

Minutes
February 14, 2019

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

Also Present: Cindy Land, Maryann LaRoche and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #81-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court- Probation Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #82-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the warrant journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Payroll for JFS was approved. Travel requests were approved for JFS and the Sheriff's Office. The Commissioners signed the letter addressed to the City of Findlay requesting the City to pay \$104.44 per inmate for housing at the jail.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #83-19 – Authorizing the disposal of recycling units no longer needed by Litter Landing. Lucinda stated that there are 6 rolloffs currently not usable and the collective value is less than \$2,500.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #84-19 – Authorizing the disposal of obsolete telephone equipment no longer needed by Hancock County. Lucinda stated the VOIP project is complete and an interested party would like purchase our former phones and accessories. Lucinda stated the value is less than \$2,500.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #85-19 – Authorization pursuant to the request of Hancock Regional Planning Commission (HRPC) to accept proposal from WSOS Community Action Commission Inc. for administrative services. Lucinda stated this resolution will aid in the administration for CHIP funds. Lucinda also stated in 2018 \$220,000 was spent and the proposed amount for 2019 is \$186,000.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #86-19 – Authorizing a cooperative agreement between Hancock County & the City of Findlay for fiber extension project necessary for the Tyler Technologies/New World Computer aided dispatch and report writing system. Lucinda stated that this will allow Vaughn

Industries to add fiber to the courthouse, through the Municipal Building and then to the Justice Center. Lucinda also stated this was discussed when the fiber project first began. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson stated that he met with Treasurer Welton for follow up efforts on the Strategic Plan. Brian also attended the Community Corrections Board meeting and good strides are being made. Brian also attended the Public Defenders meeting.

Mark Gazarek met with several Township Trustees and discussed drainage issues and the affect the winter weather has had on Township budgets. Mark also met with the Sheriff for some analysis on the jail expansion.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the Community Corrections Board meeting. Tim also attended the Opiate Task Force Legislative Committee meeting. Tim stated he attended the Sunny Farms public discussion held in Tiffin. Tim attended the Kiwanis meeting and heard a nice presentation given by Doug Jenkins and complimented Jim Maurer for his fair coverage to the Hancock County news. Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson concurred.

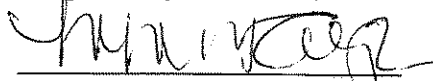
At 10:30 am, the Commissioners met with Sheriff Heldman, Kathy Streng, Greg Galieti, Eric Ratts, and Jim Maurer. DLZ is a firm that works with anyone involved in the justice system, not just law enforcement officials. DLZ can design the right number and style of beds for all jail projects. They pride themselves in studying all aspects of inmate rehabilitation. DLZ will work with all vendors to ensure project is acceptable. Sheriff Heldman stated he encourages a study to be done to determine Hancock County's needs before a design is done. Current projects done by DLZ include Ross County, Franklin County, and the City of Indianapolis. Mark Gazarek inquired as to when the process began for Franklin County and Eric stated the initial study began in 2009 and the 1st phase will open soon. Eric also stated that once an architect is selected, it's typical to have a 2 year time frame for occupancy. Eric recommended no matter which architect is selected, to include a staffing analysis in the contract. Kathy inquired as to if a decision has been made to either renovate or construct a new facility in Hancock County, and Brian indicated a determination still needs to be made.

At 11:07 am, Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 12:10 pm, Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 1:15 pm, the Commissioners met with Leah Cole, Nigel Snelling, Lucinda Land, and Jim Maurer. Leah reported that she met twice with the Commissioners in 2018 and in August 2018 she understood that cuts in the CASA funding were necessary as funds were needed in the Foster Care program. Therefore, since August of 2018, her agency has been without county funding and cases have increased. Leah stated their ongoing case load has increased and the situation is dire. Leah stated that United Way has decreased their funding for 2019 and combined with the lack of funding from the Commissioner's, CASA will be in a budget crisis this year. Leah stated that the case load in January 2017 was 109 and the case load in January 2019 is 202. Nigel stated that they are desperate to avoid issues that could become a real problem. Brian inquired if

United Way has given CASA any reasons as for the decrease in funding and Leah responded that United Way chose to cut all grant requests by 20%. Per Leah's discussion, she indicated this was not a reflection on the agency or its programs. Tim inquired if money was allocated to CASA in 2019 and Lucinda responded yes. Leah stated she is requesting money for billed ongoing cases and a max amount of \$50,000.00. Tim stated an answer cannot be given today and Brian stated a discussion with Commissioner Gazarek will need to happen. Cindy stated a contract can be created once a decision has been made. Brian stated that the gap in funding will need to be absorbed. Leah stated that no child is turned away and they are pursuing other alternatives and funding from the Commissioners is a resolution that would create an immediate impact.

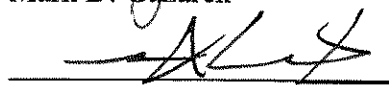
Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson

CASA/GAL

	<u>Jan-17</u>	<u>Jan-18</u>	<u>Jan-19</u>
Staff	4	4	4
Advocates	~30	~30	~30
Children Served	109	131	202
<u>Funding</u>			
Commissioners	\$20,300	\$30,800	\$0
United Way	\$120,000	\$123,600	\$98,880
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$140,300</u>	<u>\$154,400</u>	<u>\$98,880</u>

Total Children Summary

1/1/2018 TO 12/31/2018

Total Children Served During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
288	169	99	20

Total New Children Added During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
164	91	57	16

Total Closed Children During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
110	64	44	2

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*** Unserved: The child has neither of the above scenarios

Please note: Children with non-paid staff assigned as a case supervisor will show as unserved.

Total Children Summary

1/1/2017 TO 12/31/2017

Total Children Served During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserviced
210	89	74	47

Total New Children Added During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserviced
110	57	42	11

Total Closed Children During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserviced
82	27	29	26

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Total Children Summary

1/1/2019 TO 1/31/2019

Total Children Served During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
202	92	82	28

Total New Children Added During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
20	4	5	11

Total Closed Children During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
4	1	3	0

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Total Children Summary
1/1/2018 TO 1/31/2018

Total Children Served During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unservd
131	67	42	22

Total New Children Added During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unservd
5	1	1	3

Total Closed Children During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unservd
11	6	5	0

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Total Children Summary

1/1/2017 TO 1/31/2017

Total Children Served During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
109	29	42	38

Total New Children Added During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
9	0	7	2

Total Closed Children During Time Period

Total	With Volunteer	With Paid Staff Only	Unserved
4	0	3	1

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