

April 16, 2024

MINUTES OF APRIL 16th 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:

V111-255	Minutes of April 11, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V111-256	Buyout C. Shulz JFS
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-257	Release of Funds JFS reimburse expenditures
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-258	Reallocation of Funds Victim Advocate Salary
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-259	Transfer of Funds Reimburse Prior Year
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-260	Ditch Maintenance Pike Repair Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-261	Ditch Maintenance Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-262	CCAO Workers Comp Rating Plan 2024
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V111-263	Amended Resignation of K. Gilfillan
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed:	Letter of Credit with Resolution for Middlefield \$1250.00 annual fee
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
	Agreement for Title IV-E JFS and St. Vincent Family Center
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
	Approval for B. Sullivan Quest CC \$2500 limit Hardin County Treasurer
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Sharon Huston Hardin Hills Administrator- to discuss options for Hardin Hills. What's the greater good for the county? We need to try to keep the beds in Hardin County. We must go to open bidding. Joe Sherman- are the commissioners offering to sell the whole thing or just the beds? Commissioner Crowe-We are selling beds not the building at the moment. Sharon- We need to get a survey of the ten acres. They have to have land that is a requirement from the state of Ohio. New companies purchasing must have CON. If a family member requests a hearing it would happen within 7 days and will not stop the closure. 3 residents are moving out today. Our current census is 47.

Jodi Tudor JFS Director- with March updates. 13 active adults and 56 active youth Ohio means jobs. March food assistance had 3216 recipients with a total amount issued of \$603,338. Children services had 79 reported allegations, 25 kids in custody, and 16 total investigations. Thank you for closing for the eclipse.

Commissioner Crowe attended the family meeting at Hardin Hills.

Commissioner Striker attended the Hardin County Council on Aging meeting at noon at the safety center.

Holli Underwood, Richard Walden, Tabitha Young- HCCBA Press Conference- Thank you for being here today. Holli read the following: The Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance and the Hardin County Commissioners announced today the approval of the first loan through the Hardin County Local Revolving Loan Fund Program (Local RLF). The recipient of the Local RLF assistance is Kitchen's Supermarket, LLC. A locally owned grocery store with plans to open in Kenton in the coming weeks. Details about the store will be provided at a later date. Support provided by the Local RLF will be used to purchase necessary equipment for the operation of the store.

The Local RLF was created to provide gap financing to businesses looking to locate or expand in Hardin County. Funding for the program was provided by the Hardin County Commissioners, and the program will be administered by the Economic Development office at the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance.

Administration of the Local RLF is performed under the oversight of a Governing Board, which is made up of individuals with financial expertise, from the local business community, and from County government. Current members of the Local RLF Governing Board are Mat Jennings of Quest Federal Credit Union; Bret Baumeister of Middlefield Bank; Chris Jones of HSLC; Richard Walden of Sheldon Gas Company; Tim Striker, Hardin County Commissioner; Michael Bacon, Hardin County Auditor; and Holli Underwood of the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance.

For details on the Local RLF, contact the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance at 419-673-4131 or alliance@hccba.com.

Tim Thomas editor of Kenton Times asked the commissioners for comments. Commissioner Striker-We are all three very excited to bring this to the community for economic development. Kitchens was the first to apply and get the RLF. The three of us approved \$500,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund. This was not from the American Rescue Funds but from county general. Tim Thomas- How unusual is it to have a county funded RLF? Commissioner Striker-we modeled off Delaware county, I don't think it is that unusual in the larger counties. Tim Thomas- was Kitchen's the motivator for getting this started? Commissioner Striker- no but they were the first to apply. Holli-it's important to remember that this is open to any business in the county. It's open to already established businesses not just new businesses. Tim Thomas-you did not give a specific opening date just the coming weeks. So, by summer? Holli-we don't have a definite date at this time. Tim Thomas-What kind of payment schedule to pay back the loan? Holli-We have guidelines we have to follow. The business has to come up with 2/3 private funding before requesting RLF dollars be used. They are only able to ask for \$10,000 per job created. They are not handed the total amount that was approved but per job that is accomplished. Richard Walden-As a businessman I think it's great that the commissioners stepped up and are doing things for the county with Holli and the chamber.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board