

December 10, 2024

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioner elect 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:

V113-17	Minutes of December 5, 2024:
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V113-18	Transfer of Funds
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-19	Additional Appropriation
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-20	Release of Funds
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V113-21	Advance of Funds
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-22	Payment of Bills to Ditch Maintenance
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-23	Payment of Bills to Ditch Maintenance
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V113-24	Reallocation
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Signed:	Wood County /Hardin County Agreement for WCJDC
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

**Josh Anderson-** HHWP CAC update and Amber Conley Director of JFS- HHWP- CAC(Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Putnam Community Action Commission) has been around since mid-60's private nonprofit. Our Mission is to reduce poverty and improve lives. Assess the needs of the community. If there is a need not being met. Most nonprofits rely on donations. We are almost exclusively funded by federal grants. Brief description. We want all the stakeholders in the community to know that they can come in our doors and we can help them find solutions to their problems. We also take very seriously how we help people move from poverty to self-sufficiency. People who need this service get on a path to where they don't need our service. Public transportation system. July 1<sup>st</sup> we began officially in Hardin County. This community really came together and gave us the support we needed to get started. We have seen the need for bulk fuel, etc. things to stay warm during the cold season. Head Start- we were awarded to do early head start. Birth to age 3, we hope to expand to that in all our counties. WIC program in 3 of 4 counties including Hardin County.

**Richard Lawson-** Maintenance Supervisor with general updates. North half of the roof is done. We don't have anchors on yet. Damschroder always lets Richard know when they are here. Guardian Alarm was in yesterday as far as the alarms and panels. Once everything is finished, discussion will be had about what to put back up on the walls. The main part should be done this week. Annex was cold when we came back from Thanksgiving. Not sure as to why. Waibel checked it out. The whole heating system is as old as the building. It is 33 years old. When you google search it for the lifetime of the system it's expected to last 15-20 years. We may need to think about revamping the entire heating system over there. Had some problems at safety center for one unit. Waibel is looking into it.

**Paul Osborne-** Village of Alger- Requesting funds to help purchase the PRS for \$48,500.00 from the America Rescue Funds. Before we try to get another loan, we need to do the best we can. EPA encourages when we get loans from them we put skin in the game. Raise the people rates. It grieves me to have to do that. If we use the DEFA loan they dictate the timeline. What we're asking is \$48,500 to purchase our PRS and then we will have total control over our timeline. We need that. We need to take our time on this and make sure everything is in place. We don't want to put this on our residents. I'm asking if you can pay for the prs. That is my request for today. I wanted a 3% increase each year but they didn't give it to me. EPA demands when you have a loan from them that you schedule increases. I was surprised when I

came on that the water plant is 20+ and sewer is 40+ years. I was surprised how well off we were. I know it's because of the people they have hired to take care of it. We are lucky to have gotten 40 years out of the WWTP. The prelim engineering is \$48,5000.00 we would then own it and have full control over our own timeline. Commissioner Rush- we have helped Alger with \$52,000 from our America rescue funds already. Commissioner Striker- we're trying to keep it even around the county. Paul- I understand but I'm trying to fight for Alger.

**Jan Layman-** I want to understand what is going on with the townships and what they are doing with the solar. I am a landowner. I am not advocating solar. I own ground in several townships. I do not have solar. It looks like to me that we are late for the party. Weve been doing solar in McGuffey for 5/6 years. These people have had the opportunity to buck this if they wanted to and no one wanted to. You're telling someone else what they can do with their property. I struggle to see adverse effects on your neighbor. They don't smell, they're not tall, tell me what they are doing to harm the neighbors? I don't agree it should be on farm ground but that's me. Commissioner Crowe- this is a great conversation to have with the trustees. Jan- there was only 20-30 people at the meeting there is more residents than that. I don't like that we are doing this now so late. You had your chance. Jan- they've already passed a resolution. Commissioner Crowe- they can rescind a resolution. Jan- we already had the opportunity to speak to the power siting board but no one did. The part I don't like is the private property aspect. You are opening the door for people to restrict it if it is over a certain size. Commissioner Crowe- yes, the smaller ones are not controlled by SB52 that would be zoning. Jan- is there a tax benefit from the energy producers. Commissioner Crowe- yes, they pay more than property tax. PILOT pays to all the county entities.

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