

July 16, 2024

MINUTES OF July 16th 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:

V112-57	Minutes of July 16, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-58	Payment from Ditch Maintenance to Right of Way Management Co
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-59	Release of Funds J&FS
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-60	Additional Appropriation Sheriff
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	Easement Approval for Lowe #1133 Ditch
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

The Commissioners had no objections to the list of items to be disposed of from CSEA.

Commissioner Crowe motions to authorize Quest Federal Credit Union to stop all rewards on all county credit cards. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Rush moved to NOT participate in the TCAP program per the recommendation of the County Prosecutor. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Crowe moves to adopt the alternative formula for distribution of Local Government and Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds as proposed by the Hardin County Budget Commission and as prescribed in ORC 5747.53. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. V112-61

Jodi Tudor- JFS Monthly updates: June food assistance served 3323 individuals which is 1583 families, totaling \$638,035 in SNAP benefits for the month. Children services had 66 allegations resulting in 19 investigations. We paid \$121,775 for foster care for the month of June. Ohio Means Jobs is currently serving 15 adults and 50 youth. This year instead of the kohls vouchers we are doing a k-12 spirit pack.

Randy Kimple- Director of Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Lima. We are located at 125 S. Central Ave. Lima, Ohio 45802. In 2006 we became our own entity. We serve 3 meals a day. We average about 150 people a day. What we wanted to do was have a food truck here in Hardin County and hit the smaller villages in the County through the day for a quick free meal. My goal is to start it next spring. We might do a two-day route. Certain villages on certain days. It's in the early stages. Once it gets started, I would eventually like to turn it over to Hardin County. I feel like it needs to be done. With our reputation and what we have done in the last 30 years it would be something we could get started. Probably avoid Kenton and Ada as they have regular services. My 9 years here has been amazing. We served around 36,000 meals last year and only spent \$2,500 on food for the year. We have been blessed with donations. We put God first and he takes care of us. Commissioner Crowe- I see no objection to you getting this started and coming back with more details.

Kevin Cole with RWE and **Dylan Borchers** Partner at Bricker Graydon- follow up meeting to answer questions regarding the QEP vs OAQDA PILOT programs. Brief Recap: benefits to county, schools, townships, etc will not change. It will help us with labor issues. With all the work going on in the area there is a shortage of workers for these projects. We want to hire locally and hire all that we can locally. We want to do job fairs. This alternate PILOT program has been used on other projects in Ohio with great success. So we came here to

answer any questions. Commissioner Striker- All of our other projects we use the QEP. I noticed that state sales tax is not collected with the OAQDA. Dylan- Yes that is correct. One of the primary reasons the project wants to use this. That real and personal property tax in both programs are the tax revenues that impact the county. The sales tax is at the state level. Commissioner Crowe- that is not correct. Hardin County relies heavily on our state sales tax revenue in our general fund. So, we would have a direct loss from sales tax. Commissioner Rush- that is one of our major sources of income, probably close to 50%. Commissioner Striker- being a small county we rely heavily on the sales tax. So that is significant to us. Dylan- I would be happy to follow up with this and make sure we are talking about the same tax. It should not impact what flows back to the county. The local revenue shouldn't have to change. Commissioner Striker- another question I have is the duration of the PILOT. Dylan- we want to mimic entirely the QEP program. We will have it as part of the PILOT agreement. Kevin- to talk time frame. Our current time frame we want to start construction October 2024 and complete the project December 2025. If we can't figure out our labor issue it could push it back to December 2025. We're ready to start once we get our PILOT agreement and Road Use agreement. We expect our permit from the state any day now. PJM will have to make changes to the substation and could push our timeframe back to June of 2026. AEP says they can meet the December 2025 deadline. Commissioner Crowe- the big hang up to make a decision would be the sales tax issue. Dylan- that's understood I can look into that. Dylan- I will follow up in the next two weeks.

Stewart Coats- stopped in to let the commissioners know that there are issues with the water pump at the friendship garden. They will be using water from the building until it is fixed.

Brad Murphy Hardin County Ag Society President and **Jake McFadden** Vice President- Update from the Fair board meeting. On Monday July 15th the Ag society held a special meeting specifically to discuss the July 10th approved motion to sell alcohol at the concert at the fair this year. I would like to note that 17/20 active directors were present. Last night the board voted to rescind the approved motion to sell alcohol at the concert. The provisions of a special meeting are that the conversations must be confined to a single topic. That was outlined at the meeting. That topic was the only topic discussed so it was a relatively brief conversation. We wanted to make the commissioners aware of that and answer any questions you may have. Commissioner Crowe- Why did you rescind the motion? Brad- from the time we approved the motion on Wednesday, and we were doing internal research and were not 100% confident that we had done all the administrative steps to have that take place. As you recall from our last conversation we were committed to doing things right. We were not certain we had done all the things administratively. So, we wanted to get back together and go over the information that was given to us rather than let the approved motion sit out there. We wanted to make a decision that would allow us more time to dot all our I's and cross our t's. Commissioner Crowe- I commend you for taking that action because that is the right way to do things. Something as big as this change you want to make sure you have everything right. Brad- we still have a wonderful fair. We still have a lot of youth activities heavily involved. Our kid zone, our livestock show. Our concert has sold more tickets than any other concert since I've been here. There are a lot of great things happening. We're going to focus on putting on a great fair and giving the public a reason to come out. There are a lot of great reasons to come out to the fair. Commissioner Crowe- Thank you for coming today. Brad- We appreciate your ongoing commitment to talking with us and making sure we're walking forward together.

A pre-bid meeting was held in Vet's Hall for the Courthouse Reroof Project. Jason Fleming from Garmann Miller ran the meeting. All commissioners attended.

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