

April 25, 2024

MINUTES OF APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

V111-278	Minutes of April 23, 2024:
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V111-279	Bills
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-280	Indigent Attorney Fees
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

**Richard Lawson**, Maintenance supervisor-Crane is here trying to figure out where to set up, they want to be in the street, but the street is now open. Richard- I want to soundproof Tracy Wrights' office in the basement. He has people in there discussing confidential matters that do not need to be heard when the door is shut. Commissioners agreed. Richard will get information on the new door and soundproofing for the office. The backflow prevention devices need to be checked out. We have 9 of them. I have two quotes from two companies. Waibel will do it for \$1470.00. Lippincott plumbing and heating quoted at \$1725.00. This is just to check the backflow prevention devices. Any repairs would be extra on top of that fee. Commissioner Striker moved to approve the quote for the inspection of the backflow prevention devices from Waible for \$1470.00. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Richard- Last week we had issues at the west annex. Waibel tech found a crack in one of the heat exchangers. It has been shut off until we can get it taken care of. Jack's Heating, Air Conditioning, and Plumbing Inc. gave a quote of \$3672.00. Waibel quoted for \$7899.00. Commissioner Striker moves to approve the quote from Jack's for \$3672.00 for work on the heat exchanger at the West Annex. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

We have sensors that are out and bad in the rooftop unit across the street at the Annex building. Some of them are indoor sensors. Waibel quoted the work at \$6887.00 and Air Force One quoted at \$1180.00. The concern is Air Force One has not physically looked at it, they're just going off third party information. Commissioners asked Richard to call Air Force One and see how quickly they can come to look at it. We have already discussed and approved Quality Mechanical Services to move the A/C unit outside on the terrace. Air force one is a Lennox dealer. Call Quality let them know that we have found out this is under warranty and do not wish to proceed. Air Force One quoted \$1660.00 for the A/C. Maintenance will be in the building on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Tim Thomas** Editor of the Kenton times joined the meeting.

**City of Kenton Mayor Lynn Jones Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray** here with updates from the city. Crane is set up and getting the units off the courthouse roof. A new pole on the corner that is not in the courthouse yard. Downtown is going well. The new poles will be easier to hang flags or banners and its nothing elaborate but will be very fitting for the historical courthouse look. The North Detroit Street project will start next summer. Systemic Safety Grant from ODOT to put a sidewalk on the north side of the road from Broadway to Walmart. We're working on the ditch row behind the old Kmart. Cleaned up the whole tree line down Morningside. U-Haul wants to clean up the retention pond. Kohler street- we can help road wise and give grindings. Commissioner Crowe- County Engineer will do the widening the city just needs to get the tree down. The cost of the tree is \$1500.00, and we are willing to split the cost 50/50 county/city. Lynn- we are very willing to collaborate and be helpful. The crews working on the roads are very accommodating. They have really been so flexible and helpful.

**Kara Brown, Amy Newland, and Cayla Warnock**-Board of DD. This morning is about us keeping you informed. We are not asking for anything. This is information only. The fourth week of May will be the next meeting if the board approves, we will be asking for the levy. Numbers look different today. Not being on the ballot in March let us get more specific. Revenue and expenditure have stayed the same. We believe we can operate with our current reserves through 2024. We will still need the new levy. We are not looking at another 10 or 15 years, we will be asking again at the end of the levy. Commissioner Crowe asked about the two sheds that were purchased. Cayla-There were two sheds that were purchased as part of the grant. Storage for items that were purchased for the students also through the grant. \$100,000 through the grant for three interactive systems that we will be sharing with the school. The turnaround time to repay us has been quick. We want to spend the \$900,000 but it's not always easy. You will be seeing some big purchases, but it is through the grant. We are applying for more grants. Most grants are very specific to what we use the money for. Didn't want to surprise you in May. Air conditioner is still getting bid out.

**Ali Redmond** CORSA, and **Chelsea Ward** FLR Insurance Center-2024 CORSA renewal for property and liability coverage. Appraisal values have increased. 72/88 counties are insured. It's a very impressive program we have going on here. Our members and doing a great job with loss control. Chelsea doesn't currently advise changing our deductible. \$2500 is becoming the standard for even personal lines. Ali-Most other members have maintained where they are. If you raise it right now it could affect your yearly budget. We would make our members aware towards the end of the year so members could plan for next year's budget. Regarding the renewal your 3-year agreement is up and keeping the 6.49% increase would be awesome.

**Sharon Huston** Administrator Hardin Hills Health Center- Rolf law is working as fast as possible getting information to us about the competitive bidding of the beds. Pressing matters-census today is 36. We will have five discharges by Saturday. 31 will be census on Saturday. Commissioner Crowe- a couple questions that came from Tuesday's meeting. Someone said BKP was coming to Hardin Hills to do IV's? Sharon-We have options after two attempts ER or BKP. 2023 we only needed to do that twice for the entire year. \$200 each time they came. It is ONLY when our nurses cannot do it after two attempts. Commissioner Crowe- what about the statement that we are the only dementia unit in the county? Sharon- It is correct that Hardin Hills is the only dementia unit in the county. Closest is Marion, which has two and Findlay has one. Per Rolf law the state is obligated to stop payments on Medicare and Medicaid when we announce closure. We are still getting payments as of last night. Rolf law is our outside council. The ombudsman informed Sharon that anyone that goes to the hospital has a choice to come back until 7/9/24. We had based that decision on the advice of counsel. We cannot admit any new residents once the closure was announced per government regulations. Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) Certain Personnel Matters regarding compensation at 11:52 am. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 12:21pm.

Commissioner Striker moved to approve the wage increase for Brandy Baughman to \$46.63 an hour. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the wage increase for Stephanie Wilson to \$40 an hour and extend her retention bonus from 1 month to 2 months after services are no longer required. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes.

**John Schwemer City of Kenton Solicitor-** Two possible options for the bed license at Hardin Hills. It is important to keep the beds in Hardin County. One option is to proceed, and the CON would have to get approved as an exemption. The time frame is not going to allow the CON to be approved by the time the last resident leaves. Commissioner Crowe- our only option is to start the bidding process and hope that Columbus officials can help us out with an exemption for the CON. We can get the bid process started before the last resident leaves. John-A bid would be contingent on the receipt on the CON. A minimum requirement would be building in Hardin County to keep the beds here. Also, the prosecutor is looking at the requirements on having property to bid out. The bed rights are going to be gone if we do not get the exemption. Commissioner Crowe- our goal is to keep the beds in Hardin County and have them in a new facility. There will have to be a commitment to build in either 3 or 4 years.

**Keith Severns** EMA Director- came in with updates. I cannot praise the county and the city enough for their help and preparation during the Tornado cleanup and the eclipse planning. Especially the Sheriff Department. They all knew where and what they were supposed to do. Commissioners thanked Keith for all his work and picking up where he did. Keith- there were a few barriers with IT, but they are all handled now and I shouldn't have any more issues. Commissioner Crowe addressed the Comp time questions Keith had asked about. Commissioner Crowe-comp time is not in our policy. We do not pay out for it. We have always had you use it in the same or next pay period. Keith- it's hard because I have to find cover for the county.

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