April 7, 2026

MINUTES

Commissioner Striker was absent. Staff and Commissioners recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following contracts approved and signed: (Resolutions and minutes from 4/2/2026 will be signed when Commissioner Striker returns.)

Signed: Title IV-E JFS and Keeping Kids Safe Inc 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
Title IV-E JFS and Cadence Care Network
1st-Sherman 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the quote from Lester Miller Roofing LLC to install metal roofing on the Ag youth building at the fairgrounds for a total of $18,816.00 to come from the permanent improvement account N000-N07. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes. V115-183

Commissioner Sherman attended the AG Council Friday. On Saturday we held a cleanup day at the fairgrounds. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who participated. The deep passion and pride people have for the fair and for our county truly showed. We are sincerely grateful for each and every one of you.

Brenda Roy – CSEA updates- I finally got the background check for the new receptionist. She starts Monday. I had to wait 30 days. We have had another employee that has helped at the front desk during the time we were waiting. The door on the first level- sometimes it doesn't open good, sometimes I have to kick it to get it open. It looks like the plate at the bottom of the door is up. Richard has done some work on it. There is a gap between the two doors when they are both closed.

Julie Gossard/Abram Deweese - JFS updates and Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation was signed and photos taken with Commissioners, Abram, Julie and Staff. Julie- JFS one more social service worker position to be filled. I need Abram to have signing authority.
Commissioner Rush moved to approve and authorize Abram Deweese Assistant Director of Hardin County JFS to have signing authority in the absence of Julie Gossard Director. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes V115-184

Julie-SNAP Error rate- the problem is penalties will come down from the federal government to the state as a whole. We continue to monitor and do everything we can to remain at 0% error rate in Hardin County. The state just began yesterday they are forcing new state payment quality control process. Hardin County is 15 a month. They have 60 days to complete those cases. Shelby has been designated in Hardin County. A lot of frustration in all the counties because it's a lot of work. The state wants the percentage from 8%-6%. Julie- Joe thank you for coming to visit the building. I've been talking to Tina about the most cost effective way to move the employees. We are moving ahead and getting ideas together, but we are not ready to present them to you at this time. Abram- I have been doing a lot of community outreach with law enforcement, courts., etc. We had a large gathering for local stakeholders with Ohio Rise. All meetings have been positive over the last month. Will be meeting with Judge Santo later this afternoon. Commissioner Rush- we are pleased to have both of you with the county.

Melissa Bodey with CEBCO updates- I greatly appreciate your time. You are apart of the bigger picture. We are all in it together. Q4 updates on Hardin County Benefits and usage. From January 2025-December 2025 Hardin County alone had $2,317,312 in Claims Billed Discount Savings. Cost and utilization percentages were discussed.

Bid Opening Engineer Material Bids Force Account- This being the day and time set for the bid opening the following bids were received and opened: all bidders had bid bonds

1. LT Distributing Inc- unleaded-$2.651 per gal,
   # 2 Diesel-$3.215 per gal,
   Super Diesel-$3.235 per gal.

2. Duff Quarry- 8's $26.00 per ton,
   9's $17.50 per ton

3. Asphalt Materials- HFRS2- $2.269,
   HFRS-2P- $2.57

4. The Klink Group- HFRS2-$2.547,
   HFRS-2P $2.667

5. Bluffton Stone Quarry- #8's-$21.50 per ton,
   #9's $22.00 per ton,
   441 Intermediate Course-$75.00 per ton,
   441Surface Course-$87.00 per ton,
   301 Base Course-$71.00 per ton

6. Shelly Materials-(McVitty)- #8's $20.20 per ton,
   #9's $14.95 per ton,
   441 Intermediate Course-$89.00 per ton,
   441Surface Course-$89.00 per ton,
   301 Base Course-$79.00 per ton.

7. Gresham Petroleum Company- unleaded-$2.85 per gal,
   # 2 Diesel-$3.61 per gal,
   Super Diesel-$4.11 per gal.

8. Petroleum Traders Corporation- unleaded-$2.78 per gal,
   # 2 Diesel-$4.0369 per gal,
   Super Diesel-$4.0769 per gal.

9. Olen Corporation- #8's $33.00
   #9's $17.50

Commissioner Rush moved to accept the bids as is and to be taken under review by the Engineer. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes V115-185

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Joseph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____absent_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board