

September 26, 2024

MINUTES OF September 26th MEETING

Commissioner Crowe was absent. Alec Keller with Kenton Times joined the meeting. 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:

V112-197	Minutes of September 19, 2024:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-absent, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-198	Reallocation of Funds
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-199	Additional Appropriation
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-200	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-201	Ditch Reconciliation
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-202	Resignation M. Moss JFS
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-203	Step Rate Increase M. Gault JFS
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-204	Payment of Bills Ditch Maintenance
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-205	Indigent Attorney Fees
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V112-206	CDBG Payment of Bills
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	Perry Pro Tech New Contract HHC
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Candidate Michelle Laubis joined the meeting.

On Friday September 20, Commissioner Rush attended the Economic Development Breakfast at the ELKS.

Friday September 20 Commissioner Striker and Clerk Torrie Holcomb attempted to attend the CCC-EAPA meeting in Toledo.

Tuesday September 24, Commissioner Striker attended the Health Department Meeting, and Wednesday September 25 Commissioner Striker attended the Veterans Service Meeting.

Brienne Sullivan-Hardin County Treasurer- spoke with Amy at board of elections about the drop box. Different size and color of box than what board of elections has. Want to put it over by the FedEx box. It will not be close to the board of election box. I spoke with other treasurers and the need has come up since quite a few people experienced late fees for the 2nd half. Having a drop box would be utilized. We would check the box the next morning. The elections keep box closed if not taking ballots. People who prepay every month would probably benefit. Main concern would be general election time. Commissioners will wait until board of elections meets on the 10th and discusses as well.

Lynn Webb Mayor City of Kenton monthly update- everything is flowing very well. Have not heard anything about weather delays. Our grand opening is going to be the Christmas parade. The next part will be going quicker. The curbs take 28 days to cure fully. Then sidewalks then pavers. We are now fully engaged with new water lines flowing. Old water lines obsolete as of Monday night, ran a couple hours over schedule. Working through the night is good, less traffic, safer. When we meet and debrief, we decided next time we need more lighting. The vote on Monday about the rezoning of Jones road. I was highly disappointed. I hope we have another opportunity to go again at some point. Commissioner Striker- I agree it is an opportunity lost inside the city. Mayor- thank you to you guys because you heard us and supported our decision to rezone that. Thank you for giving us that shot.

Next time maybe we have more clarity to put people at ease. Commissioner Striker- there are other entities right now looking at buying land that don't fit any of the definitions of rezoning. We need to clarify the definitions. Mayor- if you're not in it every day it's hard to grasp that it comes down from Jobs Ohio for site selection. Commissioner Striker- most people want "shovel ready" and the proper zone so they don't have to go through rezoning. If they have to wait to go through the process they will most likely move to a different site. Mayor- who knows what it could have been, it could have been a great opportunity for our portfolio. Thank you for allowing us to pursue it, and we will keep trying. We put out our email for early voting parking. Commissioner Striker- is there anything we need to do? Provide the signs? Since we're two weeks out maybe we can get a clearer timeframe on what the intersection is going to look like during that time, maybe have signs on the road closed signs saying still open to early voting. Talked about potential sites for the caboose when it comes time to get ready for Christmas. It will depend on which roads/intersections are open.

County Auditor Mike Bacon joined the money.

Jack Kramer with Invenegy updates on Hardin Solar Projects. I have been making the rounds this week and wanted to touch base on a couple milestones. Hardin solar is partially energized, not in a commercial sense, but for testing so we are not overloading the grid. Commissioner Rush- you'll report when it's in operation? Jack- yes, there is a lot of formal documentation. Commissioner Rush- approval in 2025? Jack- yes. PILOT due the year following. Hardin solar 2 specifically QEP certification will likely occur first calendar months of next year. Commissioner Rush- so payments expected 2026 or 2027. Mike- it would be 2027. Jack- We are in the testing process. It should be completed in October. We will notify this office and other offices (auditor). Hardin solar 3 update- Hardin solar 2 will be online. Solar 3 mechanical operations are done. We are waiting on a few contractors to get that online. We will begin testing and have operations q1 of 2025. It is hard to say there can be setbacks during testing. Assuming no setbacks it would be January February for solar 3. End of October for Solar 2. Feedback from landowners- as we are starting to decommission some temporary measures, the site itself is getting better as far as cleanliness. We still have equipment. Slowly going back to agricultural. We are working with the farmers to make sure the reclaiming is going well. Next year is more of a checklist for cleanup and addressing concerns with the landowners. Next summer we will have a pretty good idea of what we need to do. Commissioner Rush- McDonald township was anticipating you to be there at their meeting on Monday night. Jack- I can certainly call the trustees and communicate with them. I can also get with the ems/fire services and make sure we have a solid emergency plan before we become operational. Commissioner Striker- we just ask that your companies take care of all the people not just the ones in the acreage. Jack- we are looking into more community involvement, because these projects benefit more than just the land owners who are involved.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board