

September 29, 2020

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff and Commissioner Candidate Fred Rush 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:

- V105-77 Minutes of September 24, 2020:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-absent, Striker-yes
- V105-78 Step Increase JFS to A. Shirt 2%  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
- V105-79 JFS Rate Increase November 4, 3% Union Members  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
- V105-80 Retirement L. Wuethrich 11/30/2020  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe, with regrets 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes
- V105-81 Indigent-September  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
- V105-82 Additional Appropriation: Sheriff, Hardin Hills, Windows, Ditch  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V105-83 Reallocation: Window Project N02  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes
- V105-84 Domestic Violence Funds 2021 to Safe Haven  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
- Signed: JFS and Isaiah's Place: 9/2020 to March 2021, max of \$100,000 for child treatment  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
- Sign a letter for Palmer Energy to solicit for prices for Hardin County Electric  
1<sup>st</sup>-Crowe 2<sup>nd</sup>-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-no, Crowe-yes

Joel Althausser, **CIC**, regarding bond issue with ONU on October 8. These are economic development bonds to obtain capital. This is a rework of what was done in 2014. Refinancing and possible additional. The CIC is not that active and was set up for this purpose only. Hardin County and City of Kenton have agreements. A CIC meeting is scheduled for October 6 in Kenton Council Chambers to discuss the ONU Bond request.

Mark Badertscher, **OSU Extension**, presented an update on what he has been able to accomplish with the exemptions OSU gave. Multiple virtual webinars, presentations, and trainings took place over the past three months.

Commissioners met with the Mayor of Kenton Lynn Jones, Safety Service Director Cindy Murray, Burl Helton, Waste Water Manager, Engineer Luke Underwood, Trent Bass, Assistant Engineer and Mark Lowery with Soil & Water to listen to the concern of **Dan Wagner**, landowner, with Walmart drainage behind the store. Water constantly runs off the Walmart building which flows to the Wagner property and has caused rutting since built in 2005. The City will contact Walmart to see if they can help with the drainage issues.

The **CARES Committee** met to review the submitted bill statements for reimbursement. Auditor Mike Bacon, Commissioner Roger Crowe, Prosecutor rep. Katey Henson and EMA Director Jake Burgbacher. One department has asked for Hazard Pay. According to the Cares Act they would have to prove they were directly in a hazardous environment and at risk as all employees were subjected. No specific COVID cases. Departments can't prove the risk was specifically for COVID. Salaries can be reimbursed to the general fund but no hazard pay. The Auditor reviewed the CARES budget at this point. Spent \$52,000, \$57,000 encumbered for Sheriff keyless entry. Freight for the consoles was \$2900 and included. HB614 is the potential next round (#3) \$2.2 million plus. \$1.3 to county general (total \$1.8 million to allocate by Nov. 20) after that date it goes to the other entities. Feb. 1, 2021 what is not spent goes back. It has to be spent, not encumbered. Alger and Roundhead have now requested their amount. Interest was reviewed which is being kept separate. Could this be used for

Administration? All three allocations are to be spent by November 20. Sheriff requested four COVID cruisers at \$201,374. Delivery? Sheriff was called and can get as soon as he calls and orders. Cars are sitting on the lot. Approved. Fair Board to reimb for F&L Septic to clean all additional touchless port a pots and extra cleaning \$1050- Approved. All Phase \$6440 touchless light sensors for all county buildings-Approved reimbursement to Permanent improvement. Kenton Health Dept. reimburse hours worked 97.5 COVID response activities for C. Keller and 83.5 hours for K. Ralston \$4346.11. These are salaried employees. This is for compensatory time which is sitting there. The comp time would have to cashed out then be reimbursed. Should this time be from March for salaries for the department, Medicare, OPERS and insurance? Are some salaries grant based? General misc. would be okay. Should be March 16 and forward for those not on grants. Salaries and benefits are allowable reimbursements. After discussion it was agreed the Health Dept. would be asked to resubmit for salaries and benefits from April 2 to the October 2-Approved with amount at the next meeting. Board of Elections for overtime due to extended primary elections due to COVID 19, supplies-to be returned for fund numbers. As far as reimbursement for their hours which normally change during elections anyhow-to be further deliberated. Veterans Service Commissioner-\$1051.08 wipes, sanitizers, masks, decals, sneeze guards, filters-Approved. Job & Family Services-CARES flyers and postage, \$4834.71. CSEA-supplies, thermometer, \$125.87-Approved. Commissioners Office FMLA/FRRCA-\$6467.99-Approved. Housekeeping-reimbursement automatic towel and soap dispensers-\$37.66-Approved. Prosecutor-door lock \$700.00-(FOJ) Approved. IT-implementation for OE365 to allow remoting capabilities/phone/laptop/iPad 300 users, \$53 per month thru November. Implementation to come and install \$15,200 for labor, 2 weeks to install. This would roll over to a new agreement in December from general funds. Would help if employees are quarantined. Can this be installed in six weeks? Tabled. IT-wiring-the company has come to wire for few hours at a time, can this be completed in the time-frame?-Tabled. IT Coordinator will be asked in to the next committee meeting. Prosecutor-Matrix case management system: allows documents to be merged and would allow staff to work from home if needed-\$15,000 start up and training, \$1300 recurring cost monthly. Request \$15,000. Law Enforcement could also use. Priority for the office due to some staff members being quarantined and would have made their job easier. \$15,000-Approved. Jake had an amount \$564.17 for the phones previously approved. Auditor suggested reimbursing Sheriff Deputy salaries, Sheriff, and benefits for the April 2-October 2 time period also Hardin Hills?-Approved. The Committee is still waiting on guidance from the Department of Treasury, State Auditor for small business grants. Next Cares Committee meeting October 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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