

Minutes

August 30, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg, Steve Wilson, Nichole Coleman and Lou Wilin from the Courier

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The assistant clerk stated the date was wrong on the agendas posted at the Commissioners' office but the agenda posted online was correct. Minutes from the August 25, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #559-22 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. There was a brief discussion on the procedure of Then and Now purchase orders.

Resolution #560-22 – Resolution-order fixing time of view and first hearing (Pleasant-Rader Ditch). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #561-22 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvement Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #562-22 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #563-22 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #564-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Common Pleas Court. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #565-22 – Transfer of funds from the Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund (1st Quarter Fees 2022) - \$919.84. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #566-22 – Transfer of funds from the Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund (2nd Quarter Fees 2022) - \$970.01. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #567-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Veterans Services - Soldiers Relief. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #568-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification - Commissioner’s to appropriate to Real Estate Tax Equivalent Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #569-22 – Transfer of funds within the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests for the Engineer’s and Sheriff’s offices, an invoice from ACI construction for work completed on the Juvenile Probate building project and the August Explosive Gas Monitoring report. The Assistant Clerk presented the certificate of mailing notices to owners of land affected by the proposed improvement, of assessment, of date of final hearing and of filing claims for compensation or damages for the McComb–Schroll petition ditch.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #570-22 – Resolution authorizing an agreement for construction and maintenance of a ditch within and around Couchot Park Subdivision, in Hancock County, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §6131.631. Cindy Land stated this process has been done before and it essentially waives the hearing and things that go along with a normal petition ditch. This process is normally done before the developer sells anything so there is only 1 owner of all the land. The ditch is then put on maintenance. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #571-22 – Resolution appointing an American’s with Disability Act (ADA) coordinator for Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy Land stated by statute we must have an ADA coordinator and this resolution states that the vice-chair of the board will act as that coordinator. There have been talks with Jay Meyers to help out with maintaining ADA compliance. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #572-22 – Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans and identifying Hancock County, Ohio, as a Green Light for Veterans County. Nichole Coleman thanked the Commissioners for moving so quickly on this. We are only the 2nd county in the country to pass the resolution. This will help to show veterans they are remembered and supported. The Veterans Services office will be putting out more information closer to the date. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The assistant clerk presented a proclamation for Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that the State Auditor’s office will be here on September 13th to present the fiscal award. There was a discussion on the possibility of increasing the daily travel reimbursement amount. The current amount is \$35.00.

Steve Wilson requested executive session in regards to transfer of property.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated he attended the Chamber of Commerce golf outing yesterday where he presented the joint proclamations with the City of Findlay.

William Bateson had nothing to report but he did want to remind everyone the fair is starting this week.

Michael Pepple attended the County Road 9 ribbon cutting ceremony with the other Commissioner last week.

At 10:00 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to transfer of property. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:30 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to transfer of property with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Jason Althaus from soil and water for a ditch maintenance update. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land and Auditor Rauschenberg. Jason stated that the H2Ohio has new grant money they are giving out to build 2-stage ditches. He has been talking with Kyle Parker from the Engineer's office and they are going to apply to finish the Hardy Ditch by Cory-Rawson school. If they are approved the project will have to be completed by December 30, 2024. As of now there are 18 miles of the 43 miles total yearly miles left to be sprayed. Everything is going rather smooth with that. Jason stated he is looking into having the yearly spraying done in quadrants to make it more efficient. There were discussions on the possibility of using a drone for spraying, dip outs that are looking to be done for next year, the Blanchard River project and buffer strips along the ditches.


At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioner's met with Treasurer J. Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic and Barb Marquart for the Investment Update meeting. Also present was Alec Helms and Auditor Charity Rauschenberg. Eileen provided an update on the interest rates for investments, the federal forecast of the rates and the effect inflation could have on them. There was a discussion on the possibility of a recession and where the county investments are if that happens. The County, Flood Mitigation and Landfill's portfolios look good at this time. There was a discussion the flood mitigation progress.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

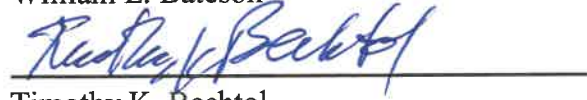
Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol