

Minutes  
August 17, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Philip Johnson, Steve Wilson, Chris Long, Phil Martin, Elaine Reynolds, Doug Jenkins, Jim Maurer, and Julie Benziger.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 15, 2017 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #429-17 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #430-17 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (July 2017) - \$1,603.32. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #431-17 – Re-designation of Rural Transit Grantee. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed a letter to ODOT stating their recommendation for re-designation.

Resolution #432-17 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Children Services. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #433-17 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #434-17 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved payroll for Job & Family Services and travel requests from Job & Family Services. They initialed approval on an invoice from the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for services rendered by Stantec in the amount of \$65,387.56 and services rendered by Maumee Watershed Conservancy District in July, 2017 for \$2,213.94. They signed a letter of support for the establishment of a Drug Overdose Quick Response Team. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration on behalf of the Prosecutor's office:

Resolution #435-17 – Authorizing a contract with Robin Kershner, d/b/a Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant WPCLF project #HS390032-0003-2017-5. The contract cost is \$10,790. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #436-17 – Authorization for entry into agreement to purchase real property located at 329 East Main Cross Street in Findlay, Ohio, owned by Lindox, LTD. The purchase price is \$57,000 with an additional \$2,000 for closing costs. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Steve Wilson gave an update from the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District. Stantec has completed their analysis of historic rainfall events and created a more representative rainfall model. Maumee Watershed Conservancy District asked Stantec to use new model for proof of concept report which should be presented at their September meeting.

Chris Long gave an update on projects the Engineer's office is working on.

Phil Martin gave a summary of grants received by Hancock County through Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (please see attached). He then mentioned a possible request for funding. He was not sure how long the current commitment ran. The Assistant Clerk will research this. He stated the RFP for WPCLF grant funding is due August 31. He has not heard from the Health Department if they would like him to complete the paperwork. He asked the Commissioners if they would like him to move forward with preparing the paperwork. Mark Gazarek stated he would like to get confirmation from the Health Department before making a decision. Phil also mentioned possible phosphorous run-off from a county property due to the latest rainfall. There are a few options to rectify the issue. A grant will be made available in March that could help fund the options.

Heather Pendleton had nothing to report.

### **Reports**

Timothy Bechtol attended budget hearings with the Township Trustees. He also attended the Economic Development meeting with the Township Trustees.

Brian Robertson attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting. Subdivision regulations were discussed. He thanked the Engineer's office for their input on those regulations. He also had a conference call with Lynn Army from the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District.

Mark Gazarek had no meetings to report, but said the budget season is beginning.

At 9:55 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark

Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:32 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:37 a.m. the Commissioners met with Charity Rauschenberg, Kim Boudrie, and Adam Witteman for an Auditor's office update.

Charity said they are preparing for debt. She asked how much would be needed for W.A.B. Dalzell Single County Ditch. Heather Pendleton stated our estimate is \$300,000 to \$350,000, but that amount could change based on the prepayments. Charity asked if the Commissioners have a list of projects they would like to borrow for. Heather will provide that information. Charity asked about the debt for Distribution Drive TIF I Phase II.

She discussed the option of budgeting for 2 years through Munis. The second year would strictly be an estimate to start the process. Her office will prepare the estimated revenues and submit to the Commissioners before their budget commission hearing on August 29.

Charity said the audit should be released on Tuesday.

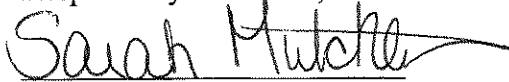
Charity also retrieved information on how much the county has lost from intergovernmental funds. She will email the Commissioners with the exact number, but she recalled it is millions of dollars resulting in a shift in the reliance on funding to sales tax dollars. She provided this information to the Courier.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Dr. Karim Baroudi to discuss office space for Hancock Public Health. Heather Pendleton and Alex Parker were also present.

Dr. Baroudi began by stating their current office space is very limited and he would like to discuss the possibility of purchasing space.

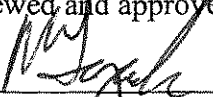
At 11:31 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes. At 12:00 p.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Brian J. Robertson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

**Grant Income to BRWP**  
**BRWP Grant Summary - Hancock County**

**2012 Grants**

Increase Nutrient Management Plan in BR	2012	GLRI	\$193,923.00	OSU - Greg LeBarge	Indirect*
WPCLF for Repair/Replace failing HSTS	2012	OEPA	\$160,000.00	Hancock Co. Commissioners	Partner
Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction in Upper Riley & Lower Riley Creek watersheds	2012	GLB	\$284,750.00	BRWP	Fiscal
State Implementation Watershed Coord.	2012	ODNR	\$126,000.00	BRWP	Fiscal
Feasibility Study on Failing HSTS in Houcktown	2012	Freshwater	\$15,000.00	BRWP	Fiscal
BRWP Public Relations & Outreach	2012	TCF	\$30,000.00	BRWP	Fiscal
Rain Barrel Workshop and Decorating Contest	2012	HWC	\$1,592.00	BRWP	Fiscal
Agricultural BMPs for entire Blanchard River WS	2012	GLRI	\$2,500,000.00	NRCS	Indirect*
		<b>2012 Total</b>	<b>\$3,311,265.00</b>		

**2013 Grants**

Ohio Clean Water Initiative	2013	ODNR	\$35,459.00		Indirect*
WPCLF for Repair/Replace failing HSTS	2013	OEPA	\$56,000.00	Hancock Co. Commissioners	Partner
Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction in Lye Creek	2013	GLRI-OEPA	\$397,574.00	HSWCD	Partner
Agricultural BMPs for entire Blanchard River WS	2013	GLRI	\$2,500,000.00	NRCS	Indirect*
Hancock Board of Health - Lye Creek	2013	GLRI-OEPA	\$53,493.80	Hancock Board of Health	Partner
Re-Branding and Sustainability Building	2013	TCF	\$30,000.00	BRWP	Fiscal
		<b>2013 Total</b>	<b>\$3,072,526.80</b>		

**2014 Grants**

Lye Creek Riparian Buffer	2014	GLRI-OEPA	\$35,740.60	City of Findlay	Partner
Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction in Eagle Creek	2014	GLRI-OEPA	\$93,470.00	HSWCD	Partner
Agricultural BMPs for entire Blanchard River WS	2014	GLRI	\$2,500,000.00	NRCS	Indirect*
EAB Mitigation in the Blanchard River	2014	GLRI-Forest	\$93,470.00	COF, HPD, Ottawa & BRWP	Fiscal
		<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>\$2,722,680.60</b>		

**BRWP Grant Summary cont. Pg 2**

**2015 Grants**

Special BMPs and Agriculture BMPs in Eagle Creek	2015	GLRI-OEPA	\$99,984.80	HSWCD	Partner
Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction in the Middle Riley Creek	2015	GLB	\$29,930.00	BRWP	Fiscal Partner
Watershed Coordinator	2015	ODA	\$30,000.00	PSWCD - BRWP	
		<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>\$159,914.80</b>		

**2016 Grants**

Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction in Brights Ditch watershed	2016	GLB	\$199,356.00	HSWCD	Partner
WPCLF for Repair/Replace failing HSTS	2016	OEPA	\$150,000.00	Hancock Co. Commissioners	Partner
Watershed Coordinator	2016	ODA	\$25,000.00	PSWCD - BRWP	Partner
		<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>\$374,356.00</b>		

**2017 Grants**

Freshwater Futures HOW Grant	2017	Freshwater	\$10,000.00	BRWP	Fiscal
Research Upper & Lower Riley Creek	2017	GLB	\$14,678.00	BRWP	Fiscal
		<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>\$24,678.00</b>		

<b>Year</b>	
<b>2012</b>	\$3,311,265.00
<b>2013</b>	\$3,072,526.86
<b>2014</b>	\$2,722,680.60
<b>2015</b>	\$159,914.80
<b>2016</b>	\$374,356.00
<b>2017</b>	\$24,678.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,665,421.26</b>