

## Minutes

August 31, 2021

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Steve Wilson, Phil Johnson and Mary Ann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #572-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #573-21 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's resolution #550-21 dated August 26, 2021 (Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Veterans Services-Soldiers Relief) The assistant clerk stated that the resolution was rescinded due to an error regarding budgeting through Veteran's Services. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #574-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Real Estate Tax Equivalent. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #575-21 – Appointment of Susan Bunn to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made a motion for the Chair's signature on a document for 5/3 Bank for a new custodian, naming the Treasurer. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed a travel request for Michael Pepple to attend the CCAO Regional meeting in Bowling Green and for the Engineer's office.

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

Steve Wilson stated that ALL Excavating and Demolition is hoping to be done with the demolition of St. Wendelin's school this week and will begin to work on the Oxley building here in Findlay. He also stated that he received 90% of the drawings for additional benching from Stantec. Sarah Mutchler, Clerk has the file and can print it out if anyone would like to look at it. Commissioner Bechtol asked Steve if that design takes into effect that there are still properties to be acquired and Steve stated that it is assuming that they are acquired. William Bateson stated

that he received a letter from Lynn Army regarding Eagle Creek, stating that they will be showing up soon. Mary Ann asked if this would be after the beans are off and Steve Wilson stated that this is just an investigation along the creek to assess the risk of erosion. Mary Ann stated that the letter she received states they will be going into the middle of her field for the pedometers, and Steve stated that he will make sure that they walk through the middle of her field. She was concerned about property damage and Steve assured her that if she does have any damage to let Lynn Army know and they will pay for it.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson attended the elected officials meeting on Friday. He also sat in on a phone call this morning regarding the Wrap Around Program involving JFS, Juvenile Court and ADAMHS. They are trying to meet the requirements by the State to have everything in place by October 1, 2021.

Michael Pepple attended the elected officials meeting and the Hancock County Opioid & Addiction Task Force meeting on Friday. On Saturday, he participated in the Habitat for Humanity build and on Monday he attended a Rotary meeting to hear Jon Husted speak regarding promoting employment in Ohio.

Timothy Bechtol also attended the elected officials meeting last Friday. Last Thursday he attended the Health Insurance meeting in Auglaize County. He stated that they will be getting more details on rates for the new year soon. On Wednesday evening he attended the HHWP (Community Action Commission) meeting. He met with Courtney Comstock from Litter Landing last week to discuss building parameters and space for the potential new building. He also attended the Regional Planning meeting. Timothy stated that they have had various requests regarding mask policies for the county. For the record, individual county elected officials have authority to put forward whatever mask policies they want to enforce in their office suites and at this time there is nothing further.

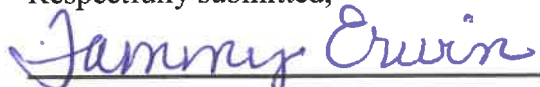
Michael Pepple made a request for an executive session in regards to personal and tangible property acquisition and lease of real estate.

William Bateson made a request for an executive session in regards to pending litigation. He also discussed an email from Gary Bright regarding the rash of overdoses in the last 5 days in the county.

At 9:45 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation, personal and tangible property acquisition and lease of real estate. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

At 11:11 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation, personal and tangible property acquisition and lease of real estate with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

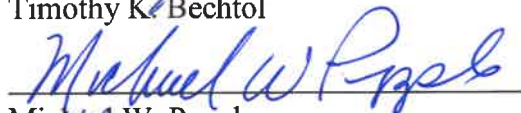


Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

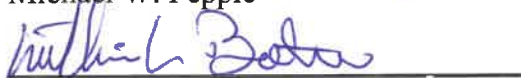
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson