

Minutes

January 5, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Engineer Doug Cade, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson and Lou Willin.

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 28th and 29th 2022, meetings were 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 #1-23 – 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 #2-23 – Decreasing the Sheriff's Capital Project Fund (4185) appropriation by \$61,621.88. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #3-23 – Decreasing the ADAMHS Substance Abuse Fund (2141) appropriation by \$9,859.45. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #4-23 – Decreasing the Probate Court Computer Fund (2029) appropriation by \$1,948.54. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #5-23 – Decreasing the EI ARPA Fund (2244) appropriation by \$26,837.25. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #6-23 – Decreasing the Workforce Development Fund (2105) appropriation by \$62,500.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #7-23 – Decreasing the Public Assistance Fund (2015) appropriation by \$250,533.87. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #8-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #9-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the Van Buren Waterline Fund 2103. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #10-23 – Decreasing the VOCA Fund (2084) appropriation by \$3,376.57. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion and William Bateson seconded to approve the Warrant Journal. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Engineer and the December 31,

2022 Hancock County Auditor Fund Report. In addition, the Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report dated December 28, 2022 and the release of mortgage for the CHIP program. The Commissioners granted the Chief Administrator/Law Librarian of the Hancock County Law Library the authority to dispose of superseded material for calendar year 2023.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #11-23 – Authorizing second payment of invoice from Collier Mediation, LLC., for provisions of mediation services related to property located south of 750 Bolton Street. Phil stated this invoice is regarding property that is still pending in the benching project. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #12-23 – Board’s authorizing of the expenditure of funds for completion of the project, extension of a request to ODOT to proceed with the Highway Improvement Project, execution of a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation, and transmission to the Ohio Department of Transportation of that contract for the HAN/SR15 CR 180 19.56/0.21 project in Hancock County, Ohio; PID 111379, and to execute necessary documents related thereto. Phil stated this resolution will authorize the expenditure of half million dollars for a project to put in an overpass at the State Route 15/County Road 180 intersection. The total cost is not to exceed \$500,000.00, unless the county requests additional work. Engineer, Doug Cade, stated part of O.D.O.T.’s access management plan is to eliminate intersections where significant number of fatal or incapacitated injury crashes occur. County Road 180 is our highest crash location on State Route 15. O.D.O.T. will also be completing the County Road 169 project at no cost to the county. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the quarterly LEPC meeting. He met with Kyle Parker and Eric Barnes from the Engineer’s office to discuss the site plan for Litter Landing’s relocation on County Road 140. He encouraged them to reach out to discuss truck traffic and public access for drop off with Courtney Comstock. He will be meeting with the structural engineer at JFS tomorrow to discuss the specifics of the work that will still need completed. Tim has requested quotes showing unit cost from The Deventhal Company.

William Bateson gave an update on the status of the JFS building regarding the flooding that occurred and the roof repair. The Deventhal Company is ready to move forward with the work on the JFS roof and needs direction from the Commissioners on how to proceed.


Michael Pepple attended a Zoom Enterprise Fleet Lease meeting with county departments. The interested departments will proceed with individual meetings with Enterprise. In addition, he attended the Blanchard Valley Health System Zoom meeting. They introduced Eric Proctor, their new chief people officer.

At 9:57 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:58 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Jason Althaus and Tyler Koenig from Soil & Water. Also present was Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Diana Bland and Adam Witteman. Jason presented a 2023 ditch maintenance work spreadsheet to the Commissioners. Discussion took place on work that Soil & Water would like completed on ditches this year. Jason is working on obtaining quotes. Cindy inquired if there were funds available in the maintenance accounts to complete the work. Jason stated most of the accounts do not have what is needed and he will need to request an advance. Discussion took place on the process of advancing and assessing the funds for the ditch maintenance. In addition, discussion took place on using a rotary fund. Jason and Tyler continued to discuss more detailed ditch maintenance that is needed on specific ditches. Jason inquired if the Commissioners or Cindy had questions regarding the specifications or estimate of the log jam removal document that was sent yesterday. Cindy explained the steps to proceed with this project.

Respectfully submitted,




Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol

2023 Ditch Maintenance Work

	Miles	Cost per ft.	Spray Cost	Feet Needing Chopped	Total Cost to Chop	Total Cost		
SW	46.23							
Adam Heininger	0.65	\$0.23	\$789.36	-		\$789.36		
Aurand Run	4.72	\$0.23	\$5,731.97	-		\$5,731.97		
Beach- Flat Rock	4.66	\$0.23	\$5,659.10	-		\$5,659.10		
Buck Run (West)	2.41	\$0.23	\$2,926.70	2,645	\$2,480.00	\$5,406.70		
E.E Urban	0.35	\$0.23	\$425.04	0	\$0.00	\$425.04		
F.B. Inbody	0.5	\$0.23	\$607.20	1,650	\$1,240.00	\$1,847.20		
Foreman	1.1	\$0.23	\$1,335.84	-		\$1,335.84		
Freed	0.73	\$0.23	\$886.51	0	\$0.00	\$886.51		
Hardy	0.25	\$0.23	\$303.60	0	\$0.00	\$303.60		
Hartman Shull	0.8	\$0.23	\$971.52	4,224	\$5,580.00	\$6,551.52		
J.L. Elsea	3.19	\$0.23	\$3,873.94	3,280	\$3,720.00	\$7,593.94		
Jacob Burket	1.81	\$0.23	\$2,198.06	560	\$1,232.00	\$3,430.06		
Krautter Reiter	2.96	\$0.23	\$3,594.62	1,950	\$4,290.00	\$7,884.62		
Marsh Run Jt.	3.6	\$0.23	\$4,371.84	2,800	\$6,160.00	\$10,531.84		
McKean Jt.	2.66	\$0.23	\$3,230.30	0	\$0.00	\$3,230.30		
Moyer Tri-County	3.47	\$0.23	\$4,213.97	2,240	\$4,928.00	\$9,141.97	\$620 for 460' chopped	
Oliver Cook	0.39	\$0.23	\$473.62	-		\$473.62		
Rettig	0.28	\$0.23	\$340.03	0	\$0.00	\$340.03		
Stone Jt	5.54	\$0.23	\$6,727.78	-		\$6,727.78		
Tiderishi	2.18	\$0.23	\$2,647.39	930	\$2,080.00	\$4,727.39		
Wilch	3.98	\$0.23	\$4,833.31	0	\$0.00	\$4,833.31		
			\$56,141.71		\$31,710.00	\$87,851.71		

 Current Quote
 Getting Quote

Dip-outs

Sand Run	3.73	Started
Rutter	1.3	Waiting on a quote
Daniel Fox Jt.	3.1	Waiting on a quote
Ropp	2.53	Looking for a contractor
Total	10.66 miles	