January 20, 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:

V115-44	Minutes of January 15, 2026:	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-45	Release of Funds	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes

Commissioner Rush and Sherman attended the economic development breakfast Friday morning. RGP was the speaker, it was very interesting and gave a lot of information to the attendees.

Commissioner Striker met Thursday with the Chamber and the Museum to organize for January 31st. There will be an open house at the Courthouse at 2pm. There is an America 250 Kickoff in Vets Hall. Then a walking tour, about 2:30, of the Courthouse and Courtroom. Open to the public.

Dionne Staley with the Health Department updates- we ended the year pretty good, well below budget expectations and over on revenue. The Food Service fund is continuing to be monitored. This year some of the prices went down, some went up. The bulk of funding comes in March. Commissioner Rush- So you carried over $178,117.00? Dionne-Year end revenue is $580,000.00, expenses were $405,000.00, leaving $175,000 to the good.
Commissioner Rush- at end of the year $353,000.00 in the coffers. Dionne –we are trying to build it up, we will lose the work force grants in 2027. With DOGE, we anticipate more cuts, our infrastructure grant may be cut affecting EMA. I'm anticipating we will have spent all allotted for this year. May possibly have $10,000.00 left for 2027. Bia has been working on CMH Grants. We are figuring out what we're spending vs. what we are getting. Commissioner Rush-
the DON not going as anticipated? Dionne – some of the grants are not for us, some need staffing to bring in the programs, she did the staffing. We are getting additional funding from CMH. Commissioner Rush- how much? Anything else? Dionne about $1500.00 a month. Commissioner Rush-so about $18,000.00 a year. Dionne-yes. We also got $1600.00 from TB grant. We have been in talks with ODH to make sure we are getting as much funding as we can. Fortunately, we don't have many people who require case management. The huge topic at our upcoming finance meeting will be sustaining ourselves. Commissioner Sherman-One employee resigned at first of year? Dione-we will not replace her. That will save 30k, no funding was incoming for that position. In talking with ODH, we don't think the vaccine program would be profitable. Commissioner Sherman– 2027 will be a year of non-funding. Dionne – will meet (finance) before board meeting in February, but no date as yet. Commissioner Striker – did you meet with the township association regarding funding their requests. Dionne – possibility of a levy has been passed around, may not get on ballot due to property tax reform. Commissioner Rush- do you know the constraints of timing for a levy. Dionne-I think we need to have by March. The Commissioners let Dionne know February 4th was the final date. Next BOH meeting is 1/27.

Brenda Rainesburg-microfilm updates- we had been scanning for court clerks, some weren't being done in right order. We didn't want to continue if not done correctly. Working with probate to train new employees correctly. What was done will need re-done. Back imaging, properties can now be searched back to 1965. State of Ohio, trying to get all 88 counties back to 1980, we are way past that. You guys helped with getting the funding. our game plan is to get them done back to 1833. Commissioner Sherman– how long does a year take to complete? Brenda – a volume takes about 2 weeks for 2 people, which is approx. 400 pages, maybe 18-24 months. One certificate of transfer volume has over 600 pages. Commissioner Sherman – please tell your employees thank you.

Jason Fleming and Chris Monnin from Garmann Miller- pre bid meeting for Annex Foam replacement project. Only two contractors were in attendance and Chris and Jason went through the outline and details for submitting bids for the project. The bids are due February 3 by 11:00 am in the Commissioner office. Permits are not required; however it was stressed that the handicap entrance to the annex will have to remain accessible throughout the project. The goal for starting construction should be March 2, 2026. The completion of the project is set for September 4, 2026. Jason, Chris, and Richard took the contractors across the street to the annex to look at the project.

Keith Severns EMA director to discuss salary- Commissioner Rush moves to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) for certain personnel matters including compensation at 11:22 am. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Commissioner Sherman announced the end of executive session at 11:34.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve an 11% increase to Keith Severns salary due to the lack of increase since his hire date in 2024. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion and agreed that he needs to be caught up based on missing his end of probation and yearly increases. Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes. **V115-46**

Keith Severns update-Bad news van isn't running. Going to send it to Ricks and talk with them about my options for purchasing a new one. Commissioners agree that it is probably time.

Sheriff Keith Everhart to discuss security- came up with proposed policy, take your time and read it. Something to go by. We are working with our printer guy to get everyone ID cards. It is in the works now. We have the right computer to do it! Monday Feb 9th is our goal date to be up and running fully. We are going to invest in some signage down at the south end.

Staff and Commissioners held a retirement party for Deb. She will be missed.

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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

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Deputy Clerk of the Board