

March 12, 2020

MINUTES OF MARCH 12th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioner Candidates Fred Rush and Russ Blue recited the pledge at 8:30. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V104-129 Minutes of March 10, 2020:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call; Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V104-130 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V104-131 Reappointments Hog Creek Advisory Board 1/31/23
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V104-132 Release of Funds: Reimburse PCSA
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V104-133 Additional Appropriation: Engineers 1st half settlement Auglaize
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V104-134 Payment of Bills: Hog Creek
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V104-135 Group Retro Enrollment thru 2021 for Workers Comp CCAO
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: MOU JFS for Multi System Youth Funding SFY 20-21 and Family & Children First, \$73,257.35, 5% for 2020 and 10% for 2021: used in families in need of giving up a child due to issues in different agencies and can't afford. Sometimes a family has to relinquish custody to get support for a child. John will do a minimum to start. Also has state protected dollars to use which are transferred as needed.
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call; Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
Commissioner Rogers moved to authorize **Hardin Hills credit card** to be increased to a limit of \$10,000. Commissioner Crowe second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes.
Commissioner Candidate Bob Carder sat in as a guest.

John Folk, **Job & Family Services Director**, gave the February review. Unemployment remains steady. No report from the recent Job Fair, he heard several attended and found jobs. Ohio Means Jobs lists a number of openings on their web page. John will review the possibility of early hire of youth due to closing of schools due to COVID-19. On the Job Training is still in the works. Funding is available but employers have yet to be found to participate. Children's Services: 36 in protective supervision, 37 temporary custody, 1 permanent custody. Their job is to keep children safe one way or another. Hope to reunify is the goal. Substance abuse disorders is high and account for most of the cases. The START Program is voluntary to help parents receive a peer mentor to help families thru recovery. The office remodel is specifically for the START Program. The current case worker retired effective tomorrow. In this program the case worker sees a family every week. Quarterly Report: 25 investigations were screened in for abuse/neglect. Public Assistance: 6619 recipients of Medicaid. 3085 Food Stamp recipients, Cash Assistance-181 participants (children only), Protective Services for Adults had 4 screened out. Transported 99 recipients. At 9:53 Commissioner Crowe moved to enter **Executive Session** regarding employee discipline. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes. At 9:58 Commissioner Striker announced the end of Executive Session.

The Bid Opening was held for the **HVAC services** for the county buildings. One bid was received from Weibel Energy Systems. Bid was for \$9955 for one year and \$9955 for two year for all nine facilities a total of \$19,910. Commissioner Crowe moved to take the bid under advisement of the Maintenance Supervisor. Commissioner Rogers second. Roll call; Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. **V104-136**

Bob Snavely, **CCAO Solar Energy**, CCAO is offering a new program for counties to purchase solar energy 20 to 25 years out at a low cost. Potential of 20% savings to get in the program now. There is no escalator clause in this program. This could be 400 acres (with 100 mgwt) with other entities involved. An opportunity for the county to take advantage of, an economic hedge, to save money or the next 20 to 25 years. The Purchase Power Ag. would be the end result and signed at the end. Each county can chose up to 25%. This is an RFP process. A basis agreement needs in place prior to moving forward. Like an insurance policy. This is a benefit of the hedge. Solar recs market is associated with the purchase with the value changing based on supply and demand. This is a state program and Bob is unfamiliar with how it works. Bob has four counties involved in his area, out of 24. He has yet to speak with most counties. They are using the current good energy environment to base their report. Bob will ask if there is an opt out clause and about the minimum buy in.

Mauger went to do services at the Yost house. Mauger reported the rental is bringing a lot of the mice infestation on themselves due to the condition of the home. Bait boxes are in and around the house. A letter will be sent the renter of monthly inspections effective April 7.

Discussion on the phone system: why not stay another year until Engineers contract expires Sept. 2021? Mike Trausch-technology, back-up system Spectrum is giving more stability and speed, ability to upgrade and secure the things we need to move forward, security. Windstream will need to be a secondary ISP in the interim. Another cost. Phone service-we are paying and overpaying for services we have never used. Mike is working on reimbursement/credit. What's not working on our phone or internet service? Mike-this pandemic-we cannot work from home or other locations, no mobility. Commissioner Rogers-we can't work from home, we would use cell phones. Mike-those are personal cell phones. Current phones cannot be taken anywhere else. VOIP can. If they don't have proper internet service at home they can't use. Mike could turn on and off phone service from home. As it is today they would not work. Mike can do some programming on the current phones and calls Impact for others. With a new system he can remote. Mike feels a VOIP system will now work in the courthouse with no issues. Mitel phones could be sold on govdeals. Commissioner Rogers-can we wait until July 21? Mike-your call-internet we need something in July. Mike-you've okay spectrum (2019) coming in with phones and internet. I got them to drop the contract a couple weeks ago. This will be cheaper. Way better off with my solutions than the previous solution. Apples to apples. I've talked to tons of vendors, entities and services they are giving are at a bare minimum, we need. Difficult as IT going from one to another, huge waste of time when not remote. Commissioner Crowe moved to enter into a five year contract with Spectrum for internet, \$3220.00 and CBTS for phones \$26,656.61 (144) with a monthly recurring cost of \$1939.30. This is for the Courthouse and Engineers Offices. Windstream will be sent a letter of cancellation of services. Spectrum will be sent a letter of cancellation and confirmation of services to void the agreement from November 2019. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes. **V104-137**
Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
Randall S. Rogers

Attest _____

Clerk of the Board

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