

October 27, 2020

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27th 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:

V105-129	Minutes of October 22, 2020:
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V105-130	Reallocation: Board of Elections, Hardin Hills PERS
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V105-131	Ditch Maintenance Reimbursement
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Rogers-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V105-132	Release of Funds: JFS Children's Services to Public Assistance
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes
V105-133	Additional Appropriation: Soil & Water, Sheriff Traffic Grant
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Rogers Roll call; Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
V6-332	B Ochier/C. Bowman increase to \$32.00 hr based on Administrators opinion effective 10/25/20
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-no, Rogers-yes, Striker-yes
V6-333	Hazard Pay \$2 per hour for 4 pays based on Administrators request
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rogers Roll call: Striker-yes, Rogers-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed:	Hardin Hills Lease with D. Nichols at \$575 per month January 2021
1 st -Rogers	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rogers-yes

Mike Trausch, **IT Coordinator**, was asked what the difference of 150 drops to 400? Mike-the original quotes was to be under \$50,000. \$41,000 is bare bones. My fault, I saw CARES money and thought it would cover up to 150 more. I should have gotten more clarity. 360 drops-a drop is a run from end point (computer or phone) two cables run, each spot on wall is two drops. If printers and copiers, more drops required. You can chain the phone off the computer. Cables are going along HVAC lines, other things that can interfere. Looking back I should have received three bids for competitive bidding. One company wanted paid to just look at infrastructure. I did not consider third floor-it was to be a later project. They just needed our ISP which would have been a huge fee. Commissioner Striker-a big concern, you have done no billing, departments are going and finding their own IT. Mike-my concern-I thought you guys had my back. Impossible working with 50 different people doing 50 different things. Them telling me what to do based on what they want and they don't know. Pushing an agenda they have no idea about. I feel like no matter what I say or do, I'm behind the eight ball and no support. No change or push forward to do better. Frustrating. \$300,000 to push for a network is real cheap. The amount of money we would save would be astronomical. All under one umbrella, one administration. You can't see when you have been working like this for so long. Commissioner Striker-hoped that would happen next year in the budget. Fred Rush-I've notice-whenever you need to do something, asking for money, go to the well once. When you go to the well several times then people start losing confidence. If we knew up front the big picture, no matter expense, put down once. Instead of trying to get under threshold. Mike-in my defense, I came to the well with whole figure. They wanted to piece meal. Commissioner Rogers-no piece meal-options of stages. Mike-you have a big issue. Wiring big necessity. I didn't know how bad until internet went out. No rhyme or reason no labels. That should never happen. I tried to do what I felt most important. We have no email security. I have no control over. With COVID-some at home for days and were quarantined. No emails to receive work product. Fred-you could break up first stage, get in place, then at the proper time start next phase, etc. Mike-getting thrown in to this process from private. Takes a while to learn and get acclimated. I've made some judgement errors. I'm still learning. Doing in the interest of people in courthouse. Commissioner Striker-we need to clean up, time line, be on time to meetings, billing done monthly. Mike-hard for me. Other jobs it wasn't like this. Never had a job like this to bill. Commissioner Rogers-not new to you talked about day 1. Commissioner Striker-need to keep up on. Mike-if you had to do your job

and do clerical-could you keep up on? Commissioner Crowe-you need to find time to do your job. Mike-you don't understand what I do in a day. Commissioner Crowe-we do and we understand your job. Pay your salary. Mike-I was to have a car to drive around. You were to take care of. Commissioner Crowe-still working on. Mike-easy to tell me what to do but never hey this office loves you. Commissioner Rogers-you feel unappreciated. Mike-I'm looking for other positions. Commissioner Rogers-this job is not happy for you. You feel we don't support. One solution. Commissioner Crowe-if you can get some billing done for us. Commissioner Striker-Board of Elections has hired an IT. Mike-just throwing money away. They already have vendor agreements. They don't see the big picture. They need to take responsibility for what they have. Change of leadership.

Chief Deputy Burns and Lacey Weitrauch, Fiscal Officer, updates: the missing child was found last night. Significant resources involved over the last five days. Mutual aid call out three times with Logan County. Sheriff is at a debriefing with all involved in the missing child. Security issues are still in progress. Furniture is in place. Cruisers have been received and being painted, etc. Prisoner count is low at this time. Officers and inmates are testing positive. We've have staff off under quarantined. Lacey- 2.5 more holidays, Plan B get paid out if they don't use holidays. I need \$220,000 to finish up the year. We have \$119,000. I spoke with the Auditor and noted the CARES funds will be reallocated. Commissioner Crowe-CARES was not meant to be in addition. Lacey-could \$200,000 be left? Commissioner Crowe- I told him I did not want to hear anymore request. Burns-he brought that up and tried to budget ahead but hard facts of where we are. Commissioner Crowe-Overtime is up. I was not aware of deputies on quarantined. Burns-due to contact, we had testing and returned to work-may have cost up to 3 days. Some staff had personal illness we did stay home until we knew. One dealing with long-term workers comp., at a point it needs to come to a different way. Commissioner Crowe-Auditor forewarned. Concerned on 2021 budget with 3% and already running low for 2020. Will need to control some costs. Commissioner Rogers-are we to a point to budget and come back or just go to the larger number? Commissioner Striker-take the lump and get caught up. What is your total budget? Burns-mindset-you have always done well by us. No complaint. Need the 3% to cover contract obligations. Feel fairly confident it should cover but you have always treated us well when we come back. That is a more realistic number then. Not wanting to run up the new budget. Certainly willing to follow your lead and talk with the Sheriff. Commissioner Crowe-my concern with increasing, not intentional just kind of lose incentive to keep cost down when you have more to work with. Burns-we are pretty sensitive on planned overtime kept at a minimum. Commissioner Crowe-Auditor just wanted everyone to be aware. Commissioner Rogers-let us talk about. Relationship between us is wonderful. Burns-we appreciate. Commissioner Crowe-two options: appropriate or everyone just go home. Burns-understand. We do have with no overtime, a couple extra deputies for polls. Commissioner Striker-when deputy comes here, could there be a checklist. Lighting hit security cameras 15 days ago, no one caught. Needs daily checked. Burns-quarterly new deputies will be rotated thru to deal with training issues and acquaint more officers with what goes on here.

A virtual/audio **Joint Ottawa Board** meeting was held regarding the outlet reconstruction. Original contract was to remove log jams. Is this work on tile exceeding the original intent? The tile is private/subdivision and not on maintenance. The Engineers would need to petition to repair. Responsibility is to the owner not the rivers responsibility. Seems like doing private sector work with maintenance funds. The subdivision needs to petition the watershed. Allen County Engineers have several petitions but thought he would ask for the \$5000 to repair. Tile between two big trees eroding. Thought we could get ahead of the game and understand it is outside the scope of work but you will be addressing due to the trees. The subdivision has not been addressed to repair. All drain into. One individual discussed the issue and didn't feel they wanted to bring up at an Association meeting. Petition process will take one year and go from \$5000 to \$20,000. They should fix privately. The commissioners felt they should not be helping private with public dollars. Hardin County agrees you can't spend public funds on

private projects. Commissioner Robertson moved to decline the project as not in the parameters of the project. Commissioner Lammers second. All yes to decline the project.

Hardin Hills Sharon Huston on speakerphone. Requested Medicare funds to cover for payroll this week. Commissioners approve to add to V105-130 today.

Commissioner Striker met with Invenergy Solar for a video promo.

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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