April 23, 2026

MINUTES

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:

V115-220 Minutes of April 21, 2026:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-221 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
Signed: Title IV-E JFS and Community Teaching Homes
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

The Fair Board turned in a Menards Receipt for $347.21 for supplies to repair the Main Gate at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the payment of the $347.21 from the N000-N07 fund. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes V115-222

Commissioner Striker attended the Council on aging afternoon tea event. They introduced the board and did a tour of the facility. Commissioner Striker asked about how much of their funding would disappear if property tax was voted down. They said 70% is levy funded and 30% is grants. It would greatly affect them, with most if not all of their services going away.

**Richard Lawson-** updates $60,000.00 was originally budgeted for OSU remodel. That was before we knew what the kitchen cost. We probably will go over that. Doug still has to bill us for flooring. Boiler system for the annex- I'm waiting to hear when that will start. Terrace work- Limestone was used originally . Before I was here, they had someone come in and do some work and they used concrete mortar. Part of the problem, when we had people looking at it they noticed right away that they used the wrong mortar. I have two different prices. one is more in-depth. Centennial preservation quoted $24,500.00. lime mortar is what they want to use. quality masonry – basically says the same thing. They want to do some stone repair. They want to use regular mortar. Doesn't describe to me the lime-based mortar that we are wanting. $16,100.00 is their quote. North annex- don't have a date up there for completion.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the quote for terrace repair work to Centennial Preservation for $24,500.00 to come from permanent Improvement Fund N000-N02. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes V115-223

**Jennifer Ulmer and Deb Philips with America 250 updates-** Deb-Tim and I went over to Ada city council and we announced we were giving $3,500.00 for fireworks. They declined the money. Ada doesn't do the fireworks. It is a fireworks committee. They are looking into 501C3. Also the patriotic pops concert at the Ada village school. It will be free and open to the public. It is costing them $31,000.00 and they have raised about $14,000. We will need documentation. I didn't call anyone yet, I wanted to speak with you all first and get a plan. Commissioner Sherman- I know Bryan is working on getting his paperwork for the 501c3. Deb- I will phrase it as paperwork needs to come first. My understanding that forest is the same thing. I believe it's the tree town festival that does the fireworks. Mike Comstock does the fireworks for both Kenton and Forest. Mike knows this is happening we discussed it at the freedom fest meeting. Commissioner Striker- we need to do our due diligence. We need proof of public funds use. Deb- the other thing America 250 semi-truck Sam Norris has looked into having that come as part of America 250. Jennifer- the semi truck went to Allen county schools one of my friends went inside and said it's a mobile museum they put it together that talks about Americas heritage. They have an Ai George Washington. It is pretty innovative in what museums are going towards in the future. Commissioner Sherman- time frame? Deb- Sam hasn't heard back yet Commissioner Sherman - lets coordinate and see if they can make it to the schools this school year, maybe even one stop and invite all the schools. Maybe we

do it beginning of next school year so every school can see it. Jennifer- we want to make sure Sam Norris has a huge part in this. Commissioner Rush- what happened here in April? Deb- scavenger hunt through the library. Kenton caboose Ada caboose, Forest depo, and watch tower in Dunkirk stickers made. We also ordered train whistles. They are wooden train and say America 250 on them. The kiddos will get a sticker and a whistle. They will be at the library and museum. Book readings in May. Libraries have got to pick the books. All libraries except Mt.Victory/Ridgeway are participating. Either the author, illustrator, or the books are from or about Ohio. There will be activities. Each library getting 100 whistles and 100 stickers. Commissioner Rush- caboose restoration? Jennifer-I know we have found the glass not sure when it's installed but it will be by end of this month. May is a big month. On the 14th we have the tree planting, Ray Brown dedication. June is natural resources. We're going to get more brochures for Lawrence woods. Tabitha redid the whole thing, waiting on ODNR for pictures then we will get them printed here in town at golden graphics,

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President of the Board-Joseph C. Sherman

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Fred M. Rush

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Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board