we had 155 calls to the office. There are certain criteria in ORC 313 that qualify when we get a call. We still have primary care physicians that don't want to sign death certificates. The vast majority with a few exceptions in our area sign death certificates. The other issue we have is so many people are under the care of Nurse practitioners or physician assistants, and they are not allowed currently to sign death certificates. Anyone who is in any sort of custody, we are to be notified. All infants and children we must be notified. Anyone under 2 is required to have an autopsy. There were 36 Coroner cases in 2024 and 34 in 2023. I sent 21 to Montgomery County for autopsy. They do our autopsy and toxicology. The current cost is \$1750.00 per case which was not increased this year. We have received the ODH grant for autopsy and toxicology expenses. The breakdown of the 36 coroner cases for 2024 were: 16 accidental deaths which included 9 overdoses, 4 blunt force trauma, 1 asphyxiation, and 2 falls. 1 Homicide, 2 suicides which included 1 asphyxiation, and 1 Gunshot wound. 17 cases were natural including 15 cardiac death, and 2 SIDS. You all see my budget: breakdown of costs. We do not have a deputy coroner that is paid. Coroner in Marion and union county will step in and sign death certificates. I will also sign for Marion. My investigator is great. I go out to all cases typically if Keith is there I will be there. We came under budget in 2024. We are still well below budget for supplies etc. Thankfully you have provided my investigator with a laptop as hers was obsolete. Having her to help and educate me, especially at the start of the year, was helpful. You learn a lot on your feet. We are very fortunate to have the support of the three of you and the county. We have a great relationship with our local law enforcement and EMS. It's nice to have EMS and law enforcement who know the questions that need to be answered so when they call our office we can make a determination quickly whether it is a coroner case or not.

Commissioner Striker moved to pay for the concrete barriers and the installation of barriers at the safety center for a total of \$11,028.48 to come from permanent improvement N000-N02. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes **V113-105.**

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

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