

March 21, 2024

MINUTES OF MARCH 21st MEETING

Commissioner Rush was absent. 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:

V111-192	Reimbursement of Funds to pike repair
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Rush-ABSENT, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-193	Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V111-194	Transfer of Funds to cover miscellaneous concrete work
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-195	Release of Funds
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V111-196	Advance Back of Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-197	Reallocation of Funds
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V111-198	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-199	CCAO Agreement Amendment to Exhibit A. 10-year agreement
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V111-200	Vacation Payout A. Payton JFS
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-201	Vacation Payout M. Gault JFS
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
Signed:	JFS and DTAC agreement 07/01/2024-06/30/2025 \$200,000.00
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
	JFS and Quality Care Inc. 07/01/2024-06/30/2025 \$200,000.00
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
	JFS and Life Start Inc. 07/01/2024-06/30/2025 \$200,000.00
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes

Richard Lawson Maintenance Supervisor- came in to inform the commissioners that the domestic relations will be having court on April 13, which is a Saturday. They are requesting a maintenance person to be present. Commissioners saw no issues with maintenance being here that day.

Sharon Huston Hardin Hills Administrator- came in with February 2024 Financials and Updates- Loss of \$40,975.00 this was not accurate due to hospice payment of \$13,400.00 that was not received until late due to national problems with billing and reimbursement. The census average for the month was 61 with occupancy at 79%. Complaint survey in March resulted in 1 citation. We will file an "informal dispute resolution" (IDR) along with the required Plan of Correction. Fire pump concerns have developed, for safety reasons a Fire Watch Monitoring has been started 24/7 until concerns are resolved. Until we have a solution we will remain in fire watch. We are being over cautious for safety reasons. We have been educating staff on the solar eclipse. We will be going to 12-hour shifts. We are only scheduling the people living in town. We are anticipating no internet or cell phones. We are preparing now in the event that we do not have any internet or phones. Pre-ordered food and medical supplies so we are prepared for whatever happens on Monday the 8th. Filled the generator and extra gas cans. Will be back for a zoom meeting later this afternoon.

Sheriff Keith Everhart, Chief Deputy Dennis Burns, and Lt. Scott Holbrook, - came in with updates. The EMA Director now has a MARCS radio and a clicker to get into Safety Center. Commissioner Crowe asked if the laptop from the previous EMA Director belonged to the Sheriff or if it was personal. Discussion was had about wrapping the current EMA van to make it up to code. The sheriff asked if there were any **America Rescue Funds** available to cover their body cam update. Commissioners will let him know. Also, the dog kennel needs to update the outside kennels, and would like to put up cameras at the dog kennel that are wired to the Sheriff's office. Commissioners discussed the quotes received from the Engineers office for the concrete barriers around the safety center. The Sheriff agreed to the lowest quote. **America Rescue Funds** will be used for the \$11,028.48 for the concrete barriers that will be installed along interior of the fence to come from **M064-M05**. Commissioner Crowe brought to their attention that the Sheriff should think about renewing his levy this fall based on the information from the Auditor. Met with Pawsitive pals and Humane society. Humane society wants a humane agent. Historically we have not been in favor of this in the past. Humane society would cover the monthly cost of humane agent. The Commissioners do not currently support this position. The Sheriff went to a presentation about SPIDR- customer service program that would be tied into our dispatch system. When you call dispatch for non-emergency you get a text saying when the deputy will be there. The Sheriff likes the idea of keeping the public engaged. Could be something to explore. Let's talk about the Eclipse. The Sheriff wants the commissioners to close the courthouse. Sheriff- I have to pull my deputies from the courthouse, so there will be no security in the building that day. We are dividing the county into quadrants. A minimum of 3 deputies in each quadrant. 16-18 guys on the road working 7a-7p. The most concerning time will be 3-7 when people are leaving work and trying to get home. We have 6-8 deputies coming from southern Ohio. We're going to be ramping up Saturday morning. Hope to be done by Monday night/Tuesday morning. If were closed it is one less thing for the Sheriff to worry about. Planning for gas stations to be busy. Heritage Co-operative is letting us use 2 1000-gal fuel tanks that will be placed at two different locations in the county, all we are purchasing is fuel. We have planned for everything we can. Commissioners discussed that weather could play a huge factor.

Commissioner Rush joined the meeting at 1pm.

Jason Fleming with Garmann Miller, and **Austin Horne** with Waibel- here for by weekly updates. Richard sees no safety issues. Austin asked to get informed from Richard if there are any problems. Construction progress is on schedule. Upcoming work- to continue line installation in attic. Begin installation of line hides in 3rd floor space. Demo of current unit on 04/02/2024. The following Wednesday we will take them off the roof. South Entrance closure requested April 3rd and 5th. Austin will verify with the courts that nothing is scheduled that day. Austin will get with City of Kenton to get parking spots closed for the April 3rd-5th dates. DOAS unit and equipment have been delivered and inspected and waiting for installation. Next meeting in two weeks.

V111-191 Minutes of March 19, 2024:

1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker (ABSENT 03/19)

Commissioner Rush made the motion to accept the Draft of the Flood Damage Reduction Regulations that are to be submitted to ODNR by July 3, 2024. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Sharon Huston Hardin Hills Administrator, **Michael Bacon** Auditor, and **Bradford W. Bailey** Prosecutor joined the commissioners on a zoom meeting with Van Crest. Commissioner Striker moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(2) at 1:30pm. Commissioner Crowe stated that everyone present was invited to stay for the meeting. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Rush announced the end of executive session at 2:40pm.

Commissioner Rush moved to rescind the MOU between Hardin Hills and Van Crest based on a mutual agreement between both parties and no cost to either. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes. **V111-203**

Commissioners had discussion based on the meeting with the Sheriff department earlier. Commissioner Striker moved to close the courthouse and Annex building April 8th, 2024, for the Total Solar Eclipse, based on the recommendation of the Sheriff, the lack of security in the courthouse, and no court scheduled for that date. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. **V111-202**

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