

May 16, 2024

MINUTES OF May 16th MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff and Commissioners 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:

V111-314	Minutes of May 14, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V111-315	Reimbursement of Funds to Pike Repair
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-316	Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-317	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-318	Additional Appropriation for the Office Chair
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to amend V111-308 to reflect the licensure of 78 beds instead of 85. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) at 9:02am. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 9:09am.

Commissioner Striker attended the West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO) meeting on May 15th with Luke Underwood County engineer. Commissioner Rush attended a meeting at the safety center Wednesday May 15th.

Tim Thomas editor Kenton Times, and Alec Keller-Kenton times, and Michelle Laubis all joined the meeting.

Tammie Colon Executive Director Mental Health & Recovery Services Board- brought the annual report for FY 2023. May is National Mental Health Awareness Month with green symbolizing this cause. The MHRSB organizes a month-long event called “Be Seen with Green” to raise awareness in the communities. We are very happy that our 5-year levy was renewed, and we have an upcoming renewal for our 10-year levy. Nearly half of our budget comes from local levies. The passing of the renewal levy will help us continue to serve our three counties with vital services. Commissioner Crowe- I see the total spent for Hardin County was \$2,132,221. Commissioner Rush- how does that compare to last year? Tammie- It is up because of the housing that we built. Out of the 10 units maybe 2 or 3 turn over a year. There are 4 hours of supervision on site every day, making sure the residents are doing self-care, eating, taking meds, etc. This is a supportive design for individuals who suffer from a severe mental disability. There are services that come right to them. We have a second phase coming to the housing unit. We’re hoping to be able to put 8 more units on the same property. Should be fall of 2026 to spring of 2027. To see all the agencies come together and work together in this county makes me happy. No one agency can serve all these people. You’re lucky to have Lighthouse in your community and we continue to support them. Your specialty courts are amazing here in Hardin County. They do amazing helping us take care of individuals in this county. Wings drop-in center is also a great thing in this community. They have peer support services, showers, laundry services, and lunches served M-F 12-1pm. There are also activities, and resources navigation. Tim Thomas- how many individuals do you serve here in Hardin County? Tammie- I will have to get you that exact number.

James Baker Transportation Director HHWP Community Action Commission- The old prater auto sales building will be our office. It meets our needs for now. We do plan on eventually expanding. We do need drivers, no CDL is required, and we provide all the training. We have 5 vehicles ready to go right now. We are going to be purchasing 4 more.

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We can start spending our funds from ODOT in July. Commissioner Rush- How many drivers would you need? James- we would like to have 10-12 drivers. Commissioner Striker- a lot of people need the opportunity to get to work that do not have transportation. Commissioner Rush- I was thinking of a 3-shift operation so you can cover all 3 work shifts. James- we haven't tried a staggered operation, but it is something to talk about. When we get started, we won't need much notice for rides but as it gets going, we may need advanced notice. We have subscriptions and you can plan your week in advance for up to two weeks at a time. In Kenton rides will be \$2 and outside town but, in the county, will be \$3. They can pay exact change to the driver, or we have an e-pass. Commissioner Striker-education will be key to our community, so they know what is available beyond just senior citizen services. James- I am very passionate about people getting the transportation they need. It keeps people working and providing for their families. Michelle Laubis- what is the percentage of people that are needing medical transportation vs. job transportation? James- that varies by county. Each county we serve is different.

Michelle Laubis- asked if she could ask some questions. Sharon at Hardin Hills curious as to HR things going on out there. Things being said and done that seem illegal. Some of the things I hear from the community seem very strange. Tim Thomas- Sharon and another employee are getting training for what? Commissioner Crowe- mandatory training to keep certification that will expire before the facility is closed.

Luke Underwood Hardin County Engineer and **Ryan Taylor** tax map department. Luke- quick update before our public hearing. Eldridge landowners do want to tie in. I will issue a permit on my letterhead that allows them to connect. WORPO meeting went well. NFIP first public hearing was held. Ryan and Luke discussed the flood plain maps. The effective date will be July 3, 2024. The next public hearing will be Tuesday, May 21 at 11:00am.

Commissioner Rush left to attend the Area 8 workforce meeting.

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve vacation and sick time payout for J. McFarlin upon her retirement. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-absent, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. V7-47

Commissioner Striker moved to approve vacation payout for T. Pugh and K. Risner upon separation from Hardin Hills Health Center. Commissioner Crowe seconded the motion. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes V7-48

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve the vacation payout for J. Mock upon her resignation. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes V7-49

Jason Fleming Garmann Miller and Austin Horne Waibel with bi-weekly updates. Richard Lawson Maintenance supervisor was in the meeting. Richard has no safety or security concerns. Ductwork inspection passed; ductwork insulation complete. Electrical still in progress. Piping needs to be inspected by the state of Ohio. They will insulate ductwork and refrigerant lines following inspection. Next days in the courthouse will be May 17, and 30, and June 4-6.

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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

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