

Minutes
July 24, 2018

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, MaryAnn LaRoche, and Don Kinn.

Commissioner Robertson 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 19, 2018 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #409-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #410-18 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #411-18 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to the General Fund (June 2018) - \$1,624.70. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #412-18 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners approves collection of maintenance assessment on the Glauner Single County Ditch with collection in calendar year 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #413-18 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners approves collection of maintenance assessment on the Harold Shaffer Single County Ditch with collection in calendar year 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #414-18 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners approves collection of maintenance assessment on the Hartman Shull Single County Ditch with collection in calendar year 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #415-18 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners approves collection of maintenance assessment on the Oil Single County Ditch with collection in calendar year 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion for the Chairman's signature on the OCEAN document for HRPC, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration on behalf of the Prosecutor's office:

Resolution #416-18 - Re-setting of view and hearing on vacation of Fairgreen Drive in Ridgeway Addition in Liberty Township, Hancock County, Ohio, pursuant to ORC §§5553.01 et seq. The view will be held on August 16 at 11:30 a.m. on location. The hearing will be held on August 16 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioners' conference room. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #417-18 – Resolution amending Resolution No. 373-18 authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an amendment to the contract with the Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam Community Action Commission (HHWPCAC), to provide necessary transportation services. Janet Beall, fiscal advisor for JFS, has requested an amendment to the purpose of the contract. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #418-18 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Helms & Sons Excavating of Findlay, Ohio for the County Road 140 Storm Sewer Improvements Project. The change order was due to necessary additional work in the amount of \$12,040 making the \$131,735. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Charity Rauschenberg, after attending a debt seminar, recommends that the county engage a municipal advisor for the fall borrowing. Guidelines have become more complex. She no longer feels comfortable bonding in the fall due to the short timeline. There is outstanding debt on water/sewer projects that has been discussed, but additional revenue has come in that may cover the shortfall in those funds this year. She mentioned concern over the lack of lease with ESC. Lucinda Land informed her they are aware and currently awaiting information on square footage to be able to complete the lease. Charity also mentioned a shortfall in the amount of \$455,000 for the Distribution Drive 2nd phase, 1st TIF. She will discuss that shortfall with Tim Mayle, Economic Development Director.

MaryAnn LaRoche mentioned receiving the Soil & Water newsletter. On the newsletter is a picture of the Hartman Shull ditch. She reported that ditch does not look like the picture.

Don Kinn reported not receiving answers to an email sent to the Commissioners regarding the Western Meadows Outlet Single County Ditch project. Brian informed him the Engineer's office sent their response on Friday. Brian and Tim approved forwarding the information from the Engineer's office to Don. Brian also informed Don that the subdivision regulations are being modified in the hopes of avoiding issues like this in the future.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended a Board of Revision review meeting, the Rawson Proud Festival, and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Hanneman Funeral Home. He also toured ditches around Vanlue.

Brian Robertson toured Advanced Drainage Systems and attended a Library Board meeting. He also requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

At 10:10 a.m. the Commissioners participated in a conference call with Seneca County. They approved a resolution authorizing collection of maintenance assessments on joint county ditches.

At 10:17 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:30 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:01 a.m. the Commissioners met with Sheriff Heldman, Judge Starn, and Prosecutor Riegle to discuss outside prisoner housing. Captain Treece, Becky Smith, Lucinda Land, J. Steve Welton, and Jim Maurer were also present.

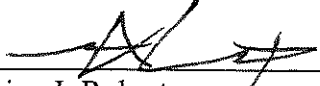
Sheriff Heldman started the meeting by informing the Commissioners of an issue with the battery backup system. The backup system failed last week and that system is vital to the Sheriff's office operations. The maintenance department acquired quotes in order to rewire and provide a second battery backup. The total quote is \$15,915 for the repairs. Becky Smith will send over an official request for the Commissioners to consider. Sheriff informed the Commissioners they are in need of additional funds for outside prisoner housing. Their office will have an estimated \$14,000 after July's invoicing. They do not have additional funds available within their accounts to absorb the cost of outside housing, and with the renovation project, it is likely they will have to shift entire cell blocks for an extended length of time. Prosecutor Riegle stated they have done things to try to alleviate some of the overcrowding issues. Brian asked at what point does the lack of ability to detain criminals due to overcrowding and shortfall in funding become an emergency situation. He told those present that the Commissioners are not trying to tell them who to jail and who not to jail, however the voters decided against the additional funding issue in November. Timothy asked if the transportation budget is also exceeding the appropriation. Becky Smith stated the overtime and gas prices have been a concern. Outside medical is running extremely low as well. There is only \$10,000 left of the appropriation and there are currently 6 outstanding cases that they have not been invoiced for yet. Timothy stated that unfortunately the funding concerns are the result of the sales tax not passing in November. The Commissioners do have the option to impose a sales tax, but Timothy does not feel comfortable voting on such a matter until there is broad community support. Brian confirmed that per ORC, the sales tax will be collected in tenths, so the Commissioners could impose as little as 0.1%. Judge Starn requested, no matter the decision the Commissioners come up with, that the Courts be informed as soon as possible. Brian stated the Board of Commissioners will reconvene as a whole on Tuesday and have a decision rendered then.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek