

May 28, 2024

MINUTES OF May 28th 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:

V111-331	Minutes of May 23, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V111-332	Hire S. Presley JFS
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V111-333	CDBG Fair Housing Contract
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes,
V111-334	CDBG Agreement
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V111-335	Indigent attorney fees
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V7-50	Separation payouts HHHC employees
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Alec Keller with Kenton Times joined the meeting.

Michelle Laubis joined the meeting.

Sheriff **Keith Everhart** and Chief Deputy **Dennis Burns**- in with updates- Commissioner Crowe- EMA vehicle allowed to have siren? Keith-We will research. Commissioner Rush- update for the cafeteria at safety center? Keith- just talked to Richard. I am flexible. Commissioner Crowe- we will set up a time to meet down there with everyone involved. Commissioner Crowe- we need numbers for the eclipse? Keith-I turned into EMA around \$20,000. EMA is trying to get reimbursement from the state. Dog pound- it is working out very well. Cody is learning as he goes as are we. He is down to 9 dogs. A month ago, he was at 19. Our goal would be to stay in the single digits. We signed an MOU with Allen County correctional institution, to send dogs. That was an avenue that wasn't explored yet. We are all learning as we go. Cameras are done, money well spent as far as at the dog pound. We are coming up with new ideas like Saturday adoption day, try to make it a fun day to adopt dogs. Chris Griffith has been helping us down at the office with the IT. Marcs communication system by rule it has to have the redundant system. We're going to need to put up a tower. We are trying to work with the AM radio operators.

Alec Keller- Commissioner Rush I have a question for you What was the total amount loss at Hardin Hills I think I got it wrong, and I need to correct it if so. Commissioner Crowe- a loss of \$27,000. Commissioner Rush- confirmed. Alec- the overpayment, what is that. Commissioner Crowe- not an exact figure but just under \$450,000.

Scott Howell-Midwest regional ESC- FCFC contribution- we currently do not have a director. We have some new strong candidates. We feel very confident that we can find someone that does a good job. You need to be able to compromise when you are working in this position. Commissioner Rush- our contribution was 48% last year. Scott- If we're going to have a coordinator position we have to get local funding. Just about 2 years ago we started asking for local contributions. If you don't give to the level that you did last year I would not be surprised. What you did donate was great and not expected. Commissioner Crowe- what is your fiscal year? Scott-July-June I believe. Commissioner Crowe- how is your funding right now? Do you have enough for the rest of the year? Scott- Right now we're in great shape because were not paying a salary. The purpose of this meeting today was to answer some questions based on what's happened over the recent months. We would appreciate a contribution from the county commissioners. Commissioner Crowe- when you hire someone you can come back in and we will talk about finances then. Commissioner Rush- I agree that sounds like a good idea.

We are here for the first public hearing for the CDBG small cities program and home investment partnerships program. **Mark Doll** Regional Planning Director- first of two public hearings we will have in Hardin County. Overview of potential programs that are available. Some were not eligible because were maxed out or we're in an off year. Not all that I mention do we qualify for this year. Approximately \$92 million to be allocated to the State of Ohio by HUD. All CDBG/HOME programs must meet at least one of three National Objectives. 1. Benefit to low- and moderate-income people (at least 51% of funds must benefit LMI persons). 2. Aid in the elimination of slums and blight. 3. Meet an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available. Discussion was had about each individual grant that is available. Any questions? Michelle Laubis- you're just proposing that these are the grants available. And you're just making a proposal on the ones you want to pursue? Mark- highly competitive. We don't know if we get it or not have to apply. Just because they are there doesn't mean we're eligible. Michelle- So you lay all this out and at the next hearing you are going to suggest projects and say here is what we are applying for? Mark- yes, we will make a resolution at the second hearing. Then they have to approve it at the state level. We would know in 2 months if we got funded and have 2 years to use it. Michelle- thank you. Commissioner Crowe adjourned the public hearing at 11:26.

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