

February 3, 2026

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Holly Frische, Alec Helms and Saige Thornley.

Commissioner Hunker opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' first floor conference room. Minutes from January 29, 2026, meetings were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

William Bateson made the motion for the chair's signature on the letters to JFS regarding the updated cost allocation plan for Job & Family Services programs and Child Support Enforcement programs, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0. William Bateson made the motion for the chair's signature on the Hancock County Landfill cost allocation plan, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0. William Bateson made the motion for the chair's signature on the Hancock Soil & Water Conservation cost allocation plan, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Engineer and Maumee Watershed Conservancy Expenses in the amount of \$6,165.39.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #76-26 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #77-26 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Guardianship Services Board Fund #8250. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #78-26 – Appointment of Dan Harmon as Hancock County Apiary Inspector for the year 2026. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #79-26 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners and the Hancock County Sheriff to enter into amendment No. 3 to the contract with Aramark Corporation Correctional Services for jail food service for 2026. Cindy explained there is an attachment to the contract that shows the average price per meal based on number of inmates. The estimated allocated cost is \$317,662.30. The Auditor Certificate amount is \$317,000.00. William Bateson making the motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy stated that Pat Sadowski reached out to her by email. He stated that Biglick Township gave the okay for vacating the Red Hawk Subdivision road that was discussed at the January 15th vacation hearing.

Steve Wilson stated that Norfolk Southern is working through their channels for the signature needed on the agreement. Once it is signed it will go to their procurement group to be put out to bid.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol was absent.

William Bateson attended the Family First Counsel. It was the last meeting for Peggy Grandbois and Precia Stuby. He stated that Peggy was a fantastic administrator for that program. Commissioner Bateson also attended a meeting with the Mayor and Fresh Brewed Business. He shared a copy of the mayor's press release regarding immigration.

Jeffrey Hunker attended Fresh Brewed Business and the Ag Society meeting. He provided an update on the status of the 2023/24 fair board audit schedule.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Courtney O'Flaherty. Christine Carrigan, Steve Wilson, Holly Frische, and Saige Thornley were also present. Courtney shared that John started riding with Dave last week to cover the litter route. He will be riding with him every Tuesday and Thursday. Allshred has increased their rates for this year's paper-shred event. Courtney confirmed that Cooper Tire is still available for the tire recycling event. Courtney explained that she has reached out to multiple churches and businesses to place recycle bins on their property. They are not interested. She is continuing to contact other locations. Courtney's education event that was scheduled for last week was postponed till February 20th due to bad weather. Commissioner Bateson asked Courtney how many education events she had last year. Courtney responded 30. She explained some of the barriers she has with scheduling education events. Discussion was held regarding staying compliant with the EPA.

At 11:15 a.m., the Commissioners held a bid opening for the Mt Blanchard Community Pool. Christine Carrigan, Kaysie Penzinski, Gavin Wilson and Dan Clements were also present. No bids were received. It will be reposted later.

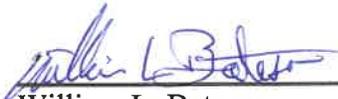
Work session topics: Approved annexation process, Adult Probation parking during 2026 training, HSCO accident damages

Respectfully submitted,

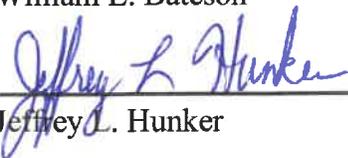


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Jeffrey L. Hunker

Timothy K. Bechtol