October 6, 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:

V116-236 Minutes of October 1, 2026:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V116-237 Reimbursement of Funds to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V116-238 Reimbursement of Funds to Pike Repair
1st-Rush 2nd-Strker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes, Rush-yes
V116-239 Additional Appropriation
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V116-240 Reimbursement of Funds September Annex Utilities
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V116-241 Re-Allocation
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V116-242 Appoint Jessilyn Broadstone Board of DD
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Rush moved to approve $2,660.00 to M&D Handyman services for the repair/replacement of the barn doors at the Historical Village. The Historical Society had a grant to cover some of the funds and the remainder will come from the tornado insurance funds 4000-1100-504274 . Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes V116-243

Ohio Northern University (ONU)-

- **Olivia Hemmerich, Macy Davis, Madison Morgan, and Mya Beattie**, students in the Ohio Northern University Pharmacy Program, presented information regarding a rural health education project focused on opioid overdose awareness and naloxone education.
- Students explained they are participating in a rural and underserved health scholars' program that addresses health concerns impacting communities throughout the Ada and Hardin County area.
- The group's project focuses on increasing public awareness and education regarding naloxone (Narcan), an opioid overdose reversal medication.
- Students noted that many individuals are hesitant to use naloxone due to a lack of understanding about how it works and emphasized that the medication is safe to administer when an overdose is suspected.
- The group expressed a desire to expand community awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders through education and outreach.
- Students highlighted the importance of public training in rural communities, noting that emergency responders may require additional time to arrive at overdose scenes, making bystander intervention critical.
- The group requested an opportunity to provide training for courthouse employees and suggested the County's support could help increase awareness throughout Hardin County.
- Proposed training would include:
    - Educational presentation and slideshow.
    - Anonymous pre- and post-training surveys for research purposes.
    - Information on obtaining free naloxone through Project DAWN.
    - Question-and-answer session.
    - Approximately 30-minute presentation with up to one hour reserved for discussion.
- Commissioner Sherman asked about the group's goals and expectations.

- Students stated their primary objective is to increase confidence and preparedness among community members who may encounter an overdose emergency and encourage individuals to obtain and carry naloxone.
- Commissioner Rush discussed potential participation by courthouse employees and suggested coordinating with department heads to identify representatives from various offices.
- Discussion occurred regarding offices that regularly encounter substance abuse-related situations, including the courts, and the potential benefit of ensuring departmental representation at the training.
- Students noted that similar training efforts have been successfully implemented within local school systems and suggested coordination with the County Wellness Program.
- The students thanked the Board for its time and consideration of the educational initiative.
- Commissioner Rush commended the students for their efforts to improve public health awareness and wished them success in their future careers.

Hamilton Rick Combs- Broker Agent-

- Rick presented the Delta Dental renewal summary to the commissioners for the upcoming 2027 benefit renewal
- His recommendation is to stay with Delta Dental as they have 65 out of 73 in network dentists in our region and historically have kept our increases to a minimum
- Currently we have a 3-year rate guarantee for our group life insurance good until January 1, 2028
- We have a 4-year rate guarantee for our Vision plan good until January 1, 2030
- Rick recommended going out to market next year for RFP's (request for proposals) for our dental and our life insurance to see if we are still getting the best rates available

Commissioner Rush moved to accept the 2027 delta dental renewal rates as presented and to have Rick acquire RFP's in 2027 for dental and life for the 2028 renewal. Commissioner Striker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes V116-244

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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