

March 15, 2022

MINUTES OF MARCH 15th MEETING

Commissioners were all 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:

V107-325 Minutes of March 10, 2022:
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V107-326 Public Holster Policy on County Premises
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V107-327 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Striker 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V107-328 Fireworks Donation \$500
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V107-329 Dog & Kennel Sealing, Commissioner Crowe to sign
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Signed: Hardin County Strategic Response Team Award Agreement 100% \$13,763.92
Sheriff, Commissioner Rush to sign
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Kenton Mayor Lynn Jones-Webb and Kenton Fire Chief Donnelly presented information on a **tornado siren** for the Kenton area. Some areas are not hearing clearly. They would like to add an additional four sirens. \$30,000 per siren. Will submit to the Hazardous Mitigation Grant which is a 25% match. \$127,000 at 25% is over \$31,000. Since it covers county facilities would the Commissioner cover, \$8000? Pleasant and Buck are also interested. If they don't get the grant, they won't move forward. Commissioner Crowe-this would cover fairgrounds, Vets Memorial Park, Airport, Hardin Hills, Engineers, Dog & Kennel, Transfer Station, Simon Kenton School, North Annex, county areas. If no one is at the station it would automatically go off if a warning in the area. Automatic notification. Other alert locations could also be added later. Commissioners are interested in being a part of this grant. Grant is due at the end of March.

Jacob Burgbacher, **EMA Director. Eclipse information.** There are questions surrounding the funding. The state needs to give the county money for the event April 8, 2024. Commissioner Striker: County EMA would collect bills to be paid thru the State EMA-that is what we've asked State Rep Cross to put in for us. Jake noted if no funds, the county will incur the cost and can't be recouped. Can't spend what you don't have. Each Village would need to take care of their activities. Committees could determine what is needed for the event. A policy and finance committee should be considered so all know the allocations and budget from what entity. What is the county willing to do financially? Would Jake oversee? Jake could help with details, etc. other departments/municipalities, entities need to take local ownership. He does not have the authority to tell them how to staff, etc. Who has the overtime expense? Salaries? What are the Sheriff's ideas? Should all be discussed. Delays from those trying to go to work of leave due to traffic need addressed. Jake can send out invites and an agenda to share and collaborate on information. Mutual aid, pre-stage equipment, responders, etc. all needs worked out. If the fairgrounds is the Command Center, traffic will be an issue with SR 31 and SR 68. A couple different areas need considered. To bring additional paramedics, etc. from out of the area, where would they stay, who pays? It is anticipated to bring in three times the population of the county. Many will come into the county to stay with friends and family. One of the Commissioners should be on the committee as well as the Auditor. Jacob will organize the meetings for the Eclipse and oversee the needs of committees. June 1st will be the first county meeting.

Morgan Ellis, Alliance, introduced Rick Bard with the **National Cushman Scooter Club**. June 13 at the Fairgrounds is the official opening for their annual visit. Visitors will need to register. If they want to participate, they will need to join the membership. In May the Mid-Ohio Scooter Club will meet at the fairgrounds. A Museum event is planned. He expressed a concern with the local Health Department. If an issue, they should come to them. Seems to be more rules here than in other counties. They deal and abide by the rules. Many events and local outings is planned for the week. Membership is being open for different types of scooter.

Commissioners attended the annual Council on Aging Luncheon at the Elks.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board