January 13, 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:

V115-27	Minutes of January 8, 2026	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-28	CSEA Probation Extension	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V115-29	Re-Allocation	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V115-30	Ditch Maintenance Bills	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V115-31	Ditch Maintenance	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-32	Chase Stewart Application	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V115-33	Release of Funds	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V115-34	Additional Appropriation	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V115-35	Transfer of Funds	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
Signed:	2026 Wellness Grant Agreement	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
	MOU between Auglaize County and Hardin County Julie Gossard	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the proposal from Adam Haudenschield for trimming and removal of courthouse trees for a total of $5,800.00 to come from the permanent improvement fund N000-N02. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes. V115-36

Commissioner Sherman attended the Ag Council breakfast and the HCCBA executive and normal board meeting and then attended the housing coalition meeting.

Commissioner Striker attended the Regional Planning Development meeting on Thursday. Pleasant Township zoning commission submitted their plan. It was passed. I have the list of this years road projects that we have grants for that have been approved. Anyone can see it if they like. They were told this would probably be the last meeting in the courthouse they will meet in the safety center from now on.

Commissioner Rush will attend the Airport meeting this evening.

Richard Lawson-updates- I don't have a whole lot. Christmas lights are good we only have a few left out there. I'm working on proposals for OSU north annex. Trying to get the cost put together to show you how much we are going to need. Waiting on floors and drywall costs. Commissioner Rush- we're going to be working with Garmann Miller for the annex. Pre bid meeting next week. Richard- waiting on information with concrete around here. Commissioner Striker- FYI the 31st of January the 250th anniversary celebration kick off is going to be here with a tour of the courthouse hallways. I will unlock it, security shouldn't start until February 2nd. I need a key for the basement doors. Richard- so are they advertising? Commissioner Striker- yes it is open to the public and there will be a schedule of the year for the events planned for Hardin County. Richard- security guy is here. He will have it put together today, and tomorrow by 10 am we should be training. Commissioner Striker- Kenton City Schools believe they will be out of the building by the end of July. I would like you to be ready to go in and start in August. Richard- I think we will need to do some outside work as

well. Something I think need done. The concrete pad where you guys' park at the annex towards the south, it is really crumbling. If you don't care I will start looking at some quotes. The only thing I want to see done in the future would be for the boiler room floor. I would like to have it cleaned and made to look good. I think it needs to be really cleaned before we put anything down on it. Another thing that was discussed was the signage for the east and west doors being closed. Scott and I talked about putting them at the bottom of the steps.

Bid Opening for Ridgeway Storm Sewer Upgrades Phase 2: Estimated cost: $566,804.00. The bid opening was set for 11:00 am and the following bids were received:

- Joe and Joe Contracting – $424,877.80
- RD Jones Excavating Inc. - $498,178.50
- Driven Excavating LLC. - $527,036.00
- Toms' Construction Inc. - $441,580.00
- WD Excavating- $289,772.00
- Fillmore construction LLC- $486,600.00
- Beaverdam Contracting Inc. - $389,345.50
- Advanced Excavating & Demolition- $428,914.00
- Wilson Excavating of Jackson County LLC.- $497,557.50
- Hohenbrink Excavating LLC. - $467,901.32

Commissioner Rush moves to accept the bids and to take under the advisement of Mark Doll Regional Planning Director and Choice One Engineering. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes V115-37

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President of the Board-Joesph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board