April 30, 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:

V115-230 Minutes of April 28, 2026:
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-231 Hire J. Gremling JFS
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes
V115-232 Lester Miller Grandstand Roof
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes
V115-233 Indigent Attorney Fees
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-234 Bills
1st-Sherman 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-235 In-Kind Donation Dog Pound
1st-Striker 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Sherman attended the museum meeting last night.

Commissioner Striker attended the transportation meeting yesterday at the Senior Citizen Center. It was our quarterly meeting with local management updates, and 2023 annual review. July 29th and October 28th next two meetings. New program information through trusted riders to get to and from transportation safely. It is not a county service but a volunteer service, all the entities involved send representatives.

Commissioner Striker moved to approve the quote from Rush Creek Quality Landscaping for $14,553.00 to take down the old horse arena fence at the fairgrounds and install all new. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion to come from Permanent improvement fund N07. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes V115-236

Commissioner Striker moved to approve the additional $500 to Jerome Davis Construction for additional supplies and labor that was needed at the historical village. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion to come from permanent improvement N02. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes. V115-237

Commissioner Sherman moved to hire Holbrook and Manter for an audit of the Hardin County Historical Museums for $10,000.00 to come from the museum fund S020S17. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes V115-238

Commissioner Rush joined the meeting.

**Dionne Staley and Bia Evans with Health Department updates**- requested executive session.
Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(5) for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law and state statutes at 9:55. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes. Commissioner Sherman announced the end of executive session at 10:06. No action was taken.
Updates- We received township funding. Still waiting on City of Kenton funding. We are doing good on income. Revenue is on track. Expenses are below. Salaries are one item I'm closely monitoring. We are over by $10,000.00 and we did have a 3 pay month in January. Commissioner Rush- like we've been talking all along we really need to watch our expenses. Are there any plans for next year when the intergovernmental funding goes away? Dionne- we are looking at different ways to increase income. That is one area we will really have to look at. There are a few grants that we are looking at to see if they are available to us. We are looking at the options of what happens if property tax goes away. I am hoping to have a finance meeting in May to go over a game plan. I know we can't spend too much time on

something that might not happen. One of the sessions at spring conference was alternate staffing. Statewide they are running into staffing issues. A lot of departments are going into shared services. There are 2 health departments that share an accreditation coordinator. Commissioner Rush- Dionne, you have been on top of all of this and reporting it to the board and doing so many things and we commend you. Dionne-thank you, there was a discussion about finances. There was a group of NW Ohio Health commissioners. If you learned anything this year with grants and DOGE, several grants that got cut with several health departments in the middle of projects some of them having to come up with over $20,000. You learn you can't count on the money to remain there and have a plan b with your fiscal. Commissioner Rush- I attended the health board meeting on Tuesday and was extremely disappointed. We didn't have a quorum on the board. when you look at the financial issues and knowing we are going to have issues with funding coming up and knowing that we gave $150,000 as commissioners. And knowing that you requested 10% and only got 5% there are so many different challenges right now that the board needs to be on top of and act now. You can't wait until November.

**Hardin County Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey**- Public Hearing held in vet's hall for the Mt. Victory Boundary Line issue: The issue of the Mt. Victory corporation line was brought to the prosecutor's attention by a surveyor from Fox Surveying, who pointed out that the plat map was incorrect. The County hired Tom Seely to research the issue. Brad- 74 of your ancestors petitioned the county commissioners in 1883 to have this done, they followed procedure, but it looks like they didn't track it once they hired a lawyer. The purpose of this meeting is to answer the why and how, and to tell you what we know. The surveyor was correct in bringing this to our attention. This is affecting 6 property owners. Question1: my land has always been in the township. Can I keep the septic and well? Brad- that is up to the village. You are now subject to their rules. Q1: - we filed our paperwork twice to remove our land from the village. Brad- yes, it was wrong twice. We have talked to your attorney. You have a problem but it's not with us. We have made it clear and shared everything with the attorney. Q1: we were told directly by Mark Schwemer that our land was not included. Mark- that is incorrect. You were told that you filed your paperwork incorrectly. Brad- you're in whether you like it or not, you need to go back to your attorney. Michelle- is this hearing the first? Brad- this is a one-time hearing. Michelle- so we have this resolution that says it's a rectangle; they filed the petition and did all the things but didn't move the lines? Brad- the people that paid for this to be done in 1883 never realized they didn't get put into the corporation. Michelle- so at this time you're going back and picking up the petition? Brad- no, I'm honoring the corporation limit that was set in the 1800's. They wanted to create a corporation; the people signed off on it, lawyers, commissioners, auditor. It is all done, all were saying at this meeting is that we are honoring it. Michelle- so what are the next steps? Brad- when we leave the auditor is treating these 6 properties as being in the corporation. So it will be a tax map and auditor correction. Michelle- if the jagged line is what they have been operating under, how or why was it that way? Brad- you tell me. We did the research and found that it was wrong. We don't have the authority to ignore what our ancestors did and just ignore the law. You don't need to be a rocket scientist. Q2: I think I can help answer her questions. The Virginia Military Survey was the only thing that we had. And it was never changed; no one ever recorded the change to the corporation line. Who was the name of the actual surveyor? Brad- Fox Survey, this is the second issue he has brought to our attention in the county. To me this speaks volumes about his work. The purpose here is to give you the information we have found, and you can share that with whomever you want. Michelle- so this is an area that you are correcting? Brad- I didn't say anything like that. Listen to what I say not what you want me to say. There were specific questions asked about property amount that is in and the amount that is out. Brad stated that the hearing is not to give out legal advice, he is not there lawyer. Another question, if anything is found that disproves this can it be brought back in? Brad encouraged the residents to do their own research if they so choose. Brad had a title search done to verify that nothing was forgotten in the research and it did not show anything except what the Elliot's did about 20 years ago.

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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