

Minutes  
April 13, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Jim Maurer, Doug Jenkins, and Deb Cook

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting were read with Commissioner Bechtol making the motion to approve, Commissioner Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The assistant clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #195-17- Additional appropriations within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Prosecutor). Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #196-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Jail Diversion. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #197-17- Transfer of funds within appropriation Jail Diversion. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #198-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioners to appropriate to Election Commission. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved payroll for their staff and JFS. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the April 13, 2017 Warrant Journal. Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. A travel request for the Sheriff's office was also approved.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #199-17- Resolution authorizing an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., for development of a Greenspace Plan which is part of the Hancock County Flood Mitigation Project. Commissioner Gazarek clarified that the Greenspace also includes the City of Findlay, Park District, and University of Findlay. This plan is for \$7,500.00. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution # 200-17- Resolution authorizing application for Hancock County allocated funds from Ohio Historical Society/Rover Pipeline MOU. There is a grant for \$50,000 available to Hancock County due to the Rover Pipeline being constructed in a portion of the county. The project identified by the county needs to meet the Ohio Historical Society's guidelines for preserving or rehabilitating existing historical properties. The projected being submitted is for the interior painting project at the Hancock County Courthouse. Commissioner Robertson made

a motion to approve, Commissioner Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Bechtol abstained from voting due to his past involvement with this project while in private practice.

**Reports**

Chris Long reported that he had crews working on County Road 24, County Road 26, and County Road 53 working on various projects.

Commissioner Robertson reported that he attended a Public Defenders Commission meeting this morning. There is a concern about the Indigent Defense reimbursement being cut back to 40%. Additionally there was a point of interest in the Annie's Law regarding OVI. This new law has been in effect for about one week and there is a breathalyzer device that takes a picture from your car to allow driving privileges with no jail time.

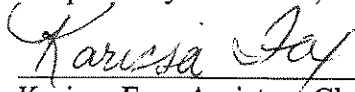
Commissioner Bechtol reported that he went to the downtown improvement district meeting today. They are keeping up to speed with all the downtown work and keeps them posted on the projects.

Commissioner Gazarek has been in contact with CCAO specifically about the decrease in Indigent Defense funds coming to our county as well as the elimination of the sales tax on Medicare services which will affect our county by about \$400,000 if passed by the general assembly. The CCAO is actively campaigning against these 2 measures that will drastically reduce funds coming to the county. Also he had ongoing conversations with some Liberty Township trustees about the river and also calls about Dalzell Ditch. There will be a hearing in the near future regarding Dalzell Ditch.

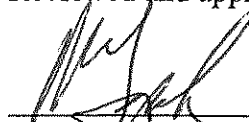
1:30 p.m.-The State of the County was presented by Commissioner Bechtol, Commissioner Robertson, and Commissioner Gazarek.

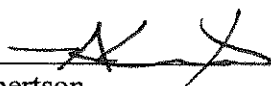
The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. with no further business for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Karissa Fox, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Brian J. Robertson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol