

July 8, 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:

V114-36	Minutes of July 3, 2025	
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-absent, Rush-yes
V114-37	Release of Funds JFS	
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V114-38	Ditch Maintenance	
1 st -Sherman	2 nd -Striker	Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V114-39	Reimbursement to Pike Repair	
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Sherman	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Richard Lawson- maintenance supervisor with updates: The extra lines at Hardin Hills have been removed from AEP poles so now AEP can remove their poles. Guys are out at safety center helping Keith Severns get situated in his new office. The granite corners that are moved along the courthouse, I have put out some feelers to three different companies to do the work. Wall at annex, had two people look at it, we are waiting on specs from Garmann Miller. Commissioner Striker- is there a way to make the wall in a way that we don't need a fence? Richard- we are not taking out the whole wall just the part that is bad. Commissioner Striker-could we build the wall high enough to not need a fence? Discussion was had on different options once the specs are received this week. Richard- I spoke with Tim Mangum about the North Annex. He will be out of town this week and will get with us next week when he is back. I gave the prosecutor and clerk of courts a heads up that some of their record storage needs to be moved so they can do the work on the floor. On another note, I would like to see Davis and Newcomer take care of the elevator here at the courthouse.

Nic Baumer and Amanda Raines- OSU extension updates: we had a good winter season of programs. Now we're busy during growing season checking for bugs, looking at slug activity in two fields for a study and found none. Spent a lot of time at the produce auction. We're doing a crop walk tomorrow night. Fruit and vegetable and pest specialist coming into one of the Amish farms that holds the produce auction. We will discuss disease we find in the fields etc. a lot of people from the weekly produce auctions coming in. People are getting soil tested. We're going to 4h camp in a few days. Master gardeners- their evening program had decent attendance even with the heat. In August they are hoping to do a program on mushrooms. The garden looks absolutely beautiful right now. Amanda Raines- 4h we're right at the 700 mark of community club members. Last year we reached about 2,100 kids with 4h in schools, Hardin Northern had every student get 4h in school. Jamie and Amanda working with ONU freshman to give them the programs/resources they need to go from high school to college and also the parents. Commissioner Rush- that is great, it is such a transition for the kids and the parents. Amanda- we have project judging next week at the fairgrounds. We leave for camp on the 21st. Our numbers are good with camp. I had a bigger camp counselor group this year. We are one of few counties that restrict camp to community club members. So, this year we offered camp to non 4hers. We have about 7-8 kids going to camp for the first time. 4h camp counselors that have never gone to camp and are going this year. camp- if you are interested in a camp visit we are offering for some of our supporters to come down on the 23rd. we have had some really big donations, so we wanted to invite them down to see a full camp. After camp we move right into fair. Fair entries are due on the 31st of July. Jr fair board is underway, and we have a very ambitious group this year. I'm really pleased with the direction they have taken. 4h wise this is the busiest time. Commissioner Rush- slows down during winter? Amanda- still busy just different. We are in the planning phases during winter. We will have a 6-week series with mental health projects. Jr fair board starts in November and camp counselors in December. Jamie is at a program right now so that is why she couldn't be here. A lot of people are coming in for the parenting classes she runs.

Eric and Ben with Wessler Engineering, Hardin Northern Superintendent Drew Cano, and Treasurer Brennon Hattery and Hardin County Engineer Luke Underwood-Hardin Northern Wessler Engineering follow up meeting. There were a lot of unknowns. Ben- talking with the school they want to move forward. They want to keep moving forward. They are willing to wait to see this through and not rush in prematurely. We evaluated the options and just putting in a lift station, those costs can come down. The county would responsible for 1200 ft of 2” pipe. From a fiscal perspective around \$50,000-\$100,000 of the county money. Sheldon gas gave us a price that is quite a bit lower 50/60% less than a normal contractor. Sheldon is willing to serve the community and school without upcharge. The survey is not done yet. No additional cost for a survey since it’s easier down 81. Luke- maintenance, will it be the school or county? Ben- Force main and lift station would be owned by Hardin Northern. They would have a maintenance contract with Village of Dunkirk. They would invoice the school. As of right now it would be the school’s responsibility. Luke- we will need an MOU between county and school. Drew- the agreement right now is between the district and Dunkirk. Any amendment we can add to that. Drew- goal was for you to hear that maybe there was a better option for the future of our district and county and if you were willing to financially support this. Luke- from talking to the EPA Dola will eventually be forced to do this. We would be foolish not to run a line next to one that is being run already. Ben –it will take us a week or two to get a better cost figure. Drew Cano had discussion about the county’s truancy liaison and the cost associated. The county schools are currently funding this position 100%. Commissioner Striker advised to come back with total cost and what each school is contributing, and we can have another discussion.

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