

January 28, 2024

MINUTES

Commissioner Rush was absent. 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:

- V113-115 Minutes of January 23, 2024:
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-ABSENT
- V113-116 Out of County Blanket Travel Veterans Service Office
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
- V113-117 Reimbursement of Funds to Pike Repair
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes
- V113-118 Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
- V113-119 Additional Appropriation
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
- V113-120 Sheriff Levy for Board of Elections
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes
- V113-121 Transfer of Funds
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
- V113-122 Release of Funds
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Striker and Commissioner Sherman both attended the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD) meeting yesterday in Bellefontaine. Commissioner Rush will be the representative for Hardin County on the Policy committee.

Sheriff Keith Everhart, Chief Deputy Dennis Burns, and Lieutenant Scott Holbrook with updates from Sheriff Department- Keith-Anything we need to do for levy paperwork? Commissioners- no, it's going to Board of Elections today. Keith- you know the dog wardens' budget is specifically out of dog tag sales. What can we do to up the dog tag prices for 2026? We need to make a resolution and raise it \$2 which is the max. There is not a lot of room to play with his budget with everything he needs. We are having him hit the doors come February to collect dog tag fees. That is literally how he is funded. Cody is doing a great job. We are down to 15 dogs. 12 are adoptable, 3 involved in a case. We are looking at starting a foster program. We do not currently have that in Hardin County. We are going to get with the prosecutors office to see what we need to do legally. Commissioner Striker- are you budgeting for an assistant? Keith- yes, part of the reason we need to raise the dog tag price. Budgetarily wise would you be willing to pay for Cody's and an assistants health insurance out of county funds? Commissioner Striker- yes we will have to look at it. Keith- not looking to pull the trigger today but something we could do to help his budget out a little bit. Just trying to give him some breathing room. Commissioner Striker- how's it going with the road closure. Keith- so far just the city has had issues. It's going to get ugly I'm sure. Next gen 911 we should be up and running in February. I would like to pat the communication people on the back. They chose us because we're are doing something right. Kudos to Emily and her team. Rich Williams is attending a leadership class at John Glen College for 11 weeks. It is all funded by the state. Interact with leaders from all over the state and some state people. It's a good leadership course for administration. It's a big hit for us since he will be gone for 11 weeks. Chief retiring at the end of February. This will be a year of change and learning. Adding a Chaplin. Dennis will remain head Chaplin, were just adding another.

Tyler and Jack with Invenergy- a few quick updates- Hardin 2 is officially in commercial operation as of Dec 20. Reclamation work will proceed through spring and summer for Hardin solar 2 and 3. Peak construction we had about 400 employees, reclamation we will have max of about 100, so less traffic. Hardin solar 3 sometime in q1 this year. We will submit both 2 and 3 pilot at same time. 2 and 3 will be same tax year. We attended the township meetings last night. Adam from roundhead signed agreement and is no longer an issue. That was the last of the pilot docs that we needed. Commissioner Striker- is there a

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reason to hold up 2 for 3? Tyler- COD was dec 20th for Hardin solar 2. We have 90 days to submit. Were still within that time frame for both. Luke Underwood followed us to all the township meetings last night and gave updates on road repairs. It is a huge push for us and is a priority for us because we know it's a priority for the people here. Marion, McDonald, and Roundhead all voiced which roads they wanted repaired. McDonalds twp. road 65 some discussion was had but my company was like let's just repair it. We have to have 3 straight days over 40 degrees to start reclamation. Commissioner Sherman- how long will that take? Tyler- it's a unique scenario because we're doing reclamation for 2 and 3, so it's hard to say how long that will take. We don't usually do two projects at the same time. If we can get out there in March and work for a couple of good weeks, it could change our timeline as well. We will continue to keep you guys updated. The plan was for Jack to send the same sister agreement that Roundhead agreed to to the other townships. Making sure everyone has the training that they need and the equipment. Derek Levan, site manager and Adam, connected and will work on a more in-depth emergency preparedness plan. Commissioner Sherman- do you plan to continue to go to township meetings? Tyler- yes, Jack and I will taper off over the next year, and then it will go to our asset team. The person that will be managing this will be Shawn Burns. He will attend meetings starting in February, and we will get something scheduled. Ownership and operation staff that will be attending the meetings.

Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey, and Katey Henson requested Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G) (3). Commissioner Striker moves to go into executive session at 10:34. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes
Commissioner Sherman announced the end of executive session at 10:59.

Commissioner Sherman moved to advertise and post the cancellation notice for the February 20th meeting that was previously scheduled for Taylor Creek and Jackson Townships to consider their solar resolutions. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Sherman moved to advertise for the rescheduled meeting on March 4, 2025 at 9:30 to consider the solar resolutions for Taylor Creek and Jackson Township. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

 _____, YES/NO
Joseph C. Sherman

 _____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest  _____
Clerk of the Board