

Minutes

April 25, 2019

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #232-19 – Appointment of Laura Matusoff to the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities to fill the Un-Expired Term of Lisa Baer. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #233-19 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation-General Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #234-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #235-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #236-19 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court – Specialized Docket Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #237-19 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court – Probation Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #238-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #239-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT Certificate of Resources. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Auditor’s warrant journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The commissioners signed payroll for JFS, and also approved travel requests for JFS, Sheriff’s office, Recorder’s office and Engineer’s office.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #240-19 – Resolution rescinding Resolutions #219-19, #220-19, #221-19 and #222-19, authorizing a Contract for various materials for use by the Hancock County Engineer. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #241-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Contract with various suppliers for the provision of Asphalt Concrete for May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #242-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Contract with a qualified supplier to provide fuel for the time period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #243-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Contract with a qualified supplier for the provision of Liquid Asphalt for May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #244-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Contract with various suppliers to provide Aggregate for the time period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Resolution #245-19 – Resolution approving additional Authorized Credit Card Users for the Hancock County Veterans Services office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Steve Wilson reported that he will be attending the annual conservatory meeting next Friday in Defiance. He will be giving an update on the hydraulic improvement project and showing a power point that Santec put together. He also stated that they will be starting on the sanitary sewer next week depending on the river levels.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson stated that he spoke at the Women's Republic Forum on Tuesday. He also attended the State of the City yesterday at the Hancock Public Library.

Timothy Bechtol attended the monthly Chamber Advisory Council meeting this morning. The Chamber is looking to fill two positions. Tim also attended the Old Millstream Foundation annual meeting at the Fairgrounds last night. Tim was at the OSU Extension office yesterday most of the day sitting in on the interviews for the new Family Consumer Science Agent.

At 9:45 a.m., Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes. Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:25 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Charity Rauschenberg and the Municipal Advisor, Michael Sudsina. Those present included Commissioners Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson. Also present were Lucinda Land, Heather Pendleton and Alex Parker.

Charity introduced the Municipal Advisor, Michael Sudsina. Charity stated that Michael would like to go over some of the capital financing that we had talked about over the past months and what kind of options the county might have in entering the Debt Market. Michael asked the Commissioners what they want to hear. He had prepared a discussion that he handed out to everyone present and went over that information. He informed everyone that the interest rate was expected to go up but it has not. That is the good news, short term rates are going down and that seems to be the current trend. He talked about the Survey and recent short term note transactions that were done in Ohio in the last month. The yield is the actual interest rate component, which is low. One year notes are going on average at 1.85%. Michael talked about the county's current debt. The \$2.875 million dollar notes issued in October, along with the 2009, 2013 and 2016 bond issues showing what is outstanding on those and if the county wants to modify them or refinance them. He wanted to have a good understanding on the county's debt position before they went any farther.

Knowing that there are some construction projects coming up and debt issues on the table, he looked at 20, 25 and 30 year summaries of \$10 million dollars. Based on his conversation with Charity, the question of the day is debt limitation and all the things that the county wants to do. He showed examples of the limitations and how to understand Direct and Indirect limitations. The state of Ohio limits are \$10 million. Michael explained how other school districts count in our county even if it is just a small percentage. \$9.9 million of general obligation debt can be used without voter approval and 30 years is the maximum loan term for the building. Depreciation would be life of the debt.

Charity talked about a fall contract and Lucinda Land stated that she is not sure they would be ready for a fall contract. Michael stated that it does take about 90 days to get the money so keep that in mind before you do a contract. Heather Pendleton asked if an updated credit rating is needed and Charity said yes. Michael closed his presentation with a final discussion on rates. Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol stated that the presentation was very helpful and they would like to work on their numbers. They both thanked Mr. Sudsina for coming.

At 11:48 a.m. the commissioners met with Josh Clark regarding maintenance for Hancock County Justice Center. Josh talked about James wanting Campbell to come in to change a refrigeration filter on the chiller. While there, the guy from Campbell wanted to give a proposal for the jail to do bi-annual maintenance on all of our equipment there which would include the 2 hot water boilers, 3 brand new boilers and the 227 ton chiller. Josh then presented the proposal to the Commissioners. Josh talked about the implementation of services and how they provide a maintenance portal that can be accessed online at any time in which you can see everything that they have done. The proposal talks about how they test and inspect all listed components and parts, which will cut down on emergency calls and reduce downtime. If an emergency arises, and there is a contract in place, the cost is lower and there is a guarantee of 4 hours or less for service. Brian asked Josh how many hours a year do we have our maintenance people maintaining this equipment? Josh stated that he did not know for sure. He said they keep an eye on the equipment but they do not run any diagnostic testing. He would have to ask Mike at the jail what his logs are. Brian was asking if it would be cost effective for this company to do the maintenance vs. our maintenance guys doing it. Josh stated that there are some things that they can check and repair but there are some things that they don't do or can't do. What they would be checking is excessive vibration, motor winding resistance, and refrigeration charge on the chillers, fan RPMs and refrigerant oil. They don't know how to do these things. The flue-gas analysts are a big one and he feels that is what caused the heat exchangers to go on the old boilers. The boilers should have been 20 year boilers but they only lasted 10 years. If they do analysis, they might be able to catch that we are not getting enough fresh air on the intake side or we are not burning right. The jail is going to be one of our most expensive contracts so he thought it would be a good idea to at least bring the proposal to the commissioners for consideration. Josh feels it would be a good investment due to the size of chillers at the jail. You could possibly lose half of the chilling capacity if a compressor fails. The contract will cover all 5 boilers/chillers. He will get a different quote for the filter change and the other chiller and give it to Sarah. Tim asked if Marlin White's group does this type of maintenance check and Josh stated that he did not know if they do and he said he would check with other companies too. Josh said we have a lot of expensive equipment and he feels it would be a good investment to have the extra maintenance. Josh will get back with the commissioners with other revisions for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Erwin

Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Timothy K. Bechtol

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Absent

Mark D. Gazarek

Brian J. Robertson

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