

December 17, 2024

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17th 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:

V113-35	Minutes of December 12, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V113-36	Advance of Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-37	Reappoint Holly Sinn-Bailey MLJ Library Board
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-38	Release of Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-39	Transfer of Funds
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-40	Re-Allocation of Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V113-41	Additional Appropriation
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

Auditor of State sent an amendment to the original engagement letter. The original fee estimate was \$54,981.00. After additional time and work the revised fee estimate is \$57,174.50.

CORSA sent the end-of-year Loss Control Incentive Bonus Program reminder. EMA director Keith Severns should have this completed by January 15th, 2025.

Per ORC 317.09 & 317.321 County Recorder Brenda Rainsburg will continue the use of the special "set-aside" money generated from recording fees for the 2025 year.

Sharon Huston-Hardin Hills Administrator with updates- why did I renew the license for Hardin Hills for 2025? I am required to do so until Vancrest has their final decisions in place. We've never been licensed before, and this is the first time we have had to pay it. It is \$1000 annually to ODH. Paid in December and effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Challenges with Medicaid continue. Ohio department of Medicaid sent a letter, now they are looking into 2022 and now they believe they owe us more money somewhere under \$5000.00. Medicare sent a similar letter stating they do owe more money and should receive \$14,271.00 in about thirty days. Not a word on the large overpayment. Rumor has it a lot of nursing homes are still getting overpaid and the overpayment issue from the last two years is still going on. When we get a final then I (Sharon) will sign it. They have up to 7 years to make a "final" decision. Every letter we are getting is saying that they owe us a little more. We are scanning all the files every day. Every area of the building that can be turned down heat wise or lights off we are doing. All cost saving measures are being taken. Everything cleared from the auction, no negative feedback. There was a lot of interest in when we were going to do a demolition auction. Unemployment is coming down. After next month there will only be 3 people left on unemployment.

Amber Conley- everyone very welcoming at my first HHWP meeting. It was very informative. I look forward to continuing to attend those meetings in person. I would like to respectfully request executive session please to discuss personnel. Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) at 9:57. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 10:49. Now for the monthly for November: Food assistance helped 1645 families for a total of \$618,813.00. Children Services had 63 reported allegations resulting in 17 investigations totaling in \$127,886.00 in placement costs.

Adult protective services had 5 reported allegations resulting in 3 investigations for a total of \$25 for board and care. Transportation services had 100 recipients making 613 one way trips for a total of 15, 582.90 miles, and a cost of \$52,632.00.

Judge Santo- Danielle Gammon- Budget discussion- Commissioner Crowe-There are several portions to our discussion. Last year you wanted to stay with the full budget from the previous year. You are way over on salaries. Take \$200,00 off of salaries with the understanding that later in the year if you do need it we would take care of it for you. In order for us to get close to a balanced budget. Judge Santo- does it have to be out of that particular line? Just so I am clear, you are saying we appropriated \$770,000.00 and only spent \$350,000.00. Danielle- we did get our extension on our OJJDP. It was a one year extension so it is done end of September 2025. We will have a bigger problem next year. Judge Santo-We only used 4% of our salaries line item as of 12/16/2024. This year we can do that, next year will be the issue. That’s already the problem when grants pay the salaries. When grants go away there is no way to pay the salaries except out of general fund.

Darryl Bodine- Chase Stewart Application questions. wanted to come in and thank you for the help that you have provided me not only this year but previous years. I wanted to see if you could allow me to submit the latest bill. I don’t submit bills all year long, I wait until the end of the year.

Commissioner Striker moved to pay Darryl Bodine’s bill of \$97.41 to come from the Chase Stewart Funds. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes **V113-42**

Tyler & Hannah with Invenergy- Hannah just recently joined the team helping out in Ohio. A few updates. we attended the McDonald township meeting last night. Marion and roundhead are meeting on the 23rd. McDonald township- we are working with twp. rd. 65. That is their big priority. Luke sent a quote for repairs. We don’t have a problem with that. We need to communicate with REZ. I just need to confirm with Luke about the widening. Exciting news-commercial operation date tomorrow Hardin solar II. Tomorrow morning it will be in commercial operation. We are working on a sister letter for the roundhead fire dept. We should have that finalized end of day today . that outlines payment that helps cover training and equipment for him. Just to let him know what he needs. We can cc you guys on the information so you have it as well. We are hoping that Adam can turn that around pretty quickly. We would really like to submit to ODOD by end of year. The payments will be the length of the project plus one year. 50+1 years of payments. 100% it will happen next year. Solar III ?? will tag along in 2025. We are hoping for COD by end of March for solar III. We would like to start working on our PILOT docs.

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