

May 02, 2019

MINUTES OF MAY 2nd 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:

V102-243 Minutes of April 30, 2019:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-244 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V102-245 License Tag Fees Unencumber Kenton \$6550
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-246 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-247 Additional Appropriation: Wyandot Real Estate
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V102-248 Transfer: Juvenile Court Grant
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V102-249 Advance Back: Juvenile Court Grants
1st-Striker 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
Signed: WIOA Agreement extend for two years, Commissioner Crowe to sign
1st-Rogers 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Richard Lawson, Maintenance Supervisor, asked three companies for estimates to **caulk** around the courthouse steps. Two responded for 2,000 linear feet. Midstates estimate was \$21,828, Trisco \$19,683, Quality Masonry did not submit. Both have done reputable work in the past. Richard will contact QMS.

Mike Augenstine, Mid-Ohio Energy, and Lynn Webb, Mayoral candidate, visited with the commissioners.

Jacqueline Fitzgerald, **Chamber Alliance**, reviewed a couple of anticipated projects in Ada and Kenton. A lot of movement in the fall with new builds and the alternative energy programs who will need roads ready for turbines. The Alliance applied and is being awarded a grant from Mid-Ohio for economic development in the outlying communities. She is meeting with companies to discuss starting wages. An interested restaurant owner is looking at Henry's Restaurant. Jacqueline asked again about reconsidering a Land Bank. She noted Hardin is one of the few counties that do not have a Land Bank. The program could purchase the house, tear down and allow someone to purchase and build new. Some of the current blight is pulling neighbor taxes down and allowing houses to fall down. She will get the newest details to present. Unemployment is at 3.8%.

Mike and Rita Shope, **Regarding Hardin Hills**-old building but one room with restrooms. Concerned about the new Administrator and what she is doing. Hardin Hills has always given the best care but this Administrator has one aide on a wing, who can't give good care to all the residents. Social Worker has an Assistant, why? She is bringing her people in with her from KNR. I am concerned with my mother's care. They are wearing out the workers with mandatory overtime and extra days. You can't do that to people. I talked with someone who worked with her before at KNRC and this person left from there because of her. The aides are running their butts off. Can't give good care to multiple patients. We need to keep Hardin Hills but at the rate they are going, I heard someone sent her in to buy it out? Commissioner Crowe-we don't argue that people don't want to come because of bathrooms and running water. We are looking at and putting money into it. \$300,000 to do. Ms. Shope-why not a levy? We need the Medicaid beds. Mr. Shope-this lady is pushing out the good workers. Commissioner Crowe-we have found that there was a lot of auto pilot, not proper supervision in the past. When you being in a new boss and they enforce rules, people don't accept. You will have turnover. Ms. Shope-one long time worker was degraded three times until they quit today. Mr. Shope-you don't see what's going on. Commissioner Crowe-we are trying to get a greater presence. Working on once a month. We are concerned. Discussion on exit interviews.

We are families who are observing. Families care is good so far. Not enough help. Employees are venting to families. Commissioner Striker-we are looking at a lot of things. Restrooms, wages, build, levy. Ms. Shope-look at overall picture or it's going under. Commissioner Rogers-we are trying to take care of these issues. All the issues are tied together. An internship program is being worked on in house. Ms. Shope-I am concerned there is not enough help. I am leary with the new administration. Commissioners-not enough help to hire. Care is number one. Commissioners appreciate their concern and perspective.

Denise Althausser, **Treasurer**, reviewed the April Investment Report. At 63% of the anticipated interest so far this year. She asked about the CORSA liability per HB291. Two questions: 1. Aggregate per occurrence? Employee bonds as requested by an official not ORC. Denise also noted the land bank coverage thru CORSA is not new, they are marketing it differently. The county commissioners cannot carry a policy for the land bank, it is a separate entity. They sit on the board but separate. Commissioner Rogers-it was explained as new coverage. Denise will check on. If a claim, it is paid out to the county. That is not where it needs to be paid. By statue it is the Treasurer, two Commissioners and two discretionary members. Commissioners will discuss with CORSA. Jacqueline Fitzgerald and Lynn Webb were present and feel a land bank is another tool to use to clean up the county. Some counties use CIC. Every county is different. There are groups that serve as consultants to land banks.

Nate Rodenberger, **IT**, had a conversation with NetGain who can run a fiber network to all locations to interconnect for higher security or run thru Spectrum and provide IT Services. Union and Logan Counties currently use NetGain. Nate recommended fiber for top of the line networking and future technology. They are not a certified Mitel vendor. They do IP over internet not PBX. Spectrum provides phone service but you need a phone vendor for service. WOCO is basically Spectrum.

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills** Administrator. At 2:10 Commissioner Rogers moved to enter executive session to discuss employment and wages at Hardin Hills with Sharon Huston. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes. At 2:55 Commissioner Crowe announced the end of Executive Session.

The **second hearing** for the proposed tax renewal to make continuous was held in the commissioner's room. Sales tax renewal is half percent and has been in place since 2005. No public was present. A draft resolution will be sent to the Department of Taxation for review. **V102-249**

Denise Althausser, Treasurer, explained the various ways other counties manage their Land Banks.

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