

February 25, 2025

MINUTES

Commissioner Sherman was absent, attending CCAO's new commissioner 3-day training. Staff and Commissioners 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:

- V113-161 Minutes of February 20, 2025:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-absent, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V113-162 Payment of Bills to Ditch Maintenance  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V113-163 Resignation of V. Cullison JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V113-164 Additional Appropriation  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- Signed: Satisfaction of CHIP mortgage D. Bland  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes

**Sheriff Keith Everhart and Chief Deputy Dennis Burns**- I am good, office is running smoothly. We're one of few sheriffs that are fully staffed. I believe everyone there wants to be there. We are having to spend some money on technological updates- our body cameras are up for replacement. Wolfcom body cams and car cams. Commissioner Rush- how old are current ones? Sheriff- anywhere between 2-4 years old. They generally hold a 2-year warranty. We are entering into a 5-year contract with Wolfcom. At the 2.5-year mark they replace them with new body cameras. You either pay up front or in the end. Commissioner Rush- how many cameras do you have currently? Sheriff- 27 total. That gives us 3 extras. What we are moving to is having all information stored on the cloud. The in-car cameras are brand new as of last year, they are already set up to store in the cloud. The body cams are going to a server currently. We are having everything go to the cloud so we don't have footage in two places. We are going to have \$65,000 in it this year but saving in the long run. When the car pulls to the parking lot it should automatically download to the cloud (dash cam). This is probably the third renewal with Wolfcom, 10 years with them approx. Dog warden going around for dog tags. We were down to 10 dogs this week which is awesome. He's doing great. This is Dennis's last official meeting as Chief Deputy with the commissioners. Commissioner Rush- it's been a pleasure to work with you these last four years. Thank you.

**Jack and Sean from Invenergy** with updates- we appreciate your time today. Jack-letting Sean know how he updates the commissioners each meeting. Hardin Solar II in operation Dec 20, 2024. Yesterday after close of business, Hardin Solar III started full commercial operation. We are reporting to OPSB today that yesterday was first day of operation. We sent letters of notice mid-February. We will continue to make sure that people are aware of where we are. Marion, McDonald and Roundhead Townships were all informed last night. We had good feedback from the trustees. I would like to reiterate that just because it is in commercial operation, it doesn't mean our work is done. We will need to complete a final punch list. Making sure that our project functions properly but also look good too. We anticipate normal timeline come march. Weather is a hinderance right now. Probably summer of this year we will be finished with solar II. We consulted with landowners and companies and have a pretty good idea of what our list is that needs to be done. Commissioner Rush- how many employees do you have currently? Jack-Currently we have 20 on the day to day. Operations team is about 8 technicians and 12-14 full time staff with the site administrator included. Commissioner Rush- how many per site? Sean- 12 total between all three operations. Jack- Invenergy has two branches. Sean works more closely with the operations team. Sean will oversee daily operations as it goes year to year. Commissioner Rush- just for clarification Hardin Solar I ended up being 150mw, Hardin Solar II is 150mw, and Hardin Solar III is a 250mw? Jack-yes. Commissioner Striker- is there any battery storage?

Jack- currently there is no battery storage. Commissioner Striker- just for clarity which ones will be or have been sold and running? Jack- Hardin Solar I is owned by Dominion Energy Invenergy will be own and operate Hardin Solar II, Wisconsin Energy Corp will own Hardin Solar III. Striker- is there a solar IV? Jack- no. Our company is driven by willing participants, mostly landowners. Most of our projects have started because someone has reached out to us not the other way around. Hardin county has been very favorable for us. We have people continue to reach out. Commissioner Rush- everything complete with engineer? Jack- spoke yesterday with him, we are providing final document today.

Roll call resulted as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 President of the Board-Fred M. Rush

\_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 Joseph C. Sherman

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Board