

September 27, 2018

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Tim Leffler, Kenton City Council and Tim Striker, Commissioner Candidate, 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:

V101-174 Minutes of September 25, 2018:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Beaman Roll call: Crowe-yes, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes
V101-175 Bills
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V101-176 Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement
1st-Rogers 2nd-Beaman Roll call: Crowe-yes, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes
V101-177 Hire Joy Smith, Housekeeping Helper at \$9.00 per hour 120 day probation
1st-Beaman 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes

A Department Head meeting was held in Veterans Hall. The following was discussed:

1. We are nearing the year end and all need to review their monthly financials. Audit is on-going
2. Records Commission meets Oct. 30. If your department does not have a RC-1, RC-2 or RC-3 you need to get an inventory started. You cannot just dispose of records.
3. The latest county policy manual and all benefits can be found on the Auditor's web site.
4. Budgets are due. Sales tax for 2018 are down \$670,000 and real estate re-appraisals with more land in CAUV will be around \$160,000 less for 2019. This will be a tough budget cycle. The 2018 budget was more than income. Commissioner's cannot do this for 2019.
5. ALL NEW HIRES should see Lori Clark PRIOR to starting employment.
6. The new boiler testing is Friday, Sept. 28 in the morning.
7. Employee health insurance decreased 1% for 2019. Plan 2D with single and family plans. Open enrollment is October 31. Each employee should attend one session.
8. Health Fair/Blood Draws at HMH October 2, 10 and 16.
9. Wellness: October 4, 2018 is a Kick off to Fall activity from 4:15 to 5:30 in Veteran's Hall. Various area fitness centers will be present. Demo on Yoga balls and Zumba, bike helmets available. Flu shots in the courthouse October 24 1-2:00. Bring your insurance card. Wellness has an effect on your health and does decrease health premiums. Encourage all employees to participate.
10. Jacob Burgbacher will be learning the ropes with Max Trachsel for EMA/Loss Control and taking over the position as of November 1st. Max retires October 31. Hattie Dearth was introduced as the new Courthouse Security Officer.
11. If you need Facility Dude or IT icon on your desk top, please see Richard or Nate. This documents and schedules your needs.
12. Courthouse is closing Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 2018 at noon. Employees should work half their work day. Payroll due this morning. Full work day December 31.
13. Commissioner Crowe mentioned the Commissioners have signed a purchase agreement for 950 W. Kohler St. for \$1028. They determined it was economical to repair. Not sure of the use at this time but is not a single use building. There is a cost to repair and renovate which is unknown. If interested in moving let the Commissioner's know. Should have a deed this next week. Commissioner Beaman noted this parcel is adjacent to county owned property. Built in 2009 and has 7800 sq. ft.
14. Prosecutor Bailey noted the commissioners did not have workers comp insurance factored in last year and to factor in this year will increase all budgets. He doesn't see a budget crisis and sits on the Budget Commission. It is a hard sell to him. He can't control the numbers. Commissioner Beaman stated Workers Comp was put back in the budget and will continue to be there. The reserves will disappear at some point.

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Prosecutor Bailey noted that they can't keep taking out and putting back in, they need to be consistent with their policy. Commissioner Crowe noted it is not an easy budget. Commissioner Beaman-we are all in this together. We understand mandates, etc. there are only x number of dollars.

15. Max Trachsel said workers comp is in good shape due to the departments and to keep doing what they are doing. The BWC Safety Walk thru was completed today. He was very thorough.

Rick Royer, representing Roundhead Township Trustees. He was approached by a resident of the community of the payment rate on solar farms. Need some information on your thought process. Commissioner Crowe-I haven't seen the PILOT request yet. They have not come in and requested. They were in to update up on the additional acres. We are working thru: we know we can set but some conflicting information from the State on how it gets distributed. I want in writing from the state before we set. Good to have all the information ahead of time. From distribute all but \$1000, to the county getting all the money. We have emails but nothing on letterhead. We would like that before we make a decision. Marion Township Trustees were in on Tuesday. They requested we have another public meeting and invite all the public entities and involved stakeholders. We want the information before we do the PILOT. Commissioner Beaman- mine is a different approach. AEZ was set uniform across the county. Solar not talked about at that time. New on the radar. Rick Royer-that solar field taking a lot out of taxation. Commissioner Beaman-Auditor is really working on. PILOT payment is number we set, distribution is another part that comes later. When they apply to state for. Are you aware they are holding a meeting Oct. 1 at ONU. One thing in this office is when they apply we get communications back from Ohio Siting Board on what the PILOT payment is. One was trying to get funds and they wanted to know what financing was for the project. We did under those rules and all those projects are grandfathered under that. When we eliminated it was to allow entities like yours that were affected to have a public hearing and decide. I don't know how high you can go. Not looking for \$20,000. Was \$9000 as a baseline. We have multiple agencies that provided letters to go for the max or \$9000. The energy zones can ask what they want, I work for taxpayers of county. \$9000 good enough they have to expect that is what it is. They are signing up thousands of acres. We heard the first time and came back later. Not talked about a great deal. We asked what another county was paying. I don't need to hear from them anymore. I need to hear from those affected by. Rick Royer-the \$9000 may not be the maximum rate? Commissioner Beaman-I don't know, what is fair. If we set \$9000 the companies will know and they can move forward. If we negotiate, it is not with you, we need to bring the companies in. Rick Royer-wish it was a little more up to speed, the max is what I suggest. Commissioner Rogers- have you been approached? Rick Royer-yes, we did not go into. They have approached landowners on to the south of CR 130. More acres. 500-600 acres in Roundhead Township signed up. Commissioner Beaman-I know of others that signed up. Tax base has to be made up somewhere. Shelly Wilson, State Taxation, two separate issues: PILOT and distribution. Distribution has to be shared. Fuzzy on rules. Maybe even in original PILOT payment. WE need an opinion from someone. Commissioner Crowe-a lot of opinions, not decision from someone who knows. Getting up the chain. Rick Royer-we are taking some of the most productive land out production when so much other land is reclaimed land. Sad. This is America-people can do what they want with their land. Commissioner Crowe-last letter originally was everybody making up lost revenue now emergency levy for USV will have to be made up. It is what the laws says and will be. This is PILOT-payment in lieu of taxes. Because you are no long paying taxes. We need details. Rick Royer-30 years? Commissioner Beaman-USV has a unique clause-rate should include an increase over 10 years due to escalation of cost. Commissioner Beaman-they don't want as they are marketing for the long term. Not forthcoming. Proprietary. Fine, but asking us to do something different and won't tell us why. My brother has a built in increase in his windmill settlement for different periods. They are going to cut profit margin to satisfy him. Rick Royer-I have a little information from our dealings with windmill people not solar. Different. Commissioner Beaman-I talked to former state senator. Did he understand all was tax exempt? He said it was not what they

intended. In defense solar was not on the radar at the time. To Dan Robinson-when was Ada solar farm permitted?-2 years ago maybe. They are looking to expand. Rick Royer-that is all I have. Just so you know there is concern out there. Tim Striker-ref: letter-taxes exempt-only what falls in that taxing district? Commissioner Beaman-yes.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

_____, YES/NO
Randall S. Rogers

_____, YES/NO
Brice S. Beaman

Attest _____
Clerk of the Board

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