

March 25, 2021

MINUTES OF MARCH 25th 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:

V106-42 Minutes of March 23, 2021:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V106-43 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
Signed: Transportation Coordination Agreement with Kenton City Schools and EMA
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call; Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes

Hardin County **Recorder** Brenda Rainsburg submitted a proposal from Kofile Technologies, Inc. to put images on the computer. If her office were not able to open, this would allow her to put the images out for the public. Images are not on line now as it is not legal to charge individuals for copies of their own deeds, etc. This vendor would allow a watermark on the paper but not able to be used for legal purposes. This program would take back to 1980. She would like to do all of the deeds for genealogy. Mortgages could still be done thru the office. This company has four labs that scan, index, redact back to 1980. A crew would come get books, ship to Texas for six months. Everything in her office is microfilmed with duplicates at the Sheriff's Office. That cabinet could be brought here during that time period. 1833 forward is microfilmed. Nothing in her office was lost to the courthouse fire. Cost is \$281,210.63 from GSA Contract. She would like this to be considered with the America Rescue Plan funds. Commissioners will consider the proposal when guidelines for the America Rescue Plan are received.

The Final Hearing of the **Lease Ditch #1128** was held in Veteran's Hall. Trent Bass, Assistant Engineer gave a summary of the petition, reviewed the viewing and 1st hearing to replace the box culvert which leads to today. Trent reviewed ORC 6131 on Watersheds. This watershed has 1045 acres with 497 parcels and 235 landowners. The SR 68 culvert is under ODOT maintenance. The county project involves removal of existing culverts just east and replace with an open ditch. There are pros and cons. They plan to remove the house to avoid concerns with vibration on the house and no maintenance would be needed in the long term. Would be more costly to purchase and demo but a better option. A neighbor has agreed to purchase the property with damages included in the cost. Those damages being the market value of the house being demolished. Total work estimated at \$61,500 with other costs a total of \$65,581.25. If all benefits were equal an assessment of \$63 per acre. Trent explained a target map and the varied rate assessment. Commissioners have to determine to dismiss: the project is not necessary, not conducive to public welfare, and the costs exceeds the benefit. To approve they determine the project is necessary, conducive to the public welfare and the cost is less than the benefit. This project would be placed on permanent maintenance if approved. Commissioner Crowe read a letter for the project from Paula Pound supporting the project. Among those opposed to the project were Michael (Caldwell), Jason (?), Marie Hastings, Steve Drake, Bob Hayes. Concern was the water will just drain further down the Village and flood those people causing damage to homes. Mayor Terry Cramer asked if the Commissioners would delay the vote to allow the Village time to resolve issues? Luke Underwood, when questioned, noted they determined the watershed with information they have available; lidar, USDA maps and tile on maintenance in the Engineers office. Todd Hackworth is the Village drain contractor. He has a map. Luke-those are village issues, we are looking at the project petitioned. Bryon Halsey, Petitioner, stated he didn't agree with everything said and has investigated the project. Elevation at the apartments and at Pattison is the same at 16'. Commissioner Crowe: Commissioners make decisions based on the three criteria, we understand the Village concerns and they should have been expressed at the Preliminary Hearing. We can't delay a decision any longer. We need to move forward or deny. Commissioner Striker noted you have to start somewhere, can't drag on forever. Commissioner Rush was concerned about safety issues on a wet road. Commissioner Rush

moved to go forward with the project and allow the Engineer to go out for bids. Commissioner Striker second. Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. Commissioner Crowe explained the assessments will come and landowners will have 30 days to pay or it will go on their real estate taxes including interest. Commissioner Rush moved to allow for 5- year installments on real estate taxes for those that don't pay. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V106-44**

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills** Administrator, with pH7 Architects on Zoom to discuss a proposed addition to Hardin Hills. Scott Deisler and Mike Healy presented an initial assessment, option 5, to add 9 private rooms and 9 restrooms/showers and a physical therapy room for a total of 5700 sq. ft. The main water line is inadequate. An estimate of probable cost is \$1,913,315: the driveway was \$93,500, existing renovation at \$75,000 with the new private rooms estimated at \$1,496,250 and includes contingencies. This is an early opinion of construction cost with no soft cost included, which would include furniture; equipment, etc. could be 35% of the hard cost. The anticipate 3-4 months for the design, one month advertising and one month procurement and 9-10 months of construction. Commissioners will review this option as well as the other options and funding. Census at 60 today. This would put them at 75 rooms with a break-even point at 64. That would be 85% capacity. Prior to COVID they were at capacity. Projection from long-term facilities is this year will be a loss. Sharon requested Executive Session to discuss a HIPPA issue. Commissioner Striker moved to enter Executive Session with Sharon on a HIPPA issue. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes. At 12:38 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

John Folk, **Job & Family Services Director**. At 1:02 Commissioner Rush moved to enter Executive Session with John Folk regarding employee relations. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. At 1:10 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session. April is Child Welfare Prevention Month. April 12-16 is wear blue day. Staff will purchase blue shirts. Staff asked if the annex building lights could be lit up? Commissioner's yes. They offered to purchase blue bulbs for the 12 globes around the courthouse for one week. Photo opportunities with many activities planned. The PRC plan has a shorter period of time to spend the dollars. They will do the shoe program again this year for children to have new shoes. The Service Coordination position is starting interviews. PRC will reimburse Family & Children First for the wrap around services this position supplies.

Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey discussed a meeting he has scheduled to discuss the Chase Stewart Trust Fund.

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