

October 11, 2018

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Commissioner Candidates Ron Eastman and Tim Striker 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:

V101-208 Minutes of October 9, 2018:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Beaman Roll call: Crowe-yes, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes
V101-209 RLF September Administration \$1068.24
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Beaman-yes
V101-210 Bills
1st-Rogers 2nd-Beaman Roll call: Rogers-yes, Beaman-yes, Crowe-yes
V101-211 Additional Appropriation: Inmate Housing/North Annex
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V101-212 Reallocation: Board of DD/NCOSWD
1st-Rogers 2nd-Beaman Roll call: Beaman-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
Signed: Commissioner Crowe signed Equipment Inventory Report for the Sheriff's Office
Grant DLEF-2016-LEF-5824
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes

Commissioner Beaman moved to set the PILOT payment at \$9000. Commissioner Crowe-the distribution has not been set yet. Commissioner Beaman it is the same as grandfathered at \$9000. Commissioner Rogers-county may need more for the budget. Commissioner Crowe-the county needs a greater portion of that money than grandfathered. Commissioner Beaman-the former permitted the county the first \$1000 and the rest is divided. I am open to entertain a formula, discussion. Commissioner Rogers-until they approach I am in no hurry. Commissioner Beaman- what are we doing towards that? We have had six months of meetings and conversations, letters. Commissioner Rogers-should have left it the way it was. Commissioner Beaman-under that scenario it was less for the county coffers. Who are we waiting on? Commitment? Commissioner Crowe-I am for setting a meeting. Commissioner Beaman-when? I have been approached by two of those people, Mrs Dyer doesn't want to come back. Commissioner Crowe-we have a letter clearing up one item, need clear on the other. Commissioner Beaman-set a date. We are just sitting here just patiently waiting on something to happen. Commissioner Rogers-why do we need to set a date? It's in their ball park (solar). Commissioner Beaman-I take it we are waiting until I am gone. I am not negotiating with those people, we have a range \$7000 to \$9000. Commissioner Rogers-we are in charge of the entire amount. Commissioner Beaman-draft a letter from this office agreed to by these three commissioners and ask for final determination so we can decide. Don't disagree the county needs money to be stable. Request over \$9 million and request at \$8.2 million by Auditor's budget for 2019. Don't disagree we need to keep county alive and be financially solid. Carryover will run for a little bit but won't last, we have approved appropriations at levels of deficit spending for the last 2 years. Commissioner Rogers- in reality last year we were ahead. Commissioner Beaman-we pared down and have mandatory Sheriff's Dept. coming for more money, courts coming for more money, thankfully the every day departments don't ask for much more and I appreciate. Critical departments ask for more, adding staff, demand is growing and revenues have come down- over \$300,000 to date last year in 2017. We didn't realize the revenue was shrinking, it is here, we were warned. We may have to look at PILOT payments to help support county coffers. If we don't start the process of asking the questions then we can't come to a decision. I do know if the max is \$9000 and we set, the distribution will follow whatever state says. Commissioner Crowe-discretionary distribution is unknown, I have no problem with a letter to the Department of Taxation of what the max can be and what minimum can be and distribution parameters. I don't think it can exceed \$9000. We don't know. Do they know? Commissioner Beaman- we know a benchmark. Under original AEZ was \$9000. Do you think we will set one above \$9000? Commissioners Rogers and Crowe-no. Commissioner Beaman- I was told at their last (public/ONU) meeting it was said they are at \$7000 and we are \$9000. Commissioner Rogers-

I never said. Commissioner Beaman-I haven't talked to them. In the minutes did we set at \$9000? Commissioner Crowe-I prefer to have all in one resolution, PILOT and distribution all at one time. Commissioner Beaman-lets set a date. Commissioner Crowe-we can have a letter drafted and sent down next week, when we get a response we can act on. Commissioner Beaman- I have a motion on the table, it can die for lack of second if you're the chairman. Commissioner Crowe-I will work at drafting a letter. Commissioner Beaman- I ask that this is a part of the minutes.

Kara Brown, Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent, She addressed Commissioner Beaman's question regarding why DD needs the big levy with no HARCO. Most services they support are thru a Medicaid support system they pay 40% of the cost. Historically Harco would run the workshop and DD paid them to run every day no matter how well or how poor. Medicaid has a free choice system and didn't feel they could offer. Harco is more like "Kroger". You buy where you like the food similar to how clients do now. We authorize for clients to purchase services from private providers. Providers are paid by unit of services similar to Doctors. Today they get what Medicaid allows and we authorize. Why do we still need the levy if we don't fund Harco? We still fund the Medicaid match system, 40% or \$10 per unit. We still have that responsibility for those services. We spent over \$1 million prior to privatization. Now \$500,000 of match to get services there. We still pay for 40% of services. We also got 60% back from Medicaid. We no longer get this reimbursement. Mandated by Medicaid. Might only be 20 schools and workshops across the state. Commissioner Beaman-right now your carryover is \$3.9 million. What are your expenses thru the end of the year? Kara-we are at negative spending and revenue at \$3.1 and we will spend \$700,000 of that carryover. Commissioner Beaman-Harcos' are going to struggle. You make that obvious. My concern is you state negative spending. I don't know why fiscal can't be handled in house. I've seen expenses go up tremendously in some areas: fiscal (salary-\$30,000) why? Kara-we couldn't justify full time expense for someone to do: \$55,000 to do. Mandated by law to have a Business Manager and can't be Fiscal. Commissioner Beaman-now you say \$100,000 less from split off. My issue is the ballot language should be less, you shouldn't have that much carryover. What is fair, we need to provide these services but things are changing. \$3.1 carryover. System is changing. We should have looked at levy to be fair to the taxpayers. Under old system you have accumulated \$3.0 million. Where do you think you are going and what kind of carryover at end of the levy-new system. Kara-we are already in \$800,000 negative spending. No new money, insurance and salaries are hitting us. Speech therapist are charging in the \$70,000. We have to have. Insurance was 8% increase. They are in a county board trust (for Health Insurance). Could be in the County. We are actively looking at insurance rates, we can't continue to allow the increase. Commissioner Beaman-in your other county (Union) is it handled the same way? Kara-not part of the county. Commissioner Beaman-providers-who monitors the compliance when you spend those dollars? You? Kara-partially ours with the state of Ohio who certifies Medicaid providers. The state bills us we pay the state and they pay providers. Fees are set in law since 2003. Commissioner Beaman-is it true that some clients go to multiple providers? Kara-true. Oversight, we monitor the state website. Commissioner Beaman-Harco made it clear they have no monies for the lease. Could some other providers come in and say we also want to use your facility? Kara-absolutely. If Kroger came in and said we can't stay open what are you going to do to help me? Commissioner Crowe-we don't help private corp. Commissioner Rogers-competition. Kara-not anything in our control. I want Harco to provide a good service for whoever goes in there. You can't support private. You are at risk. Commissioner Beaman-we are in a quandary. Kara-State doesn't want them in that building. They don't want them there. Commissioner Beaman-they are in a situation by other powers. They provide services and it has been turned upside down. Kara-I am willing to be part of that situation. Commissioner Beaman-I knew they were sending clients to Findlay, by their choice. I thought we would see a lot of companies set up. Kara-we have two that come into being, now we have five providers, Union five or six, Franklin Co. over 100. Dealing with Medicaid. Overhead involved. They need 9 to 15 to attend and chose their transportation to be financially wise. Harco runs their own

transportation. Commissioner Beaman-I don't know if we can make a difference. Hardin County will not be well served. Commissioner Rogers-it is business, you have to have a good business model. Kara-They face a risk if they stay in a public place with no rent. I am willing to be a part of those conversations and help with solutions and options. I am not in competition with anyone. We need them to stay viable. There are models that work. Commissioner Beaman-I appreciate where you are coming from, you have a large carryover. Kara-we may be down in five years. May need to ask for additional money. If we cut \$200,000 every year for five years we will have that spent down. Commissioner Beaman-do you think your program will be around in five years? Kara-yes, with local levy tax dollars. Commissioner Beaman-school privatized? Kara-I can't answer for the school, but the board yes. Harco was almost cost neutral.

Elaine Roynon-Hardin Hills Administrator. Asked for Executive Session at 10:39: employee termination of services. Commissioner Beaman moved to enter Executive Session with Elaine Roynon to discuss employee termination of services. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes. At 10:58 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session. No action at this time. Elaine gave a September report. Census is at 58. \$6,377 was spent over revenue. Fair was successful. Hired a Full time RN for day shift. Interviewing for Maintenance Worker. An Administrative Staff member has submitted her resignation for December.

Commissioner Beaman moved to oppose Issue I by resolution. CCAO provided a resolution the county commissioners are adopting. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Beaman-yes, Crowe-yes. **V101-213**

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Randall S. Rogers

_____, YES/NO
Brice S. Beaman

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board

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