

May 26, 2022

MINUTES OF MAY 26th MEETING

No Commissioner Meeting on May 24, 2022. Commissioner Crowe was absent. 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:

V108-73 Minutes of May 19, 2022:
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-absent, Rush-yes
V108-74 Transfer of Funds: OPWC Payment, JFS
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V108-75 Bills
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V108-76 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance/Pike Repair
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V108-77 Appointments to Local Corrections Board to 1/31/24
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V108-78 Reallocation: Transfer Station
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
V108-79 Resignation K. Camper, Dog Warden effective July 24, 2022
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes
Signed: JFS & NECCO, Inc. \$200,000, Child Placements
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes

Sharon Huston, **Hardin Hills** Administrator, April update. Revenue \$404,380, Expenses \$570,638, loss \$166,258: census at 59 and included a third payroll and CORSA premium. She asked Commissioners to review the amended COVID resolution due to more being known about medical waivers and allowing mothers to breastfeed prior to getting the vaccine. The J&J vaccine may be withheld by the CDC/FDA. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the new COVID Vaccine Amended Policy as recommended by Sharon and reviewed by the Prosecutor. Commissioner Striker second. Effective immediately. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V7-05** Several issues: the fire pump needs replaced, one estimate is \$149,000 plus electrical could be \$200,000 total. This would also hook into the Kenton water. The CPA noted the first payback for 2019-2021 Medicare is \$64,314 and \$45,000. No large write offs from the 65% the government had paid in advance. Not enough Medicare to support per the formula thru CMS. Hardin Hills received around \$1 million that now due to the formula they have to repay. Medicare Advancement: average of previous year Medicare revenue-all knew it was not a grant, it was to help pay for extras thru COVID. Entitled to a hardship but she has the funds to repay. Sharon has put together a list of options to help with expenses: Sale of beds funds to Hardin Hills, America Rescue Funds, Kohler Trust, Farm land revenue to Hardin Hills, a last resort a new tax levy. Father's Day Classic Car show is scheduled. July 1 at 10:30 a Community Independence Day Celebration. A family members complaint was discussed.

Chelsea Ward, FLR Insurancenter and Ali Redmond, **CORSA**. 2022-2023 CORSA Renewal, Property and Liability coverage effective May 1. 4.7% increase this year program wide. Previous year was 2%. Due to law enforcement liability they knew there would be an increase. The pool as a whole is doing well. On the commercial side it could have been up to 15%. Next year will be another increase on property and cybersecurity. Multi factor authentication is an issue that needs to be implemented. Available grants: Cybersecurity (\$5000) and Law Enforcement. "Social Engineering" invoices are now on the rise. **Everyone should make sure invoices coming by email are valid prior to paying.** Law Enforcement has applied in the past for grants. Multi County Jail could file on their own behalf.

At 10:43 Commissioner Striker moved to enter **Executive Session** with John Folk, JFS and Amber Conley regarding ORC121.22(G)(1) discipline of an employee. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes. At 11:04 Commissioner Rush announced the end of Executive Session. No action at this time.

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Luke Underwood, Engineer, Katey Henson, Prosecutor’s Office, Mike Bacon, Auditor. Luke explained the new CDL procedures. He is asking for a **Tuition Reimbursement Agreement Program**. Employee could get a student loan and as they continue employment, the Engineer would reimburse during the employment period. Katey-we explored avenues and wanted something to protect the counties investment. Have them pay or get a loan, with total cost, over a period of time to get some back each month. Luke would like to retain x number of years. The pool of employees is dwindling. All competitors are now doing, making harder for the Engineer to get CDL drivers. Many counties do a reimbursement program. Commissioners have direct statutory authority to approve. If they authorize then Engineer and Prosecutor would come up with a policy. Luke would share his policy once done. Funds from the Engineer funds. Commissioner Striker moved to authorize a Tuition Reimbursement Program per ORC 325.191 for the Engineers Office. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V108-80** Policy will be developed with the Prosecutor.

Luke was contacted by ODOT and Allen County **Regional Planning Commission**. Seven area counties were asked if they wanted to join a rural transportation organization. ODOT pays 90% to join and operate. The other 10% is paid from by the county engineers. Helps with additional federal funding. Lima said they would run the organization. A resolution from the Commissioners and an MOU is needed. \$1500 per year is his cost by population and land area. Takes two years to get off the ground. Townships can also be members. Commissioners would appoint the Engineer and Mayor to the board. This would be a five-year commitment. Prosecutor’s Office will review. Commissioners will take under advisement.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
 Roger E. Crowe

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board