

August 05, 2021

MINUTES OF AUGUST 5th MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff and guest, Lee Mathews and Mike Laubis, 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:

V106-297	Minutes of August 03, 2021:
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes,
V106-298	Additional Appropriation: 2 nd half Settlement Auglaize and Allen
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V106-299	Bills
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V106-300	Payout Unused Vacation –Resignation K. Smith JFS
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V6-353	Unused Vacation-Resignation Hardin Hills S. Legge
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Chris Griffith, is concerned with **Teltron**. Some wiring was done in the basement and haven't been back since. No final design for wiring has been received. How to proceed? We are behind schedule. Need a completion date. It was made part of the bid for expedited work, meaning fairly swift. Not a day here and there with gaps. Commissioners want done. Time to honor their contract quickly. Business integrity is an issue. Mike Bacon was present and is upset things are moving slowly. Needs finished, no temporary. Chris will contact Teltron. It will take 20 hours for him to develop a Cybersecurity and Computer Use Policy for the county. Commissioners told him to move forward. Chris will move forward with Office365. He will go to each department with cost.

Holli Underwood, **Alliance**, the mule (the watering golf cart) they use to water the downtown flowers is at the Engineers Garage for repair. Holli discussed the loss of Tourism dollars for the American Rescue Funds. She noted the bed tax is a loss. 4% per year can be added. Economic Development has a site visit next week in the general Kenton area, and one Village. Confidential at this time. Grocery store update: is moving forward and on track for fall opening. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for Root to Rise Yoga in Kenton. All elected officials are invited August 14. Golf outing is tomorrow. Little Pumpkin Fest is October 2. They will be reaching out to more Elected Officials to participate in the Ambassadors to be a face in the county. Member breakfast is in two weeks and is alternating with Economic Development breakfast. Working on a five-year strategic plan. When the weather turns, they will need a place to store the mule. The Engineers has a building on Decatur St. that could be looked into. Currently it is being stored at the office under chain and combination lock.

Joe Sokol, ABM, Building and Energy Solutions, **Facilities Engineering Firm**. He spoke on what type of projects his firm has participated in as well as grants and money sources they can assist. They act as a General Contractor using local firms. He offered to do a preliminary analysis on utility cost. He will forward the information, MOU, as well as references.

Mike Bacon, also representing the Engineer. The **Lease Ditch** did not collect enough assessments, shy of \$1100. \$10,000 is a one-year assessment. Normally they would borrow the money to pay. The Prosecutor's opinion; nothing in the law to allow to charge interest if they don't borrow. They can advance from the general fund and will get the bulk back at the beginning of the year with the rest over the last four years. To borrow would not be at a good interest rate and no projects to combine. Are the Commissioners okay to advance? For bookkeeping purposes they need \$1300. Mike will send paperwork for review.

Conference call with the Rob Jacobs and Brett Clum, State Auditors, regarding the audit.

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

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