

October 8, 2020

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff recited the pledge at 8:30. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Commissioner Candidate Fred Rush was present. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V105-99 Minutes of October 6, 2020:
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes
V105-100 Abolish NCOSWD Generation Fees
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V105-102 Reimbursement CARES
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V105-103 Resignation: C. Wireman 1/21/20 JFS Income Maintenance
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes
V105-104 Bills
1st-Rogers 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: Satisfaction of Mortgage Owner Occupied Rehab-Thomas G and Deborah
Wigle \$9,790.00. Commissioner Striker to sign
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes

John Folk, **Job & Family Services**. September reports were submitted. John requested to promote the fiscal position to Account Clerk 2. His Income Maintenance Supervisor has resigned. Another staff member has also submitted her resignation. The OMJ area is being redesigned. Panels are outdated and parts are no longer available as they are obsolete. He requested to be destroyed and taken off inventory. Fiscal year ended Sept. 30 and looks good with no overruns. TANF dollars are available to provided extra services. The transfer of funds to the Family & Children First Council was completed. COVID 19 status: all Children's Services workers are back in the office working with precautions in place. If virus rates climb this may change. Most Income Maintenance workers are still working from home as the State Director allows. Public Assistance: nothing stands out, no changes. A MOU is being worked on for 60 to 65 aged clients to receive taxi services thru the Council on Aging if they qualify to bill thru JFS. Children's Services: costs are up. Five status changes but more calls are coming in to investigate. Several Northwest counties are working on a IV-E project with foster care costs. 63% is being reimbursed with the remaining from the state. The state has a ceiling rate for the cost of foster care, anything over JFS covers. The counties are seeing an issue with no bargaining power. OMJ: visits are up with 22 new clients. Incentives are helping the working youth (19). Two were hired from the program. The Incumbent Worker program ends this month. On the Job Training ends December. Unemployment is at 7.5% for July down from 8.1%. WIOA Area 8 did a monitoring of Hardin County with no issues. Family & Children First Council is working on By-laws and the Service Coordinator position.

Julie Konieczny with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Mark Russell, ONU Controller and Jason Broge, ONU VP of Financial Affairs discussed Hardin County being a conduit for Economic Development Bonds. Julie: the bond is for Economic Development Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement bonds, Series 2020 in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement in connection with the series 2020 bonds. The county will not be held responsible for any payback nor are these any county funds. Jason ONU: Some older bond issues around \$20 million will be reissued and a smaller portion used to invest in energy efficiency projects. \$3-4 Million for lighting with good payback to continue in that direction. 2013 and 2014 bonds were issued thru the Commissioners. They offer financial stability to ONU. Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the issuance of bonds. Commissioner Crowe second. Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes. **V105-101**

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

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