

August 5, 2025

MINUTES

All Commissioners were present. 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:

V114-83	Minutes of July 31, 2025:
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V114-84	Additional Appropriations
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V114-85	Release of Funds JFS
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V114-86	Reallocation
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V114-87	Release of Funds Wings OneOhio
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V114-88	Reimbursement Annex Utilities July
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

All three Commissioners attended the soft opening of Route 69 brewery Thursday evening. Commissioners Sherman and Rush attended the Route 69 Brewery ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday. It was a nice event with several dignitaries in attendance. The Commissioners feel that this is an awesome addition to the community and wish them the best.

Commissioner Sherman attended the Shriners Picnic at the fairgrounds Friday evening and commended them on hosting another great event.

Commissioner Rush attended the grand opening of Keith's Hardware in Ada. It was a beautiful day and was well attended.

Brenda Roy- Director CSEA- updates- Child support awareness month. Tomorrow wear green please. August 11th Deb Oestreich with Safe Haven is going to come and speak I would like to shut the office down from 10-1. With the money we get from the state we can pay for a speaker and a meal for our agency. Lock 16 will be providing the meal. August 18th -21st is warrant amnesty. There is information posted in the courthouse, and it will be in Kenton times, Ada herald and on WKTN. Brenda requested executive session. Commissioner Sherman moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) at 9:31. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes Commissioner Rush announced the end of executive session at 9:58.

Commissioner Rush moves to approve the wage increase requested by Brenda Roy for each CSEA employee by \$3.00. This will begin August 9th, 2025, and will come from CSEA funds. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes, Rush-yes V114-89

Commissioners asked Brenda to schedule monthly meetings to give updates on CSEA.

Second Interview held for JFS Director position Commissioner Sherman moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) at 10:07. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Commissioner Sherman announced the end of executive session at 10:46. No action was taken.

OSU extension security audit update Nic Baumer, Jamie Dellifield, Amanda Raines. We sent the information to the commissioners of what Osu recommends as far as safety updates to our current office. New locks have already been taken care of. We have tried to reach out to Guardian Alarm, but we need to get with Richard to see who has permission to change the codes. Richard will be asked to look into outdoor lighting for the side door into the parking lot. We also would like to have a peep hole put in that door, so we are not walking

out/opening the door blind. Amanda- we have also talked about a ring camera so we can look out into the parking lot. Nic- another item they wanted us to update was all our emergency plans. We need to update them with the new office layout. Discussion was had about designating a new storm shelter for the building other than the women’s restroom that is now locked and for employees only. Commissioner Sherman-everyone ready for the fair? Amanda-We’re winding down from camp and getting ready for fair. Jamie- this year at camp we had 60 first year campers so we were very busy. Amanda-We have been working with Rachel Underwood at DD to make sure we can meet the needs of every kid. Amanda- this year at fair we are bringing back all ability showmanship and we have 15 participants so far, last year we had 5.

Drew Cano with Hardin Northern, Ben with Wessler Engineering, and Hardin County Engineer Luke Underwood- These are still preliminary numbers based on estimates. The biggest cost will be drilling cost. We will not know the actual construction difference until we get the official bid. We move forward with state route 81. I looked at the original drawing for the water main and looked at the right of way. There is room to place this in existing right of way. Luke-What happens if we find out that the right of way doesn’t have room and we have to go under the road? Ben-There will be additional cost. the question is who covers additional costs ? Who pays for change orders? These were things to bring up to you that I had brought up to Drew. Luke- The \$75,000.00 that the commissioners agreed to, would cover the survey and then if there is a significant cost difference at that time you can come back up to the commissioners. Drew- if that was the scenario at least the survey is complete. We did meet with Richard Walden two weeks ago and he was adamant that he was not going to charge us average market prices for this project. Luke- because of his commitment to the community and the school. Drew- we don’t know if Dola will ever be developed. And we don’t know if and when they will be forced to tie in. Going to 81 and 135 gives us the option to go south to places that can tie into it. It at least gives us multiple possibilities. Commissioner Rush- we recognized that while you’re in the business of drilling and doing this even if its next year or twenty years, it will be all set up and ready to go down to Dola. Drew- if the survey comes back astronomical then what? Commissioner Sherman- then we pay for the survey and take the rest of our money back. Luke- then going forward, you get survey done, and everyone stays in line as is then you guys have the green light to go ahead. Are you ok with me being the point person for this? Commissioners- yes. Luke- potentially the land owners that this runs in front of can tie into it, and it benefits the county. As long as the school is the sole person tied into it then you have a contract with the village of Dunkirk.? What happens if someone ties in? Ben- it would be up to the school to figure out how to charge that. Luke- could it be dedicated to the village if more people tie into it? Ben- yes. Luke- we can look into this later when that comes up. Luke- is there a survey scheduled? Ben- waiting on this information. So we will get it scheduled. It should be in the next two weeks and should have it back about 2 weeks from then. Commissioner Rush- so a month from now. Commissioner Sherman- how long will it actually take if it goes exactly as planned? Ben- 90 days for design, then get permits, which could be a month or two. Then go out for bid in the winter with construction in the summer of 2026. Luke- the school would bill the county? Wessler- yes. We bill them then they can pass it along.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Joseph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board