

Minutes

December 20, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Engineer Doug Cade, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Steve Wilson.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the December 15th 2022, meeting was 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 #916-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #917-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #918-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #919-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #920-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Dog & Kennel Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #921-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #922-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Juvenile Court. Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Children's Trust Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #923-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family – General Office. Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #924-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance 2004. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #925-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion and William Bateson seconded for Commissioner Pepple to sign the Hancock County 2022 Critical Infrastructure, Environmental Review Subsequent Exemption. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #926-22 – Contract for general consulting services between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010077. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide 2023 general consulting services to the Landfill at a cost of \$182,500.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #927-22 – Contract for 2023 SWMD Annual District Report for 2022 services between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010078. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide a SWMD Annual District Report for 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #928-22 – Contract for groundwater monitoring services between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010079. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide a 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Program for the Landfill, at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #929-22 – Contract for gas collection/control system coordination for 2023 between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010080. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide gas collection/control system coordination at the Landfill for 2023. The cost is \$45,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #930-22 – Contract for 2023 permit modification between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010081. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide 2023 permit modification, as required by the Ohio EPA. The cost is not to exceed \$150,000.00. Steve Wilson stated this modification is necessary because of adding the horizontal gas wells. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #931-22 – Contract for engineering services for future landfill expansion between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Work Order No. H1010082. Cindy stated this Work Order is for Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., to provide the future landfill expansion engineering services, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Steve requested that all of the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., purchase orders be processed in 2023. Discussion took place with the Auditor regarding the process of holding the purchase orders until 2023.

Resolution #932-22 – Approval of an amendment to the agreement between the Board of Hancock County Commissioners, on behalf of the Hancock County Coroner and the Hanco Ambulance Service.

Cindy stated we have exceeded the \$12,500.00 contract amount for 2022. This amendment is for an additional \$3,000.00 necessary to complete the services for 2022. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #933-22 – Authorizing the execution and submission of a Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project, pursuant to the McComb 2022 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program within the CDBG Program. Phil stated this is for execution and submission of the Boards certification that the project does not require an environmental assessment. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #934-22 – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with the Shelley Company for the widening of County Road 9 from State Route 12 to Early Drive in Liberty Township. Phil stated Change Order No. 1 is a reduction from the total cost. Doug stated this Change Order is to establish final quantities for the project. They were able to limit the amount of unsuitable material that needed to be replaced. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #935-22 – Furnishing of labor and equipment for the 2023 Hancock County Road and Bridge program by Force Account and Contract Work. Phil stated this will allow the Engineer to execute certain maintenance items and authorize sale of scrap metal that has a value of less than \$2,500.00. Doug stated it is required by law to request use of own forces to do work on county roads. Doug provided the Commissioners with a list of projects that will be completed in 2023. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #936-22 – Authorizing entry into agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for entry into a real estate acquisition agreement related to an Interchange Rehabilitation project for the I-75/County Road 99 Interchange in Hancock County, Ohio. Phil stated this will authorize the Ohio Department of Transportation to purchase property for this project that will end up in the name of the Commissioners. The property will have to be maintained by the County. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #937-22 – Authorizing Entry into agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for sign installation and maintenance related to U.S. Bike Route 25 on county roads in Hancock County, Ohio. Phil stated this is for installation and maintenance of signs to be installed on county roads included within U.S. Bike Route 25. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Auditor Rauschenberg requested that all resolutions for one fund be included on one resolution. The Auditor's office is wrapping up the end of the year and getting ready for the new year.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol met with the structural engineer at the JFS building. They are putting together additional Change Orders for work that will be needed to complete the project. On Sunday, Tim had his Oath of Office ceremony and is now ready for his new term. Bill and Mike both congratulated him.

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended Tim's Oath of Office ceremony.

At 10:13 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation and potential real estate lease. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:47 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation and potential real estate lease, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:47 a.m., the Commissioners met with Gordon Berry and Aaron Mazurek regarding the postage meter. Christine Carrigan, and Phil Johnson were in attendance. Aaron Mazurek, from IMS Business Machines, explained to the Commissioners that the post office is changing certification requirements. Therefore, a new more secure postage meter will need to be purchased within the next couple of years. Discussion took place on why the additional security is needed. Aaron presented the Commissioners with a proposal offering a promotional price. Discussion took place on the process of the certified mail pick-up at the post office.


At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Treasurer J. Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic and Barb Marquart for the Treasurer Investment meeting. Also present was Christine Carrigan, Charity Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman. Eileen provided information on the current government rate hike and the current status of the economy. She stated the economic growth is expected to be slower in 2023. Companies are starting to position themselves for a slower economy. This is a sign that the likelihood of a recession is getting closer. Eileen along with Treasurer Welton have been working the last couple of months to transition investments in Hancock County's portfolio to get ahead of the recession. The final project for the flood mitigation will be completed in 2023. Therefore, the flood mitigation investments will begin maturing and moved to cash.

Respectfully submitted,

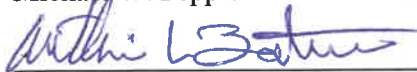


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

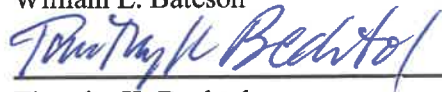
Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol