

Minutes
July 16, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Charity Rauschenberg, Lee Swisher, Doug Cade, Steve Wilson, Jim Maurer, Mary Ann LaRoche, Mike Pepple, Melissa Kritzell and Bill Bateson.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #486-20 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #487-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvements. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #488-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #489-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Commissioners General Office. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #490-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #491-20 – Appointment of Daniel Burket to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Crates on the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities commencing July 16, 2020. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #492-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Sheriff. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #493-20 – Transfer of funds Job & Family Services- General Office to Children Services. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #494-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Hancock County Emergency Management Agency. Lee Swisher stated that he originally budgeted \$11,000 in contract services for the local emergency planning committee services and they voted to approve \$35,000.00. Mark Gazarek stated that he

was at the meeting and appreciated Lee's clarification. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve Resolutions #495-20 through and including Resolutions #506-20 by consent agenda due to their routine nature, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #495-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation the appropriation- Common Pleas Court- Adult Probation.

Resolution #496-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Agricultural Services.

Resolution #497-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – MV & GT.

Resolution #498-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund.

Resolution #499-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Dog & Kennel.

Resolution #500-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services.

Resolution #501-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Real Estate.

Resolution #502-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Treasurer Del Tax Asmt.

Resolution #503-20 – Was not presented.

Resolution #504-20 – Was not presented.

Resolution #505-20 – Was not presented.

Resolution #506-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Family First Council.

Payroll was approved for the Commissioner's Office and JFS. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. A letter was read by the Assistant Clerk from Commissioner Bechtol regarding the Hancock County Probate and Juvenile Court building. The letter stated that in light of the current financial uncertainty in both the local and state economies as a result of the COVID-19 shut downs, further time is needed to evaluate the county's projected financial resources to pay for the project.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #507-20 – Amending Resolution No. 445-20 authorizing a contract with Tom Hiatt's Plumbing & Excavating Services Co. LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant WPCLF Project #HS390032-003-2020-02. Cindy Land stated that there is a revision to the completion date to August 31, 2020. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #508-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Morlock Asphalt LTD., 9362 Mermill Rd, Portage, Ohio 43451, for construction of the Village of McComb Parking Lot project pursuant to the provisions and regulations associated with a CDBG Project. Cindy stated that an additional 60 wheel stops at a cost of \$3,600.00 are needed making a total project cost of \$29,635.00. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #509-20 – Authorization to enter into an OPWC Project Grant Agreement, State Capital Improvements Program for the 2020 County Township Resurfacing Project. Doug Cade stated that today we are receiving about \$1.2 million for County and Township road resurfacing. Doug stated that 11 of the 17 Townships are participating and all 17 Townships will have some roads resurfaced. Doug stated that it's nice to be able to spread the money around. Furthermore, Doug stated that the other part pertains to the Howard Street Bridge. This project should be bid later this year with a construction of next year. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #510-20 – Authorization to enter into an OPWC Project Agreement, State Capital Improvements Program for the Howard Street Bridge Replacement Project. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy stated that the resolution for the Application to the Hancock County Common Pleas Court for appointment of a Special Prosecutor will be presented later. Cindy requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation and depending on the executive discussion, there may be action taken on this resolution. Brian Robertson inquired about the purpose of this resolution. Cindy stated that according to the Ohio Revised Code, if a special Prosecutor is necessary, application must be made to the Common Pleas Court. Cindy stated that the application must be made by the Prosecutor and the Commissioner's Office for them to appoint Special Counsel. The signatures authorize the appointment of Special Counsel. Brian Robertson inquired as to who is requesting the Special Counsel. Cindy stated this is for the Common Pleas Court Juvenile Probate Division. Brian Robertson stated Judge Johnson and Cindy Land said yes. Brian inquired as to what the Special Counsel is going to accomplish. Cindy stated that she is not going to discuss it.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #511-20 – Approving Change Order #1 to the contract with Dimech Services, Inc., for the Hancock County Justice Center Plumbing Update Project. Phil Johnson stated that some additional pipes need repaired and a grease trap. Changes amount to \$12,900.00 making the project cost \$135,900.00. Mark inquired if he spoke to the sheriff personnel and maintenance, and Phil stated that he did. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #512-20 – Authorization for the solicitation of bids for performance of the Interior Painting Project at the Hancock County Justice Center. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson stated that the Resolution regarding the MOU with the City of Findlay and the Hancock County Library parking lot will not be presented today due to some further clarifications needed.

Resolution #513-20 – Authorization for entry into amendment to contract with Charter Communications Operating, LLC, DBA Spectrum to add services provided to Hancock County Veterans' Services Office. Phil Johnson stated that an increase of \$169.97 per month for a phone service being added in addition to services. Phil set this up for Tim Stuart to sign the contract. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #514-20 – Authorization for payment of invoice from Marin Wood Appraisal Group, LTD., for preparation of real estate appraisal. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Charity Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

Doug Cade stated that chip seal will start next week and so will the resurfacing of roads.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.

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

Meetings/Reports

Brian Roberson stated that he attempted to attend the Regional Planning meeting and was sitting on hold for a while. Apparently Brian was not on the same page as zoom, or a call in meeting or possibly a face to face meeting. Brian did attend the public meeting held by Judge Johnson regarding the Juvenile Probate building. Councilman Shindledecker was present at the meeting and Brian provided the following perspective. Brian stated that if the building had not been moved, the building would currently be under construction. Brian stressed the importance of connectivity, even in the private sector. Cost savings occur with connectivity. Councilman Shindledecker alluded to the fact that he wasn't a fan of potentially blocking the view of City Hall, it was never brought to City Council. In addition, Councilman Shindledecker was not aware of Brian's meeting with Mayor Muryn to swap properties with City Hall parking lot and the Juvenile Probate Building. This would create connectivity to City Hall, and one secured entrance. This was not shared with Councilman Shindledecker. Brian stated that he fought hard to get funding in place for the safety and security of the community. Brian doesn't want to sit as an individual Commissioner and watch us think that now that we have the funding, another group of elected officials can spend that money however they want, despite the long term impacts of what we can actually afford. Brian stated that he would not be opposed to taking what looks like to be a litigated matter between the Courts and the Commissioners and just repealing the imposed tax and putting it back to the voters.

Mark Gazarek stated that the new Director for Raise The Bar was announced. Tricia Valasek is replacing Laurie. Mark stated his thanks to Laurie for her hard work. Mark continues to review the budget and sales tax information. Mark stated his appreciation to the Auditor's office for their helpfulness. Brian Robertson concurred.

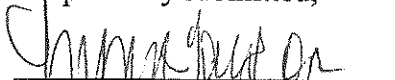
At 9:53 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss potential litigation and potential real estate acquisition, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted at follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:00 a.m., Mark Gazarek

made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners opened a bid for the demolition of 321 Clinton Street. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Phil Johnson, Bill Bateson and Melissa Kritzell were also in attendance. A bid was received from Baumann Enterprises for \$245,282.50. The bid bond was received. Mark Gazarek asked Phil Johnson to review as the bid bond was in a separate package from the bidding documents. Phil stated he will review and advise. In addition, Phil explained the events of why the bid documents were not opened with the prior bids last week. This bid was received July 9, 2020 and was not delivered to the mail room in time for the bid opening.

At 10:07 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter back into an executive session to discuss potential litigation, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted at follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:20 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,




Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson

Absent

Timothy K. Bechtol