

May 2, 2024

MINUTES OF May 2<sup>nd</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:

V111-283 Minutes of April 30, 2024:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes  
V111-284 Release of Funds FCFC  
1<sup>st</sup>- Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-285 Bills  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-286 Buyout K. Gillfillan  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  
V111-287 Hiring M. Gault JFS  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-288 Reimbursement of Funds  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
V111-289 Public Hearings Set for Floodplains  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  
Signed: Coroner Expense Reimbursement Form  
1<sup>st</sup>-Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  
2024 CORSA Participation Agreements  
1<sup>st</sup>- Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes  
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Asphalt Materials Inc.  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes  
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Petroleum Traders  
1<sup>st</sup>- Striker 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes  
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Bluffton Stone Company  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rush 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

**Michelle Laubis** Hardin County Resident and **Tim Thomas** Editor Kenton Times both joined the meeting

**Holli Underwood** President and CEO of Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance with the May Economic Development Report- Disbursements continue for the RLF assistance for the first recipient of the program. Ongoing status reports indicate that the project is still on track with the opening date. Working on promotional activities for the Jones Road Industrial Site. Community Reinvestment Area presentation to Kenton City Council was on April 22. CRA's can provide tax incentives, in defined areas, to people that build or renovate buildings. Could be beneficial in any areas of the county where the local administration wants to incentivize construction or renovation. We are working on an ad for the Ohio Business Growth Guide which is being organized by JobsOhio. Work is progressing toward organizing a group that will work to revitalize downtown Kenton through Organization, design, Economic vitality, and promotion. SpringFest and the start to the Market on Main season will be May 11. Market on Main will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month through September 28. Eclipse follow up-everything went smoothly. Business retention and expansion have upcoming visits with precision strip and Ada Technologies.

**Kirby Rawlins**- Health Commissioner- my original meeting was to know what to do with our inventory at Hardin Hills. Commissioner Crowe-Right now it is ok where it is. No plans or timeline for the building. Kirby-We're going to greatly reduce our inventory. I think we have 4 or 5 rooms. We hired a DON and had to empty out a cubicle. Commissioner Crowe-We will give you plenty of notice before you need to move your inventory. Kirby- we are trying to get a grant and I talked to other counties it will be great for the county if we get it. We will be able to hire a full-time employee as well if we get this grant. We will not have the manpower to do what that grant requires. It fully funds one employee. Commissioner Striker- is this a one-time grant? Kirby-this is a five-year grant, and you can reapply every five years.  
Commissioner Rush-

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what would be the benefit? How many people would use it? Kirby-We had some ideas like a library bike share program rent a bike out for a day like a book. Another potential would be a farmers' market in Ada they are trying to bring back outside of buckeye coffee. Our ultimate goal would be to have an EBT machine at the farmers market that would accept EBT, WIC, etc. Commissioner Rush- How much would you expect to receive from the grant? Kirby- Value of the grant can be upwards of \$100,000. I'm really excited about this it will be a great opportunity and something this county will benefit greatly from. What we're doing in the health department is trying to help the community. We are not that big with about 13 employees.

**Olivia Huss and Judge Christopher** with One Ohio Grant information- I've registered Hardin County recovery court defense council. August 2024 would be the start for 36 months. We are enhancing a program we already have. The program is evidence based. The goal is to have more people commencing. I listed it as a contract \$45,000 over a three-year period. Travel/time that is expected on a weekly basis. Additional time for sanctions or extra hearings. I need clarification on how the money would be handled and distributed. Would we do the same as we are with local money. Should we run it through the auditor? Commissioner Crowe-yes, run through the auditor Judge Christopher- it would keep us from having two different procedures for essentially the same things. Olivia- that application asked how we would do our data collection. I am already tracking for the supreme court. I will continue to do that. We would like to see a 10% increase. Rush- are there any other programs you're looking at? Judge Christopher-not having a defense attorney is something the supreme court has mentioned as a deficiency. I have been talking to a local attorney. With this money if we can't get a local attorney hopefully, we will be able to get an out-of-town attorney to come down here. The problem is they're all so busy and coming here would require them to lose an entire day of income to do this. That has been the hang up in the past. Commissioner Rush- Olivia I appreciate all the efforts and work you have done. Olivia will submit the application today.

**Luke Underwood**- with updates on the packaged treatment plants. Eldridge packaged plant. The plant will not be delivered until January. I think our contract said by the end of the year. I will reach back out and push them to that. Eldridge has two additional properties that want to tie into it. County is providing them with an opportunity to tie into the system, but the homeowners would be responsible for their cost of that. If they decide they want to connect Luke will let the commissioners know. Reed Road. The plans are submitted and under review with the EPA. I am working on getting quotes. I would anticipate that being installed before Eldridge. Tim Thomas- how many people do the plants serve? Luke- Eldridge is 18 and Reed I believe is 14. Luke will get the numbers to Tim on how much it costs to create packaged treatment plant. ARF is funding both plants. The landowners will pay a fee to use the system.

**Jason Fleming** with Garmann miller, **Austin Horne**, and **Braden** with Waibel with bi-weekly updates. **Richard Lawson**- Maintenance supervisor. Austin asked Richard if there were any problems with safety or cleaning up Richard said there were none currently. There will be no more crane use on the south side of the courthouse for this project. The ductwork passed inspection by the state inspector. The electrician will have to do some work to label existing neutral lines that are not labeled about 15 of them. May 30<sup>th</sup> will hopefully be the final day of the project. Austin is very thankful for all of Cindy Murry's help at the city.

Richard Lawson brought in two quotes to get an A/C unit on the terrace repaired, and the humidity sensor fixed at the annex. Both will come from the permanent improvement fund. Commissioner Striker moved to approve the quote from Air Force One to fix the fan on the A/C unit for \$1904.80. Commissioner Rush Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V111-290**

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Humidity sensor replacement by Air Force One for \$669.81. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes. **V111-291**

JFS notified the commissioners that a recent new hire did not wish to start employment with the agency. Commissioner Crowe moved to rescind V111-252 on the hiring of S. Presley at JFS. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes.

Michelle Laubis asked the commissioners about following parliamentary procedure. Are you going to officially adjourn the meeting? Commissioner Crowe- we are in session from 9 am to 4 pm.

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