March 12, 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:

V115-132	Minutes of March 10, 2026:	
1st- Rush	2nd- Striker	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V115-133	Bills	
1st-Striker	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
Signed:	IV-E Contract with The Ranch Opportunity and JFS	
1st-Rush	2nd-Striker	Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Striker attended the Trustee meeting with the health department last night and they voted on a 5% increase for next year.

Michele Frump and Dan Wilford with FCFC updates – Dan- really appreciate your time. We wanted to introduce Michelle and have her tell you about herself. Unique opportunity Michelle as a coordinator is employed through MHRSB. JFS will remain fiscal agent. July 2026 MHRSB will become administrative agent. Julie and Jodi and team are well versed in the fiscal side of it. She is three weeks into the job. We're meeting with JFS right after this to discuss specific funding and how to draw funds down. We want to make sure we are getting all the funds our county can. We've been going on a year of no one in this position, so we want to make sure the state still gives us money. Michelle is set up with Jenny Horner at state level to do trainings and get set up there. We are meeting with Allen, Auglaize, Union and even Putnam councils to figure out what they have done to be successful, and what grants and funding streams they are going after. Looking for things that supplement but also offer new things in the community. Commissioner Rush, you have been directly involved through all of this, and we wanted you to put a face to a name. Michelle is housed at the We Care center with Coleman and SAFY. One question we ask is there any opportunities to get her name out there and participate in different events? We want to make sure our council is well represented. Commissioner Sherman- Extension would be a great resource. There are a lot of children involved in those programs. Michelle- I have not been a Hardin County resident for long, it's only been 4 years. I was the youth coordinator at the YMCA. Grew up in Franklin County and worked in the school system most of my life. I love people, I have always wanted to help people. I want to be the ray of light. Dan- her ability to connect with those families is so important. We're very excited. Commissioner Rush- did you mention Allen county coordinator is able to be self-sufficient? Dan- yes with the FCFS funding I was alluding to earlier from the state. How those funds come is there is a formula to your county population there is a limit on how much draw down funds you can get. We definitely want to tap into the maximum. Carol is retired and there is new coordinator in Allen county so that is good for Michelle because Carol can sit down with Michelle and help her as a resource. Commissioner Rush- I glad this in place and it will make everything better. Dan- the council has remained extremely supportive, and we will very soon be getting referrals started. I would like for us all to be very transparent and get ahead of any issues and be able to work together that way when our partners reach out they are happy with the services they are receiving. Commissioner Sherman- we want this to be successful for Hardin County. Dan- Michelle has done such a good job of taking it all in and not getting overwhelmed. We're looking at in the next 30 days to start accepting referrals. We have let the providers know that and we are motivated to meet that deadline. Commissioner Sherman- I'm glad you're pulling money down from the state, especially when we don't know what is going to happen by the end of year. And we want our services to be top notch here in Hardin County. Commissioner Rush- any challenges you are facing or inheriting? Michelle- everything has been very positive. Nothing major so far. Dan- as you saw in the outcome reports, what helps you or what vision do you have for that report? We want to make sure it's communicated what work is being done. Commissioner Rush- I think that is a confusing issue. Knowing what FCFC does is helpful in knowing what it is and how the public can better utilize FCFC. I think all along there has been confusion about what is FCFC and what is their part in this. As long as that can be demonstrated or explained it

goes a long way in adding to our credibility. Dan- getting that confidence from our stakeholders is very important. Commissioner Rush- moving forward I think we will be able to offer a better service to the county.

Bid opening for Hardin County HVAC PM. The bid opening was set for 11:00 am and the following bids were received:

- Waibel – 1year at $39,936.00 and 2 years at $79,872.00
- ATR- 1year at $57,227.00 and 2 years at $114,454.00
- Air Force One- 1 year at $37,738.00 and 2 years at $75,476.00

Commissioner Rush moved to accept the bids and take under the advisement of Richard Lawson Maintenance Supervisor. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V115-134**

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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