

Minutes  
August 26, 2021

Commissioners Present: Michael Pepple and William Bateson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Dave Devore, Mayor Muryn, Rob Martin, Kim Switzer, Philip Johnson, Lou Wilin, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, and Steve Wiechart.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #548-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #549-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court Probation Improvement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #550-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Veterans Services-Soldiers Relief. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #551-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #552-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-ADAMHS. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #553-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Law Library. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #554-21 – Hancock County Commissioners approval of the below listed nominee to the LEPC Board. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #555-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #556-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #557-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #558-21 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners authorizes collection of maintenance assessments on the Best Liberty Addition Storm Drainage System to be collected in 2022. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #559-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Public Defenders). William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #560-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court-Specialized Docket. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #561-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Job & Family Services. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #562-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Hancock County Victim Assistance VOCA Grant. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #563-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #564-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for the Sanitary Landfill. They also signed payroll for their staff and JFS. They approved a travel request from the Engineer’s office, several travel requests from the Sheriff’s office, and a travel request for Commissioner Bechtol. William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the FY 22/23 Justice Reinvestment and Incentive grant for signature. Kim Switzer spoke to the Commissioners about the grant. Adult Probation is funded 50-60% through grants. This grant was reduced by approximately \$40,000. The grant amount is determined by the number of low-level felons in prison. This is the first reduction to any grants for Adult Probation. Kim stated Adult Probation does not plan on asking the General Fund to make up the difference in funding. There are several great programs offered by the Probation Department that are cost savers for the County.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #565-21 – Contract for professional window cleaning at the Hancock County courthouse and the 514 South Main Building. Total contract is \$2,900. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #566-21 – Resolution approving and authorizing access to the Ohio Department of Development's information system also known as OCEAN as part of administration of the Hancock County CHIP Grant Program. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #567-21 – Resolution authorizing the designation of Farmers & Merchants State Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #568-21 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with Coward, Pinski & Associates, LLC. Contract total is not to exceed \$5,100. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #569-21 – Authorization regarding an offer for purchase and sale of real property located at 410 East Sandusky Street in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Purchase price is \$440,000 with up to an additional \$10,000 for closing costs. This purchase will be paid from grant dollars. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #570-21 – Authorizing the amendment of the 2021 contract with the Feasel Group for lawn mowing ground maintenance services for properties owned or overseen by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, to add and subtract properties and to change the amount to be paid per mowing event. The updated per event cost is \$2,625. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip requested an executive session regarding pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition.

Charity Rauschenberg, Steve Wilson, Mayor Muryn, and Rob Martin had nothing to report.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson attended the Ohio Soybean Council meetings and toured the Stone Lab on Lake Erie. He also attended the PONI training.

Michael Pepple attended the Commissioners training held by CCAO. Solar farms were discussed. He also attended the PONI training. The Commissioners attended the Firefighters Chiefs meeting. Michael also participated in the Chamber meeting by Zoom.

Mayor Muryn gave an update on the STRICT Center. She stated they are working on getting funding, and the project should be started next year.

At 10:07 a.m. Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, potential real estate acquisition, and personal and tangible property acquisition and lease of real estate. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:00 a.m. Michael Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners participated in a telephone conference with Allen County to discuss maintenance assessment recollections on the Moser Joint County Ditch Project. Andrea Rode, Allen County Assistant Drainage Engineer, is recommending an 8% collection. The Commissioners unanimously approved.

At 11:15 a.m. the Commissioners reconvened their meeting.

Also present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Judge Starn, Adam Witteman, and Lou Wilin.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #571-21 – Addressing the upcoming expiration of the due diligence period in relation to the contract for purchase of real property located at 1800 Tiffin Avenue in Findlay. This agreement would extend the due diligence period by 30 days with an expiration of September 30 at 5:00 p.m. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Judge Starn asked if the agreement for the extension was signed by the seller. William Bateson said this agreement is not signed by the seller yet, but the possibility for extension was included in the original purchase agreement. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:19 a.m. Michael Pepple made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personal and tangible property acquisition and lease of real estate. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:59 a.m. Michael Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 1:15 p.m. the Commissioners met with Susan Bunn to discuss a vacancy on the ADAMHS Board.

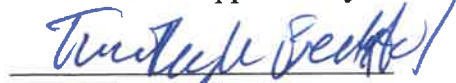
At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners met for an update from Soil & Water. Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple, William Bateson, Alex Wood, Tyler Koenig, and Sarah Mutchler were present. They gave an update on the petition ditches. They have five outstanding projects (4 ditches and 1 tile project). The Livingston Extension will be entering the design phase. Since Soil & Water is short-staffed, they would like to outsource the design. They do not have the money to front the cost of the design. Alex will be contacting Doug Cade regarding the process for requests for qualifications. The other projects can be handled in house. Alex and Tyler informed the Commissioners that Soil & Water will not be able to take on any new projects with their current staffing levels. The Commissioners suggested talking to other districts regarding qualifications and pay scale. Timothy also encouraged creating a CAD test as part of the interview process. William Bateson asked for an update on the Dalzell Ditch. Weber Company is complete and Poggemeyer is almost complete with the redesign. Hopefully construction of the redesign can begin this fall. William asked that Soil & Water have a back up plan in case the project can't begin in the fall. Soil & Water will also be conducting dormant spraying this year.

Respectfully submitted,

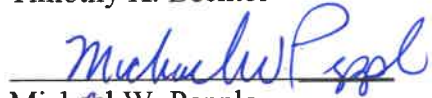


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

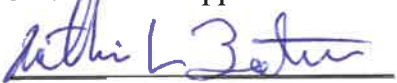
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson