

February 27, 2025

MINUTES

All Commissioners were present. 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:

V113-165	Minutes of February 25, 2025:	
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-absent, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V113-166	Bills	
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V113-167	Indigent Fees February	
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman	Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V113-168	Hire SSWII C. Hendrix at JFS	
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

All three Commissioners are attending the Ada Distinguished award night tonight in Ada hosted by the Ada Area chamber of Commerce and the Town and Gown Committee.

Commissioner Rush was to attend the FCFC meeting on Monday but it was cancelled, Tuesday he attended the Health Board meeting, and filled in for Commissioner Sherman at the Veterans meeting Wednesday afternoon, and then attended the HHWP meeting Wednesday evening in Hancock County.

Keith Severns EMA/Loss Control Director with updates- McDonald township meeting went well. This meeting was more informational for what is provided for training etc. for each project. There were three different attorneys and our prosecutor signed off on the contract. The next step will be moving into storage batteries and they haven't got there yet. They have to have special equipment for any fires from connectors, in that area they can't let it burn. They are getting \$25,000.00 for each project for safety for the fire/ems. Each department is looking at what they need. It was good information for Commissioner Striker and Keith and the other fire chiefs that were present. No battery storage yet but already have permission for a building if they need it. Commissioner Striker- February 21st, I received a call from Pine Gate Renewables, they are pulling the project out and not developing. They're pulling their office out from up town and they are no longer doing their project. Everyone who was signed up knows. Keith- assessments have been mailed out to all the villages. I have already received one back from Ada. Could be another month before I get the others back. I have completed the new letters that need to go out. I will send out once I receive all of them back. These will explain the need for an increase in the assessment and explanations as to why. \$.05 increase each year for the next three years. We are at \$.30 right now most other counties are at \$.50. In three years we will be at \$.65 and may not need to continue the .05 increase. My question on the assessments change is there anything we need to do on your end? Commissioners will look into the resolution. Our EMPG is \$35,934.00 for this coming year, the federal obligation is \$17,967 and local is the other half at \$17,967.00 which is almost equal to prior year. They are keeping our area up; there are goals for our county that I feel like need to be met. LEPC- we are at that point to move it under EMA, they are a board group, and they are an independent board (not county employees). The board stays over LEPC as governing board. We can take Abe under EMA and that benefits us as far as grants and using funding to pay his salary etc. This gives us the ability to go for and acquire more grant money. The board will stay the same. We are the only county in Ohio that does not have LEPC under EMA. Cyber security will also increase with the joining of the two departments.

Kenton City Administration Mayor Lynn Webb with updates- the entire storm sewer pipe is done. The man holes are going in now. We have had a few incidents of hitting lines. We are excited about where we are and the progress they are making. We are on track. I appreciate them working through the cold spell. The bids went out for lights and signals. We talked with Holli about the revitalization district. We can acquire 5 liquor licenses. They would be available, which helps in the promotion of business. I commend Holli she did a good job.

Overnight parking is another thing we need to discuss. Our street sweeper can come in early and work.

2am-6am no parking. Just to give you a heads up. A building sold on the east side. We are being transparent about what needs to be done. The Surplus has to come down by May 1st.

Garmann Miller and Damschroder with reroof updates- Tuesday night the roof guys were here and no one knew, and Dan locked the doors. Need to communicate any schedule changes especially after hours. Anticipates to be finished with the roof by 6 pm tomorrow. The Crane is currently scheduled to be here Friday from about 8-3. Warranty will start when Duro-last is here to do the inspections.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
Joseph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board