

Minutes

December 15th, 2020

Commissioners present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Phil Johnson, Mary Ann LaRoche, Charity Rauschenberg, Steve Wilson, Doug Cade, Adam Witteman, Bill Bateson, Mike Pepple and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Gazarek asked those in attendance to please remove their mask when speaking so that the clerks can hear when transcribing the minutes. Minutes from the December 10th, 2020 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #991-20 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #992-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #993-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to VOCA Grant. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #994-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Other Health Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #995-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Community Corrections Comp Plan. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #996-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court – General Office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #997-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job and Family Services. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #998-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #999-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Treasurer. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #1000-20 – Annual Appropriation Resolution for fiscal year 2021. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #1001-20 – Furnishing of Labor and Equipment for the 2021 Hancock County Road and Bridge program by Force Account and Contract Work. Doug Cade explained that this resolution was for their annual plan of work, and this is authorizing them to perform resurfacing by contract for approximately 38 miles of roads, valued at about \$3 million dollars and also to do contract and force account work on 5 bridges next year. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #1002-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed payroll for JFS. A signature was required from Commissioner Gazarek for the amended DYS Grant adding two (2) programs. Brian Robertson made a motion for Board President Mark Gazarek's signature. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

A discussion was held between the Commissioners and Phil Johnson regarding the resolution for Approving Change Order #1 to the contract with A1 Land Development, LLC, for the demolition of buildings located at 321 Clinton Court in Findlay. Phil discussed the issue dealing with the discovery of several subfloors during demolition. He stated they were probably not discoverable during the course of investigation. Brian Robertson questioned that when they realized there was going to be a need for a change order, why didn't they stop? Why did they keep working, when it should have been brought to the Commissioners' attention at that time? He stated the work was authorized without the Board authorizing it. Mark Gazarek concurred. He stated that there was some confusion with the first change order, and the costs changing numerous times. Timothy Bechtol commented that they should not do the grading and seeding and just be done with the project without any change in the contract cost. Phil stated the original contract was \$183,345. Mark Gazarek is in favor of what Timothy Bechtol stated and just be done with the project. The contractor is already done and has left the job site. Mark asked Phil to amend the contract to what they discussed regarding the grading and seeding and to bring a resolution on Thursday with those changes. Phil Johnson concurred. Steve stated that by doing this amendment, there would be no problems with the grant project.

#1003-20 – Authorizing execution and submission of documents relating to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program Project in Findlay. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#1004-20 – Authorizing entry into an agreement regarding construction and maintenance of a ditch within and around Hickory Lake 2nd Addition, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 6131.63. Phil stated that this is a petition ditch agreement, and has been executed by the owner of the property. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Charity Rauschenberg reminded everyone that the Truck to Trunk Food Distribution was scheduled for this Thursday, December 17th and will be available at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, Liberty Township Hall, Mt. Blanchard Hall and McComb Fire Department. Registration can be done at: www.chopinhall.org. By registering, it will help identify boxes and quantities needed in the different locations and also recording the number of households that are being assisted using the CARES funding. Charity appreciates everyone's assistance in helping with the food drive. She also wanted to remind everyone that the dog tag sales will be available online and the drop box. Due to the surge in Covid cases, they did not want a lot of close contact in the office.

Steve Wilson stated that the City of Findlay has begun the bid process for the MLK Parkway project. One of the bidders requested to use the warehouse site as a staging area for the project so he is seeking input from the Commissioners. Also included with their request was whether or not they could use that area to get the fill material they need to raise the intersection. Steve told them the actual warehouse site is mostly foundations and probably not a lot of dirt available. This prompted the idea of allowing them to go west of the warehouse site along the river, since that will be part of the additional benching at some point and asked the Commissioners if that would be ok. Brian stated that they need to make sure that this offer is good for all bidders. Mark stated that an official addendum to the original specs would be required and Steve agreed that the information would be available to all potential bidders and there would be an addendum to the contract. All commissioners approved based on an addendum being submitted by Mr. Wilson. Steve stated that this may delay the bid until sometime next week but he will forward that to the City and touch base with them today.

Meetings/Reports

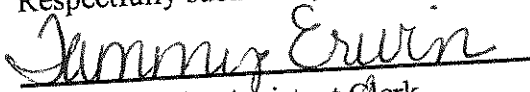
Brian Robertson attended the Alliance Board meeting last Friday reviewing the budget for this year and the projected budget for next year. Brian requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Timothy Bechtol talked about the food distribution and thanked the Auditor for all the information she had prepared for us and for all the work that she and her staff have done to make this happen. Timothy stated that Lee Swisher would be involved in that also. He also wanted to publicly confirm that the Commissioner's office will be closed that day from 12 – 2 p.m. so that the staff is able to help out at the fairgrounds distribution.

Mark Gazarek thanked the Auditor's office for taking on the extra amount of work for the food bank, and was very appreciative of them and all of their staff.

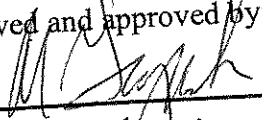
At 10:05 a.m. Mark Gazarek made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Brian Robertson seconded. Roll call resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:20 a.m., Mark Gazarek made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed possible real estate acquisition. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,




Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

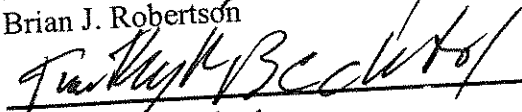
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol