

Minutes
March 9, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Steve Wilson, Philip Johnson, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #130-17 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Community Corrections Comp Plan. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #131-17 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Workforce Development. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The signed proclamation will be presented at the Child Abuse Prevention event held on April 3, 2017. The Commissioners approved a travel request for Timothy Bechtol to attend the NW Commissioners' and Engineers' Meeting. The Assistant Clerk presented information regarding a phone call from David Tellez thanking the Engineer's office for their efforts on cleaning a tree in the right of way. The Commissioners initialed approval on an invoice from Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for services rendered in February, 2017 for a total of \$8,083.28. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant list, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek wished Sarah Mutchler good luck on behalf of the Board on the upcoming birth of her second son. He also presented the award from Site Selection for #1 Micropolitan Area for the third year in a row. To receive this award, it takes lots of cooperation.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #132-17 – Authorizing the temporary appointment of Karissa Fox as Assistant Clerk of the Hancock County Commissioners. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #133-17 – Authorizing a IV-D agreement between the Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Hancock County Clerk of Courts for 2017. The total contract is \$51,131.38 with federal reimbursement for \$33,746.71. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #134-17 – Authorizing a IV-D agreement between the Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Hancock County Juvenile Court for 2017. The total contract is \$77,788.94 with federal reimbursement for \$51,340.70. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #135-17 – Authorizing a IV-D agreement between the Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Hancock County Common Pleas Court for 2017. The total contract is \$36,663.25 with federal reimbursement for \$24,197.75. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #136-17 – Petition of for annexation of land in Pleasant Township to the Village of McComb, Hancock County, Ohio (Strugill Annexation). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long reported where his staff are working.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition.

Reports

Brian Robertson reported all three Commissioners attended the Economic Award ceremony and the Farmers Share Breakfast. He also requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Timothy Bechtol gave an update on the Agricultural Service Center renovation. They are currently working in the Soil & Water office. He also participated in a webinar presented by CCAO regarding a legislative update. He has a pdf of the presentation available.

Mark Gazarek read the Proclamation recognizing the Hancock County Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees.

At 10:23 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:40 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Nichole Coleman, Larry Sudlow, Robert Essinger, Charles Fisher. Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, and Alex Parker were also present.

Nichole Coleman received an invoice from the Commissioners for indirect costs and wanted to understand why they were being invoiced. She also wanted clarity on items that her office pays for that should be paid from the General Fund. Lucinda will look into who is to pay for Memorial Day expenses, however grave markers, indigent veteran burials, indigent burial plots, and the care of memorials are all to be paid out of the General Fund. Nichole will get a list of these expenses to Lucinda Land to review. Nichole also requested a list of the departments that are charged indirect costs. The Assistant Clerk will email that list to Nichole. She wanted an explanation on why they were being charged when they always give near \$100,000 back at the end of the year. The Commissioners explained that there must be give and take with each department. They recognize the significantly better quality of service provided to Veterans over the past five years, but asked for cooperation on the budgeting. They have to prepare for a possible downturn in funding, and requesting the Veterans pay for the indirect costs is a small burden compared to cutting the Sheriff's budget by \$400,000, denying the Sheriff a \$400,000 capital improvement project, cutting Juvenile Court's budget by \$75,000 and cutting a Job &

Family Services budget by \$75,000. Nichole thanked them and said she now understands the need for the invoice. She also presented information regarding Federal investment. In 2016, Federal VA dollars spent to County dollars was \$29.19 to \$1.

At 1:20 p.m., Mark Gazarek reconvened the Commissioners meeting. Timothy Bechtol made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the RLF Job Certification Summary, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 1:21 p.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 2:01 p.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

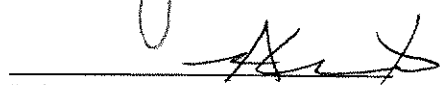
Mark Gazarek reconvened the meeting. They met with Dick Larick, Jody O'Brien, and Nancy Stephani to discuss the Board of Elections lease. Heather Pendleton and Lucinda Land were also present. Mark explained the reason for the meeting is to get the opinion of the Board of Elections on the space they currently have versus other space. It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to continue to lease their current space due to its central and convenient location for the voters of Hancock County. Currently the cost is approximately \$13.40/sq. ft. The Commissioners will take their request under advisement.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol