

Minutes
August 2, 2016

At 9:30 a.m., Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek attended the MEBC/MPRMA meeting held in Shelby County.

At 2:38 p.m., Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek met with Carolyn Copus and John Haywood to discuss 50 North's request for an additional levy. Lucinda Land was also present. John said there has been tremendous growth in utilization over the last couple years. Since 2011, they have seen a 77% increase. The population will continue to grow because the baby boomers are coming of age, plus life expectancy has gone up. They hired SHOA to do a survey of registered voters in Hancock County at the end of 2015 to gather information for the levy. The results were: 2/3 were familiar with 50 North, 6/10 people had visited 50 North, 2/3 find 50 North valuable to the community, and 2/3 would be in favor of a levy for 50 North. Carolyn thanked Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, and Melanie Lee for their work.

At 3:04 p.m., Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek met with Judge Kristen Johnson to discuss building space. Tim Bechtol, Shawn Carpenter, and Lucinda Land were also present. There will need to be significant renovations to the building in order to insure safety of the employees. Judge Johnson also needs additional space for employees in order to function. There are also structural issues with the building that will be addressed with the renovations. The cost of the renovations will be \$510,875 with an additional \$15,500 in options to consider. Tim suggested at least a 15% contingency because of the age of the building. That would be an additional \$78,956.25. Tim said he should have plans ready to bid by the end of the month. Judge Johnson asked about the records that are being stored on the 2nd floor of the Juvenile/Probate building. Phillip said they would have to go into temporary storage for at least a year.

Commissioner Riegler opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Township Meeting Hall.

Commissioners Present: Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek.

Also Present: Allen Township – Michael Stacy, Kevin Flanagan, Edward Huffman, and Mark Schimmoller; Van Buren Mayor Edward May; Heather Pendleton; Treasurer Steve Welton; Sheriff Michael Heldman; Prosecutor Mark Miller; and Steve Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Phillip Riegler thanked Allen Township for hosting the Commissioner meeting. Minutes from the July 28, 2016 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #409-16 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court General Special Projects. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #410-16 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court General Office. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #411-16 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-MV>. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegle seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #412-16 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegle seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners approved several travel requests from JFS. They signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for the Hancock County Landfill and the Fund Report for July, 2016.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution on behalf of the Prosecutor's office:

Resolution #413-16 – Contract with Montgomery County Microfilming Board, for microfilming services. Phillip Riegle made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Sheriff Heldman reported that it has been a typical summer. Traffic fatalities are up this year, most likely due to distracted driving. The heroin epidemic has not let up. New windows will be installed at the Hancock County Justice Center over the next 3 months. They also purchased a body scanner from TSA. This has helped prevent drug smuggling into the jail.

Prosecutor Mark Miller said there have been lots of drug charges. There were also 3 homicides this year. One case has wrapped up already and another will most likely wrap up in September or October. He also stated the Courthouse looks good after the plaster was worked on in preparation of painting and the work on the stained glass window.

Collections are done according to Treasurer Steve Welton. The real estate settlement is complete and the mobile home settlement will be finished later this week. He thanked Assistant Prosecutor Philip Johnson for his collaboration and coordination for collections.

Heather Pendleton stated they have closed another month with nothing notable to report. The breakdown comparisons should be done by the end of the week. Phillip Riegle told Heather we will need to do a transfer from the Clerk of Courts Title soon for the Juvenile/Probate Court Renovation Project. Heather said Cathy Prosser-Wilcox will need to prepare a letter declaring an agreed upon amount in excess. The Commissioners office will then need to prepare a resolution transferring from Clerk of Courts Title to the General Fund. Once that resolution is complete, the Commissioners office will prepare a second resolution transferring the money from the General Fund to Capital Projects.

Steve Wilson reported the Sour Flower building is down. He also stated the waterline project for the Hancock County Landfill is a work in progress. Edward Huffman asked about the dirt pile that is by the woods at the Landfill. Steve said he didn't know what that was from, but he would talk to Donny Moses. Michael Stacy asked if they were still seeing dirt hauled in from I-75. Steve Wilson said they are, and that could possibly be the cause of the dirt pile.

Edward Huffman asked if anything had changed with Litter Landing's financial issues. Mark Gazarek said the price for commodities continues to go down, but there is more products coming in. The Commissioners are not trying to make money off of Litter Landing, but they are trying to not subsidize Litter Landing as much. Kevin Flanagan asked if there were any hopes for Litter Landing to take glass again. Mark Gazarek said there is hope. They have talked to the EPA

about possible options. Phillip Riegler stated the Tier Fee Fund can't support subsidizing Litter Landing at the rate it is now. The EPA may offer incentives in order to process glass again, but we have not heard anything concrete as of yet. The Commissioners are looking into other possibilities to reduce costs. Edward Huffman asked if Litter Landing gets money for anything. Phillip Riegler said aluminum and cardboard bring in money. Steel and plastic bring in some. Mark Schimmoeller asked if community service workers were still being utilized at Litter Landing. Phillip Riegler said yes, because essentially it is free labor, but they are not extremely productive. Kevin Flanagan asked how other communities have curbside collection. Those communities have only one trash/recycling hauler and the customers pay more in order to have curbside collection according to Mark Gazarek.

Phillip Riegler gave an update on upcoming capital projects. The Juvenile/Probate Court will be renovated in order to meet security requirements and office space needs. There is also a drainage project at the courthouse in order to prevent further erosion. The courthouse is in need of additional security upgrades.

Ed Huffman asked about commercial development within Hancock County. Mark Gazarek said there are some possible projects on 199. Phillip Riegler said there are also some company expansions in the works. Mark Gazarek said that workforce development is an issue.

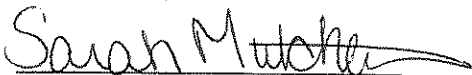
Kevin Flanagan requested that the waterline work be bored across 142, so their roadways are not torn up. Steve Wilson said that can be done.

Kevin Flanagan also requested the Commissioners look into possibly passing a resolution regarding a utility pole that is a nuisance. Mark Gazarek said he will talk to Assistant Prosecutor Lucinda Land about this issue.

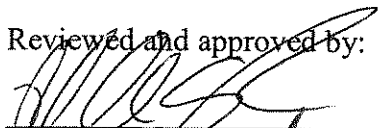
Edward May reported that Van Buren is trying to figure out what AEP is going to do with steel electric poles. One option shows it going through Van Buren and another shows it going around.

Phillip Riegler thanked the Allen Township Trustees and Mayor Edward May for their input and for hosting.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


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Brian J. Robertson