

April 23, 2024

MINUTES OF April 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff 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:

V111-270	Minutes of April 18, 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V111-271	Release of Funds JFS
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-272	Reallocation of Funds Sheriff and Prosecutor
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-273	Resignation D. Lincoln JFS
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-274	Resignation K. Harris JFS
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-275	Blanket Out of County Travel Treasurer
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-276	Additional Appropriation Courthouse Deputy
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-277	Retirement Payout R. Paul
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Signed:	Commissioner Crowe to sign Personal Confidentiality Statement J. Tudor
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
	Torrie Holcomb to sign AIA Contract Garmann Miller and Waibel
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Crowe called the **Records Commission** meeting to order. All Three commissioners were present along with Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman, Mike Bacon-County Auditor, Brenda Rainsburg-County Recorder, Stefanie Epling-Clerk of Courts, and Katey Henson-Prosecutor office. (RC-1) from JFS and Common Please courts- Katey moved to approve all RC-1's Mike Seconded the motion. Roll Call: all ayes (RC-2) from Prosecutor, Engineer, and Common Pleas Courts- Stefanie moved to approve all RC-2's Brenda seconded the motion. Roll Call: all ayes (RC-3) from Soil and Water District, Auditor, Domestic/Juvenile Courts, Engineer, Probate, Veterans' Office, JFS, and Sheriff office. Brenda moved to approve all RC-3's Katey seconded the motion. Roll Call: all ayes Commissioner Crowe adjourned the meeting.

Public Hearing Hardin Hills Health Center- Commissioner Crowe addressed the crowd. We are here to hear your concerns, this will not be question and answer time. If you wish to speak you need to be signed as time permits you will be given 3 minutes to speak. No profanity will be tolerated, no outburst from the audience. Please refrain from speaking while someone else is speaking.

**Mary Murphy**, who resigned from Hardin Hills last year after 30 years of employment, spoke first. I am proud of Hardin Hills. They are people there, not just numbers. The community wasn't involved in this decision. What about the land that was purchased across the road promising a new Hardin Hills building and now there is a rural electric place there. **Tina Muldoon** quoted Ghandi "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members". Give us six months to find a solution. Closing Hardin Hills should be the last resort. We are a four-star facility through Medicare.

**Chris Richards**- the family meeting last week does not qualify as hearing public feedback. Has this been discussed in a public meeting before? As public representatives it falls on you to give and get feedback. The public deserves to know when the decision was made. How many articles are in the paper or on the radio? Have you discussed this with outside council? Hardin County levies a lot that gets public support here.

**Grace Gonzalez**- my brother is there, and I just want to thank the staff they have been really good with my brother. Appreciate the staff and everything they have done for my brother.

**Steve Ashba**- my mother Mary Jean Ashba is 98 years old Alzheimer's patient. I don't like the options of the other two facilities. She loves it out at Hardin Hills. This community is

giving. I wish you would renig on this. Where did the covid money go? I wish you would listen to what all these people are saying. I would appreciate you stopping the 90-day closure.

**Bill Jones-** I worked at Hardin Hills for 22 years in maintenance. I know for a fact that this could be repaired the way it’s supposed to be. You have had no meeting with the public. Nothing in the papers about anything. Too much has happened that we do not understand.

**Tom Diltz-** It’s weird you would shut down a whole business just for a fire pump. \$500,000 for a fire pump is Ludacris. Armor is just one company. It can be repaired or replaced. It can be done cheaper. What is the ulterior motive? This happened way too quick.

**Allison Carls-**you have had 10 executive sessions this year alone in four months. 7 for the whole year last year. G2 is the sale of land or property. Listed the balances of loss and gain over the last several months. Where is the rest of the money?

**Amy Zoller-** I am from Delaware County. I have no affiliation with Hardin County. My sister has been in Hardin Hills since January. She was catatonic when she came. As of this Thursday she was acting like herself and had gained weight. I am a 30-year RN, and I am passionate about saving Hardin Hills. I’ve never seen care like at Hardin Hills. This is the only dementia facility in the county. The goal is to bring back Hardin Hills. She thrived at Hardin Hills. Did any of you talk to or walk through the building and talk to residents or employees?

**Ann Temple-**I don’t mean no disrespect. This staff has provided excellent care. This isn’t just someone you give an eviction notice to. I don’t think this decision was easy on any of you. One of the commissioners said this has been ongoing for 8 years. I would like some transparency. Money, financials, executive sessions repeatedly. I think you guys can understand why we’re all feeling this way. Put a plan together to keep this going or give us a chance.

**Robert White-** Id hate to be in your guy’s shoes today. The government doesn’t do business well. I’m concerned and I appreciate the concerns of the people of the county. Government deteriorates to the point that they are doing something for the public, but it doesn’t work well.

**Michelle Laubis.** If there is an office that has fumbled it is this office. Where is the transparency? Executive sessions don’t just happen on a whim. Why don’t we have a land grant? What is going to happen to Hardin Hills? Is it going to be like the Corinthian? When will we know. We all pay the consequences. I call for a full audit and investigation of your office. Immigrant housing? Is that what we have to look forward to? All of your salaries need to be looked at.

**Charlie VanDyne-** members of the board, I would like to thank the commissioners for opening this matter up. I don’t come here today to be critical of the current board. I wish I could have heard the comments here today. They are doing the best for our county. My concern is for the people that are in the home at the present time. Have arrangements been made by your board as to how the people are being treated and where they will go?

**Chris- Ombudsman office state of Ohio-** I am from Toledo. I’ve heard today that you all run a really good home. Very rarely during closings that we have a community step up like this and try to save the home. None of us are here today without the elders that went before us. They are our Royals. Listen to the opportunities that are here today and keep the folks at Hardin Hills.

A few people asked the commissioners to speak. When will you guys talk to us about it? The commissioners stated they will be making a public announcement after reviewing the comments and questions.

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