

November 7, 2024

MINUTES OF November 7th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioner elect 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:

V112-307	Minutes of November 5, 2024:
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-308	Engineer Contract for Snow Removal
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-309	Bills
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-310	Out of County Travel Coroner
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V112-311	Brownfield Remediation Kenton Feed and Grain
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-312	Brownfield Remediation Trailer Manufacturer
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-313	Brownfield Remediation Masonic Temple
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V112-314	Transfer of Funds
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-315	Payout J. Osborn JFS
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-316	Reallocation
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to make a onetime gift of \$11,000 to the village of McGuffey to come from the county general fund for the 25% match to their ODNR grant in lieu of the fact that they could not utilize the America Rescue Funds given to them by the county because of the stipulations laid out in the grant application. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes **V112-318**

Commissioner Striker moved to approve Cramer Floor Covering quote of \$5,406.00 to remove old flooring and install new carpet tiles in the EMA office at the safety center to come from Permanent Improvement Fund N000-N02. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes **V112-317**

**Holli Underwood** President and CEO of HCCBA -Got a call this week someone interested in local RLF and could also include real estate which would make for a better investment. Existing RLF- continuing to follow up and work through that. The governing board has been receiving more detailed updates. Vibrant Community Grant Program meeting with local business owners. Participated in OhioMeansJobs Regional Partners meeting. Provided support for Hardin Career Task Force activities which 4/5 of our county schools participate in. Met with Kenton City council Legislative Committee to propose Community Reinvestment area legislation as an economic development incentive. Alliance Staff spoke at Hardin Leadership we do this annually. Met with Economic Vitality Committee of Kenton Historic Courthouse District, Inc. to discuss business support and attraction.

**Ashlei Raifsnider** FCFC Coordinator- Update on plans and department for the next year. Working to develop and evaluate services here in our county. We look at schools and other entities and bring everyone together and give them a chance to talk about what they are seeing in the county. We do have parent representatives on the council. I've been here since August and attended a few meetings so far. Service coordination- working with teachers and school that the children go to or behavioral health professionals they are working with. Sample budget for the next two years. spending how it looks in the past vs how I project it to be. Service coordination- when I'm working with a family, or other entities, like help with a YMCA membership, or help with behavioral management. These things are keeping the child in the home and not giving up custody to the state or the county. New state data for Hardin

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County shows that our children from birth to age 5 are not ready for kindergarten, and we have a higher rate of infant mortality in our county. Helping educate families on how best to serve and raise their children. Commissioner Rush- what is your current revenue projection? Ashlei-\$63,000 is guaranteed. Partner contribution is \$30,000.00. We got \$25,000.00 from board of mental health each year to help with administration costs. What the state gives us doesn't even cover the cost of my position. The schools have also pledged to give us some money each year which makes up the other \$5,000.00 of our partner contributions. Currently we have a bit of a fall back with a pool fund. It is in a separate revenue account right now and I'd like to keep it there in case we have some higher profile cases. Commissioner Rush- any other entities in the county other than the board of mental health and schools that donate? Other than Midwest ESC we do not see much more help from the county. Something I'd like to do is get more donations. Commissioner Crowe- have you reached out to the Board of DD to see if they have any contributions they can make. I have not but I know they have donated in the past. Our marketing hope would be to bring in more marketing tactics, bringing in someone else to help with more strategies.

**Board of Health** with an update- Dionne Staley, Jeryl Kissling, Kevin Risner, Jordan Temple- Daryl Flowers and Mike Bacon also attended the meeting- There was a letter from the Prosecutor we all received his opinion. Jeryl- we brought this list of what we will be doing as a cost savings plan. One side is what we are currently doing, and the other side is what we plan to do moving forward. Commissioner Rush- how long can you go without hiring a full-time health commissioner? Dionne- we are looking at contracting someone, but it wouldn't be full time. Jeryl- we've never had a full-time health commissioner before Kirby. It does help having a full time health commissioner. Commissioner Rush- how much can your monthly expenditure of \$50,000 decrease? Dionne- that \$50,000 is a decrease from \$60,000 a month. It could possibly decrease by another \$5000.00. We are looking at restructuring jobs, Commissioner Rush- could the 45,000.00 monthly expenses be in effect January? Dionne- yes. Jeryl- we are at a minimum staff right now we have 10 we should be at 13. To ask, especially nursing, to do more is really stretching their abilities. Children with medical handicaps, Amanda is working on that. The state recommends for one nurse, having 100 cases, Amanda has around 160. Everything that came up last year is going to follow us into next year. Commissioner Striker- so your March of 2025 ask for a raise from the subdivisions would not see payment until March of 2026. Daryl- In March we have an advisory meeting that is all the townships' villages and city of Kenton. They have to approve the budget in March that goes to the auditor in April. They collect the first payment the following March. There would be concerns about delays if we lost more employees. I do not like the idea of combining our health department with another county. I do not like the idea that our tax money from the townships would go into another county and we don't know if we will get all the services. I think this should be last resort. Commissioner Striker- the ask is \$414,000 is it going back to 2022 how much of that ask has already been paid by ARF money. Dionne- we did not get ARF money. Commissioner Crowe- did you spend it all that year? Or carry it over to the next year. Dionne- we used it for supplies and situations that we had to purchase during Covid. Commissioner Crowe asked Mike Bacon about intergovernmental funds that were listed on the revenue/expense report provided. Dionne- that would be from our workforce grant money. Commissioner Crowe- we understand that you have an immediate need. We are willing to help satisfy that immediate need. We are not comfortable giving you the \$414,500.00 We will give you additional funding to get you through to the next tax distribution and then you'll have money to work with. We will have a conversation again to see the progress that is made on funding and cost cutting. The opinion from the prosecutor which you have seen is that we can give the Health Department money. We will be giving this out of the general fund. What we have discussed and agreed upon is giving you \$150,000.00.

**Jason Fleming** with Garmann Miller and **Noah and Russ** from Damschroder Roofing-progress meeting for the courthouse reroof project. Discussed possible off site locations to store job trailer and materials. Discussed start times and the potential of Saturday or evening work if the noise is a problem for the courts. The plan is to start on Tuesday November 12 weather permitting.

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