

Minutes

August 3, 2023

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol and Michael Pepple. William Bateson absent.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Lou Wilin and Mary Ann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the July 26, 2023, meetings was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners signed the Hancock County Landfill Explosive Gas Monitoring Report dated July 27, 2023, the Hancock County Auditor Fund Report dated July 31, 2023 and the letter giving permission for consultants hired by the City of Findlay to access properties owned by Hancock County. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Sheriff department and Engineer's office. Michael Pepple made the motion for Commissioner Bechtol's signature on the Full Release of Mortgage to Secure a Deferred Loan. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners acknowledged the Certificate of Mailing Notice to owner of land affected by the proposed improvement, of assessment, of date of final hearing and of filing claims for compensation of damages for the Liberty-Reed Single County Ditch.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #503-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #504-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #505-23 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense #8180 to General Fund (May 2023 \$1,692.88) (June 2023 \$1,408.66). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #506-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Board of Developmental Disability #2016. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #507-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Veterans Service Trust Fund 2152. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #508-23 – Re: Hancock County Commissioners approval of the below listed nominees to the LEPC Board. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #509-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Law Library #2032. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #510-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Family First Council #8214. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #511-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court - Specialized Docket #2217. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #512-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund 5109. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #513-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT Fund #2002. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #514-23 – Authorizing payment of invoice from Montgomery Jonson LLP as counsel for Hancock County Common Pleas Court Judges Routson and Starn. Cindy stated that Montgomery Jonson LLP was retained as counsel for Judge Routson and Judge Starn. The total cost of the invoice is \$1,760.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #515-23 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into Subgrant Agreement with the Hancock County Juvenile Court, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM). Cindy stated this is a subgrant agreement similar to the one approved for JFS. It is for the Title IV-E monies. This subgrant agreement is with Juvenile Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #516-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Citizens National Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy stated resolution numbers 516-23 to 524-23 are all similar. They are the designation agreements with banks in order to be a depository for public funds. These agreements are renewed every four years. All of the agreements are for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2027, except for Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Their agreement period is from August 31, 2023 to August 30, 2027. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #517-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of Farmers & Merchants State Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #518-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Fifth Third Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #519-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Huntington National Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #520-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Old Fort Banking Company, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #521-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of Premier Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #522-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of Tristate Capital Bank, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #523-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Union Bank Company, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #524-23 – Resolution authorizing the designation of The Waterford Bank, N.A. of Lucas County, as a depository for the deposit of public monies for Hancock County, Ohio. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #525-23 – 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 WPLCF Project #HS390032-0008-2022-09. Cindy stated this a property that is located in Williamstown, Ohio. The property owners paid their 15%. The contract is for \$18,530.00. The total project cost is \$19,780.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #526-23 – Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Hancock County Job & Family Services and Open Arms Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (Open Arms). Cindy stated this is for emergency temporary housing for children removed from their home. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy stated that John Albers called and requested the status of where the Commissioners are with the Liberty Township JEDD. The Commissioners inquired on the Township Trustees interest in the JEDD. Cindy stated they are very actively interested. Cindy suggested a meeting be scheduled with the involved parties.

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

Mary Ann Laroche expressed her concern regarding the four-foot weeds on the land purchased by the Maumee Watershed Conservatory District located on Township Road 49. She also stated she has been

contacted by a solar company that wants to put a solar field on her property. The Commissioners stated since she owns the property, that would be her decision.

Meetings/Reports


Michael Pepple attended the Hancock Soil & Water Conservancy District annual meeting and the Hancock County Township Trustees meeting.

Timothy Bechtol also attended the Hancock Soil & Water Conservancy District annual meeting and the Hancock County Township Trustees meeting.


At 2:33 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation, real estate lease and potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 3:03 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation, real estate lease and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 3:00 p.m., The Commissioners met with Courtney Comstock for a Litter Landing update. Christine Carrigan was also present. Courtney shared her concerns and her frustrations with having two separate locations for Litter Landing with the Commissioners. She presented EPA grant information that could potentially help with the cost of the new facility. She shared some photos of damages at the current facility. She stated that cardboard is up to \$70 per ton. Legacy is paying \$50 per ton for outside materials. Glass is picked up every two weeks for \$5 per ton. Discussion took place regarding staffing and staff changes. Courtney made some adjustments to staff hours to try and alleviate some overtime. Courtney stated community service generally does not show up. Litter Landing has been setting up recycling units at multiple community events. Courtney has a few education programs scheduled. Discussion took place regarding the use and misuse of the roll-off units located at multiple locations throughout Hancock County. The Commissioners thanked Courtney for all she is doing and stated she is doing the best she can with what she has been given.


Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple