

May 7, 2024

MINUTES OF May 7th MEETING

Commissioner Striker 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:

V111-293 Minutes of May 2, 2024:
1st-Rush 2nd – Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-ABSENT, Rush-yes
Signed: Correction to V7-46
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Ashton Conley Independent Contractor Contract JFS
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Title IV-E Agreement JFS and 1 Trust Group Home LLC
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Duff Quarry
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Shelly Materials
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Engineers Force Account Materials Contract Heritage Petroleum
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

Michelle Laubis with Hardin Hills Questions- so, I have been in here doing lots of research. I have a proposal for you. I'm going to go through some history. Infirmary in 1850. 1950 building and renovations. Jump to 2019 because that is what is in the office, back then you were talking about doing updates on bathrooms private rooms just updating the facilities. Of course, 2020 we had covid which was a stalemate on any improvements. After covid you closed c wing- I don't know if you sold those beds or logan acres asked for them. Commissioner Crowe-logan County approached us, and we negotiated to sell the beds to logan county. Michelle-Before in April you had the architects come out and then in July the c wing closed. You guys were still working hard to get that building updated. In 2022 based on newspaper articles, that is when the fire pump stuff started happening. It was in 2023 when the fire pump came back up. The water lines were already out there. The water line was not made to support the fire pump. You have a well? Commissioners- It's a cistern. You knew this in 2022 why didn't you replace it? Commissioner Crowe-there was a study done and it was a total replacement. The sprinkler heads would all need to be replaced in 2025. They are only good for 50 years. When you start on the project it's not just the pump. Michelle- you had two companies come out are they the same companies that came before in 2022? Who said that it was bad? Commissioner Crowe- A company that was certified from the state of Ohio. Michelle- Can I get the inspection report? Commissioner Crowe- Put in the request and we will find it and give you a copy. Michelle- So it's going to be too much money to replace it? Wouldn't it come out of your p17 account? That's just for Hardin Hills? Commissioner Crowe- I can't give you the account number that it would come out of. Michelle- Ok so C wing closed 2021. 2022 you have the issues that are coming up right. In 2023 right. You know the fire pump isn't good. You know the sprinklers are going to be bad. Did you have to fix the plumbing? In 2023 we have improvements, you got the van and some chairs, and you guys fixed the generator. In 2023 you're still updating the building and taking care of it and have faith in the building. You're spending money on repairs but not fire pump repairs. That is the perspective that people see. In 2023 you have Rolf law come in. Then there is the whole thing with Vancrest. You guys were going to have Vancrest come and take over but then that fell through because of the fire pump? I really believe that you guys wanted to keep Hardin Hills in our community. Commissioner Crowe- There was no deal with Vancrest. The agreement was for Vancrest to come in and monitor and help improve our operations. Once the fire pump went bad there was no need to keep a company in there at cost when we knew we had to start the closure process. Michelle- Vancrest was just going to consult? Commissioner Crowe- Yes to make recommendations to improve our operations. Michelle- What did you feel needed taken care of we're a 4-star facility? Why Vancrest? Are they certified? I assume it was one person. I think it's nice. Were you able to get a report from them? Commissioner Crowe- No, they weren't there long enough. And they didn't charge us

for their services. Michelle- I don't see that you guys were ever trying to push Hardin hills out. Going back and looking for information I see that it's not what it looked like when it came out. Why didn't you fix it then? Commissioner Crowe-The cost. Our goal was to keep the building going until we could move the beds to a new facility in Hardin County. Michelle- but then you ran out of time. So, you have this company come in. When did the fire pump close? Commissioner Crowe- March 20, 2024. Michelle- Not even a month later the closing had to happen. Then you have your 90 days. I don't understand. Crowe- when there are no longer residents the Kenton fire department can come out and give us the ok to stop the Firewatch. Michelle- What I would like to propose is we have a Memorial dedication, or a thank you service June 1st, 15th or the 29th. I will handle everything, have a time of gathering and celebration of what Hardin hills has meant to the community to honor the building outside in the lawn. Commissioner Crowe- we might be able to do that. We will check with the prosecutor to make sure there is no liability. Until we know when the last resident has found a new home, I don't want to plan for anything. Michelle- I would assume that having something outside wouldn't be disruptive. Commissioner Crowe- I would prefer that we wait until the last resident has left then we can make an official plan.

Teams meeting with Rolf Law with Representative Jon Cross on call, and Commissioner Striker via video. Auditor **Michael Bacon** and Hardin Hills Administrator **Sharon Huston** were both present and invited to stay. Commissioner Crowe moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (2) at 9:59 am Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes Commissioner Crowe announced we were out of executive session at 10:27am. Commissioner Crowe moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) at 10:27 Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush- yes, Crowe-yes Sharon Huston and Michael Bacon were both asked to stay. Commissioner Crowe announced the end of executive session at 10:48am.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

_____ ABSENT _____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board