

August 22, 2024

MINUTES OF August 22nd MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff, Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman, and Michelle Laubis recited the pledge at 9:00.

Judge Christopher- proposal to set aside some money to get a young lawyer in the county. I have a crisis I have an indicted indigent and no attorney to represent them. All of them have conflict of interest. No one to represent him because we have no one. I'm calling other counties to get an attorney. I want to keep the fire burning under this idea because it's a pending crisis. We have a young person who is taking the bar in November and wants to remain local. They would be a subcontractor.

Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V112-137	Minutes of August 20, 2024:
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-absent
V112-138	Rescinding V112-131
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-139	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-140	City of Kenton Encumber \$23,868.12
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V112-141	City of Kenton Unencumber \$23,868.12
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-142	Reimbursement of Funds to Pike Repair
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-143	Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V112-144	Hire O. Somich social services worker II JFS
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-145	Additional Appropriation to cover advertising
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Striker attended Board of DD meeting August 20th. He brought the minutes and the informational flyer for the levy to be filed in the office.

Commissioner Striker also attended Hardin County Council on Aging board meeting and provided an agenda and board member info.

Commissioner Crowe was at the museum board meeting Tuesday night.

Commissioner Rush attended the meeting at the sheriff's department Wednesday night.

Commissioner Striker will be attending the PUCO meeting today for the Scioto ridge solar vote.

Sharon Huston-Administrator HHC update- Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) at 9:27. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 9:32.

Sharon- we have appointments set up with three auctioneers from Hardin County. Jan Layman will be coming out the last week of August. Dave Wedertz suggested we do three separate auctions. He suggested auction one would be medical equipment only. We would like to stage all the medical equipment and supplies in the dining room. Commissioner Striker-if you sell the medical equipment first would that auction not be for the public? Sharon- Not the first auction. The second date that he is suggesting would be open to the public. The second date will be after the election in November to get the best attendance. The rooms would be set up with matching beds, mattresses, commodes, and sold as a set like it was ready for an admission. The third suggested auction would be much later down the road when there is no one working in the building and everything is complete as far as scanning of documents etc. That would be considered a "deconstruction sale". Sometime in 2025, that could be copper piping, hot water heater, electrical boxes, toilets, tubs, etc.

Commissioner Crowe- the mower, the gator, and the truck will be absorbed by other county departments. Sharon- Both the fire department and the sheriff’s office have keys to the front door.

Commissioner Rush moved to keep Brandy Baughman on payroll until after the second auction is completed. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes. **V112-146**

Sharon- Chris (IT) will move everything for payroll from the server to files that he is managing. They will all be electronic and filed by employee name. We took the van to KATS for them to look at. Jamie will call and have us bring it back up to when he is here to look at it. As we go through the basement, we are finding historical items that the museum may be interested in. Commissioner Striker- The genealogical society may also be interested in some of the ledgers etc.

Lynn Webb- City of Kenton Mayor- the silva cells are being installed and it is so interesting. You should go check it out. The Christmas parade should run as normal. That is our hope. They would love to make that happen. Traffic light study ends the end of October. We want to make sure we can communicate to the new lights. Commissioner Crowe- board of elections was in on Tuesday. They are worried about parking for early voting, they average 188 voters a day coming into the office. They want to limit the changes in road closure notices to 48-hour notice for the board. Lynn- we’ll get with them and see what that looks like. I’ll have to get an updated schedule. Commissioner Crowe-Could the city do voter only parking for that month? Lynn- that’s a great idea. Commissioner Crowe- we have a department head meeting, and I will make emphasis on no courthouse employees parking on the street during that month. Lynn- we can look at signage, cones, posting information. I will bring that up with the contractors. Commissioner Crowe- Do you have any schedule for AEP to take the light poles? Lynn- after the first of the year.

Richard Lawson- Maintenance Supervisor- remodeling project downstairs, I’d like to keep all the basement doors the same and get the same ones that we have put in already. They will all be metal doors. I had a quote at the safety center to remove the hood, remove the gas lines, and put in the new door. Waibel is here to look at the compressor at the annex. Hopefully it won’t be anything major.

Commissioner Striker left the meeting to attend the PUCO Board meeting in Columbus for the vote on the Scioto Ridge Solar Project.

Bid opening for the Installation of the Eldridge Packaged Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Estimate for the installation is \$115,000.00. Two bids were received.

- 1. Crates Excavating BB \$108,000.00
- 2. Mack Industries Inc. BB \$95,900.00

Commissioner Rush moved to accept the bids and take under the advisement of the Hardin County Engineer Luke Underwood. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-absent **V112-147**

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