

February 18, 2021

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff 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:

- V105-355 Minutes of February 16, 2021:
- 1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V105-356 Bills
- 1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
- V105-357 Filing Hill Ditch #1131 View: 3/16, Hearing 3/30
- 1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V105-358 Reallocation: Sheriff Equipment
- 1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V105-359 Cramer Flooring for Regional Planning/Tax Map Officer \$8790 from N02
- 1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, Zoom: The Governor has given strict layout to move forward for Nursing Facilities. He proposed nursing homes decrease bed size by license and for every bed subtracted they would be paid \$10,000. Push is for home care not skilled nursing. They want all private rooms due to infections. Due to an already thinking of adding new restroom/showers this maybe an idea to consider. She has ten rooms that are double. As more information comes she will keep the commissioners posted. CMS has instructed surveyors to be forceful with penalties. The horizon will be interesting this year for nursing homes. Smaller facilities are forced to close as they are recovering. Options are being explored to see what is reasonable moving forward. This is a one-time payment with loss of beds forever. Instead of 78 it *could* be 73 licensed beds. Nothing factual. Cost to add will depend on plumbing, ventilation, heat and a/c, etc. Cost is the driving factor to stay under \$2 million. Census is 57 today with 2 discharges planned. She would say comfortably 64 is the break-even point. She noted during the Holidays they were overstaffed anticipating call offs. She was off during this time. It's rolling the dice and she does not use that theory. She will micromanage the schedule every day now. She has no answers for when new residents and staff will receive the vaccine thru their pharmacy. 48% of staff has had their second vaccine. No letter from CMS for a money fine. Commissioners asked about health insurance for those with cut hours under 30 hours per week. One Hospitality Aide was reduced this past pay period. To be fair she is waiting to see what the results are with census. The Health Clerk wanted to stop insurance immediately. Sharon is trying to get the Aides hours in. Due to home instruction, more staff need to be home with grandkids and willing to work weekends.

Holli Underwood and Jacqueline Fitzgerald, **Chamber and Business Alliance**, Update on how the grocery store replacement is coming. Jacqueline reported there is still interest.

John Folk, Job & **Family Services Director**, requested Executive Session. At 11:59 Commissioner Striker moved to enter Executive Session to deal with employee discipline. Commissioner Rush second. Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. At 12:09 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session. No action taken. Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board