

August 20, 2024

MINUTES OF August 20th MEETING

Commissioner Rush was absent. Commissioners, Staff, 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:

V112-129 Minutes of August 15, 2024:
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-ABSENT
V112-130 Advance Back of Funds Lease Ditch #1128
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-131 Transfer of Funds Engineers misc.
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-132 Reallocation of Funds to Cover Expenses Board of DD
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-133 CSEA Hire E. Thompson as Receptionist
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-134 CSEA Pay Increase and New Position A. Spangler
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: NWOSS Contract Renewal 09/01/2024
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to sell the Transit Bus from Hardin Hills to the Veterans Service Office for \$57,000 to be delivered this year and taken from their 2025 budget. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes **V112-136**

Jodi Tudor-Director Hardin County Job and Family Services- monthly updates. July had 3248 food assistance recipients totaling in \$610,515 in food assistance for the month. Children Services had 56 allegations resulting in 18 investigations with 25 kids in custody totaling \$132,278 in foster care. Ohio Means Jobs has 17 adults and 49 youth currently. There has been a statewide issue with EBT cards being skimmed. Funds get stolen as soon as they're loaded. Spirit pack had 383 recipients. We met with HHWP. It was a good meeting for us to understand what all they can do and offer. Commissioner Crowe-how are you doing in other departments? Jodi- We're one person down but we have someone going through the hiring process now.

Commissioner Crowe moved to go into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) at 9:33. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 9:35.

Commissioner Crowe moved to extend Jodi Tudor's contract for two years until August 26, 2026, with a 3% pay increase effective next pay period. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes **V112-135**

Amy Purcell Director and Stephanie McCullough Deputy Director Hardin County Board of Elections- Parking for early voting- it's always an issue. Especially for a presidential year. We brought 2020 numbers for early voting. Every year we get more and more early voting. The issue we had last year was coordinating with city and street closing and we have to coordinate with 20-30 people. Can we have someone from the construction company let us know when they're moving intersections or roads? Amy hasn't had any communication with them but wonders how receptive they will be to that. We do have issues with people parking around the square. Early voting October 8-November 3. Send out a notice to all the offices to make sure we have plenty of parking. Maybe talk with juvenile court about using their parking spot. Commissioner Crowe- I'd love to see voting only parking. November they should be moving to Detroit Street. Commissioner Striker-we will have to get with the mayor and the city about parking. Amy-We do have curbside voting but that's only if you are physically unable to come into the building. We have extended hours for a few weeks. Those nights that were going to be here late can the automatic motion sensor light be left on? Commissioner Crowe- Talk to Richard about leaving that on during the time when you are in here late.

Judge Grimslid- to discuss Opioid money-I would like to be at the next opioid meeting. Commissioner Crowe- we would like to see those funds being utilized. Judge- one of the things we have problems with is transportation. Transportation vouchers, something. I would like to be kept in the loop. Commissioner Crowe- we will make sure you get included. Judge- like I said vouchers for travel would be good if it qualified.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____ ABSENT _____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board