

January 3, 2019

MINUTES OF JANUARY 3rd MEETING/REORGANIZATIONAL

All Commissioners 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:

V101-376	Minutes of December 27, 2018:
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-abstain, Crowe-yes
V102-01	2019 Out of County Mileage IRS .58 per mile
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-02	Reimbursement: Annex December Utilities
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-03	Out of County Travel
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V102-04	Transfer of Funds: Reimbursement to Ellis Ditch
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-05	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-06	Appoint R. Paul Wellness Contact for 2019 \$1000
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes

The Clerk called the **reorganizational** meeting to order with nominations taken for the office of President/Chairman: Commissioner Rogers moved to appoint Commissioner Crowe as President and Commissioner Rogers as Vice President and Commissioner Striker as member. Commissioner Striker second the nominations with no objection from Commissioner Crowe. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes. Office hours will be 8:00-4:00 with meeting times for Commissioners on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. until the end of business. Board appointments were reviewed. Commissioner Crowe will serve on the Multi-County Jail Board and the North Central Solid Waste Policy Committee. Commissioner Rogers will serve on the Family & Children First Council. **V102-07**

Commissioner Rogers moved to have Commissioner Crowe be the voting member for CCAO with Commissioner Rogers as the alternate. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes. **V102-08**

Jacqueline Fitzgerald, new **Alliance Director**, met with the commissioners and reviewed what she is working on: removing Christmas/Holiday items, working on Henry's Restaurant closing, and the downtown revitalization project.

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve an increase for the **Keep Hardin County Beautiful** 2019 budget from \$10,520 to \$11,200. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes. Commissioner Striker moved to approve Commissioner Crowe to sign the **HJ Schodorf** Substantial Agreement date of September 29, 2018 to start the warranty; also the project came in less \$8,077.05, for a project total of \$132,944.95. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes.

Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey and Larry Gossard discussed the 2019 budget. He received a letter, from Commissioner Crowe, and found it insulting. He submitted his budget in September and then the letter the end of December that implied take it or leave it. Not possible with his schedule to come in in 3 days. You went thru my budget 3% across the board. I submitted a budget based on my needs. I know my needs you don't. You went thru my budget and over budgeted line items and now I have to submit letters to reallocate. I increased to hire- my staff spent the last 3 weeks for JFS. You hired someone and an assistant that doesn't know the job. We are covering for them and training. We spent all day until 7 p.m. on a case that wasn't even a Hardin County case. My assistant had been called out five straight nights that week to cover. I hired a full time assistant in the Juvenile area to cover JFS due to your hire, that you wrote up and increased wages. I am short salary and PERS for my new hire. My juvenile numbers are escalating. These cases are nightmares. Three lawyers

need appointed to the cases. Then conflicts cause rescheduling within 30 days. I needed to increase my budget due to Juvenile Court; my staff is training JFS staff to cover. We are doing their work because they don't know their job. My people are frazzled. I am passionate about this. I understand cost control but give me respect and ask me why my budget was increased. I see the tax numbers, I've done the calculations. You need to hire good people who know their job. Commissioner Crowe apologized for the time line. As far as JFS-we don't know. Prosecutor-ask me, my staff or Judge Christopher. Commissioner Rogers-we were told it was better. Prosecutor-you need to invite my staff to those meetings. That staff is looking for other positions. They have no direction. My training is teaching basics. The Victims Assistant is also an investigator for child sex abuse and will be involved in JFS cases. Time line with Juvenile Protection cases which are very rigid and time consuming. Commissioner Crowe-I understand what you are saying and you know the budget. Auditor supplied carryover paperwork. Prosecutor-I sit on the budget commission. You have \$5.3 million in your unappropriated budget. I complement you on the budget and I understand it's your job, I see the figures. You can come back and re-appropriate thru the year. You might grant if not, I have to layoff. That is no way to handle a business. I can't change problems that exist. I have the papers- he reviewed. Commissioner Crowe-Medicaid/Medicare funds is there to help us cover the shortfall. That is what it will cover. Look at our budget; our revenues do not go up 16% a year. We continue to budget more expenditures than revenue. You will run out of money. Trying to avoid as long as possible and wisely. If the governor does give us MCO, sales tax-that is a plus. Since I've been here we budget then when departments come in-we have not turned down. We budget conservatively as well as the Auditor. Prosecutor-I take exception. You are up in every department except in sales tax, lagging behind only because of pipe fitters last year-take that out and only \$67,000 behind. Not the way to do budget. You ask my needs then say re-appropriate. If I come back-risky-if you say no then I have to layoff. Either approve or don't. I will run out of money. You know my reasons and needs. I need to write six letters to re-appropriate but still short, \$60,689 less on salary for Assistant Prosecutor. Larry-can reduce on other line items. Those were increased 3% over what I needed. I put it in as a fair minimum didn't need the 3%. Needed in Assistant Prosecutors salary. Commissioner Crowe-we approved last Thursday. Later in the year bring us back revised numbers and we will do additional as needed. Commissioner Rogers-in the system either correct now or later with promise we will increase. Larry-will need additional for PERS and Medicare also. Commissioner Crowe-I assure you we will start 2020 earlier.

Denise Althaus, Treasurer, gave the year end **Investment Report**. Interest was up 43% over 2017. Some of that is due to STAR OHIO rates. Closed yesterday at 2.58%. Any projects this year? South entrance, window replacement should be under \$500,000, some at the north annex. One million. Simon Kenton School? Carryover is a little less now than what it was. She takes under consideration pooled collateral on cd's and bonds. If 50% she can't do. The bidding process is up this year. Due to the size, Hardin County is small and limited on financial institutions to do business with.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
Randall S. Rogers

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board