

January 11, 2024

MINUTES OF JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff and Commissioner Candidate 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:

V111-61 Minutes of January 9, 2024:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V111-62 Additional Appropriation: 911, Deputy Salaries  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Crowe Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-63 Out of County Blanket Travel-Veteran's  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  
V111-64 Transfer: December Reconciliation  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call; Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-65 Out of County Travel Blanket-Hardin Hills  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  
V111-66 Bills  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-67 Payment of Bills Ditch Maintenance  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  
Signed: Engineers CY23 Road Certification 369.725 miles  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Commissioner Striker moved to pay the cbts invoice for installation of the new system, \$10,862.18, at the Safety Center from N000-N02. Commissioner Rush. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes.

Sean Young, **Village of Forest**, presented a letter from the Council. Updated on the recent sewage issue. A second vacuum pump crashed yesterday. They are helping the system along. One pump arrived and will be replaced. They have spent \$50,000 of Village funds. The techs estimate is about \$45,000 to go. To isolate inlet valves, at \$7,000. He is waiting on a quote from Air Vac to present. \$20,000 of their ARPA funds will be applied. \$52,000 will replace the pumps and get the system back up. Resident pits are in addition. (134) They are already collapsing due to the incident, \$52,000 is the repair cost. Council has determined to increase the wastewater/sewer resident rates to offset the expenditures. Commissioner Striker moved to approve up to \$52,000 from M064-M06 **America Rescue Funds** to assist the Village of Forest with their sewage issues. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes.

Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey, Amber Conley, Children's Services were invited in with **Bobbi and Jackie Manns** on a grandchild issue. Commissioner Crowe noted Commissioners do not have knowledge and jurisdiction over their issue. They may present if they wish but Commissioners cannot respond. Both Grandparents presented their issues with a daughter and their grandchild in custody. Commissioner Crowe-wish we could help you with something, a legal case with CPS and we can't interfere. Commissioner Crowe-we aren't involved in the process. Grateful you came to share and nothing we can do. Prosecutor-no answer to your questions by February 2. Jackie and Bobbi Manns left the room with the comment they would see those present in the room in court.

At 10:16 Prosecutor Bailey moved to go into **Executive Session** with the Children's Services Director Amber Conley present., Clerk and Torrie Holcomb new Clerk. ORC 121.22(G)(4) threatened and pending litigation. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 10:39 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, The Director of Nursing has resigned. Sharon discussed a potential nurse call in pay benefit to help entice nurses for emergency staffing. An increase in pay for the Interim Director of Nursing?

Commissioner Striker moved to enter **Executive Session** with the following: Sharon Huston, Hardin Hills Administrator, Mike Bacon, Auditor, and Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey and Katey Henson Office Manager, Clerk and Clerk Torrie Holcomb per ORC 121.22 (G)(2). Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes. At 12:10 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills**, Commissioner Crowe-would \$2.50 per hour for the Interim Director of Nursing? Sharon-as long as she knows we're attempting to fill the position. Commissioner Rush moved to approve at \$3.00 per hour increase for Brandy Baughman as Interim Direction of Nursing until the position is filled. Also, approving a \$5.00 per hour increase of any nurse called in to cover staffing emergencies when necessary. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. **V7-39** Commissioner Crowe left for the day.

Jason Fleming, **Garman Miller Architects**, held the first HVAC progress meeting. Chris, Dillion and Austin with Waibel introduced themselves. Richard Lawson was present. Jason Fleming will provide minutes for the meeting. Primary voting is an issue on dates including early voting days. Richard asked for more communication with him daily. They will talk with the City for parking spaces. Electricians have asked to work nights in the attic. Jason questioned the viable reason. Austin will ask them to work during the day as others and confirm with Richard. Jason will work with Austin on a potential change order for covers. Commissioners asked Jason to assess the flat portions of the courthouse roof.

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