

Minutes
May 5, 2016

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Steve Wilson, Vanessa Vandale, Linda Bishop, Cheryl Blakely, Mike Jay and Doug Jenkins.

Commissioner Riegle opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Riegle invited the guests to speak first.

Linda Bishop asked for an update on whether the Conservancy District is going to take over the Flood Mitigation Project. She also expressed concern over the downed trees that are lying along the banks of the Blanchard River. Phillip Riegle stated the Commissioners are still the local sponsor of the Flood Mitigation Project. They are working to schedule a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers. After that meeting, they will have a better understanding of where the project is. Linda asked if the Commissioners have gotten input from the community on whether the Conservancy District should take on the project. Phillip Riegle said he has received mixed feelings from the community on that subject. Brian Robertson reiterated that since the Army Corps has gotten a lot of money, but they haven't been held accountable, a meeting with them would be beneficial.

Linda Bishop asked if other plans have been taken under consideration to solve the flooding issues in Hancock County. Phillip Riegle said if a local engineering firm is awarded a contract, they will ask them to reconsider all possibilities to make sure the best possible solution is used.

Linda Bishop asked if the Conservancy District has authority over the whole watershed or just within the City of Findlay. Brian Robertson answered that the Conservancy District has authority over the entire watershed.

Linda Bishop said she feels Hancock County gets the biggest bang for their buck by keeping the waterways clear. Phillip Riegle replied that has been a priority for this Board and they have been aggressive in cleaning. In regards to the downed trees lying on the banks, that is the property of the landowners and the Commissioners do not have the right to tell landowners what to do with their property. However, Phillip Riegle stated the likelihood of a tree falling into the river from the bank is small because of the live trees still standing.

Vanessa Vandale asked how the project will be funded, since we won't be getting Federal funding. Phillip Riegle explained the local engineering, if that is the direction the Commissioners go with, will be paid with current Sales Tax dollars. There is approximately \$15-\$16 million in the account. It is hard to speculate how they will fund the project, since they do not have an estimated cost of the project. There is roughly three years left of collection on the current ¼% Sales Tax. Brian Robertson said as the Commissioners get more information, the funding will be brought to the voters.

Cheryl Blakely asked how much it will cost to clean the Blanchard River. Brian Robertson stated the first phase that was completed in 2013 cost approximately \$400,000. The second

phase is currently being worked on and that will cost just under \$1,000,000. Phillip Riegler said he foresees a 3rd phase as a possibility. Mark Gazarek said Soil & Water gave an update last week on the 2nd phase. They are about 49% complete. Cheryl Blakely asked if this phase included dredging the river. Phillip Riegler said under the current scope of the project they cannot dredge the river. A new project would have to be petitioned in order to include dredging. He explained the process of petitioning a new project is very long and drawn out. He gave an example of the Portage River that was petitioned in 2007 and they have not had a final hearing on that project yet.

Linda Bishop said at the last meeting she attended there was an issue with a W-9 from the Contractor that was awarded the contract for cleaning the river. Phillip Riegler said the issue has been resolved with Michael Heiss d/b/a H & H Land Clearing.

Mike Jay from the Regional Growth Partnership gave an update to the Commissioners.

Minutes from the May 3, 2016 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:

Resolution #233-16 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (March 2016)-\$2,177.34. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #234-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Victim Assistance VOCA Grant. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests from Help Me Grow/Family First, the Auditor's office, and JFS. The Commissioners signed a Draw Request in the amount of \$10,050 from Grant Number B-C-14-1BC-1. Mark Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on two grant documents for Help Me Grow/Family First, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the Sheriff's letter to County Employees regarding the ID tags, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant list, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #235-16 – Authorizing the Contract with McComb Service, LTD d/b/a ALL Excavation & Demolition, of McComb, Ohio for the construction of the Tall Timbers Single County Ditch Project. The total for the contract is \$194,911.10. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Brian Robertson abstained. Steve Wilson said they will start in June or July.

Resolution #236-16 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve a Sub-Grant Agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc., to provide Hancock County Youth Services Programs under the

authority of TANF Summer Youth Program. 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. Steve Wilson will also attend.

Reports/Meetings

Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Whirlpool. This will be Whirlpool's first built building. All other plants entered an existing building and remodeled.

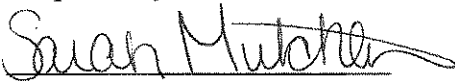
Mark Gazarek attended an Economic Development meeting Thursday morning. He also wanted to thank former commissioners Spahr, Recker, and Clymer for their foresight in constructing the I-75 connector road.

At 10:20 a.m., Phillip Riegler made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Phillip Riegler, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 11:01 a.m., Phillip Riegler made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed real estate acquisition with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

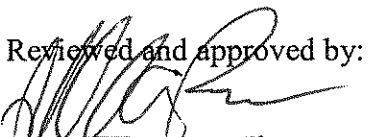
At 11:01 a.m., the Commissioners met with Precia Stuby, Brian Clark, and John Kissh for an update on ADAMHS. Andrew Flynn and Denise Grant were also present.

Precia discussed an appointment that will expire this year. She is in discussions with that person about the possibility of re-appointment. She will notify the Board once she receives notice on their willingness to serve another term. She also stated Brian Clark will no longer be able to serve as President of the Board according to their By-Laws. A nominating committee will choose the new President in July. She presented a Treatment and Recovery Resource Packet to the Commissioners. This packet will be distributed to the hospital and to law enforcement agencies. Communities that have this packet in place see more people enter treatment. She also discussed the contracting priorities for ADAMHS in FY 2017.

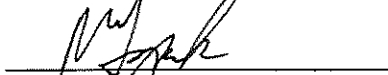
Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Phillip A. Riegler



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson