September 10, 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 resolutions approved and signed:

V116-189	Minutes of September 8, 2026			
1st-Rush	2nd-sherman	roll Call: Rush-yes	Sherman-yes	Striker-absent
V116-190	Hire S. Wilcox, CSEA Receptionist			
1st-Sherman	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Rush-yes	Sherman-yes	
V116-191	Release of Funds, JFS			
1st-Rush	2nd-Sherman	Roll Call: Sherman-yes	Rush-yes	
V116-192	Additional Appropriation			
1st – Sherman	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Sherman-yes	Rush-yes	
V116-193	Tax Levy Amounts and Rates			
1st-Rush	2nd-Sherman	Roll Call: Rush-yes	Sherman-yes	
V116-194	Accept Agreement with Garmann Miller			
1st-Sherman	2nd-Rush	Roll Call: Rush-yes	Sherman-yes	
V116-195	Payment of Bills			
1st-Rush	2nd-Sherman	Roll Call: Sherman-yes	Rush-yes	

Commissioner Updates

- Commissioners Sherman and Rush attended the opening of the Hardin County Fair on September 8, 2026.
    - Participated in the opening ceremony and flag-raising ceremony at the grandstand for the Fair King and Queen Show.
    - Reported a good crowd, favorable weather, and a successful event enjoyed by all attendees.
- Commissioners Rush and Sherman will attend the horse racing event this evening and present the Commissioners' Blanket to the winning horse. The Commissioners look forward to participating in this annual tradition.
- The Commissioners congratulated all Junior Fair participants and wished them success throughout the fair. The hard work and dedication exhibited by participants in preparing for the event is seen and acknowledged.
- Commissioner Rush attended the kickoff meeting for the **I.G.N.I.T.E.** Program in Marion with Sheriff Everhart and Chief Deputy Holbrook.
    - The multi-county jail initiative was described as informative and a valuable opportunity for participating counties.

Bree Health Presentation

- Jennifer Mills, representing Bree Health, presented information regarding employee mental health and wellness resources.
    - Provided program literature, resource information, content calendar, and benefit overview. The program focuses on addressing mental health concerns before they result in missed work time.
- Current Hardin County participants include Hardin County Sheriff's Office, Hardin County Health Department, Hardin County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Program highlights:
    - Established in 2021 and currently serves Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.
    - Capacity for approximately 2,700 participants.
    - Free for the first three years of participation.
    - Ongoing cost after three years is approximately $1.27 per employee per month (about $15 annually per employee), with pricing locked in.
    - Benefits extend to employees and eligible family members.

    - Auglaize County is currently in its fourth year and has transitioned to the paid phase.
- Counseling services:
    - Available for a wide range of personal and mental health concerns.
    - Services offered in person, by phone, or via video conference.
    - Participants receive up to 10 counseling sessions per separate issue.
    - No counselors are currently located in Hardin County; services are available through providers in Lima, Van Wert, and Celina.
- Follow-up:
    - Ms. Mills will provide the program agreement and information regarding other participating county departments.
    - The agreement will be reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor's Office prior to consideration.

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

_____ __, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

__ABSENT_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Deputy Clerk of the Board