

## Minutes

January 6, 2022

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Alec Helms, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman and Mary Ann LaRoche. Sign in sheet is attached.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #1-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #2-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Tier Fee. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #3-22 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee to Litter Landing. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #4-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Flood Mitigation Capital Projects. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #5-22 – Decreasing the Juvenile Court Computer appropriation by \$1,694.11. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #6-22 – Decreasing the Treasurer Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection appropriation by \$352.61. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #7-22 – Decreasing the Juvenile Court Felony Delinquent Care and Custody appropriation by \$23,101.69. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #8-22 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #9-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bateson made a motion to approve two Warrant Journals. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed the fund report for December, the Gas Monitoring report and a travel request for the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$620.00.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #10-22 – Universal extension of the contract between the Board of Hancock County Commissioners and AT&T ILEC for Centrex Services. Lucinda Land stated that this is an extension to the contract with AT & T for analog phones for back up use with the dispatch between the City and County for another year. Lucinda stated that we are reimbursed by the City. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #11-22 – Correcting Resolution #790-21 Authorization of an amendment to the Lease Agreement with JDP Ventures, LLC D/B/A Kirk Development for the Lease of Hancock County Veterans Service Commission office space. Lucinda Land stated that the original resolution was confusing and the numbers were incorrect. This resolution makes all of those corrections to that resolution for the total yearly amount of \$59,245.08. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land also had a conversation regarding COVID policies. She stated that she has had several calls along with the Commissioner's office regarding county employees who have either had COVID or have been exposed to COVID and they are asking what the policy is regarding this. Lucinda handed out information from the Ohio Department of Health on what to do if you have COVID-19 and asked the Commissioners to adopt these guidelines as a policy for the county. Lucinda recommended not making any changes to these guidelines as they came from Hancock Public Health. After further discussion, with the Prosecutor's help, the Assistant Clerk will forward it to all of the elected officials for their review before a policy is created for next Tuesday's meeting.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #12-22 – Authorizing the appropriation of real property located at 201 Meeks Court and 0 Meeks Court for inclusion in Phase II of the Blanchard River benching project and a railroad trestle replacement project. Phil Johnson stated that \$39,000 is the payment amount for both properties based on appraised value and will be deposited through the Court. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #13-22 – Authorizing the appropriation of real property located at 206 Meeks Court for inclusion in Phase II of the Blanchard River benching project and a railroad trestle replacement project. Phil Johnson stated that the \$35,000 payment amount is based on appraised

value and will also be paid into the Court. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Adam asked the Commissioners if they would like to attend the audit entrance conference. The Commissioners agreed to waive their attendance, stating they felt it was not necessary since they attended last year.

Three gentlemen were present from Eagle Township to discuss resolutions regarding Solar Farms. They wanted to know what the opinion was of the Commissioners with Solar Farms. Commissioner Bechtol stated that they are still in the process of gathering information to determine what the extent of what the inclusions might look like. Lucinda Land stated that every township should have received a copy of the resolution to see what it looks like for consideration. Tom Inbody stated that they have not adopted a resolution yet, as they wanted to wait until after today's meeting so they could get more information. Michael Pepple explained that they are waiting on all townships input on whether or not they want to exclude solar and wind from their townships. Lucinda Land explained in detail the process for townships to follow. William Bateson asked the Township Trustees what their opinions were. Lyle Harvitt stated that he would like to vote no on the resolution and then make changes later if need be. Michael Pepple discussed the concerns with drainage and lateral tiles and the effect it could have on properties.

William Bateson asked Lucinda Land a question on closing a township road, who has final say in abandoning or closing a township road? Lucinda stated that there is a procedure for the township to do it, although generally it is done by the Commissioners. If the Commissioners are doing it, they have the final say. If the township doesn't want to close it and the Commissioners do not want to close it, then it can't be closed, as there is shared authority. Lucinda Land stated that they can't close if it land locks the owner of their parcel. Timothy Bechtol asked Lucinda what the current count is of townships responding in regards to the solar farms, and she stated 7 which includes Van Buren Township. Timothy stated that he would like to have an informative meeting with Eagle Township, preferably in the evening.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended the Downtown Findlay Improvement meeting Wednesday evening.


Timothy Bechtol attended the LEPC meeting at the Engineer's office. Ohio EMA was there to discuss the purpose and mission of the LEPC group in Hancock County.

At 10:18 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. Roll call vote resulted in: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

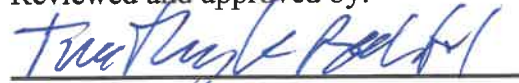
At 10:59 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

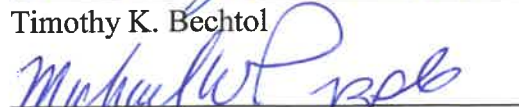
At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Sheriff Heldman to discuss radios. Others present included Tammy Erwin, Alec Helms, Adam Witteman, Mark Price, Fred Smith, Lucinda Land and Jeff Riggs. Jeff Riggs explained the difference between the 6000 and 8000 radios that were being purchased through ARPA funds. After the initial order of #6000 radios, there were questions brought up that different radios may work better for firemen. Jeff explained that the APX6000 was ordered which was good for police officers. It is a good solid radio that should last for at least 15 years. However, he stated that the Model XE portable radio is high end, has the same specifications, more durable, a lot bigger and is a good firefighter radio. There was further discussion between Mr. Riggs, the Commissioners and the Sheriff's office regarding pricing and different scenarios. Jeff told the Commissioners that they have received a very good deal in regards to the pricing of the radios. He stated that they got an accidental upgrade from 6000 to 8000 but if they go back to the green radios it will cost even more. Frequency bands on 2 channels is the only difference between 6000 and 8000. Michael Pepple asked Cindy and Adam if they could increase what was already approved through ARPA Funds to upgrade the radios and they stated yes an increase would be ok. There was further discussion involving questions for the Fire Chief. Mark Price stated that he would reach out to Chief Huffman and follow up with the Commissioners via email. William Bateson then recommended moving forward with the new radios at an additional cost of \$123,000. Lucinda Land asked for direction by Tuesday's meeting so that she can be ready to move forward and increase the ARPA Funds.

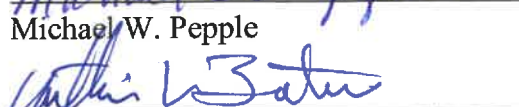
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

  
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Michael W. Pepple

  
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William L. Bateson

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Lyle Harvitt	Egh twp
Dean vanSteen	Eagle Twp
Tom Inbody	Madison Twp.

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID-19

Regardless of Symptoms or Vaccination Status



• Stay home for the next five days regardless of symptoms or vaccination status.



• Please DO NOT CALL Hancock Public Health, we will reach out to you.



• Stay away from other people as much as possible (including those in your own household).

• If you can't stay away from other people, wear a three-layer (or better) mask.



• Do you have a fever or other symptoms that haven't started to get better on day six?



**YES**



• Stay home until your fever is gone and other symptoms are better.



• Wear a mask for the next five days.



**NO**



• Resume activities with a mask.

• Wear a mask for the next five days.

If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 and waiting for your test results, stay home until you get your results.

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19\*\*

And, Your COVID-19 Vaccines Are Up-to-Date

- If you received a booster dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.

or

- If you completed the primary series\* of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine less than six months ago.

or

- If you completed the primary series\* of Johnson & Johnson vaccine less than two months ago.



For  
10  
days

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days after your last exposure.
- Test on day five.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive, stay home.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days before your exposure.

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- If you develop symptoms, get tested and stay home.

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19\*\*

And, You are Unvaccinated or Your Vaccines Are Not Up-to-Date

- If you are unvaccinated or only received one dose of Pfizer or Moderna.

or

- If you completed the primary series\* of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than six months ago.

or

- If you completed the primary series\* of Johnson & Johnson vaccine more than two months ago and no booster.



For  
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days

- Stay home for five days after your last exposure, then wear a mask around others for the next five days.
- Test on day five.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive, stay home.

\*A primary series consists of one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine; or two doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine; or three doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine if you received an additional dose because you are immunocompromised.