

December 15, 2022

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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:

V109-52	Minutes of December 13, 2022:
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-53	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-54	JFS Resignation M. McCombs, 12/8/22
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-55	JFS Hire M. Stockdale, 1/27/22
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-56	Reallocation: Board of Elections
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V109-57	Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance & Pike Repair
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-58	Additional Appropriation: Board of Developmental Disabilities
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V7-15	D. Hall Vacation Payout, Resignation 9/26/22
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V7-16	T. Patterson Vacation Payout resignation 10/13/22
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills** Administrator, discussed an email that money is still available from the state for nursing homes. Hardin Hills will be receiving funds in 2023 once a formula to disburse is agreed upon, which could be today. \$350 Million to be distributed based on number of private rooms, Medicaid occupancy and cost report data. One mandate - funds have to be put to rate increases. Commissioner Rush-what happens at the end of the path with those big increases? CMS says it has to go in place for health care. How to increase Medicare/Medicaid rates to offset? They have proposed a temporary staffing level. Where will this staff come from? The ban on Nurse Aide classes ends July 2023. This is how they were able to hire. They will start back up this summer. November profit at \$60,962 with year to date loss at \$16,354. Revenue at \$498,670 and expenses at \$437,708. Sharon noted other county homes are not as generous as Hardin County for Holiday pay. She would like to review their policies. Average daily census was 66.5. At 66 today. Housekeeping and dietary wages will be reviewed to propose a tiered wage level based on years of experience. Staff are resigning due to increased benefits they can get thru Job & Family Services. Petty cash needs for activities; Activities need \$50 cash on hand to be used for activities-trips for Lake of Lights, pizza tips for residents, etc. Commissioners are not in agreement for a petty cash fund. She will use the same system the rest of the county does. Employee would submit a receipt, Sharon would approve and submitted in a bill jacket for reimbursement. She has had an issue getting a repair contractor to put a metal roof on the rental house. A snow plow is being installed on the 2009 truck and selling the 1999 truck on gov deals. BWC is opening 2023 Safety Grants of \$40,000. A transport van with handicap safety features and lift approximate cost of \$64,000, which BWC may cover \$27,000 for lift and safety features. The rest of \$36,000 could be covered with the Arthur Kohler Trust interest check of \$35,500. Electric Bariatric Beds at \$4,000-could be covered at 100%, She is currently renting but is working with a rep to assist with purchasing. Also, a Whirlpool lift bathtub cost of \$20,000 is on the wish list. More important is a dependable lift van that is being used for transports to Columbus, which is where she is getting most of the referrals. That makes follow up appointments to Columbus. Rates are being increased in January for private pay for transports. They can charge IRS mileage rate or hourly fees. Considering her rate increase for 2023-What percentage have nurses pay increased since her last increase? Sharon will submit.

Ranae Sherman and Bill Kellogg, **Soil & Water** board members, discussed the pay increases for 2023. A 10% rate was approved by their Board and they are informing the Commissioners as a courtesy. H2Ohio program receive funds to run the program for 3-5 years. There are funds in the budget from different streams. They did a survey within their District and Hardin was the lowest. No questions on the 2023 budget. They plan to hire a tech for a Dunkirk Project (Shallow Run) being paid thru the state.

A TEAMS meeting was held with the **USDA** regarding the lease for the North Annex for the FSA. FSA representatives asked for further information regarding the setting of furniture. Garrison Armor will provide the county the standard furniture design. Determination will be made before further discussion which is scheduled for December 15.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board