

Minutes

April 12, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Pat Sadowski and Lou Wilin from the Courier.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 7th 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #231-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #232-22 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family – General Office to Children Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #234-22 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family – General Office to Children Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #235-22 – Advance of funds from the General fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion for Commissioner Pepple to sign the Marathon Fleet letter, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioner's signed the 2021 CDBG Allocation Grant additional funding letter from HRPC and the YMCA Childcare support letter. Commissioner Bechtol asked to what extent are we supporting the YMCA Childcare Center? Commissioner Pepple stated the childcare center is applying for a federal grant and needs to have letters of support from the community to complete the grant application. No funding will be involved.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #236-22 A resolution authorizing legal counsel to agree to the Joint Stipulation in Case No. 21-277-EL-BGN regarding the Border Basin I, LLC project filed before the Ohio Power Siting Board. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-1. Cindy stated she is presenting this resolution on behalf of Tony Core from Squire Patton Boggs. Cindy stated Tony Core, is the attorney that has been assisting the Commissioner's with being an intervenor in the Border Basin, Ohio Power Siting Board Case. Tony Core along with other attorneys have been working on stipulations recommended and required by the staff report. This resolution will give Tony Core the authorization to sign the joint stipulations on the Commissioner's behalf. Commissioner Bechtol asked if the resolution referenced the stipulations. Cindy stated as of now the stipulations are not public.

Conversations regarding the stipulations have been going on between all the intervenors. All intervenors have been invited to participate in the conversations.

Resolution #237-22 Amendment to Resolution 110-22 dated February 22, 2022 authorizing a contract with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Hancock County for calendar year 2022. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this amended contract will provide CASA \$400 per case with the first 30 cases paid up front. Twelve thousand dollars will be paid upon execution of the contract. Commissioner Bechtol stated he understood that CASA closed their doors on Friday. Commissioner Bechtol asked Cindy if it would be under her advisement that no conversations take place with CASA outside of the official capacity of a Board. Cindy advised negotiations should be done as a Board. Commissioner Bechtol thanked Cindy for all the work she put into the CASA agreement.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation and potential litigation.

Pat Sadowski thanked the Commissioners for supporting the YMCA on behalf of his wife, who is Treasurer of the YMCA Board.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol along with Commissioner Pepple and Commissioner Bateson attended the funeral of Bluffton Officer Dominic Francis. Commissioner Bechtol also attend the gravesite ceremony with his son. He commented to his son to take a look around and see how one life can affect so many. Commissioner Bechtol has been working on compiling questions for the Judicial build RFP. Post-proposal interviews will be held Thursday with the design-build firms.

William Bateson attended the Hancock County Agri-Business Committee meeting. Chelsey Naler is the new large animal veterinarian in Hancock County. Hancock County has not had a large animal veterinarian in a long time.

Michael Pepple stated that Officer Dominic Francis's funeral was well attended. Law enforcement from every state in the United States was in attendance. Commissioner Pepple attended The Alliance Board meeting and the Hancock County Agri-Business Committee meeting.

At 9:47 a.m. Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation and potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:29 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation and potential litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 7:00 pm the Commissioners met at the Engineer's office to discuss OneOhio. Phil Johnson; Christine Carrigan; Mark Rimelspach, ADAMHS chair; Bob Doxsey, Marion Township Trustee; J. Steve Welton, Hancock County Treasurer; Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer and Rob Martin, City of Findlay Service Safety Director were also in attendance.

Commissioner Pepple started the meeting by asking the attendees if they were comfortable with the letter that was sent out with the email invite. All members of the meeting were comfortable with the letter and did not have any questions regarding the letter. The OneOhio letter and the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 Bylaws are attached. Commissioner Pepple stated the reason for the meeting tonight is to select an individual to represent the OneOhio Region 17 Board, which includes Hancock County at the April 20, 2022 OneOhio meeting. During that meeting the establishment and approval of the bylaws of OneOhio Region 17 will be voted on. Phil Johnson stated that the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding set up a system to start to distribute the money that comes into the state from opioid settlements. The MOU set up a regional level that divided up the state into 19 different regions. Hancock County is part of Region 17. Region 17 includes eight counties. Two previous meetings have been held to put together bylaws to establish the regional board. The board will appoint one person to be a member of the state board and also act as clearing house for proposals and projects that might be submitted for execution in our region. The total of the opioid settlement will be divided among all of the 17 regions. The most important duty of the Region 17 board will be to analyze the projects the funds will be used for. The board will submit the local projects to the state board for approval. Phil asked if there were questions regarding the bylaws that were sent out. Rob Martin wanted clarification on what would happen if there was a tie vote due to our region being made up of eight counties. Phil stated that if it is a tie vote, it will not pass. Phil discussed the work that has been done on the bylaws and stated they did try to simplify some of the bylaw language. Mark Rimelspach from the ADAMHS Board inquired if there was going to be any review process by ADAMHS Board of projects that are presented. Phil stated there was no discussion about a formal review by any ADAMHS Board. He did say it was allowed by the bylaws to choose an expert to speak on projects that are up for consideration. Phil stated that any project that is brought to the Region 17 board has to be presented by the member from one of the counties. Commissioner Pepple stated that the expert could come to the board to help explain the project to be considered. Rob Martin inquired if the other seven counties in our region are all following the same format that we are. Commissioner Pepple confirmed that they are. Phil stated in the MOU there is a provision that is giving all of the local governments the ability to have a say of what happens at the regional and state level. Phil stated the primary order of business for tonight is to appoint someone to exercise Hancock County's vote on the bylaws at the April 20th meeting. Commissioner Pepple volunteered to be the Region 17 representative for the April 20th meeting. Rob Martin stated that commissioner Pepple is a great representative for the county, but for this subject matter, he feels that Precia Stuby would be the expert to represent our community. Phil stated he received an email from Precia that stated she was okay that Mike Pepple being the representative at the April 20th meeting. Phil stated with general approval, Mike Pepple will exercise the vote at the April 20th meeting. Discussion took place regarding what representatives make up the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 and who is allowed to be a voting member. In addition, discussion took place on the number to set for a quorum. Bob Doxsey, Marion Township Trustee, stated that several townships will not make this a commitment, therefore there will need to be a precommitment or a sign-up ahead of time to know that you will have a quorum. Doug Cade stated a choice you can make to include all subdivisions is to specify a lower quorum in your regulations. Commissioner Pepple asked what were the next steps. Phil Johnson stated we should take the information from this meeting and revise the county bylaws. The updated bylaws will be sent out by email to be voted on. In addition to sending out the updated bylaws the political subdivisions will have the opportunity to nominate a representative for the OneOhio Region 17 representative. Then a vote pursuant to passing the bylaws will take place to appoint the representative.

Respectfully submitted, ✓



Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Michael W. Pepple

William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol

Dear Elected Official,

This comes as both a review and an update and follow-up to the Board's previous e-mail regarding the Opioid settlement process, and the establishment of a OneOhio Region 17 Board.

To review our previous communication to you, Governor DeWine recently formed the OneOhio Foundation to develop and approve procedures for the disbursement of opioid settlement funds. The framework for disbursing the settlement dollars will give 15% of the funds directly to the State, 30% will be direct payments to Local Governments and 55% will be disbursed to the OneOhio Foundation, which will be governed by a statewide board. These funds are to be used for projects recommend by Regional Boards resulting from a breakdown of the State into nineteen (19) regions. Each Region will receive a percentage of those funds, determined by a computation of the relative effects of the opioid crisis upon those regions.

Each Region will form a Board. This Board will evaluate and recommend projects to the Statewide Foundation Board, to be executed within that Region, utilizing the Region's portion of funding. Each Regional Board will appoint a member to the Statewide Foundation Board. The Regional Board shall create its own governance structure in such a way that ensures all Local Governments have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions, including representation on the board and selection of projects to be funded from the region's Regional Share. As set forth below, this process was the principal goal of the telephone conference in January and a meeting held on March 18, 2022.

The Regional Board (ours is Region 17) shall represent and receive input from the counties, municipalities and townships within the region. County Commissioners and some County Prosecutors had an initial conference call to discuss the process of forming the Regional Board. Each County was asked to reach out to the municipalities and townships in its county to form a Local (County) Board. These Local (County) Boards would then appoint a representative to the Regional Board. The Local Boards would be responsible for making recommendations on projects to the Regional Board, which would then evaluate the projects, and the representative from the Regional Board would present approved projects or programs to the State Board. The State Board would be allowed to approve or not approve of the Regional projects, based only upon whether the project conforms to the types of projects allowable under the settlement agreements and the OneOhio agreement.

As indicated in our previous communication, two of the commissioners and an Assistant County Prosecutor attended a meeting on March 18, at which time the proposed Bylaws for the OneOhio Region 17 Board were reviewed, expanded, and revised, resulting in the attached draft.

The Commissioners do believe the current draft of the Bylaws is improved from the first draft, and do believe those Bylaws are developed enough to submit to the governmental subdivisions and other interested groups within Hancock County for consideration, comment, and possibly approval. It is necessary for Hancock County to appoint or select an individual to vote upon the establishment and approval of the Bylaws of the OneOhio Region 17 Board on April 20, 2022. Commissioner Peple is willing to serve in that limited capacity, and we anticipate taking a vote on that at the meeting on April 12, 2022.

It is also necessary within the next few weeks for Hancock County to determine who will be appointed to the OneOhio Region 17 Board for the initial two-year term. Commissioner Pepple is willing to serve in that capacity for the initial two-year term provided in the OneOhio Region 17 Bylaws. Anyone else who wishes to serve in that capacity may certainly express that desire and participate in any selection process by the Hancock County Subdivision.

On that note, the Board has reserved the meeting room at the Hancock County Engineer's office on April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for a meeting intended to address any thoughts or questions on the proposed bylaws for OneOhio Region 17, to officially authorize someone to vote upon the approval of those Bylaws, and to address the appointment of a member of the OneOhio Region 17 Board from Hancock County. We also anticipate addressing the official establishment of an entity operating as the Hancock County group related to OneOhio Region 17.

To summarize, you are receiving this notice for several purposes: 1) to provide you with a copy of the latest draft of the OneOhio Region 17 Bylaws to review for input, questions, suggested revisions, and expression of your thoughts upon whether the OneOhio Region 17 Bylaws should be approved or disapproved; 2) to inform you of a meeting on April 12, 2022 at the Hancock County Engineers Office, at which time discussion may occur about the Structure of the OneOhio Region 17 Board. Also at that meeting, we anticipate a vote to authorize an individual to exercise Hancock County's vote to approve or disapprove of the draft OneOhio Region17 Bylaws at a OneOhio Region 17 meeting to be held on April 20, 2022; 3) provide you with a copy of a draft of a set of Bylaws for a Hancock County Subdivision of the OneOhio Region 17 Board, again to review for adoption in order to establish a Hancock County Board which will periodically select Hancock County's Member of the OneOhio Region 17 Board, and provide an initial level of review to entertain proposals for programs to prevent, treat, and support recovery from addiction, including opioids; and 4) if possible, vote upon the establishment of the Hancock County Subdivision of the OneOhio Region 17 Board.

Please review the attached draft of the Region 17 Bylaws, and bring any observations, corrections, revisions, questions, approvals or disapprovals to the attention of the Board of Hancock County Commissioners either before or after the scheduled meeting (preferably before). Also let the Board know of anyone else wishing to serve as Hancock County's member on the Region 17 Board.

We also want to inquire whether your group wishes to appoint an individual from your entity to represent you on the Local Board establishment conferences, including the meeting on April 12, 2022. Please contact the County Commissioners Office by calling (419) 424-7045 or emailing. lataylor@co.hancock.oh.us

And finally, of course, contact us with any questions about this process.

Sincerely,

Commissioner

Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17

BYLAWS

Article I: NAME AND TERRITORY

Section 1. The name of this group shall be the “Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17” (hereinafter referred to as “Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17”).

Section 2. The territory served by OneOhio Region 17 includes the counties of Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, and Wyandot.

Section 3. The Territory served by Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 includes only Hancock County, Ohio.

Article II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding was adopted in March of 2020 by the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, to engage in litigation seeking to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance.

Section 2. The OneOhio Foundation, governed by a statewide board, shall receive 55% of all the opioid funds through the settlement process. Nineteen (19) OneOhio regions were created. Each region shall have one member represent the region on the OneOhio Statewide Foundation board.

Section 3. Each region, including OneOhio Region 17, has the responsibility to make recommendations that will allocate funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire region.

Section 4. Proposed projects shall include evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorders, (ii) develop, promote, and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, (iii) provide substance use avoidance and awareness education, (iv) decrease the oversupply for licit and illicit opioids, and (v) support recovery from addiction services performed by qualified and appropriately licensed providers. OneOhio Region 17 shall ensure that funds from any settlement dollars should be used to prevent, treat and support recovery from addiction including opioids and/or any other co-occurring substance use and/or any co-occurring mental health conditions.

Section 5. Each County within OneOhio Region 17 will appoint One (1) individual to be its representative as a member of the OneOhio Region 17 Board.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 shall organize at least annually, no later than June 30 of each year, and shall elect the officers which shall include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary.

- The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 and serve as the main point of contact for Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17.
- The Vice-Chairperson shall fulfill all responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
- The Secretary's responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following: publishing agendas, taking minutes, recording motions, recording votes, sending out meeting notifications, documenting and disseminating proposed projects received and submitting required documentation to the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Statewide Foundation.

Section 2. Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 shall consist of one member for each of the political subdivisions within or partially within Hancock County, including one for Hancock County itself, one for each Township located or partially located within Hancock County, and one for each municipality within or partially within Hancock County. Local governmental subdivisions, shall each select their representative to the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17.

Section 3. Vacancies shall exist upon the death or resignation of any member. In case of a vacancy, that governmental subdivision for which the vacancy exists shall select another individual to complete the vacant term.

Article IV: VOTING

Section 1. Each member shall have one vote on any measure or motion, and no proxy voting shall be allowed.

Section 2. All votes must be documented via roll call vote.

Article V: QUORUM

Section 1. Fifty percent of the members of the entire membership shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members at which a quorum is present shall be necessary and sufficient to the making of decision by Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17.

Article VI: MEMBERSHIP TERM

Section 1. Members shall serve a two-year term, based on a state fiscal year period, ending June 30. Local governmental subdivisions, agencies, and other local interested parties shall select their representative for the county for each two-year term.

Section 2. The first term for the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 members shall commence upon the adoption of these Bylaws and terminate on June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE VII : ONEOHIO STATEWIDE FOUNDATION MEMBER

Section 1. Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 shall appoint one member as the County representative to the OneOhio Region 17 Board. A simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is needed for appointment.

Article VIII: RECORDS

Section 1. Records related to Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 shall be maintained by the Chairperson.

Article IX: MEETINGS

Section 1. Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 will adhere to the Open Meetings Act (ORC 121.22) and shall have “open meetings” which the public may attend.

Section 2. Meetings shall be run by the Chairperson, or the Vice-Chairperson in his/her absence, using Robert’s Rules of Order as a guide. The Chairperson shall reasonably ensure that all members present are given a fair opportunity for input and discussion prior to the body taking a final position or voting.

Section 3. Meeting dates, times and locations shall be organized at least yearly. Meetings may be held at any location throughout Hancock County deemed appropriate by the Chairman. The Chairman shall be responsible for providing notice of scheduled Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 meetings in accordance with the Ohio’s Open Meetings Act.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by any seven (7) members of Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 by written notification. No less than five (5) business days written notice of a meeting will be given to each member. The Chairman shall be responsible for providing sufficient notice of the Special meeting by sufficient means within the county.

Section 5. A motion shall be a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, in which the group takes certain action. When one member has made a motion, it must be seconded in order to be considered by the group. This shows that at least two members want the proposal considered; it does not necessarily mean the seconder agrees with the motion. If there is no second, the motion is not put before the group for discussion.

Section 6. Visitors shall not participate in the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 meetings unless called upon by the Chairperson. With Chairperson approval, a visitor can make a comment not to exceed five minutes.

Section 7. A member may invite presenter(s) to discuss a proposed project.

Article X: VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Section 1. As permitted by Ohio law, meetings may be held by means of communication equipment (teleconference, video conference, etc.) at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Article XI: FUNDING REQUESTS

Section 1. Funding requests for proposed projects shall be submitted in writing by public or private organizations proposing to provide services to a county or counties within Region 17. Such funding requests shall be submitted to the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17.

Section 2. Funding requests must be submitted in writing to the Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 by a county representative at least seven (7) business days prior to a scheduled County meeting. Selected project(s) shall be approved through a motion for submission to the OneOhio Region 17 Board.

Article XII: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 1. Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 members are bound by the Ohio Ethics Law and related statutes.

Article XIII: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of all members of Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17, provided that at least thirty (30) days' notice, in writing, to all members of Hancock County Subdivision of OneOhio Region 17 shall be given.

LAST UPDATE: 3/25/2022