

Minutes

February 08, 2018

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Doug Jenkins, Jim Maurer, and MaryAnn LaRoche

Commissioner Robertson 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 6, 2018 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #95-18 - Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners Resolution #79-18 dated February 1, 2018 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to BMV. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #96-18 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation – EMA. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #97-18 - Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the Clerk of Courts Transfer Line. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #98-18 - Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court General Special Projects. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #99-18 - Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to TCAP Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #100-18 - Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to BMV. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #101-18 - Advance of funds from the General Fund to BMV. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #102-18 - Transfer of funds from the Certificate of Title Administration Fund to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #103-18 - Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Local Emergency Planning. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #104-18 - Resolution determining to dissolve the Hancock County Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #105-18 - Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 35-18 declaring the necessity of levying an additional tax, pursuant to sections 5705.24 and 5705.03 of the Revised Code, requesting the Hancock County auditor to certify the yield for a proposed additional ten year 1.2 mill levy to be placed on the May 8, 2018 Ballot for the support of Children's Services and the care and placement of children by the Hancock County Job and Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Bechtol thanked Lucinda Land for her hard work and research regarding the JFS Levy.

Reports

Brian Robertson reported that he attended the Tax Impact meeting Tuesday afternoon. They spoke about the potential impact the tax changes will have on local businesses and also how it may impact the non-profit organizations. He also attended the Public Defenders Commission meeting this morning. They did not get the funding that they requested for 2018 for staffing and they are having difficulties keeping up with the increased caseloads with 6 courts and only 5 attorneys. Commissioner Robertson said they anticipated the sales tax numbers to be down and the latest numbers that were received from the Auditor's office show that there is a 10.88% decline in sales tax for January and the overall revenue is down 12.65%, which is down \$238,126.55 from last January. This continues to be the Commissioners concern about funding non-mandated entities. The 2019 budget is going to be difficult with the declining numbers. According to the State of the County presentation last year the Justice Center is the largest detox center in Hancock County and due to the jail capacity they are no longer holding drug addicts therefore it is driving up the overdose numbers, which also drives up the court cases. The Commissioners were in recess until their 10:30 a.m. meeting.

At 10:37 a.m. the Commissioners met with Leah Cole from CASA, as well as one of the board members, Nigel Snelling to update the Commissioners on changes with CASA and to talk about the renewal of their 2018 contract. Currently CASA provides a mandated service to appoint Guardian-ad-Litem for all abuse, neglect, and dependent cases at the rate of \$350 per case. They would like the Commissioners to consider raising the rate at which they are paid per case. Recently there has been a change to statute requiring a Guardian-ad-Litem to be appointed to all delinquency cases. They are estimating that this will be 20-30 delinquency cases per year and they are asking to be compensated for these cases which would require the wording of "delinquency" cases be added to the contract. No decisions were made regarding the requested changes. The Commissioners will speak with the Prosecutors office about the 2018 contract and get back with CASA within a few weeks.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Katherine Kreuchauf of the Community Foundation and John Urbanski of the United Way was present. They presented the results of a previously conducted community outreach project. The results of the community outreach show five major concerns in Hancock County, they are as follows: Housing, Transportation, Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Workforce/Financial Stability, and Safety. Kathy and John wanted to make the Commissioners aware of these main concerns that are in Hancock County as well as the gaps in services. The needs in Hancock County are more than the Community Foundation and the United Way can support. They are asking the community to join them in supporting the area needs. (Report attached)

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened with Bob Snavely and Phil Johnson. Bob Snavely represents the CCAO with Palmer Energy and was here to talk about the county's contract for electric service beginning May 2018. The contract covers 34 meters at county owned buildings. Bob Snavely presented a report with the price

comparisons for 3 suppliers. (Report attached) According to the report the Dynegy Energy will have an estimated annual savings for the county of \$24,732 the first year, \$35,393 the second year, and \$40,551 the third year from the current contract as well as the other suppliers.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #106-18- Authorizing entry into contract for supply of electricity to Hancock County Facilities. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

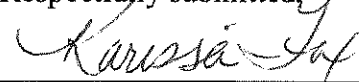
Phil Johnson requested an executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation.

The Assistant Clerk presented a letter for the Commissioners to sign regarding the inmate per diem rate for 2018. The Commissioners received the Per Diem Calculation from the Sheriff's Office and as of December 31, 2017 the rate is \$103.79. Currently, the City is paying \$95.00 per inmate for housing. The Commissioners are requesting the City pay \$103.79 per inmate for housing in 2018.

At 1:42 p.m. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to enter into executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation, Commissioner Bechtol seconded. A roll call was taken and resulted as follows: Commissioner Robertson, yes; Commissioner Bechtol, yes; Commissioner Gazarek, yes. At 2:21 p.m. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to come out of executive session, Commissioner Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0 with no action taken at this time.

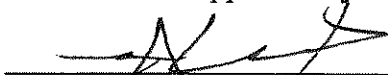
The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. for the day.

Respectfully submitted,



Karissa Fox, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



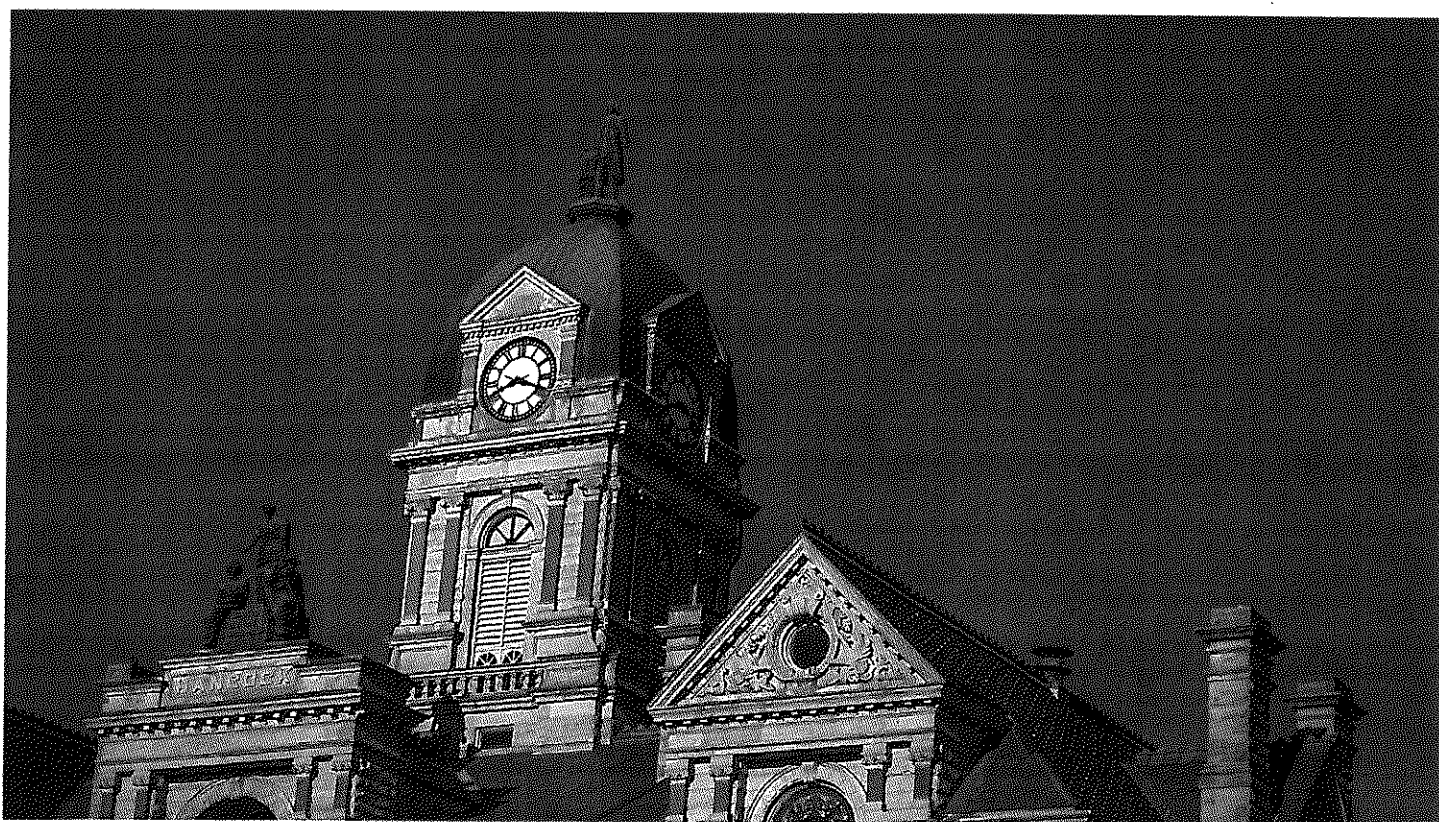
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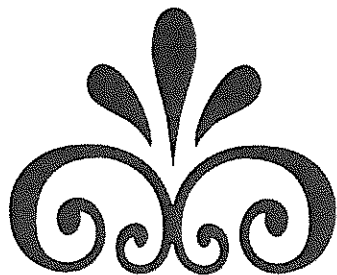
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Report to the Community

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS 2017



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INTRODUCTION

In Fall 2016, The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation (TCF) and United Way of Hancock County (UWHC) agreed to partner to ask those we serve - those who live, work, learn or play in Hancock County - about their hopes and aspirations for the community. Both organizations had previously conducted community outreach efforts, but the decision to bring resources together created a more efficient and effective process. We undertook this initiative with two goals in mind:

- to validate the current alignment of grantmaking with the needs and priorities of community members and
- to identify gaps in response to the community's expressed needs.

We owe a debt of gratitude to each person who took the time from work, school and other activities to be a part of this project. Without you, we would not have the valuable data or a plan of action to make change. Thank you all!

PROCESS

In previous outreach endeavors, a full cross-section of our community was not engaged in the process. Both organizations committed to reaching under-heard voices in addition to those who usually weigh in. TCF and UWHC worked together to talk to service recipients, in addition to service providers, to get direct feedback and more representative data.

We heard from 1,058 people: 602 people participated in conversations and an additional 456 people provided feedback by written survey. We gained new perspectives through engagement with such groups as: University of Findlay international students; Century Health clients; Children's Mentoring Connection youth; Hancock County jail inmates; Marathon Petroleum Corporation's diversity and inclusion team; staff and board of the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) youth; drug court participants; and Jacobs Primary School *Leader in Me* students.

“Don't be too proud. No one should be afraid to ask for help from their neighbors.”

Anonymous Conversation Participant

RESULTS

More than 20 community members facilitated 70 conversations all across Hancock County. At the end of each conversation, the results were reported to the University of Findlay, whose students were guided by staff in aggregating the data. The following is a breakdown of each question and the responses, which have been categorized and alphabetized. The results were then boiled down to five major themes of concern:

Housing

Mental Health/Substance Use

Transportation

Workforce/Financial Stability

Safety

1. What kind of community do you want?

- Accessible food
- Affordable and available transportation
- Affordable social activities for all
- Affordable, available child care
- Clean
- Diverse/accepting/inclusive
- Drug free
- Good paying jobs
- Healthy
- Holistic approach to care
- Less crime
- Mental health help
- Safe
- Safe, affordable housing
- Strong and safe schools (with special needs resources)
- Sustainable/green

2. What are two or three things you think are standing in the way of the kind of community you want?

- Available detox center and recovery home
- Crime
- Drug issues
- Educate/communicate about what is happening/where to get help
- Government bias (cater to businesses or groups of people)
- Homelessness
- Lack of diversity/racism
- Lack of safe, low-cost transportation
- Lack of safe, low-cost housing
- Lack of social opportunities for teens, kids, families, and young people
- Medical costs
- Resources for handicapped and hearing impaired
- Services for abused kids and kids of addicts
- Zoning issues

3. How do these issues affect you personally?

- Access for handicapped persons
- Addiction/ Substance abuse
- Bullying
- Lack of childcare
- Crime
- Domestic violence
- Food
- High recidivism
- Housing
- Lack of family unit (including kids raised by family members/grandparents)
- Living wage
- Mental health
- Preschool
- Transportation

4. What do you think it means to have a good life?

- Access to resources
- Feel safe
- Good health
- Good relationships (friends, family, neighbors)
- Have enough food
- Living wages
- Safe housing
- Structure/stability
- Things to do for kids and families

5. What kind of community would you need for everyone to have the chance at a good life?

- Access to resources, increased support
- Education (trade school, work skills, life skills, financial literacy)
- Good jobs
- Less crime
- Low-cost, available transportation
- Open to diversity (more tolerance)
- Programs in schools (Bridges Out of Poverty, Quest, Leader in Me, DARE+, etc.)
- Safe
- Social opportunities for all (free or low cost)
- Treatment of addiction

6. What kinds of things are keeping us from having this kind of community?

- Affordable housing
- Accessible childcare/preschool
- Affordable school experiences (sports, music, art)
- Drug testing for services
- Flood issues
- Head in the sand (not happening here)
- Help with addiction
- Lack of community (busy, don't care, not in my backyard mentality)
- Lack of mental health resources
- Livable wages
- Rural/county areas are forgotten
- Too judgmental toward those who are different
- Transportation available 24/7/365

7. What services should be added in our community to help people?

- Addiction/Substance abuse help
- Affordable childcare
- Affordable housing
- Elder care/services
- Food
- Health clinic
- Job/Career training
- Life skills
- Literacy
- Mental health
- More arts and culture
- Safe haven for kids, men's shelter
- Transportation

8. What do you think can be done to make a difference?

- Affordable preschool
- Break the generational entitlement
- Educate about different cultures, orientations, identities, etc.
- Education about drug use, mental illness
- Foster/mentoring (parents, family, kids)
- Help for people on cliff
- Help Jacobs School (needs more resources)
- Public transportation
- Social activities for young people, kids
- Talk to people who are impacted
- Teach how to write grants

9. Who do you trust to take action on these issues?

- Agencies who assist those in need
- Businesses
- Churches
- City/County
- Groups working together to accomplish things
- Not government
- Police
- Schools
- The Community Foundation
- University of Findlay
- United Way of Hancock County

CONSIDERATIONS/LIMITATIONS

The results listed above are a snapshot of a point in time in Hancock County. All of the data was collected over the summer of 2017. We recognize that needs may change seasonally and depending on the happenings in the community at the time of data collection.

Our goal was to hear from 1,000 Hancock County residents. We reached our goal, but were not able to hear from as many people in-person as we hoped. As we revisit the Community Conversations process in the coming years, we hope more people will add their voices to the conversation.

We were successful in hearing from a representational group when compared to the county's race/ethnicity, marital status, and most age/income levels. In the future, we need to take additional steps to reach individuals age 12 and under, males, those without a college education, and individuals who earn below \$25,000/year.

As we shared in the conversations, not knowing if a service or program exists is the same as it not existing at all. The data is presented as it was heard from the community, even though we understand some of the items mentioned are already being addressed.

GAP ANALYSIS

Following the Community Conversations process, TCF analyzed existing services and cross-checked them with the needs reported during conversations to compile the following analysis.

Need	Gaps
Adult (20+)	Opportunities for middle-aged people
	Parenting and parent support classes
	LGBT support
	Ethnic products/services
Arts	More affordable programs
	Special needs services for kids in the "gray" area
	Better IEP(individual education plan) system and communication within schools
Disability Services	Affordable activities for the whole family
	Services/opportunities for those with autism
	Support for caregivers
	Increased wheelchair accessibility
Early Childhood (0-5)	Affordable care
	Care for 2nd/3rd shifts
	Universal preschool
Financial Assistance *	Financial planning/literacy support
	Peer support/education
Food Security *	More Community Gardens
	More canned food drives
	More nutritious giveaway food
	Nutrition and cooking classes
	Lack of safe and affordable
Housing *	Metro housing accepted
	Difficulty meeting security and utility deposits
	Lack of emergency housing (especially for men)
	Places that allow pets
	Affordable housing outside of Findlay
	Affordable senior housing
Information Referral	No wrong door policy out of date
	Better communication of services and entertainment (an app)
	One central community calendar
	Schedule community meetings (city council) on weekends and evenings
	Work with schools/law enforcement/social service agencies to identify at-risk families to get info out
Mental Health *	Place for emergency/immediate treatment
	One agency that can service the entire family
	Service providers able to treat all people/all sexual orientations
	Support groups (more at more accessible times)
Physical Health *	Youth support (self-esteem building, suicide prevention)
	LGBT support
	STD clinic
	Free health clinic
	Optometrist at The Family Center

Recreation	Lack of social opportunities for kids/teens/families
	Youth or community center
	Afterschool STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programs
	Diversity focused events
	Low-cost events
	Alcohol-free events
	Free outdoor activities (splash pad, skating rink, etc.)
	Free indoor sports space
	Better shopping
	Affordable arts activities
Senior Services (65+)	Activities for seniors with disabilities
	More senior activities (dancing)
	Safe and affordable senior housing
	Safe and affordable nursing homes
Substance Use *	More beds in rehab facilities and a detox center
	Better insurance coverage
	Break the stigma - increased community education and support
	A place for addicted mothers and newborns
Teen (13-19)	Needle exchange program
	Non-sports related programs
	Resource officers/police stationed in school
	Diversity club (LGBT)
Transportation *	Support for children with incarcerated parents
	Affordable afterschool STEAM programs
	Accessible rides for 2nd, 3rd, weekend shifts
	Need public transportation/bus system
	On-demand ride ability (Uber, Lyft)
	More pedestrian/bike friendly
	Lack of handicapped parking downtown
Workforce Development *	Trade training for all ages
	Co-op programs for high school students
	More full-time, full-benefits positions
	Mentorships/apprenticeships
	Assistance for transitional people and minorities
	Opportunities for those with felonies
	Break the stigma around manufacturing jobs
	More job fairs
Youth Services (6-12)	Free resumé building/interviewing classes
	Development of soft skills
	Access to available programming (information not shared by schools)
	Organizations not working together, redundancy
	More non-sports offerings
	Resource officers/police stationed in school

** Collective Impact coalitions are actively working on each of these areas.*

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The Community Foundation

As a result of the conversations, the Foundation identified four areas on which to focus its work during 2018-2019: housing, mental health/substance use, transportation, and workforce/financial stability. Through the competitive grantmaking process, the Foundation will give funding priority to coalition-driven solutions in each of these areas.

Special grant opportunities will address four areas not being addressed through the Collective Impact process: childcare, community activities, diversity and safety. Up to \$50,000 per area will be available. Two areas will be highlighted in 2018, and the remaining two will be the focus of the Foundation's special grant opportunities in 2019.

Additionally, the Foundation will work to raise awareness within our key stakeholder groups to elevate the issues and engage donors in support of each. Throughout this process, we will work closely with coalition members to best understand the current state of each area of concern, as well as strategies being developed to address them.

We are already inspired and have begun to make grants to address several of the gaps. As opportunities come up, and as we plan, we will continue to utilize these results to drive our work. Thank you for your time in this project.

United Way of Hancock County

Challenges with substance use, mental health care, reliable transportation and affordable housing are the top concerns of Hancock County residents as summarized from Community Conversations held in 2017. United Way of Hancock County will address these concerns through funding and advocacy.

Five million dollars over the next five years will be set aside from UWHC's annual campaign for the Financial Stability Initiative grant opportunity. UWHC believes by addressing the areas of workforce readiness, financial empowerment and youth investment, at-risk households dealing with these issues will have the opportunity to obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to create a healthy and self-sustaining lifestyle.

United Way of Hancock County's advocacy role will vocalize the need for tiered transition related to state and federal benefits as opposed to cutting-off benefits when a family no longer qualifies due to a slight increase in wage. This type of system change fosters an environment for self-improvement through reward of effort.

This process affirmed that there are more needs than the Foundation and United Way have the capacity to support. However, we can do more if we join together as a community to address each area.

"Coming together as a community is the most important thing.

If people feel like they belong, they give back."

Anonymous Conversation Participant



February 8, 2018

To: Hancock County Commissioners
 From: CCAO Service Corporation & Palmer Energy
 Subject: Electric RFP Refresh for Hancock County Facilities

As the authorized energy consultant for the CCAO Service Corporations' Energy Programs, the CCAO and Palmer Energy issued an electric RFP for 20 counties with contracts expiring in calendar year 2018. This RFP included Hancock County's facilities, which are comprised of approximately 34 meters using 3.4 GWH annually and all located in AEP Ohio – Ohio Power electric distribution service territory. This RFP was sent to eight potential suppliers with requested term lengths ending May 2019, May 2020, and May 2021 to commence on the May 2018 meter read (April 2018 bill period). Eight suppliers responded to the initial RFP and refreshed pricing was requested from Dynegy, MidAmerican Energy Services, and the current supplier, AEP Energy. The refreshed offers are displayed below.

Supplier	Term End	Rate (\$/kWh)	Est. Annual Cost Savings Compared to Current Rate	Est. Annual Cost Savings Compared to Est. 2017 Average Utility PTCs
Dynegy	May 2019	\$0.05080	\$24,732	\$17,209
AEP Energy	May 2019	\$0.05192	\$20,880	\$13,357
MidAmerican	May 2019	\$0.05357	\$15,206	\$7,683
Dynegy	May 2020	\$0.04770	\$35,393	\$27,870
AEP Energy	May 2020	\$0.04891	\$31,232	\$23,709
MidAmerican	May 2020	\$0.04985	\$27,999	\$20,476
Dynegy	May 2021	\$0.04620	\$40,551	\$33,028
AEP Energy	May 2021	\$0.04744	\$36,287	\$28,764
MidAmerican	May 2021	\$0.04779	\$35,083	\$27,560

The prices for all terms and suppliers proposed through this RFP are an all-inclusive rate structure, subject to federal, transmission organization, statewide regulatory changes, and/or material changes of the accounts included resulting in additional costs to the supplier. This is a standard provision across virtually every supplier and contract.

The table above is broken down by pricing term and savings potential. Palmer requested terms ending in May 2019, May 2020 and May 2021 for several reasons. First, this coordinates Hancock County's renewal cycle with other counties in the CCAOSC Electric Program for future RFPs, which increases buying power. Additionally, there are increased unknowns in the market beyond May 2021, so offers going further beyond this time frame carry a higher risk of pass-through charges due to these unknown variables.

In the table, Palmer Energy has provided two columns of pricing comparison based upon historic usage. The first column represents the estimated annual savings versus your current contract rates. The second column represents the estimated annual savings versus estimated 2017 average utility Prices-To-Compare (PTC) for each account.



Please Note: These PTC numbers will change periodically as tariff rates are updated and adjusted, therefore actual savings may fluctuate.

CONTRACT TERM LENGTH. As shown, there is savings potential available across each requested term and start date. With this in mind, the first level of elimination is contract term length. To differentiate between the various offers it is useful to compare the savings projections when deciding which term to focus on. It is also important to consider the market when deciding on contract term. During periods when power price volatility could occur it is important to secure the most practical price possible for the longest reasonable period of time to protect against shorter term increases in the wholesale power market.

The savings potential associated with the proposed price offers is due to a number of factors including but not limited to market patterns, weather, and ample natural gas in underground storage. These renewal rates will have a positive effect on your budget for the term of this agreement but it is important to note that market projections indicate higher pricing in the future, or more potential upward risk in the market. Therefore, taking advantage and locking in for a longer term (through May 2021) is prudent in Palmer's opinion after evaluating the offers for Hancock County. Palmer will continue to evaluate market conditions to identify the best timing for future contracting opportunities.

With the current position of the wholesale power market, Palmer Energy leans towards executing longer term contracts. However, we evaluate all pricing terms to be sure that any premium associated with contracting longer term is reasonable. In this given case, there is no premium. As you can see from the previous table, the May 2021 term offers the lowest overall pricing compared to the May 2019 and May 2020 term offers. Therefore, Palmer recommends focusing on the May 2021 term and eliminating the May 2019 and May 2020 term price offers.

SUPPLIER SELECTION. The second level of elimination is to compare the offers from the various suppliers. From the table on the previous page, the offer from Dynegy was the most competitive offer for the term through May 2021.

Therefore, Palmer recommends executing an agreement with Dynegy for the term ending in May 2021.

Please Note: Power prices can be quite volatile, so the specific day a contract is executed can impact the pricing. Due to the extreme volatility of both the natural gas and power markets, proposed prices are only valid the day they are offered, so please inform us as soon as possible when you are ready to act. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.