October 15, 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:
Commissioner Striker will be late as he is at the safety council meeting.

V116-255 Minutes of October 13, 2026:
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes,
V116-256 Additional Appropriation
1st-Sherman 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V116-257 Re-Allocation
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V116-258 Transfer of Funds
1st-Sherman 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V116-259 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V116-260 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement of Funds to Pike Repair
1st-Sherman 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V116-261 Hire A. Sciranka-JFS
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V116-262 Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Sherman Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V116-263 Advance of Funds
1st-Sherman 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
Commissioner Striker joined the meeting.
Signed: Satisfaction of Mortgage
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes

Commissioner Rush and both Clerks attended the NW District Commissioner and Engineer Association meeting in Putnam county on Wednesday. It was a great meeting held at the beautiful Putnam County Event Center with a tour of Nelson Manufacturing afterwards.

Commissioner Rush
- Reported the airport hangar project is progressing well and construction continues to make good headway.
- Will attend the Area 8 Meeting in St. Mary's this afternoon.
- Will attend the Northwest Regional Hub Public Defender Open House in Lima.

Commissioner Sherman
- Attended the Soil & Water Conservation District meeting this morning.

Commissioner Striker
- Attended a safety meeting.
- Attended a multi-county meeting yesterday where budget discussions were held.
- Topics included:
- Discussed a proposed fiber optic project from Marion to the Hardin County Jail.

Keith Severns, EMA/LEPC Director
EMA/LEPC Updates
- Reported the MOU with the Health Department has been finalized. The Health board is expected to vote on and sign the agreement at its regular meeting in approximately two weeks.
- Reported an anticipated overage in the Loss Control budget due to increased fire extinguisher inspection and refill costs.
    - Koorsen invoice totaled $10,233.95.
    - Budget shortfall is estimated at $531.00.
    - An additional appropriation request will be submitted.
- Reported that LEPC hazardous materials protocols, previously submitted with no changes, were not accepted. Necessary revisions were completed and submitted for review.

    - Adobe Pro was purchased to assist with document preparation, and potential shared licensing options will be explored.
- Reported no hazardous material spills.
- Met with representatives overseeing the closure of Durez.
    - Chemicals associated with production lines will be removed as lines are shut down.
    - Employees have already begun accepting other employment opportunities.
- In response to questions regarding environmental testing following closure activities, advised that the EPA will oversee testing and remediation requirements.
- Internet infrastructure installation is moving forward.
    - Cabling has been installed.
    - Remaining work includes installation of equipment boxes by county maintenance staff.
- Submitted the EMPG grant application and expects funding information by mid-November.

Garmann Miller Jason Fleming - Design Build Drawing Discussion
Jason reviewed updated design-build drawings and applicable building code requirements.
Project Overview
- Building Classification:
    - Group B (Business/Office)
    - Group A (Assembly)
    - BA-3 Occupancy Classification
- Construction Type: IIB
- Risk Category: III
- Fire suppression system included.
- Proposed building size: 34,860 square feet, below the maximum allowable 38,000 square feet.
- Building dimensions: 250 feet x 120 feet.
- Office area dimensions: 54 feet x 90 feet.
- Eave height: 18 feet.
- Peak height: 28 feet.
- Board room occupancy: approximately 30 persons.
- Total building occupancy load: approximately 1,400 persons.
- Building design requires three exits, exceeding code requirements.
- Discussed door locations and ADA-accessible push-button entry doors.
- Consensus favored locating the primary public entrance on the west side of the building due to existing parking availability.
- Parking design will be addressed during a later phase of the project.

Action Items to discuss before next meeting:
- Discuss one overhead door vs two on the east side.
- Flip the office area with the iT area?
- Double sink in kitchen?

Jennifer - America 250 Scholarship Discussion
    - Recommendation was to continue recognizing participants within the six Hardin County school districts.
    - Six winners would be selected.
    - Proposed award amount is $1,000 per winner.
- Provided an update on America 250 planning activities.
    - Discussed the possibility of contributing additional funds toward special parade attractions.
    - Lions Club is considering an America 250-themed parade.
    - Potential attractions discussed included stilt walkers and jugglers.
- Discussion was held regarding allowing more than one participant per school and whether scholarship amounts should be adjusted.
- Reported that only one teacher, from Hardin Northern, has responded regarding the time capsule project.

Historical Village Discussion

- Commissioner Striker noted that the rear doors of the cabin and schoolhouse had been found open and may need replacement.
- Discussion was held regarding removal of the corral area located between the fair fence and barn.
    - Jennifer agreed to inspect the area and provide recommendations at a future meeting.

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

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board