

March 4, 2021

MINUTES OF MARCH 4th 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:

V105-374 Minutes of March 2, 2021:
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call; Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V106-01 Filing of Petition for Regular Annexation to Forest: Messmer/Bostelman/NY
Central
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V106-02 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V106-03 Additional Appropriation: 1st half Real Estate Settlement
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V106-04 Reimbursement: February Reconciliation Pike Repair
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V106-05 CSEA Clerk of Courts, IV-D Contract
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: Logan County Annual Maintenance Levy for Joint Ditches
Bell-3%, Banning-20%, Liggett-5%, Southfork-1%
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Commissioner Striker has been appointed to Rep. Sprague's Advisory Board that talked on broadband to each resident. With each county having a MARCS tower this could potentially be worked thru for permission to use.

Chris Griffith, noted an update with CBTS on the phones. A better system has been planned with the same phones. Katey Henson and **Prosecutor** Bradford W. Bailey joined and requested Executive Session. At 9:20 Commissioner Striker moved to enter **Executive Session** to discuss pending/threatened litigation and invited Chris Griffith to join the discussion. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes. At 9:46 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session. Commissioner Striker moved to rescind and reject the Courthouse Network Cabling project bids due to the ambiguity of the way the bid specifications were written. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes. **V106-06**

Holli Underwood, Hardin Chamber and **Business Alliance**, updated on current projects and a new opportunity for potential business. Hopefully, the grocer will have a decision before the end of the month. With COVID it is hard to do face to face with the membership. Hiring and retention is still an issue with most in the area. The Alliance is applying for the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan as approved by the Board. The annual budget is ready to propose at the board meeting March 25, virtual. They will need to be very conservative throughout 2021. 5.1% unemployment in Hardin County. Enterprise Zone meetings are tomorrow.

Richard Lawson, **Maintenance Supervisor**, noted the steam line, in the Auditor's Office, that feeds the third court Judges area is leaking. It is insulated, Wiebel was not interested in working on but contacted someone they work with for a quote. The pipe is buried in the ceiling and will need to be replaced. When the quotes come in he will forward. The Regional Planning area work will be pushed back until the window project/a/c is done in that area.

The quarterly **IT Committee** was held with the following present: Commissioner Striker, Commissioner Rush, Mike Bacon, Amy Newland, Katey Henson, Becky Stevenson and Luke Underwood. Luke called the meeting to order. Katey moved to approve the December minutes, Becky second. All ayes. The question is with no IT employee does this committee need to continue? Commissioner Rush-asked why the committee was in existence? Luke-a group asked for an IT employee to save money and bring all depts. together for group purchases. Some benefit still. Does not sound as if Commissioners are hiring another IT.

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Should try to keep all on same page. Amy asked for an update. Chris Griffith is now being used as needed. Counties next step is to rewire network. Chris already does Hardin Hills. He can remote in and order product as needed. Becky asked if this is one man and already does Hardin Hills? Yes. Her system is huge and Secretary of State mandates things in place, she has to have three quotes to hire someone. As a Director she does not have an IT degree but needed the services of an IT. We don't have. New Era in Maumee has helped us at \$11,000 for the year. This puts them in a bad position. I just can't have just anybody come in a work on us. This puts us in a bad position and causes her stress when there is an issue. Katey-it is hard not having someone on site. I agree. By hiring they are used so much by Board of Elections that they are of little use to other offices. Becky-I can't rely on him (Chris) he has other businesses. Tim-still an option to go before commissioners. Sheriff has hired his own IT. Luke-do we have enough work for someone? We need to look at who would use an IT, we've lost some departments. Tim-this committee should make a recommendation. Luke-my office-our PC's don't get the attention they need. No preventative maintenance. Katey-they are pulled in different directions. Pay? Stress? Full time/part time? Becky-some updates are not needed-we don't know which is good. A lot to expect of someone that is not IT. Amy-you get what you pay for. We love Net Gain. They update, inventory, order what we need. We run so much better with no stress. They are 24/7. They remote or come up. It's not cheap. Luke would like to continue to meet thru 2021. Luke will start an email chain for the need to hire a person or a company. Commissioner Striker-this may be a bid process to hire, once all united, would all give up individual IT pieces? Luke-all the new system does is network, I would still oversee my servers. Becky-our contract thru 2021. Amy will forward a contract and cost to Katey and Clerk for review. Committee will continue to meet thru 2021. Next meeting June 3. Luke-Office 365 is being considered after the network is in. Mike-there is a company in Findlay that offered as well as MFCD, his company, that has offered to assist. Mike-phones/internet may go down Monday and Tuesday during his construction. Luke asked for a new chairman. Katey volunteered to serve. Becky second. Mike moved to adjourn. Amy second. All ayes.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board

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