

January 13, 2026

Commissioners present: Jeffrey Hunker, Timothy Bechtol and William Bateson present.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Treasurer Steve Welton, Chad Warnimont, Kaysie Penzinski, Engineer Doug Cade, Saige Thornley, Annette Edgington and Brett Edgington.

Commissioner Hunker opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' first floor conference room. Minutes from January 8, 2026, meetings were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Ohio Department of Transportation Annual County Road Mileage Certification. They also approved Engineer Doug Cades updated travel request.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #20-26 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #21-26 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 (Treasurer). William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #22-26 – In the matter of re-appointing Stephanie Phillips, Neil Podach and Jerry Wolford to the Hancock Regional Planning Commission. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #23-26 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the provision of interior repairs and improvements within the Hancock County Courthouse Building, in particular related to the Treasurer's office in that building. Phil explained this authorizes taking action to go out to bid. Discussion was held about the time allowed to act on the bids. Treasurer Welton explained his recommendation that the work be completed mid-August through the end of November. He suggested we receive two bids, one for a regular ceiling and one for a stamped ceiling. He also suggested we receive two bids for the walls, one for drywalling over the existing walls and one for installing new walls. Commissioner Bechtol explained that we can specify the construction time frame in the bid documents. He stated by delaying the beginning of construction, the contractor can order the material, and have it stored, so they are ready to start the project in the preferred time frame. Commissioner Bechtol suggested we use mid-August to mid-October for the construction period. This will allow time for moving back in. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #24-26 – Authorization regarding purchase of a POSI-Shell Applicator from LSC Environmental Products, LLC, as a replacement for the current unit, for use in the operations at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil explained that both Chad Warnimont and Steve Wilson have stated this is a single source situation. The total cost is \$117,610. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #25-26 – Authorizing entry into and execution of a first amendment to an Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement with regard to hazardous, dilapidated and unusable structures in Hancock County, referred to as DEV-2024-206119, extending the expiration date of that grant to June 30, 2026. Phil explained this will extend the grant expiration date, so the demolition can take place on the remaining parcels. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #26-26 - Authorizing the entry into a sales agreement for the purchase of a 2026 Caterpillar Model D6 Dozer from Ohio Machinery Co. D/B/A Ohio CAT for use at Hancock County Landfill. Phil explained that this piece of equipment is replacing an obsolete loader and dozer that will be used for trade-in on the purchase. After trade-ins the amount due is \$527,371. This includes a 12-month warranty. This purchase was made through Sourcewell. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #27-26 – Authorizing entry into a Change Order #3 to a contract with Bodie Mechanical Services, Inc. for services in the nature of execution of the Boiler Replacement Project for County Structures at 300 South Main Street (Hancock County Courthouse), 8210 County Road 140 (BMV Building), 7868 County Road 140 (Agricultural Services Building) and 7746 County Road 140 (Educational Services Building AKA The Old County Home in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil explained this change order includes several additions and subtractions to leave a net deduct in the amount of \$6,963.50. The final contract cost is \$2,809,715.50. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #28-26 – Authorizing the transfer to the City of Findlay several parcels of real property within the City of Findlay which had been acquired for flood mitigation purposes from 2021 to 2025. Phil explained this authorizes ten properties in different areas of the city to be transferred to the City of Findlay at different times. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report from the Auditor's office.

Treasurer Steve Welton commented that the boilers at the courthouse are extremely noisy. He is concerned that it may be a problem when they move downstairs.

Saige Thornley requested a copy of Resolution 28-26.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the Ag Council Breakfast. In addition, he attended the reorganization meetings for the Board of Revisions and Data Board. He also attended an Immigration update Zoom meeting with the mayor. Commissioner Bateson stated the FEMA grant is still awaiting signature.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Ag Council Breakfast. He is keeping tabs on the Treasurer's office renovation with RCM Architects and the Olive Street renovation with Peterman.

Jeffrey Hunker also attended the Ag Council Breakfast. He had a meeting with Rumpke and the three Solid Waste Management District Co-coordinators. Commissioner Hunker explained that we will receive credit for some pick-ups that Rumpke did not make over the holiday season. They have a plan in place to hopefully eliminate overflowing bins during the busy Memorial Day recycling weekend. Discussion was held regarding the placement of the recycle bins that were moved from Legacy and the placement of the recycle bins at the Olive St. location. Commissioner Hunker also shared that John Hill will be riding with Dave Long two days per week to pick up trash along county roads. He stated if they cannot make it to check the recycling locations, Courtney will check them.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners held the virtual view for the Roadway Vacation of a portion of Township Road 190 in Amanda Township. Also present was Cindy Land, Christine Carrigan, Alec Helms, Engineer Doug Cade, Annette Edgington and Brett Edgington.

Commissioner Hunker opened the view by providing introductions and information on the view and hearing procedures. Alec Helms read the history of the petition into the record. Doug Cade provided information about the area to be vacated. There was a discussion on the surrounding areas. William Bateson made a motion to adjourn the view. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:45 a.m., the Commissioners held the virtual view for the Roadway Vacation of a portion of Township Road 106 in Pleasant Township. Also present were Cindy Land, Christine Carrigan, Alec Helms, Engineer Doug Cade, Annette Edgington, Brett Edgington, Anthony Schroeder, Ashley Cavledge, Joan Schroeder and Dennis Schroeder.

Commissioner Hunker opened the view by providing introductions and information on the view and hearing procedures. Alec Helms read the history of the petition into the record. Doug Cade provided information about the area to be vacated. There was a discussion on the surrounding areas. William Bateson made a motion to adjourn the view. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held the virtual view for the Roadway Vacation of Ridge Run Road and Noble Hawk Court in Biglick Township. Also present were Cindy Land, Christine

Carrigan, Alec Helms, Engineer Doug Cade, Pat Sadowski, Annette Edgington, Brett Edgington and Jeff Hanna.

Commissioner Hunker opened the view by providing introductions and information on the view and hearing procedures. Alec Helms read the history of the petition into the record. Doug Cade provided information about the area to be vacated. There was a discussion on the surrounding areas. William Bateson made a motion to adjourn the view. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Work session topics: Apiary Inspector, OneOhio Opioid Region 17 meeting, Tier Fee and Recycling budget

Respectfully submitted,


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Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson


Jeffrey L. Hunker


Timothy K. Bechtol