October 8, 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:

V116-245 Minutes of October 6, 2026:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes
V116-246 Additional Appropriation
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Sherman-yes
V116-247 Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Sherman-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Striker moved to approve the quote from Clemans Nelson to update the personnel policy for employees for $6,350.00 to come from county general fund 1000-9000-506790. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Sherman-yes, Striker- yes, Rush-yes V116-248

Hardin County Treasurer - Brieanne Sullivan

- Reported two investments matured and will be reinvested into one-year CDARs.
- Two Farmers National Bank CDARs matured at the end of September; proceeds were temporarily placed in the money market account with plans to reinvest upcoming October maturities.
- Meeting with an investment advisor regarding U.S. Bank investments and account updates. Expressed dissatisfaction with current investment guidance and noted the final U.S. Bank investment matures in 2028, at which time alternative options may be considered.
- Provided update on new Treasurer software implementation:
    - Staff completed in-person training.
    - Discovered and corrected an issue involving inflation cap credit overpayments before system launch.
    - New system will allow batch processing of large payment volumes, improving efficiency and accuracy.
    - Vendor support staff will be on-site during the week of November 9.
    - Project remains on schedule.
    - Payments will continue to be collected and deposited during the transition period, with entry into the new system beginning November 9.
- Discussing future online payment enhancements, including:
    - Electronic bill delivery.
    - Online credit card and e-check payments.
    - ACH payment options, including recurring payments.
- Meeting planned to discuss the potential use of tax lien sales.

- Delinquent tax notices were mailed approximately three weeks ago and are due tomorrow.
- Reported several taxpayers have brought delinquent accounts current, including one completed payment plan in September.
- No payment plan defaults occurred during September.
- Commissioner Rush requested a report on total delinquent tax balances; Treasurer Sullivan will provide the information by email.

Hardin County Prosecutor Brad Bailey along with two assistant prosecutors met with the Commissioners- Commissioner Striker moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) for certain personnel matters pertaining to employment of a certain employee at 9:39. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rush-yes, Sherman-yes, Striker-yes Commissioner Sherman announced the end of executive session at 10:09.

Palmer Energy Update - Bob Snavely

- Reviewed electric aggregation program and recent RFP results.
- Regional aggregation group includes Allen, Hardin, Putnam, Van Wert counties and the Village of Paulding.
- Electric market prices remain elevated, with current supplier pricing around 11.5 cents/kWh.
- Palmer Energy anticipates electric prices will remain high over the next three years due to supply constraints.
- Discussed two options:
    - Pause the aggregation program and revisit market conditions in the future.
    - Continue the current aggregation program.
- Noted residents may leave the aggregation program at any time for alternative suppliers and can return later without penalty.
- Commissioners expressed support for maintaining the aggregation program to preserve consumer choice and regional purchasing advantages.
- No formal action was requested or required.
- Palmer Energy will continue monitoring market conditions and provide updates as pricing decisions approach.
- Snavely noted long-term concerns regarding electric generation capacity and stated additional power supply may take several years to reach the market.
- Residents were encouraged to carefully review supplier contracts when utilizing the PUCO Apples to Apples program.

Garmann Miller / Dry Lane Event Center Project Update

- Design-build team, Fair Board president, ATR, Garmann Miller, Dry Lane, and Commissioners reviewed project progress.
- Discussed plumbing fixtures, fire suppression requirements, and water flow testing.
- Reviewed building drawings, utility layouts, stormwater considerations, and site topography.

- Team identified potential flooding concerns and discussed building placement adjustments.
- Mechanical, electrical, IT, and communications infrastructure requirements were reviewed.
- Mechanical equipment is anticipated to be located primarily outside the building.
- Discussed IT room requirements, including cooling, rack clearances, and backup power needs.
- Building occupancy estimates:
    - Maximum occupancy approximately 1,400 people.
    - Typical event capacity estimated at 700-800 attendees.
- Considered modifications including:
    - Family restroom addition.
    - Vestibule/heated entrance area for winter events.
    - Motion-sensor restroom lighting.
    - Handicap-accessible door controls.
    - Wall-mounted fixtures and hand dryers.
- Confirmed three-phase power service will be provided; transformer ownership and installation logistics were discussed.
- Soil borings and additional site investigation work will be scheduled.
- Garmann Miller will provide rock and building material samples for review.
- Project schedule remains focused on:
    - Submitting drawings for permitting by mid-November.
    - Beginning site and underground work in January.
    - Potential building pad preparation in mid-to-late November.
- Updated floor plans are expected by the end of next week.
- Action items include:
    - Review generator backup requirements.
    - Finalize vestibule design.
    - Share utility and infrastructure layouts with project partners.
    - Continue coordination of final building plans and permitting efforts.

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

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

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Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board V116-249