

Minutes

January 22, 2024

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meet

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Kenzi Tucker and Lou Wilin from the Courier

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 January 18, 2024 meeting were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Timothy Bechtol abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

Michael Pepple made a motion for the board chair's signature on the DYS grant amendment form for Juvenile Court. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The assistant clerk presented a proclamation to declare April 27, 2024 as "Homegrown Habitat Day".

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #47-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #48-24 – Transfer of funds with the appropriation - General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #49-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 - Veterans. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #50-24 – Transfer of funds from Landfill #5042 to Landfill Bond Retirement Fund #3091. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #51-24 – Additional Appropriation – within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control Fund #2202. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #52-24 – Additional Appropriation - within the Auditor's Certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Severance Fund #2136 - Clerk of Courts. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #53-24 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #54-24 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense Fund #8180 to General Fund #1001 (December 2023 \$1,360.86). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution:

Resolution #55-24 – Authorizing the Hancock County Sheriff and Hancock County EMA to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Findlay for cost sharing of the service agreement with Everbridge LLC. Cindy Land stated this is done annually. This company provides the automated alerts. This agreement is between the County, EMA and the City so it can be done county wide. The agreement will need the Sheriff's signature on it so this resolution authorizes him to sign. The Sheriff's office and EMA will pay \$4,745.50 each for this agreement. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report from the Auditor's office.

Lou Wilin asked what the 10:30 meeting with Brian Stozich is about. Alec Helms stated it is an update on the security upgrades at the courthouse.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to potential litigation.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended a meeting with Judge Niemeyer and Precia Stuby from the CAC yesterday. They discussed expanding David Bostwick's roll in helping plan for jail needs. Yesterday, he also attended the meeting for the Community Foundation where they discussed housing and the homeless population.

Michael Pepple attended the West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Origination meeting yesterday. They are just getting this organization off the ground and setting the goals, objectives and bylaws. The organization is focused on getting transportation outside the city limits. There are 5 counties represented.

Tim Bechtol attended the bi-weekly construction update meeting yesterday. They are well on the way on their building schedule. They are prepping for the masonry work. The floor of the 1st floor is all poured, they are nearly weather tight on the roof and they are nearly complete with the wall framing on the 3rd floor. They are looking to schedule a day when the Commissioners can come in for a preliminary tour.

At 9:48 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regard to potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:28 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed potential litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Brian Stozich. Also present was Alec Helms, Lynn Taylor and Phil Johnson. Brian Stozich stated he is here to talk about 911 today. The State of Ohio has gone through and redid O.R.C. 128 which governs 911. They changed many things and one of them was the board that oversees 911. Currently there is an advisory board but they have changed it to a 911 Program Review Committee. They are changing the people on the board and

adding new ones. There has to be a member of the Board of County Commissioners to act as the Chairman of the Board and an elected official from the county that is appointed to the Board by the County Commissioners. Brian recommends the Sheriff be appointed. He has also already spoken to a Liberty Township Trustee and Mayor about the board. Brian stated the plan for the Next Gen 911 must be submitted by April 3rd. There was discussion on the new board requirements and fiscal reporting requirements. Brian stated he has already talked to the Sheriff and he is expecting and is okay with being appointed to this board. There were discussions on how this will affect IT, the GIS update requirements for the Next Gen 911 and how that could affect the 2025 budget. Brian stated he hopes the state will pay for a lot of the cost of implementing. We just might need another GIS person depending on how the updating GIS requirements are set up. There were discussions on the Johnson Controls and Vaughn Industries quotes received in 2023 for the new panel at the dispatch office. Brian will contact the companies to verify the quotes are still good before the resolution is prepared to enter into contract with them. The Courthouse panel is up and running right now. The last thing that will need to be done is upgrading the panic buttons to work properly with the panel. Lynn Taylor asked if the dispatch project will need to go out to bid. Phil Johnson confirmed that it does not as there will be wording in the resolutions stating this is a sole source.

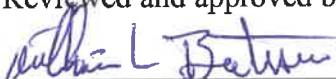
At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held the bid opening for the Courtroom Ceiling repair project. Also present was Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Mike Thompson and Lou Wilin from the Courier. The assistant clerk stated that we have not received any bids for this project and verified the mailroom has been checked as well. There was a discussion on how we could move forward with rebidding this project. Commissioner Bechtol stated we will look into companies who are capable of doing this work and then see about putting this back out to bid.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple