

May 14, 2024

MINUTES OF May 14<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:

V111-309	Minutes of May 9, 2024:
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-absent, Rush-yes
V111-310	Transfer of Funds Ditch Reconciliation
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-311	Ditch Maintenance Payment of Bills
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-312	Reallocation of Funds to Cover IT expenses
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	Force Account Materials Contract Sunoco LLC
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

**Richard Lawson** Maintenance Supervisor- Just a heads up we're looking at more storage in the prosecutor's office. We will be looking at new space-saving shelving. In the basement hallway, I had a piece of the floor tile tested and it came back clear that it does not have asbestos. EMA/LEPC office space not ready to start yet but will be getting started soon. I would like to build a stud wall on top of the block wall and drywall and put in a drop ceiling. Commissioner Crowe- bring us a floor plan and your plans before you get started. Richard- The West annex heat exchanger has been repaired. The annex unit across the street has been repaired. The unit on the terrace has been repaired and is quiet. After 12 years of being in this position and asking to be proactive and not reactive, with Jonny and John I can do that. Thank you for the extra help and having a second person.

**Michelle Laubis**-concerned citizen- when do you guys have discussions of upcoming things? When do you discuss plans? Commissioner Crowe- whenever the need arises. When something comes up that we need to have discussion on, then we discuss it during the meeting. Michelle- I'm sure there are things you do outside of this meeting. Commissioner Crowe- yes, we go to other meetings, informational meetings, but we don't make decisions there we make decisions here in our meetings. Michelle- so like Sharon at Hardin Hills or your maintenance guy that came in here you're just taking their recommendations? They just present to you? I thought there would be more debating between you all in the meeting.

**Bradford W. Bailey- Hardin County Prosecutor** came in to discuss an independent contractor agreement. They must live in the county as a requirement for this. We hope this will make them want to stay here and be involved here. It's not reimbursed by the state. It's not a public defender program. This is a unique approach that no other county has done. They would be a county employee. We do nothing but pay a salary. This is a great way for people to stay in the community and give back to the community. Villages are looking for solicitors. Commissioner Striker-is this a one-year contract? Brad- I would say it should be 2-3-year contract. Commissioner Striker- is there a salary you're looking at? Brad- they're hiring these kids in the high 60's. Commissioner Crowe- it binds us for these costs for 3 years and we don't know where our funds will be in 3 years. I wouldn't be opposed to trying it with one. I don't want to approve just the program but one at a time. Brad- There would be no deductions just gross pay. That would be on them to pay taxes etc. we just pay the salary. Commissioner Crowe- we will have to discuss with the auditor. Commissioner Striker- who would oversee them? Brad- the judges

The commissioners had a general discussion about which fund the money would come from when this program starts this fall.

Alexis Hilyard- with Mt. Victory- called in to discuss America Rescue Funds- we have about \$65,000 in funds; I want to purchase a new tornado siren and was told that I needed approval. Commissioner Crowe-You can decide how you spend your funds. If you asked us for funds, we would ask that you spend yours first before we help you out. Alexis-Ok we have enough I believe to cover a new tornado siren.

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