

October 4, 2022

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Commissioner Crowe was absent. 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:

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| V108-307                 | Minutes of September 29, 2022:                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-absent, Rush-yes |
| V108-309                 | Advance of Funds: Victims Assistance                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes            |
| V108-310                 | Reimbursement Annex September Utilities                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes               |
| V108-311                 | Out of County Travel: Dog & Kennel                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes            |
| V108-312                 | Additional Appropriation: Sheriff                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes               |

Jason Fleming, and new hire Luke Balkler with **Garmann Miller**. Brian Brothers hope to be done this week or early next week with cleaning, sealing and repair of stone on the courthouse. Jason is picking up plans for the annex for Spring work. Nothing new on the Auditor's Office work. Capital Window should be in tomorrow to look at the missed windows that were not caulked.

Andrew Foxworth, **Washington National Life Insurance**. Vendor sharing his product. They service several schools in the area. Mike Bacon, Auditor, was in attendance. They only work with government entities. Volunteer product. Base policy is \$4 per week and portable with guaranteed 3% return. Mike noted the county has three other plans and need the 10% participation. We have two policies now that we don't see representatives. Andrew noted he has seen this and can still offer policies to employees interested outside of payroll deduction. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Commissioners attended a Ribbon Cutting at Wings Support & Recovery.

Judge Steve Christopher called a meeting with the Commissioners, Veteran's Service Officer, Treasurer, and representative Katey Henson, Prosecutor's Office to discuss the **Chase Stewart Trust Fund**. Judge Christopher: Chase Stewart Trust set up for Commissioner using monies to defray cost of medical/surgical for Veterans. He asked for the meeting as the funds are not being used over last several years, if funds are not being used for the purpose, as a Judge he can terminate the trust if no longer feasible. If can't be used for the original purpose, distribution would be based on the reason no longer viable. If broken he would determine why purpose is not being met. Could go to heirs, Community Foundation for Veteran related. All involved here to discuss. I prefer to see funds being used but it is not happening. Requirements and what he needs to do if not being used. Steve Gossard-You've been advised they were used recently. Judge-I was told some used this year. Denise/Treasurer-\$408.41 in August. \$100 for bond. Steve-one Veteran filled out application. Commissioners reviewed and authorized funds. Judge-How do Veterans know it exists? Available? Procedure? If not used, we need to make Veterans aware. Steve-I had conversation with Commissioners and since that time I have put out there on our web site that Chase Stewart fund is there and also on the radio weekly. Judge-talk to Council on Aging. Post or send out flyers. Steve will submit a letter to the Board of Council on Aging. Denise- Stipulations? Judge-Medical. Pretty open. No low income, just Veterans. Steve-ultimately up to county commissioners. You have final say. We have income guidelines, financial guidelines all that but this is up to the County Commissioners, will does not provide guidelines. It does say not financially able to pay but up to you to determine. Judge-Veterans on SS or small income, maybe on paper they can, pay but in reality, a hardship because they are on a limited income. Technically up to you guys. No guidelines. Could be someone comfortable but legitimate. Maybe someone

can't drive and need someone to drive them, even if they have money in the bank. I don't want to terminate but if not used we will have to. Steve-money in that account, I am advertising. Denise- \$33,973.71 in the account now. Last expenditure was 2019. Commissioner Striker-all request goes thru Vets? Steve-thru my board who will provide recommendations. We look at will-can they pay? Case by case. Judge-the way it should be. Commissioner Striker-how many aps do you get per year? Steve-we don't get many, we have financial assistance we follow guidelines. If not eligible they can go under this. I will now offer financial assistance or trust. Commissioner Striker-Judge is right, start advertising better. Judge-steer a few people to the trust. Steve-it is there now for people to find: radio, etc. Commissioner Rush-options for Veterans to take advantage to do both? Steve-yes. Judge-based on language in the trust, uncovered portions of medications. Steve-we do cover under our financial assistance. I would say yes (it would qualify). Judge-I don't want to terminate. We are getting to a gap where our guys age out and not a lot of war veterans until you get to Iraq, Afghanistan. Commissioner Rush-how many Veterans in Hardin County? Steve-1800, declines. Based on projections.

The Treasurer submitted the September **Monthly Investment Report**. Total interest for September \$31,829.44. Total interest year to date 2022 was \$232,403.68. Total interest year to date 2021 was \$172,149.44.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
 Timothy L. Striker

ROGER E. CROWE-ABSENT  
 Roger E. Crowe

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Board

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