

Minutes

August 31, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Engineer Doug Cade and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 24, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the warrant journal for the week. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The August explosive gas monitoring report was signed.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #586-23 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #587-23 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #561-23 dated August 24, 2023 (Transfer of funds from the Tier Fee #5109 to Litter Landing #5069). Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #588-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #589-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Ag Service Center #5081. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #590-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS Capital Projects fund #4061. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #591-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS #2013. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #592-23 – Transfer of funds from ADAMHS fund #2013 to ADAMHS Capital Project Fund #4061. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #593-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services Funds #2152. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #594-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #595-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Hancock County Agency on Aging Levy #2142. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #596-23 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee #5109 to Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #597-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #598-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Developmental Disability #2016. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #599-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #600-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Capital Projects Fund #4150. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #601-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #602-23 – Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #603-23 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into the second amendment to the contract with U.S.A. Cab, LLC, to provide necessary transportation services. Cindy explained that this is an amendment to the contract that Medicaid pays to JFS. The amount is increased by \$175,000 up to \$297,629. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #604-23 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an amendment to the contract with the Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam Community Action Commission (HHWPCAC) to provide necessary non-emergency transportation services. The amendment is for \$30,000 making the total contract \$80,000 for Medicaid transportation for JFS. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #605-23 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners and the Hancock County Board of Elections to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Secretary of State. Cindy explained that this is a request from the Board of Elections through the Ohio Secretary of State that reimbursement can be requested for updated electronic poll books. If they

have yet to purchase updated books, funds can be used for that specific purchase. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Auditor Rauschenberg inquired the timing of the program. Cindy stated that the MOU did not address the timing. No money has been exchanged yet, but the MOU did state that the Board should get 85% reimbursed. Charity was unsure if this was for the November or March elections.

Resolution #606-23 – Approval of maintenance assessments for the Eastgate Sewer Project Area  
Cindy stated that a meeting was held with the property owners last week and a \$1,000 assessment was agreed upon by the parties. Five property owners came to the meeting and it was very informative. Cindy also stated that this process is very similar to the collection of the BRSEP assessments. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Phil explained that the resolution listed on the agenda pertaining to the installation of electric service facilities at the Judicial Center will not be presented.

Resolution # 607-23 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the 2023 Hancock Cooperative Resurfacing Program contract with M & B Asphalt Co., Inc. for the Hancock County 2023 road resurfacing program. Phil explained that the total contract (which includes County roads and Township roads) will be \$589,504.49 which is an overall decrease of \$5,000.00. However, the total portion for the County roads was increased. Doug stated that the project is now complete. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #608-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Vaughn Industries LLC, to provide improvements to the public elevator within the Hancock County Courthouse. Phil explained that the elevator at the Courthouse needs to have fiber optic cable installed around the car. This quote is for \$981.00 for the work to be done. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #609-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Davis & Newcomer Elevator Co., Inc., to provide improvements to the public elevator within the Hancock County Courthouse. This resolution is in tandem to the above resolution. The quote is for \$5,400.00 for the elevator. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards potential real estate sale and potential real estate acquisition.

Auditor Rauschenberg discussed information on HB101- Village Dissolution. This pertains to recent situations around the state when there is not enough representation for Villages and Townships at election time. A lack of interest in people not running for these positions are creating a concern within the Auditors Offices statewide. It's important for a quorum be satisfied among the Villages, etc., for financial decisions to continue within the Villages. Charity wanted to inform the Board in the event this is mentioned through the CCAO.

Steve Wilson stated that the King Environmental started hauling away the contaminated waste from the Ranik property. This should be done by next Tuesday. They are hauling the waste to Michigan due to the hazardous condition, therefore causing an inconvenience due to travel time.

Steve indicated that they may exceed the estimated tonnage, however, the amount of grant should cover the additional costs. Steve will work with Lizzie next week. Mike Pepple inquired if the consultant is working with the Ohio EPA and Steve indicated that they are not. Steve said that the EPA is not involved with this project at all. This is being done with the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Program.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin inquired about the 1:15 p.m., meeting listed on the agenda. Tim indicated that that this was for a Port Authority appointment.

### **Meetings and Reports**

Mike Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Liberty Benton Middle/Elementary School grand opening. He also attended the Hancock County Fair Grand Opening ceremony and the band show. Tim mentioned that he saw an article in The Courier that the City of Findlay is looking at redoing some intersections within the City. One of which is the West Main Cross intersection. Tim intends on reaching out to the Mayor or the Safety Service Director as this is relative to the new Judicial Center. Steve Wilson stated that he thinks the only thing they are doing is a new traffic signal.

At 10:16 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate sale and potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 10:50 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

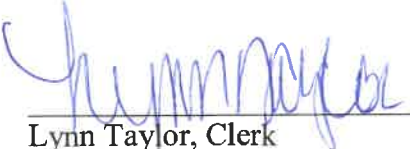
At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held an access management meeting. Cindy Land, Engineer Doug Cade, Treasurer Steve Welton, Lynn Taylor and Lou Wilin were also in attendance. Cindy Land read the history into the record. Engineer Doug Cade summarized the changes. Doug stated that if the Board approved the regulations, he can upon execution, post the new regulations on the Engineers website. Cindy explained to the Board that if they do approve the resolution adopting the changes, they would go into effect October 1, 2023. Cindy instructed the Clerk to place the Legal Notice in the paper for a notification in the event anyone wants to challenge the decision. They would have 30 days to do this before the regulations would become effective. The resolution authorizes the Clerk to send a copy of the regulations to the ODOT local district Deputy Director also. Public comments were asked for and there were no public comments.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #610-23 – Resolution adopting amendments and revision to the Hancock County Access management regulations policy. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 1:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Lisa Amstutz. Lynn Taylor was also present. Lisa introduced herself to the Board and discussed her reasons for the Port Authority interest. The Board will consider her appointment via resolution at their next meeting.

At 3:15 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Lynn Taylor was also present. Tim explained that the AIA document in the amount of \$419,037.80 for pay application #1 has been received, reviewed and is acceptable for processing. This document was submitted by ACI. Mike Pepple reviewed the prevailing wage documents and they were acceptable. Tim also mentioned that RCM, the architect of record also reviewed the AIA on August 2, 2023 and they agreed.

  
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Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent  
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William L. Bateson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

  
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Michael W. Pepple