

March 23, 2020

MINUTES OF MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> SPECIAL MEETING

At 9:00 Commissioners and staff recited the pledge. All Commissioners were present for a Special Meeting due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Mike Trausch, **IT Coordinator**, was asked to order a camera to remotely show the commissioners meetings on Facebook live. Veteran’s Hall will be set up as a public area for those “attending” sessions. According to the open meetings laws during an emergency this is allowable. Commissioners can meet from home. An opinion from the Secretary of State Dave Yost states voting may also take place by teleconferencing. The Hardin County Commissioners Office has officially been closed to the public. Staff will remain and take phone calls and assist as needed.

Commissioner Crowe noted it is good to meet today to make decisions due to the Governor calling a **Stay At Home** order effective Monday March 23, 2020 at 11:50 p.m. Commissioner Rogers-we will take it a day at a time to see if a need to keep meeting every day.

Mike discussed various ways to video and broadcast commissioners meetings. A live feed to Vets Hall is planned to be set up asap in case of need. “Zoom” is also available from home. Commissioner Crowe attended a meeting with the Prosecutor to explain how emergency operations plan spells out supplies. EMA Director will submit purchasing orders with each entity paying their own supplies. The health commissioner is responsible to pay for all necessary expenses during an individual’s quarantine. That person should in turn reimburse the health commissioner. If indigent, it goes back to the municipality or township. If a transit person ends up in your county with COVID-19, the county must contact their county within 3 days. If they don’t, the county hosting the individual is responsible for all expenses for 20 days. The Emergency Operations Center was opened by the Health Commissioner. Each entity may send one representative if they chose. Declaring an Emergency is not necessary due to the State declaring.

What government offices need to close that are deemed to not be **essential functions**? Commissioner Crowe moved to declare that all government officials are essential employees for the purpose of the Stay at Home Order. Due to the size of Hardin County all Commissioner staff are considered essential government employees.

**Auditor** Mike Bacon noted Hardin Hills is hiring. They are considered essential. Cindy Keller, Department of Health, called to inform the commissioners that Dr. Das, **Health Commissioner**, has asked the Board of Commissioners to Declare a State of Emergency for Hardin County. Commissioners will deliberate. County Commissioners Association of Ohio has noted this process has already been done by the State Department of Health and Governor DeWine. Commissioner Crowe moved to adopt a Proclamation of a Declaration of a Health Emergency for Hardin County on the recommendation of Dr. K. Das effective 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes. **V104-153A**.

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