

Minutes

July 20, 2023

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and Michael Peple. William Bateson absent.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, Auditor Rauschenberg and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the July 13, 2023 were read with Michael Peple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mike Peple made the motion to approve the warrant journal for the week. Michael Peple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. A travel request was approved for the Sheriff's Office. A Proclamation was read regarding Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #460-23 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #461-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to BMV- Enterprise #5172. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #462-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance Fund Buildings and Grounds #2136. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #463-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – from ADAMHS Fund 2013 to ADAMHS Fund 2141. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #464-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS Fund 2013. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #465-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS Fund 2013. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #466-23 – Release of permissive tax- Village of Bluffton to pay for roadway lighting along SR 103 within the Village - \$12,000.00. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #467-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioner's to appropriate to Board of Elections SOS Fund 2243. Michael Peple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #468-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Developmental Disability #2016. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #469-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Capital Projects Fund 4150. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #470-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family Services General Office #2015 to Child Support #2006. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #471-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family Services General Office #2015 to Children Services Fund #2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #472-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family Services General Office #2015 to Children Services Fund #2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #473-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family Services General Office #2015 to Children Services Fund #2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #474-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Real Estate Fund #2037. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #475-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s Certification- Commissioner’s to appropriate to Board of Elections SOS Fund 2243. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #476-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #477-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Family and Children’s First Council #8214. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #478-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – CASA Fund 2246. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #479-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement with Mark Rose d/b/a Rose Roofing Co. for removal and replacement of a section of the existing roof at County property located at 7868 County Road 140, now housing Agricultural Services Office. Phil stated that Mike Thompson provided 2 quotes earlier and this quote Rose Roofing is higher at

\$3,000.00. However, he feels this is a better material to use for the roof repair. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #480-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement with Bowers Heating & Cooling, Inc. for replacement and installation of elements of the HVAC system at County property located at 7868 County Road 140, now housing Agricultural Services offices. A discussion was held regarding the funds used for this project. The cost of this project is \$12,600.00 with Bowers Heating and Cooling. Per Phil, this is part of the HVAC larger project and will not deter the scope of work done by Greg Wright. Cindy explained that the AG Center is part of an Enterprise Fund and their funds are unique. Phil indicated that Greg told him the bids are ready to go out once dates are clarified. Phil thinks that could be done any day. Cindy stated that the ARPA funds could then reimburse the Enterprise Fund. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #481-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution and delivery of a State of Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Grant Agreement with regard to a Target of Opportunity Downtown Buildings Grant Program. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson explained that the resolution on the agenda won't be presented today. Furthermore, Phil explained that the competitive bidding process that was in the recent budget bill, seems to need further clarification on the date of effectiveness. Cindy suggested that out of an abundance of caution, keep all bidding thresholds at \$50,000 until October 3, 2023. Charity and Tim concurred.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to threatened litigation and personnel in regards to hiring.

Cindy Land stated that she has been working on updating the Employee Policy and Procedure Manual. She will be requesting that a meeting with all of the Elected Officials be scheduled relatively soon to discuss the pending changes. There are several changes that need to be discussed prior to implementation. The Board concurred with arranging a meeting once she has completed her final review. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that several departments have their own supplemental policies as well.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that the sales tax numbers look good. Sales use tax numbers are good and Tim stated that it would be good to get a refresher on what makes up the sales use figure.

Tim announced that the 1:30 meeting will be held at the Courthouse.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple stated that he attended the MPRMA liability insurance meeting on Tuesday. Mike also attended the Executive Committee for Employee Benefit meeting.

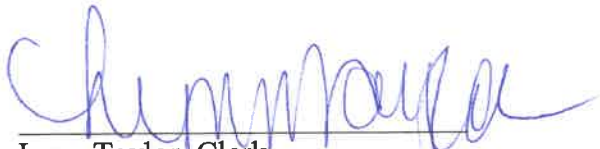
Timothy Bechtol stated that the fencing is up at the site of the new Judicial Center. The traffic needs to be cautious in that area, especially at the light. The fencing is making it difficult to see.

Tim also inquired about parcels that have a front part of their property annexes in the city and the rear of their property in the county. How is that taxed? Auditor Rauschenberg agreed that needs to be looked into further.

At 10:25 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation, threatening litigation and personnel in regards to hiring. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 11:47 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Tim also announced that the Commissioner meeting for next week will be on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioner Bechtol met with Treasurer Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Barb Marquart. Lynn Taylor was also in attendance. Eileen explained that the county is in good position, even with the federal reserve increasing rates. There is an expectation that rates could start to possibly decrease in 2024. The Flood Mitigation Fund balance is decreasing, but that means that projects are getting done.


At 3:42 p.m., The Commissioners reconvened to discuss the Hickory Lane grinder pumps. Christine Carrigan and Cindy Land were also present. Commissioner Pepple and Christine shared the information that Engineer Cade provided. Discussion took place regarding whether a contract should be entered into with a contractor for the maintenance of the grinder pumps or if the contractor will just be considered a preferred contractor. In addition, discussion took place regarding assessing the properties for the maintenance cost, who the homeowners will call when they are having a problem with their grinder pump and who will oversee the pumps moving forward.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent
William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple