

November 3, 2022

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3rd MEETING

Commissioners were all 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:

V108-366	Minutes of November 1, 2022:
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V108-367	Bills
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
V108-368	Additional Appropriation: Sheriff, Family & Children First
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V108-369	JFS Rate Increase J. Osborn & S. Reffitt, \$19.55, 8 year anniversary
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V108-370	Maximus 3 year Cost Allocation Agreement 2022, 2023, 2024 \$10,000
1 st -Crowe	2 nd -Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve the purchase of bullet proof doors from Impact Security for third floor for 19 doors at a cost of \$61,993.00 to be taken from the **American Rescue Funds** M064-M05. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes.

Holli Underwood, **Alliance**, discussed the possibility of a grant for the new supermarket. Incentives are designed to attract and support with or with the incentive, not to fund a project. Any Covid/ARP funds available? Not sure for this reason. Holli has the application provided to the company. The Director approves the grant after speaking with the commissioners. The Alliance board will administer and monitor. The Christmas Parade is approaching quickly. Commissioners will do the lighting ceremony.

Hearing for the **Dudley Township Trustee** petition to vacate an alley in Hepburn, Dudley Township. Commissioner Rush opened the hearing, read the petition and asked for comments. Bill Legge was on the phone. Also present was Luke Underwood, Engineer, Ryan Taylor, Tax Map, Prosecutor Bradford W. Bailey, Katey Henson, Paralegal. Luke noted at the viewing per the ORC the north part was not part of the original dedicated alley. The Prosecutor concurred. It has been misrepresented in the tax records and Lots 45 and 46 were not in the original. Another alley, was vacated to the north and goes west, a number of years ago. Mary Heron, her daughter, and Jacqueline Miller asked the reason for the vacation as the alley has been there since 1883 per a map from the Bippus family, who dedicated the property, 7.5 acres, 135 years ago. Why the change now? All three objected to the vacating of the alley. Hannah Legge Hites spoke and said the first half is her private drive the neighbors and public are using for a turn around. Trustees petitioned at the request of BLegge, landowner/Trustee. BLegge had placed his gate at the entrance off CR 144 after asking trustees for permission. This petition is only for half the alley length. Prosecutor Bailey noted no one will be landlocked. All have private drives to access their property. Several times landowners got off topic regarding other areas of interest that had nothing to do with the particular alley. Wards, owners of Lot 46 have no objections. JMiller objected to the vacating and tried to show on the map how this will affect EMS accessing the area in an emergency. Mike Holland, Trustee, said the Trustees petitioned. No access to the private property and want moved down to stop turn arounds. Will be blocked off unless more information from today. The Township has tried to maintain. Is in grass this year. 15 years or so ago it was tar and chipped. Gets very little use. Wards noted BLegge maintains with his own equipment. BLegge noted he has a Letter of Understanding, not recorded, with "Larry". Prosecutor noted it has nothing to do with the current topic. If anything that should be formalized with a permanent easement. Commissioner Crowe noted BLegge is a Township Trustee and a Hardin County citizen and has a right to ask the Trustees to petition. He abstained from voting. If it is vacated, it doesn't landlocked. May be more inconvenient.

Luke noted the township Trustees can do what they want on a township road, in reference to the gate being put up. Commissioner Crowe moved to vacate the section of alley as described and noted the alley will be split 50/50 with the landowners. Commissioner Striker second. Discussion on the alley was not being vacated the whole length? BLegge noted it was a road frontage issue. Prosecutor Bailey noted that is not the issue before them today. Not relevant. Commissioner Rush noted no one is landlocked. Roll call: Commissioner Striker-yes, Commissioner Crowe-yes, Commissioner Rush-yes. **V108-371**

The call from the **USDA** was short as a square foot figure was still not known from their facilities department. It is hope that information is made available next week for a quick phone call.

Steve Gossard, **Veteran’s Officer**, requested to purchase a 2023 12 seat 2 wheelchair shuttle buss with America Rescue Funds at a cost of \$108,853. Steve noted they do not at this time transport 12 veterans. He hopes as the pandemic ends they can transport more and spread out during transport. With COID and Monkeypox they have to separate more. They have three vans now with the largest capacity at eight, he did remove a seat to give more space. They typically transport one wheelchair at a time. This vehicle gives the capability to transport two. Boils down separating veterans with enough at one time to be flexible to separate. On average four to five per day. Depends on schedule. He plans to replace the 2015, the larger vehicle. No CDL. He does not have funds to purchase outright. He could talk about trade in if approved. Funding to help offset over the \$100,000 requested.

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

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