

June 25, 2024

MINUTES OF June 25th MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff, Michelle Laubis 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:

V112-23	Minutes of June 20, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-24	Authorize Treasurer to Invest with Meeder
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-25	Hire Emma Buckley SSWII
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V7-53	Vacation and Retention payout HHHC Employees
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	Title IV-E JFS and Michaels Resource and Treatment Center
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
	Agreement for deposit of inactive Public Funds (treasurer)
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
	Agreement for purchase of Board of DD trailers
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Striker- On June 1st I had the privilege and honor to represent the commissioner's office at our EOC (Emergency Operation Center) at the safety center put on by our EMA and LEPC, a couple weeks later Keith Severns EMA director came in and we told him what a great job they all did. I was remised in naming a couple of other people and groups and I do want to stress the importance of all these groups for our County and a lot of work they do that is not recognized. LEPC is a very integral part in running the operation, they do tabletop exercises mainly for hazardous spill exercises from all the entities in the county and the following year they'll do live training somewhere. LEPC had Arin Tracey, Audrey Hankins, and Abe Oates who is a big part of running the LEPC. Bruce Donnelly for the Kenton Fire Department and all the firemen that were down there for squad and fire. State EMA person for our area Anita Stechschulte. Also, the Ham radio group was there they do a part of the exercise. There are a lot of groups that are involved in this, the Sheriff's office Kenton Fire Department send people out and trucks, the Red Cross Daryl flowers especially and his group. I just wanted to give them kudos and a good job. Without them this exercise would not have been successful. We passed the State which allows us to get funding from the state for hazmat, EMA, and LEPC. It is an integral part of our county, and everything is done behind the scenes and sometimes we just don't give them the credit they deserve. Commissioner Rush- many people and entities were involved with this and being involved and going to the meetings Arin Tracey had a big part of behind-the-scenes stuff and getting everything set up initially to have things ready for that day. We're glad everything worked out fine and we passed, and we learned from our mistakes and all in all a good experience.

Mark Doll- Regional Planning Director- I wanted to get your direction on what we need to do on this CHIP property that we have money involved in. Dunkirk property has been vacant and abandoned since 2018. It has been tied up in court for three years. They put \$20,000 back into it. The lady that signed it is no longer living and Buckeye Ridge is putting it on the market. We have a \$10,000 20-year lien on this. We can do 1 of three things: 1. We can request the \$10,000 payment in full. 2. We can forgive it 100%. 3. We can prorate it. Buckeye Ridge Habitat for Humanity is looking at building back in the community. The payoff if we did do a proration would be around \$4582.90. It would be about \$41 a month to pay back the \$10,000. Looking to move and sell this property later in the week or first of next week. The money will go back to our program income, and we can use it on other housing type projects within the housing spectrum. Commissioner Rush moved to use the prorated price. Commissioner Striker seconds the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Roger-yes V112-26

Michelle Laubis- Record Retention Follow-Up- Commissioner Crowe- Michelle do you have questions today is that why you wanted the time? Michelle- yep Commissioner Crowe- if you have questions we'd appreciate if you have those written down to give to us. Michelle-I'm just following up with mine to finish up, I'm on the agenda I didn't think I had to , I can ask, or do no? Commissioner Crowe- if you have questions we would appreciate you writing them out because quite frankly as you talk... Michelle- I can talk slower. Commissioner Crowe- as you talk it's hard to tell where one question ends and another one starts, and it's hard for us to answer your questions when we don't know what they are if you put them in writing then we can give you answers. Michelle- Yeah but then my questions don't make it in the public meeting. Which then I think is a concern because it's a public concern that should go into the public meeting but I give you these questions and they go into a file and they never make it to the public meeting. Commissioner Crowe- they are returned to you...Michelle- no they go into a Commissioner Crowe- you're free to post them if you want post them or do whatever you want with them after we give you back the answers. Michelle-Then how about I don't ask any questions. Commissioner Rush- comments then? Michelle-Yes I can make a comments. Commissioner Crowe- you have to understand that we do not open up the floor for public comments and just making an appointment to come and make public comments is not going to work. We have meetings for people with a certain purpose and not just for them to make a statement to us. If you have specific business, it is one thing but if you are just here to make statements to us which you have in the past that is public comment. Michelle- what would be specific business? Commissioner Crowe- we deal with vendors, department heads, you've seen how our meetings go and you know when we have a specific business item to discuss with someone. It's not just your comments to us about how you don't think we should be closing the county home. Michelle- well I think it was fantastic news that we got last week about being able to sell the beds I think that was great. I think that works for the benefit of the community overall, so I think that's really exciting to share that you guys were able to get that accomplished. So, if I'm... what method do you prefer in communicating with the citizens of the county? Do you have any goals in communicating with citizens? Are you open to communicating with citizens? Commissioner Crowe-yes Michelle- and how would that be done? Commissioner Crowe- I don't think you're understanding the same person coming in and repeating the same statements and asking the same questions is not communicating with the citizens. Michelle- you don't know what my statement was going to be how do you know it was going to be the same? And if it is the same, I mean, maybe someone else could come in a speak? You just don't want me to come back because I've been here before? You don't want me to comment because I've been here before? I mean I had something that I thought was going to be the very last thing on this ordeal but you're not willing to. Commissioner Crowe- we will let you get one last session but understand that you can't just make an appointment with us just to stand up and make comments because that is public comment. Michelle- and that's not ok? Commissioner Crowe- correct. Michelle- so this is just for business people? Commissioner Crowe- this is for conducting the business of the county. It's why we have a meeting is to conduct the business of the county. You're citing the laws to us all the time and public records and part of that law says that public bodies do not have to receive comments from the public at their meetings. Michelle-yes let me agree. Commissioner Crowe- and that's just what we're telling you. Michelle- ok. What is an appropriate method for me or other community members to have conversations with one or more of you that would not be at this public meeting? If it's not allowed at this public meeting how is a citizen to come and speak with you guys as county commissioners? Commissioner Crowe- you can call and ask for one of us to call you back, stop in and ask for a phone call, if you see us out in public you can stop and ask us, but there is no guarantee that we will have time to stop and talk to you if you talk to us on the street. Michelle- but I can set up a personal meeting with each one of you to talk about it? I mean I'm open, I'm open if you guys say you're not welcome in the public meeting then that's your right to say that. Commissioner Crowe- I didn't say you weren't welcome in the public meeting. Michelle- well to get up and make comments in the public meeting, right? Commissioner Crowe- correct Michelle- that's not acceptable to and that is in your jurisdiction. I would like to know how is it that I come to communicate with you as a citizen. Commissioner Crowe- and I just answered that. Michelle-

meeting requests would be the most appropriate so that I have time you have time and then I could bring this (stack of papers in her hands) and we have a discussion one on one. Commissioner Crowe- if any of us have the time available and so desire we can talk to you one on one yes. I will not guarantee that myself or my fellow commissioners are going to want to talk but that's the option. Michelle- well I guess that's your decision as long as you're all on the same page. You agree? Well, that's unfortunate I will say but um you know I'm still happy Hardin Hills beds were saved and that was accomplished for whatever that's worth. Commissioner Rush- thank you. Michelle- you are welcome.

Melissa Bodey Senior Benefit Specialist with CEBCO with 1st quarter report. Commissioner Striker moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (5) at 10:46. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Joe Sherman and Michelle Laubis left the meeting. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 11:25.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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 President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board