

Minutes

April 28, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Alec Helms and Cindy Land

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 26, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #266-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Resolution #267-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Prosecutor. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve one Warrant Journal. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. A temporary role extension was approved for JFS.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution:

Resolution # 268-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with XTREME Carpert Care, LTD D/B/A XTREME Flooring Solutions, 300 Walnut Street, Findlay, OH for flooring at the Hancock County Justice Center. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this resolution and the next one go together. This resolution is for \$13,121.10 to complete the areas identified in yellow on the document attached to the resolution.

Resolution # 269-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with Edward L. Myers, Inc., Findlay, OH for flooring at the Hancock County Justice Center. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this resolution is for \$11,600.00 to complete the areas identified in green on the document attached to the resolution.

There were no county employees or public present at the meeting for comments.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated on Tuesday him and Commission Pepple attended the Brownfield Grant announcement with Lydia Mihalik from the Ohio Department of Development and he attended the EMA Advisory Board meeting where early preparations for the 2024 Solar Eclipse were discussed. This morning he attended the Chamber Advisory Board. There will be a joint meeting on May 19th for all boards associated with the alliance.

Commissioner Bechtol stated that he spoke to the Commissioners' legal counsel in regards to the questions brought up at Tuesday's meeting on the design/build teams. It was explained the soft costs would be in addition to whatever budget is set once the company is selected. This soft cost is not guaranteed to be spent and the project could possibly stay in the set budget. Commissioner Bechtol stated that at this time they are only agreeing to the paying the pre-construction costs. Once a company is selected there will be a not-to-exceed put in place. Commissioner Pepple stated that he thought the \$12 million budget was a hard budget cut off. The Commissioners decided to continue talks on the company that will be selected at the 3:00 p.m. with the Sheriff. Cindy Land asked if placing the radio tower on top of the new building has been discussed. Commissioner Bechtol said that could be an option to be discussed this afternoon but that was not included in the talked about budget so it would need to be added.

William Bateson stated last night he attended the Old Mill Stream Foundation meeting and the Washington Township/Leeward solar public hearing.

Michael Pepple attended the ARPA meeting on Wednesday where they went over more funding requests that are coming in and discussed the non-profit requests. He attended the Brownfield Site announcement with Commissioner Bechtol on Tuesday and the PUCO meeting with Commissioner Bateson and Assistant Prosecutor Land last night. This morning he attended the Blanchard Valley Hospital Board meeting.

At 3:00 p.m. the Commissioner's met with Sheriff Heldman in regards to the radio tower. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land and Mark Price. Sheriff Heldman stated the processe of preparing to move the radio tower started about 2 to 3 years ago. Mark Price stated they have been able to move many of the things off of the existing tower and create temporary fixes/placements for them but they will all need to be moved back to a tower for long term. The current tower is 140' tall with a 20' antenna. When tearing down the old tower they will have to pay close attention to the wires under the tower. The new one will likely need to be a 300' tripod tower. The new site will need to have a small building put on it for materials and equipment and will need electric, natural gas and fiberoptic access. There were discussions on possible areas where the new tower could be placed. Sheriff Heldman stated that if it is decided the that the new jail will be put on CR 140 then it would be good to have the tower out there as well but more fiberoptic strands will need to be ran to the area. The fiber loop is very important. There was discussion on the different areas on CR 140 that would be best to place the tower. Commissioner Bechtol stated that the design/build company we are contracting with for the new building could tear down the old tower when we are ready. Mark Price stated they are still working on the cost but once they have it they will get back with the Commissioners. Commissioner Bateson confirmed that they could get with Engineer Cade on what site preparations his office could do before the new tower is placed.

Cindy Land had the commissioner sign the contracts that will go with Resolutions #268-22 and #269-22 that were signed in the morning meeting.

Sheriff Heldman stated they have a prisoner that is currently in custody in Oklahoma and will need to be brought here. Due to the gentleman's mental status he does not feel comfortable sending deputies to drive him back. The US Marshalls have also denied the request to fly him to Ohio so they are looking to contract with an outside vendor. This will be the first time they have done this. The early quote they have received is around \$7,300.00 which exceeds the \$5,000.00 travel account they have. Sheriff Heldman stated he will keep the Commissioners updated on everything being done with that situation.

Sheriff Heldman stated he was able to look over the proposal submitted during the RFP for the new Judicial Center. He stated he noticed a couple seemed to be over in pricing but that he feels comfortable with all three of them. He has worked with both Whitta and Alvada and they have always been very good. There was a discussion about parking during the construction of the new building. Sheriff Heldman is very concerned about both where his employees will park as well as where cruisers can be parked. Commissioner Bechtol stated they are working on some options for parking in the area. Commissioner Bateson said there will just need to be some patients during the 18-month construction process. Sheriff Heldman stated he doesn't feel the contractors working on the building will need full background checks but he would recommend a record check on them.

There was a discussion between the Commissioners on the budget for the Justice Center Building. The Commissioner presented their rating of the three design/build teams as follows:

- 1) ACI Construction/RCM Architects
- 2) Whitta Construction/Calvelage Engineering
- 3) Touchstone CPM

Cindy Land stated the Commissioners need to reach out to their legal counsel for this project to see what the next steps are and when they should notify the companies. Commission Bechtol stated he would email him and follow up with what is needed next. Cindy Land stated that their rating sheets could be available to be viewed if requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson