

July 15, 2021

MINUTES OF JULY 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:

V106-249 Minutes of July 13, 2021:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V106-248 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V106-249 Additional Appropriation: Sheriff
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V106-250 Ditch Maintenance Payment to Right of Way Management
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V106-251 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement & Pike Repair
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V106-252 Payment of Bills Ditch Maintenance to Buchenroth Excavating
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V106-253 Abandoned Gas Station Clean-up Grant Payment of Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V106-254 Off Probation Rate to J. Harless \$.50 hr. effective April 10 retro 276 hours
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
Signed: Sub-Grant Agreement Sub-grant agreement WIOA Area 8 Workforce
2022/2023 Career Services Provider. Commissioner Rush to sign
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Auglaize Co. Approving Sub-grant agreement with the Ohio Department of
Job & Family Services for funding allocated under WIOA. Commissioner Crowe to sign
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
Commissioner Striker moved to approve the additional cost for Adam Haudenschield tree
trimming of \$350 for additional trees. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes,
Rush-yes, Striker-yes. **V106-255**

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, noted a profit of \$5,418 for June. Census at 60. Averaging 76% occupancy with the state average at 71%. Do they need to close C wing? If beds and staff can't be increased it needs to be discussed. She will talk with the Auditor to see if interest is credited to Hardin Hills. Five aides and one full time and one part time nurses are needed. Vacations were on hold and have now been started using. Sharon researched what other area county homes are paying. None of the three did Premium Pay and opted to do overtime over 8 hours, weekend pay receives an additional \$5.00 per hour. Their finances are much better. The new Ohio budget bill does affect them. Hardin Hills has seven beds set aside that are not skilled and can be sold to a contiguous county. The limitation on building is now at \$4 million. At 9:42 Commissioner Striker moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at Sharon's request. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes. At 10:00 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session. Sharon will have the Prosecutor's Office research Resignations, Vacations, and Sick time payouts. The Civil Money Penalty will be paid over six months at \$11,200.60 per month. \$103,390 reduced to \$67,203.50. A waiver has been requested for the Nurse Aide Training Program.

Luke Underwood, County Engineer, attended the **Hearing for the Vacating of the Water Street**. No Roundhead Township or residents were present. No questions were asked. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Vacating of Water St in Roundhead Township. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. **V106-256**

Steve Gossard, **Veterans Service Officer Director**, discussion on the increase in compensation for the VSC members requested. Commissioner Crowe noted the increase included the President currently receiving the stipend could not receive during the current

term. Steve is asking an increase in the base as well as a stipend for those holding office. Base salary would be \$4380, \$365 per month, with Secretary base at \$375 month, Vice-President based adjusted to \$375 a month and Presidents base at \$395 per month, once a new member is appointed due to the increase of training requirements required by the state. This would be in keeping with what other county officials receive. He should come in more often to request to keep the rate consistent. Commissioner Crowe noted the Veterans chose July 2 as Juneteenth. Steve noted his staff will take vacation September 3 when the rest of the county observes Juneteenth. Commissioners noted they had no advance notice at all on the new federal holiday.

The Hardin County Suicide Prevention Coalition has asked if they can dedicate and donate a bench to the courthouse after their prevention walk on Sunday September 19? Commissioners would like to see the color and approve prior to acceptance.

At 11:03 Commissioner Crowe requested **Executive Session** and invited the Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey, Katey Henson, Paralegal, with Arin Tracy on the phone for threatened litigation, pending litigation and personnel. Commissioner Rush moved to enter Executive Session as stated. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes. At 11:22 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

Soil & Water: Denna Clem, Jeffery Billenstein, Ranae Sherman and Howard Lytle asked how the USDA lease agreement is coming along. Is there room? They may need to hire an additional staff member and need more room than anticipated. No word from the USDA. Commissioners noted there should be plenty of room for Soil & Water needs. August 19 is the Annual Appreciation Day and Voting.

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