

Minutes

April 6, 2023

Commissioners Present: William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol. Michael Pepple was absent.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson and Adam Witteman.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 4, 2023 were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Tim Bechtol made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Payroll for the Commissioner's Office and JFS was approved. The March 2023 fund report was signed. MWCD invoices for \$8,151.94 and \$3,648.00 were approved. Steve Wilson added that the invoice pertaining to the Norfolk Southern work was from services performed in December 2022. Therefore, they are several months behind.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #234-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #235-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund #5109. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #236-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance Sheriff #2136. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #237-23 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee to Litter Landing. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #238-23 – Authorizing a contract with Rocky Edge Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage system treatment as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-008-2022-02. Cindy stated that this contract is for \$4,450 and the grant will pay for 50% of the project and the homeowner has paid for the remainder 50%. The project is to be completed by June 30, 2023. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #239-23 – Authorizing entry into contract with Dynamic MEP Engineering, LLC for provision of engineering services for the analysis of appropriate bidding groups, the preparation

of bid documents and installation oversight. Phil explained that this contract is not to exceed \$367,900 which comprises of \$299,500 for design and document preparation, \$53,400 construction management and \$15,000 maximum for reimbursables. This is the second phase of the HVAC project. Tim inquired if this is being funded by ARPA, and Adam stated that it is, revenue replacement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #240-23 – Establishing salaries for the members of the Hancock County Veterans Services Service Commission. Phil explained that his applies to the commissioners of the Veterans Board that are newly appointed or reappointed to a new term. The amount of salary will be increased from \$500 to \$750 per month. Bill inquired if this is standard for commission members to get paid for their time and Phil stated that this has been a standard in Hancock County for many, many years. The members are unable to voluntarily resign and then get reappointed to receive the increase, it must be at the beginning of a new term. Adam Witteman stated that PERS applies to any income over \$600.00. A discussion was held regarding the effect of this on the commission members and the Veterans Office budget. Phil stated that Nichole recommended this increase and she was aware of the resolution. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session in regards to potential property transfer.

Meetings and Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Township Trustee Association Meeting at the Engineer's Office. Tim stated that the Sheriff inquired about the contact for the sewage grants and Tim referred him to Regional Planning. Cindy Land concurred.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the No Wrong Door meeting and the Township Trustee Association Meeting. He also attended the Economic Development meeting.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate lease.

At 10:00 a.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential property transfer and potential real estate lease. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bill Bateson, yes; Tim Bechtol, yes. At 10:30 a.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to exit executive session after discussing potential property transfer and potential real estate lease. Tim Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol

Absent _____
Michael W. Pepple