

Minutes

December 16, 2021

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Alec Helms, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Doug Cade, Mary Ann LaRoche, David Tong, Mary Tong, Mary Jo Boes, Lanny Boes and Rochelle Hartman.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the December 14th, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #900-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Commissioner Bateson elaborated on the reasoning behind the resolution and confirmed to Commissioner Bechtol that this is for funds for the remaining of 2021. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #901-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Common Pleas Court – Probation Improvement. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #902-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court – Specialized Docket. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #903-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court- General Special Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #904-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Prosecutor. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #905-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court – General Office. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #906-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #907-21 – Furnishing of Labor and Equipment for the 2022 Hancock County Road and Bridge Program by Force Account and Contract Work. Engineer Doug Cade explained this resolution to the Commissioners in detail and the need for authorization from the Commissioners to utilize own forces for capital improvements and to publicize the projects in the newspaper. There is a total of \$5.1 million for the projects, \$1.5 million being grant money and the rest will be about 63% of their budget for Capital Improvements. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #908-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Workers Comp Reserve Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #909-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Treasurer. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #910-21 – Re-appointment of Buzz Dyer to the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a 4-year term commencing January 1, 2022. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #911-21 -Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #895-21 dated December 14, 2021 (Annual Appropriation Resolution of the Fiscal Year 2022). William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #912-21 – Annual appropriation resolution for Fiscal Year 2022. Alec Helms, assistant clerk, explained the main change from the rescinded appropriation was to the Sherriff's department for the outside housing. Adam Witteman also added there were some small changes made to the salaries of elected officials. Commissioner Bateson stated for the record that elected officials' salaries are set by the state. Commissioner Bechtol clarified that the newly appropriated funds for the jail overflow housing will be administered on an as needed basis. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Bateson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners approved payroll for their office and for JFS.

Auditor Rauschenberg reported that we are in the 10-day time frame to certify estimated property tax revenue for any levies in order to comply with state law. She stated she wanted to clarify the difference between and levy replacement and a levy renewal. She stated that the ADAMS levy is a replacement not a renewal. The current levy is at about 1.2 million for residential and agriculture and the new levy will be going to about 1.3 million.

Members of Washington Township attended the meeting and spoke about their concerns with the possible solar farm project in the county. There was an in-depth conversation between the community members and the Commissioners about the project. The commissioners would like to

discuss this issue with the townships individually at a later date before making a decision on this issue.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple was absent.

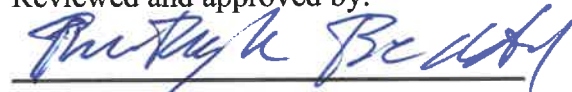
Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

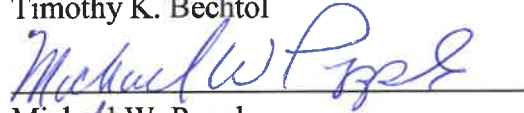


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

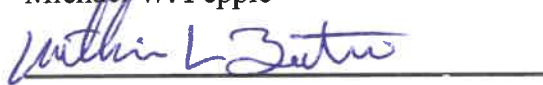
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

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Sign in Sheet -

David Tong

Mary Tong

Mary Jo Boes

Larry Boes

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