

February 14, 2019

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14th 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:

V102-106 Minutes of February 12, 2019:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-absent, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-107 J. Launder, JFS, TPOC rep. plus \$0.20 per hour
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V102-108 Bills
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-109 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-110 Reallocation: DD Unemployment
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes
V102-111 Additional Appropriation: Commissioners equipment
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
Dog & Kennel caller ID was approved on a month to month basis, no contract with Windstream.

John Folk, **JFS Director**. Asked for a resolution to allow him to do Interagency Transfers for 2019. Clerk will put together for action on Tuesday. Mandated share requested payment for second half of this year. The Clerk will discuss with the Auditor. He has the calculations for SFY 2020, the county portion has gone down. He gave the standard monthly reports. Training continues March 7 with more scheduled. Staff has been positive about the training. Prosecutor's Office has staff attending. Child Protection Oversight review has been done with an exit conference scheduled Feb. 26. March 1st a Victims of Crime Grant will start to provide mentors to families affected by drugs. The new Medicaid system is capturing cost back (50/50) for the grant at 75%. Will not include Directors salary and overhead. Impact will be less than thought. The PRC Plan is due for update. Commissioner Striker will assist on the committee. Ohio Means Jobs is having an "In Demand Job Week" May 6-10. He will brainstorm with other stakeholders on activities for the week. John requested Executive Session to discuss the Union Agreement that expires Nov. 3, 2019. At 9:48 Commissioner Rogers moved to enter Executive Session regarding labor negotiations. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes. At 9:58 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

Amanda Raines, **OSU Extension**, discussed 4-H opportunities. Her goal is to work with camp, fair and clubs. A new type of service club is being started. These are more specific and held for a shorter period of time. 227 went to camp last year. She is an instructor for the Mental Health First Aid. 50% of her salary is covered by grants. 4-H week is the first of March. Commissioner Crowe moved to sign the Proclamation supporting 4-H week. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes.

Bette Bibler, **Council on Aging**, ODOT notified her in January that ODOT was cutting her operating expenses by 60% and the transportation by 40%. A \$160,000 loss. She will present options of how to make up the loss at a board meeting on Tuesday at 3:00. 2020 grant is due March 1 with her full request. She discussed her proposed many cuts and new charges to help with this loss.

Gabe Klooster and Erin Saal, Invenergy, twelve interested party were also present. Gabe presented an update. An inter-connection sub-station has been built and turned over to AEP. The design is being optimized to reduce cost. The customer would like done by the end of 2020. No agreement has been signed. Continued construction thru 2019. Civil work to cut access roads, project sub-station for 2019. On-going construction has to be done to qualify for

the Tax Credit Incentives. No final number on turbines. Amount of power needed is up to 300 mg wt. Phase II solar is in front of the Ohio Power Citing Board. Project is moving along well. No permit yet, no Pilot until permit. Target is late May. Phase I solar is ready for PILOT discussions. They would like to start construction to meet the customers demand for power and to meet the Tax Credit Incentive. Discussion on PILOT toward a final agreement. Concern from public on adverse impact, \$1 million more of revenue to the county. No increase to landowners taxes. Worked with state level to make sure not the case. No increase in taxes to anyone due to our involvement. Commissioner Crowe-we are in discussion with Ohio Department of Taxation hoped for an email today. I am not comfortable with knowing what the states position is on PILIOT. We have nothing in writing. Not in favor of proceeding. Questions raised about amount, how distributed, varying interpretation on harmless levy that appears still would be burden transferred to landowners. Heard nothing contrary from Taxation. We don't know complications and distribution. Does county get all or others? New tax Commissioner, I talked with him this morning and he has questions and doing research. We asked in October for this. Gabe-we agree, we have asked for in writing. Great you are speaking with them. They have been helpful to us and can give you their contact. Can do a sit down with all or pursue later. Commissioner Crowe-we will continue our conversation with them. Commissioner Rogers-May is the expectation for Phase II? Gabe-yes, from OPSB. Good to get clarity. Distribution not of interest to us but want to make sure you have direction. Conceptionally doesn't make sense to us to bring in new revenue and have others pay what is lost. Commissioner Striker-we need answers from Columbus. I am getting up to speed with this project. Rep. Cross is available to assist. Commissioner Crowe-PILOT revision was made November 2018, we need to make sure clear. Lori Dyer-million dollars to this county? Where did it come from? Gabe-minimum of mgwt is \$1 to 1.5 million per year. New revenue. Lori Dyer-financial info required by OPSB? Investment and sales? Gabe-the required estimate and is redacted. Lori-customer contracting? Mgw? Gabe-megawatt is rate and hours is what they ask for. 700 megawatts. For wind. Phase I up to 250 in cell megawatts capacity and we pay per that amount. Customers we are talking to want the whole thing. Lance Shepherd-power is sold? Gabe-contract under negotiation. Previous was signed but customer failed to get regulatory approval. Current customer doesn't have to do. No power sold now that we can announce. No other questions. Commissioner Crowe thanked all and have all interest in mind while working thru this. Lori-new revision code? Commissioner Striker-ORC 5727.75. Lori Dyer-it does not increase property tax it increase property tax to party not interested. Transfers liability. ORC law. The Auditor has that in writing.

Luke Underwood, Deputy **Engineer**, noted the West Annex needs asphalt work on pot holes. Estimate is \$2585.62. Commissioners asked Luke to put on his list for repair. Luke dug up the perimeter at the North Annex this morning. Camera was sent thru and looks good. No obstructions. Perforated tile. Dirt excavated is sandy. Another sump pit could be put in or trench/pump to the other end. Luke will see if his staff can do the sump or talk to a vendor. A conference call was received from Rep. Jon Cross to discuss transportation budget regarding bridges in Hardin County. Over the next ten years the transportation budget will be \$2.5 billion short. It has been proposed to increase the gas tax by 22 cents. Last increase was in 2005. Jon wants to protect the 60/40 share that it doesn't get re-negotiated and that local government gets their share. Jon would propose a smaller increase and have DOT come back in 4 to 5 years than the previous 15 years to see where they are. Luke would rather see a gas tax rather than license tag fees. Smaller counties get hurt. Jon is proposing legislation to plate Amish buggies. The Ohio Township Association is helping Jon. Funds should stay in the townships.

Commissioner Rogers moved to hire Vonda Perkins as Housekeeping Assistant, on the recommendation of Scott Ribley. Hire date after a positive background check. Full time with benefits, 120 day probation, \$9.00 per hour. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. **V102-112**

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

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