

Minutes
June 9, 2016

Commissioner's Present: Phillip Riegler, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Heather Pendleton, Doug Jenkins, Denise Grant and Claren Walter

Commissioner Riegler opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Mark Gazarek abstained. Motion passed 2-0. Minutes of the May 20, 2016 meeting with the USACE in Buffalo, NY were presented. The commissioners will review the minutes and act on them at the next meeting.

Commissioner Riegler invited our guest to speak. He introduced Claren Walter. Claren has concerns regarding the CRP program as we are removing the ash trees from the river. He has some property that is in CRP and the contractors removing the ash trees went through there to get to the river to remove the trees. As a result, NRC filed a complaint against him. Claren now has a fine to pay and will be attending an appeal hearing in Columbus next Thursday. The commissioners are disappointed that NRC didn't talk to Mr. Walter so this could have been worked out before it went this far. The commissioners don't have any say over the NRC. They wished him luck next week at the hearing.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #293-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification-Commissioners to appropriate to the Ag Center. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #294-16 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per O.R.C. 3113.34 (Marriage License)-\$3,825.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #295-16 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per O.R.C. 2935.032 (Divorce/Dissolutions)-\$3,930.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #296-16 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #297-16 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved the payroll for the Commissioners and Job & Family Services and a travel request for Help Me Grow. They signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for the Sanitary Landfill and approved a request for \$1,394.21 from the Hancock County Prosecutor to

purchase equipment for additional staff out of the general fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the warrants from the Auditor's office, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution # 298-16 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District. Phillip Riegler said this is limited to the feasibility study. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #299-16 – Authorizing negotiating an agreement with qualified engineering firms for design and field survey services for the construction of the Western Diversion of Eagle Creek as part of the Hancock County Flood Mitigation Project and authorizing Notice to Proceed with a "Gap Analysis". Lucinda Land stated that a while back we sent out RFQ's to find qualified engineering firms. This resolution allows the commissioners to start the process to negotiate. This will also allow Stantec to get information from the Corps of Engineers. Phillip Riegler said that Brian Robertson sat in on the interviews and then all three commissioners met Stantec a week ago and agreed they are qualified and have the experience needed to proceed. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #300-16 – Agreements between the Board of Hancock County Commissioners and AT&T Corp and AEP for access to utility poles. Lucinda Land said this will authorize Curt Smith, IT Manager to negotiate and sign the agreements. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session to discuss a litigation issue.

The clerk read a letter to Lt. Col. Jansen, USACE Buffalo District, thanking them for their efforts. However, it is time for Hancock County to move forward with a private engineering firm. Hancock County asked that the Corps work with Stantec Consulting Services to get them the data needed to review and move forward.

Phillip Riegler reviewed important points from today's meeting stating that they didn't take this lightly and they thought it is prudent to move forward with a firm that has experience. Brian Robertson agreed and said they have experience taking over projects in mid-stream.

Steve Wilson said that as of Tuesday, Col. Jansen was no longer there and mentioned that the new Colonel might be calling them for introductions.

Heather Pendleton reported that we are getting a refund from BWC and she will use that against our invoice. She also stated that our 2017 payment is due January 2nd so she will pay that in December to avoid penalties.

Steve Wilson said he had a meeting this morning at the Landfill and they have started the process of responding to the comments from the EPA for the PTI application. He will schedule a meeting in July to meet with the EPA.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session regarding real estate acquisition.

Doug Jenkins and Denise Grant had no comment.

Reports

Mark Gazarek said he has been attending interviews for Raise the Bar and he attended the Blanchard Valley Hospital Board meeting this morning.

Brian Robertson attended the Public Defenders meeting this morning.

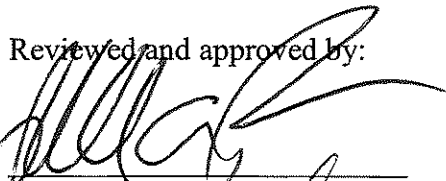
Phillip Riegle met with Board of Elections member Dick Larick Tuesday afternoon regarding voting machines and office space.

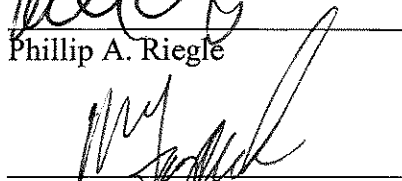
At 10:03 a.m. Phillip Riegle made the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Phillip Riegle, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 11:34 a.m. Phillip Riegle made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential litigation and real estate acquisition with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

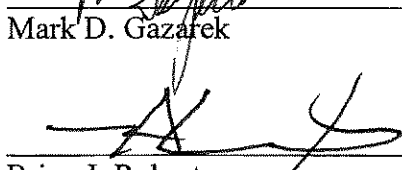
Respectfully submitted,


Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Phillip A. Riegle


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson