

June 27, 2024

MINUTES OF June 27th MEETING

Commissioner Crowe was absent. Commissioners, 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:

V112-27	Minutes of June 25, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-ABSENT, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-28	Indigent Attorney Fees
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-29	Bills
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-30	Brownfield Remediation Drawdowns Masonic Temple
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-31	Brownfield Remediation Drawdowns Trailer Manufacturer
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-32	Brownfield Remediation Drawdowns Kenton Feed and Grain
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-33	Demolition and Site Revitalization Bills PY 2022
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	Title IV-E JFS and Anthony Wayne Group Home
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Striker – I just wanted to note that yesterday, Commissioner Rush, Torrie, and myself attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly meeting in Findlay Ohio from 9:30am to 1:00 pm. The next meeting is in the fall and Hardin County will be hosting the meeting in March. They had their business meeting then they had guest speaker Chuck Bills developer from Findlay and Bowling Green, CEO of Ohio Logistics and founder of Tall Timbers. He was a very good speaker.

Mark Badertscher OSU Extension Educator- I brought in an update. Commissioner Rush mentioned you all wanted to see me before I leave. Tomorrow is my last day. I've been in Hardin County now for 11 years. One thing I really love about Hardin County is the people. They are not that far removed from agriculture. The people are more connected to agriculture here, and the people appreciate the work that I did and gave me very good feedback. I was fortunate to follow some good extension agents. There were a lot of things that happened during my time here. I noticed there is a history of extension in Hardin County and all the things that happened while different agricultural or natural resource agents or educators were here, so I compiled a list of some of the most important issues and things that I have had to deal with over the past 11 years. There have been a lot of little things, but the major things are listed here. In 2015 Fertilizer Certification in Ohio was started statewide. In 2017 Waterhemp resistant weed was beginning to become an issue in Hardin County fields, also Palmer Amaranth resistant weed was confirmed for the first time in Hardin County. In 2018 Beef Quality Assurance in Ohio was started statewide and the Spotted Wing Drosophila fruit fly was confirmed for the first time in Hardin County. In 2019 Prevented Planting was widespread in Hardin County due to non-stop rain, there was an emergency meeting at ONU for NW Ohio farmers. In 2021 Tar spot disease in corn confirmed for the first time in Hardin County. In 2023 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) affects 2.4 million layers and 1.6 million pullets in Hardin County. Hardin County has many beekeepers, especially with the Amish growers but is one of five counties in the state currently without a bee inspector. There are contacts listed on the form of individuals who are members of the Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association that can help identify qualified local candidates for a Hardin County Bee Inspector. I appreciate all your support. Commissioner Rush- we will miss you, Mark. Tim Thomas with Kenton Times joined the meeting.

Lynn Webb Mayor, City of Kenton, and **Cindy Murray** Safety Service Director City of Kenton came in with monthly updates for downtown project- working through years of not updating things and ordinances and trying to get everyone to understand the permit pooling and what’s allowed and what’s not allowed and what we’re trying to maintain is the historical integrity, there is a purpose for that. We’re in that time of communication and compliance. We’re getting there but it’s a struggle. That’s some of the hurdles were dealing with because it becomes a very large expense for the building owners. Commissioner Striker- one of the greatest things I’ve seen has been your construction updates, I think that is a good way to communicate so thank you. Commissioner Striker- March time of next year you will be over on Detroit Street? Cindy- yes. Tim Thomas- is there a break? Cindy- they may be done at the end of October then start back up in January. Lynn- roundabout will go out to bid in 2026. Tim Thomas- sidewalks out to Walmart? One side or both? Cindy- in 2026 both sides. Lynn- ODOT picked that up. Cindy- 2026 is the Nations 250th Birthday. Commissioner Striker- we’ve talked to the Chamber about it. Cindy- The city would like to participate in that.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____ ABSENT _____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board