

Minutes  
April 26, 2016

Commissioners Present: Phillip Riegler, Mark Gazarek, and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Heather Pendleton, Chris Long, Steve Wilson, Doug Cade, Matt Cordonnier, Dana Parsell and Doug Jenkins.

Commissioner Riegler 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 21, 2016 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Brian Robertson abstained.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #205-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to General Fund (TB Medication). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #206-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Agricultural Service Center. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #207-16 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Engineer-Mapping. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #208-16 – In the matter of re-appointing Dr. Paul Sears to the Blanchard Valley Port Authority (BVPA) Board. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #209-16 – Transfer of Hancock County (Additional Sales & Use Tax) General Fund to the Flood Mitigation Capital Projects Fund-April, 2016-\$295,226.35. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #210-16 – 2016 Ditch Maintenance Recollections. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #211-16 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the 2015-2016 VOCA/SVAA Incorporated Grant Award Acceptance Packet. They approved travel requests from the Sheriff's Office, Treasurer, and Help Me Grow. The Commissioners elected not to have a liquor license hearing for Feasel's Real Estate DBA Feasel's Garden Center. Mark Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the UMR Plan Letter, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the quarterly report for the Community Development Block Grant B-F-15-1BC-1, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the quarterly report for the Community Development Block Grant B-F-14-1BC-1, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark

Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Employer Statement for Group Retrospective Rating Program, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #212-16 – Appointment of authorized agent in relation to FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program for Fiscal Year 2015. Phillip Riegle is appointed as the authorized agent to sign documents related to the FMA Program. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #213-16 – Authorization to execute revised documents to Columbia Gas of Ohio in relation to real property located at the intersection of East Main Cross Street and Eastowne Park Row in Findlay, replacing those authorized in Resolution No. 137-16. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss real estate acquisition.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #214-16 – Authorizing the contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc., Norwalk, Ohio, for the 2016 County Road Striping Program. The contract is for \$53,849.00 Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #215-16 – Rejection of all previously solicited bids for construction of Bridge Replacement Project, HAN-TR112 00.87, Portage Township, Hancock County, Ohio. A bid was received that exceeded the Engineer's estimate by more than 10%. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #216-16 – Correcting Resolution No. 160-16, dated March 24, 2016, authorizing an agreement with Sigma Technologies LTD. for Engineering to extend fiber optic strands to County and City buildings as per the direction of the Hancock County Data Center. Resolution No. 160-16 incorrectly identified the services provided as engineering services. Sigma Technologies LTD. will be providing consulting services to provide a proposal to map, digitize, design, and prepare permits for eight locations. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #217-16 – Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 129-16 and the purchase of two (2) 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors from Reineke Ford-Lincoln, Inc., of Findlay, Ohio for the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. The previous resolution had an incorrect cost for each Explorer. The Sheriff's Office has also removed a vehicle from the trade-in list. The final cost for the two Explorers with the trade-ins is \$54,950. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long gave an update on projects his office is working on.

Steve Wilson informed the Commissioners that he has reviewed the letters of interest for the Western Diversion Channel. He recommends setting up interviews with three companies. Those

companies are AECOM Team of Cleveland, Arcadis of Akron, and Stantec of Toledo. The Commissioners directed Steve to set up the interviews.

Dana Parsell presented the Buckeye Ridge Subdivision plat for the Commissioners' signature. The plat was approved by HRPC and the County Engineer.

### **Reports/Meetings**

Brian Robertson spoke at the Elks Lodge on April 14 where area students were recognized.

Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek gave an update at the Republican Central Committee.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners held a bid opening for the Mount Blanchard Sidewalk Project. Matt Cordonnier and Doug Jenkins were also present. The bid results were as follows:

- Helms & Sons - \$126,344.00
- Hume Supply - \$116,826.75
- Quinn Concrete Construction - \$127,252.00

Matt Cordonnier will review the bids and submit a recommendation to the Commissioners.

At 10:06 a.m., Phillip Riegler made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and personnel, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Phillip Riegler, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:42 a.m., Phillip Riegler made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed real estate acquisition and personnel with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held the final hearing on the Western Meadows Detention Pond at the Hancock County Engineer's conference room. Also present: Chris Long, Doug Cade, Steve Wilson, Lucinda Land, and Doug Jenkins. Please also see the attached attendance roster.

Commissioner Riegler introduced the Commissioners, the Engineer, and county representatives. He then read the history of action for the project. Doug Cade discussed the Engineer's estimate for the project. The tentative assessment cost is \$44,200, maintenance is \$4,420, so the total to be assessed is \$48,620.

Nick Yoder asked if the West Sandusky properties were included. Doug Cade stated those properties were not included because they would not see an increased benefit from the project.

Commissioner Riegler swore in those present that would like to make public comment.

Matt Lang asked if the improvements would affect flooding on Oklahoma. He also stated silt goes into the storm drains and asked if that would be addressed. Doug Cade replied that the petition was specific to the pump so the silt will not be addressed, but the project will help minimize flooding.

Philip Ridenour said for the past 4-5 years they have had flooding and he believes it is because the pump they currently have is insufficient. Doug Cade agreed that the current pump does not operate efficiently.

Nick Yoder said the vast majority of flooding will be solved with this project and thinks it is worth the cost.

Jeff Hyre, the Treasurer for the Home Owners Association (HOA) for the subdivision, asked what the timeline would be for shutting down the HOA's responsibility for the pump. Doug Cade explained there is a 30 day appeal period, then they will go out to bid which is a 3-4 week process. It will take 120 days for the pump to come in, so this project is an estimated 5-6 months away.

Nick Yoder asked if they will handle flooding as they do currently in the mean time. Chris Long said yes.

Doug Cade said once the project is completed, Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District will be in charge of maintenance.

Phillip Riegler asked if the benefits outweigh the costs. Doug Cade stated it does.

Nick Yoder asked how many years the Commissioners will collect for this project on taxes. The Commissioners decided on one year of collection; half put on the first half taxes and the other half put on the second half taxes.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 218-16 (Resolution-Commissioners' finding affirming former order, confirming the assessments, and ordering the letting of the contracts), Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Phillip Riegler, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes.

Nick Yoder wanted clarification on interest charged. Phillip Riegler said if they pay up front there will be no interest charged; if they pay on their taxes, there is potential for interest.

At 1:02 p.m., the Commissioners met with Dean Vonstein, Darl Deeds, and David Bower (Eagle Township Trustees) and Shawn Beucler, Jeff Hunker, and Jeff Schimmoeller (Liberty Township Trustees). Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Andrew Flynn, and Denise Grant were also present.

Shawn said they had a list of concerns with the Western Diversion Channel. They have never been formally contacted for their opinion of the Channel. If the Channel project would move forward, they would like to see a bridge built on every road that is cut. Also, they do not feel they should be responsible for paying to repair the roads that are damaged by haulers hired for the project. They asked that it be included in any contract that the roadways be returned to their previous condition or better. They also said the voters should be able to vote on whether the project should move forward. According to the Corps' plans, there will be induced flooding areas. The Township Trustees want a written guarantee that those that incur damage due to the induced flooding will be reimbursed for that damage every time it floods. Their opinion is the Diversion Channel will cause more damage than benefit. The residents will have to live with the affects of the Diversion Channel every day. They would rather see the control of this project remain with the Commissioners and not be given to the Conservancy District.

Brian appreciated the dialogue and stated their concerns were legitimate. Ultimately, it will be up to the taxpayers to maintain the Diversion Channel.

Phillip Riegle agreed that bridges would be ideal for them and the damage to the roadways should not be the responsibility of the Township.

Steve Wilson said none of the requests are unreasonable. They will prepare a route for haulers so there is the least amount of damage to Township Roads as possible. He also said that if there is concern over a road that is cut that doesn't have a bridge, it could be resolved locally. The induced flooding areas are definitely due reimbursement for their damages. Steve explained why the Commissioners feel it is necessary to transfer the control of this project over to the Conservancy District. The Conservancy District has Right of Entry and Imminent Doman, whereas the Commissioners do not.

The Trustees stated they do not want the Diversion Channel, especially if Main Street still floods. They asked if the Commissioners had officially cut ties with the Army Corps. Steve Wilson replied that the Commissioners have not officially. Phillip Riegle said the Commissioners will have a discussion with the Army Corps. No one is happy with the Corps' timeline and that has caused frustration. The additional delay in receiving the Chief's Report could mean additional funding.

The Trustees feel like the Commissioners are trying to give away the project and wanted to know why. Mark Gazarek explained that none of the Commissioners have any expertise or qualifications to fix the flooding problem. The Conservancy District was created to help prevent flooding.

The Trustees feel the people should be able to vote on the project, especially since we do not know how the project will be paid for.

The Trustees also mentioned environmental concerns. There are a lot of abandoned oil wells in the Diversion Channel's path. That could cause contamination of residents' water.

The Commissioners thanked the Trustees for coming in and expressing their concerns.

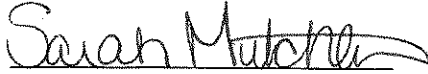
At 1:33 p.m., the Commissioners met to discuss an additional IT person. Those present were as follows: Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Curt Smith, Sheriff Michael Heldman, Clerk of Courts Cathy Prosser-Wilcox, Treasurer J. Steve Welton, Recorder Aunica Beltz, and Andrew Flynn.

The elected officials have expressed a need for more IT support. The Data Board also sees a need for additional people. Currently, there are three employees that are eligible for retirement. They would like to hire someone in the \$40,000-\$50,000 range. Curt stated the plan is to hire someone to learn Jeff's position and then move them up to learning Jon's position. Currently, projects wait because there are crisis that IT is dealing with on a daily basis. The Sheriff and Treasurer both expressed why they feel an additional IT person is necessary. Phillip Riegle asked what specifically the person hired will be working on. Curt said the person will work on the projects that IT is behind on along with job shadowing. Phillip Riegle asked if the \$40,000-\$50,000 range will attract someone that has the skill set needed for the job. He wants to make sure that the problem will be resolved with their investment in a new person. Charity Rauschenberg said she thinks the problem is the lack of man hours not a problem with skill set. Phillip Riegle and Brian Robertson said Charity Rauschenberg and Curt Smith should move forward in the hiring process and once someone is hired, they will move the money. Charity Rauschenberg expressed confusion on why this process was not done for other departments to

hire, but it is for IT. Phillip Riegler replied that the Commissioners do not put money into accounts without someone being hired for the position. Charity Rauschenberg said the return trips to the Commissioners office aren't necessary and she would like the money transferred to her account. Brian Robertson said that the Commissioners will need to know the cost once someone is hired and then the resolution will be part of the Commissioners' regular business. Charity Rauschenberg and Curt Smith will start the hiring process.

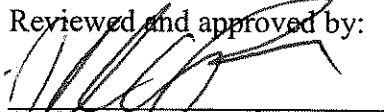
The 2:00 p.m. meeting regarding debt was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk

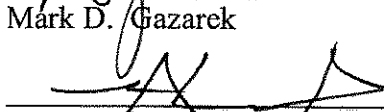
Reviewed and approved by:



Phillip A. Riegler



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson