

Minutes
January 5, 2021

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple, and William Bateson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Phillip Riegle, Steve Wilson, Charity Rauschenberg, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Timothy welcomed the new Commissioners to the office. He stated the Board will reorganize next Monday. At that time, he will present a list of topics that he feels need attention in 2021. The Board represents all people in Hancock County, but he reminded the new Commissioners that they will never be able to make everyone happy. He thanked Michael and William for the time they invested before being sworn in.

Minutes from December 28, 2020 were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #1-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #2-21 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement Ditch Fund. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Fund Report for December 2020. They initialed approval on an invoice from Squire, Patton, and Boggs related to litigation for \$495.

Phillip Riegle requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Charity Rauschenberg brought attention to an article from the Courier referencing the CARES funding that was given for rental help. She also stated her thanks that our offices shared information from the State regarding the funding. Charity will be sending a letter to the Courier asking for CAUV applications be mailed, dropped off in the drop box, or emailed. She also mentioned the benefit of having the TV in the Commissioner conference room, and that Zoom capabilities should be forthcoming.

Timothy Bechtol asked Charity for clarification on the process of revaluations. Currently, she has photographers in the County taking pictures of properties. The employees are identifiable, but if the public has any questions they may contact her office or the Sheriff's office. They are in the fact gathering process currently. Discussing the properties with property owners will be a later step. This process happens every 6 years.

Steve Wilson welcomed the new Commissioners.

Maryann LaRoche stated a photographer was on her property, but they said they were working for Wood County. She asked Charity to make sure the employees are aware of what County they are working for. Charity said they are contracted employees and they do contract with other entities, but she would discuss Maryann's concerns with them.

Meetings/Reports

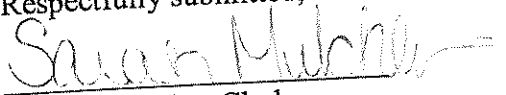
William Bateson reported Monday was his first day. The staff is training him well.

Michael Pepple said he has been working on setting his office up, and looks forward to this opportunity.

Timothy Bechtol met with the Deputy Registrar for Hancock County. He has been awarded a grant for a kiosk so that people do not have to enter the BMV. The Deputy Registrar would like to discuss where the kiosk can be placed on the BMV property. Timothy will contact the Deputy Registrar to schedule a meeting to discuss the topic further with the Board of Commissioners. Timothy was also contacted by the medical students at Millstream. They have created signs supporting healthcare workers and would like to place them at the Courthouse. Timothy suggested the signs be placed along Dorney Plaza. The Commissioners will discuss this further on Thursday.

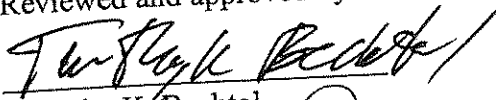
At 10:03 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:09 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed pending litigation with no action taken, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

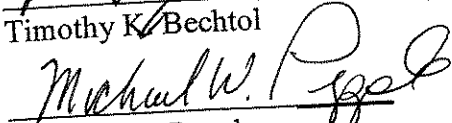


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

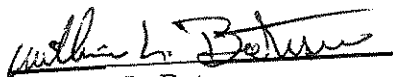
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson