

January 24, 2019

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING

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:

V102-55	Minutes of January 22, 2019:
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rogers	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-56	Bills
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V102-57	KHCB Pay Increase \$10 to \$12 effective 1/5/19
1 <sup>st</sup> -Rogers	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-58	Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement
1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes

Bob Snavely, **Palmer Energy** representative discussed participation agreements for natural gas and electric aggregate programs with County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Electric per facilities is a separate agreement thru the suppliers negotiated by Palmer Energy. This is the agreement that will end December 31, 2019. The agreement needed now is the one for participation and one for the supplier. Much confusion on the agreements. They follow the OCR RFP codes. If the county decides not to enter an agreement with a company they have the option to opt out. Their fees are per kilowatt hour or mcf and have not changed in at least six years. Facilities are 1 mil, 0.3045 mini mils for aggregation. If the county opts out they are not obligated to any fees. The aggregation for natural gas needs an advance notice to be out of the pool, which is two years. The first part of the agreement is participation saying yes we want to be part of the program. Then it is broken down into the programming the county wants to be a part of: natural gas, electric, solar. Part C is the aggregation portion. No solar, no gas aggregation. The supplier agreement will have fees if the county leaves during the term. They can opt out of the CCAO program. Commissioner Rogers noted that Palmer goes out in the market to get a price. Pleasant Township opted not to participate in the program. Initially the first year comparison and the price agreed on was not the best price and their average for the 12 months was the same price paid on average. Just another middle man. Bob- I take exception to your comment because we provide a service and that is not always the case. Price comes from suppliers, they put a fee on that price then it comes to you. We are an agent. CCAO agency part, you know our fee. Most cases our fees are competitive. Nobody can predict the market. We can make projections and may not be right all the time. We make analysis. Through the term you will absolutely see changes. CCAO gets 10% fee, Commissioners 10% and entities 10%. Advantage is what you provide your constituents. Commissioner Crowe-the whole program is based on the price of energy going up. Bob-energy portion is a protection against a volatile market. The last 3-years we have been behind in storage. Weather pattern is favorable and predictable. You are paying for their knowledge. Can the county do a three year agreement over the five being offered? Bob didn't know, ask CCAO.

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills Administrator**, gave a monthly report. Nate Rodenberger, IT, was also present to discuss the current agreement with Hardin Hills IT vendor ITECH. Cost of IT services for Hardin Hills? No contract since 2009. Outstanding service 24 hours a day no matter who calls from the facility. He is depended upon. Nate noted they host most technology on the cloud with user fees per IP address. Nate recommended ITECH create a list of Admin credentials and passwords to be kept on site in a lock box. It is a state of the art system. Sharon will put in place measures for oversight and discuss Nate working with him to learn the system. Sharon was contacted by the vendor who does their time reporting system. Nate and ITECH will be included in updating the software. Four referrals today. 58 census today. Medicaid rate is decreasing from \$179 to \$171.63. Private room rates increase when

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this happens \$3 to \$5 per day. The suite rate with private bath is \$275; the other suite has two residents. Commissioner Crowe moved to increase the room rate from \$150 to 153 per day with the suite rate at \$275 effective March 1, 2019. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes. **V6-289** Sharon will send letters to all family residents. A housekeeping position was cut with the census. There are not enough labor hours to do the job sufficiently. She suggested a working Housekeeping Supervisor position. She will look to offset those funds to hire a working Supervisor. Activities department-their job is to be there for the residents. No one is there at nights or weekends. She will create a new schedule for two nights per week and alternating weekends. Not an overtime situation. She is receiving quotes for new receiving and dumpster door locks. She will be meeting with the therapy company to review the contract. She will do a blanket out of county travel for herself and Marketing to visit out of county facilities. The recent survey was discussed-minor things that need fixed. Her pre-approved spring vacation is May 28 to June 3.

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