

Minutes

August 25, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Kyle Parker, Engineer Doug Cade and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 23, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #539-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #540-22 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (July 1,142.02). Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #541-22 – Transfer of funds within the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #542-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Public Defender. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #543-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Veterans Services). Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #544-22 – This resolution was not presented.

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Resolution #546-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff- General Office. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #547-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #548-22 – Resolution – Order fixing time of final hearing on Engineer's reports, on estimated assessments, on the proceedings for the improvement and on claims for compensation and damages. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #549-22 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family – General Office to Child Support Enforcement Agency. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #550-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol made the motion for Michael Pepple to sign the HOME document for the CHIP Grant Recipient. Motion passed. Cindy Land stated that the Commissioners could pass a resolution to have documents in the award year be signed off the record if they so choose. Timothy Bechtol made the motion and Bill Bateson seconded for HOME documents for the CHIP Grant recipients to be signed off the record. Motion passed 3-0. Payroll for the Commissioner's Office and JFS was approved. Two Proclamations were read acknowledging the Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals of Hancock County. The ARPA request for the Juvenile/Probate Court department was acknowledged and signed by the Commissioners. Bill Bateson inquired if the Auditor's Office has the funding in place and Cindy Land said that they will once they get the form. In addition, Cindy stated that these funds were initially to be given to CASA directly, however, since they are no longer in operation, the funds will be redirected to Juvenile Court for their use for their CASA use.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #551-22 – Establishment of a new fund entitled "Veteran Services Grant Fund". Cindy stated that this will allow Veterans Services to receive grant funds into a specific fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #552-22 – Resolution accepting the nomination of the Stepping Up partners to become a Stepping Up Innovator County. Mike Pepple stated that Hancock County is only the second county in Ohio to be recognized as a Stepping Up Innovator County. Franklin is the other county in Ohio to have this recognition. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #553-22 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve an amendment to agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and Capabilities, LLC. to provide Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program (CCMEP) WIOA youth funded activities services. Cindy stated that there is no additional cost to the program, this is only a change in the scope. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #554-22 – Authorizing entry into contract with Bodie Mechanical Services, Inc. for services in the nature of HVAC system removal and replacement at the offices of the Family Resource Center in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil indicated that this is a bid for \$225,000 from Bodie and that the project estimate was \$250,000.00. The alternates were not approved due

to the fact that they would exceed the estimate. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #555-22 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement for replacement and installation of piping and testing for leaks in the fire suppression system at the Job Services building at 7746 County Road 140. Phil stated that this was discussed with Mike Thompson earlier and that the initial cost will be \$3,500 and an additional \$2,000 for each floor. There are 3 floors, therefore making the total cost to be \$9,500.00. Phil stated that this resolution authorizes the contract and he is preparing the contract. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #556-22 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the demolition of structures participating in the building demolition and site revitalization grant program, located throughout Hancock County. Phil explained that this is a request from Lizzy at Regional Planning to solicit bids for those homeowners willing to participate in the revitalization grant program. Lizzy will group the homes according to location to be prudent in the bidding process. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson stated that he made a mistake and placed a duplicate resolution request for the agenda.

Resolution # 557-22 – Authorizing execution and submission of documents relating to FY2020 Hazard Mitigation grant program project in Findlay. Phil stated that the property on Wilson Street and the several on Fox Street are being looked at to be purchased with this federal grant money. Mike Pepple inquired if this is similar to the Ranik property purchase and Phil stated that they are different. This is more like the property purchased on Fishlock. Phil stated that appraisals will be the next step in this process. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil stated that these properties are not in the benching area. Kyle Parker stated that the final plans for Howard Run are not yet complete. They are about 80% done.

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

Engineer Cade stated that he was present in the event that there were questions about the McComb Schroll Petition Ditch.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin did not have any comments.

Meetings and Reports

Tim Bechtol reported he attended the HHWP – CAC Advisory Board meeting. They are looking to expand to other nearby counties. They are also experiencing staff shortages in the Head Start program. Tim also attended the Chamber Advisory Board meeting.

Bill Bateson did not have anything to report. Bill did request an executive session in regards to personnel- hiring.


Mike Pepple attended the HR Compliance Review with Assistant Prosecutor Cindy Land. Mike also attended the Ohio Advisory Task Force Webinar.

At 10:09 a.m., Mike Pepple made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, potential real estate acquisition and personnel in regards to hiring. Bill Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mike Pepple, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; Tim Bechtol, yes. At 10:30 a.m., Mike Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session regarding pending litigation, potential real estate acquisition and personnel in regards to hiring with no action taken. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Engineer Cade. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Lou Wilin, Engineer Doug Cade, Kyle Parker, Jacob Mercer, Matt Cordonnier and Christine Ranzau were also in attendance. Engineer Cade provided an in-depth history and the importance of Access Management Regulations. Engineer Cade provided a copy of some of his proposed changes to the regulations. Mike Pepple suggested that all parties review the information and provide recommended changes to Engineer Cade. Matt Cordonnier stated that communication can always be improved between offices. Safe roads are valued by everyone.

Bill Bateson requested an executive session in regards to potential lease.

At 11:36 a.m., Bill Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential lease. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mike Pepple, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; Tim Bechtol, yes. At 12:17 pm., Mike Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session regarding potential litigation with no action taken. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.



Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol