

## Minutes

July 5, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Engineer Doug Cade, Steve Wilson, Lou Wilin and Mayor Muryn.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 30, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #395-22 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #396-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Bill Bateson stated that with this resolution, the Board is committing to increase the rainy-day fund. This has not been done since 2013. Therefore, this accounts for \$500,000 from 2021 and \$500,000 for 2022.

Resolution #397-22 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund 1001 to the Budget Stabilization Fund 1196. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #398-22 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund 1001 to the Severance Fund 2136. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #399-22 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land stated that she received a call from the Humane Society and that their contract comes up in November. Their contract is not a year-end situation because of dog tags. They do not want an increase of funds nor additional costs. She inquired if she can prepare the agreement without changes. The Board agreed to her preparation with no changes.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #400-22 – Resolution authorizing approval and execution of contract with RG Zachrich Construction, Inc. for completion of the OPWC HAN-TR205.02.91 Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Phil stated that contract is for \$289,562.38 with OPWC funds of \$136,094.31 leaving the remainder of \$153,468.07. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #401-22 – Resolution authorizing approval and execution of contract with M & B Asphalt Co., Inc. of Tiffin, Ohio for completion of the OPWC Resurfacing 2022 Project. Phil stated that this contract is for \$1,425,986.90 with \$735,503.70 to be for County Roads. OPWC grant will be for \$349,666.00 and MVGT will fund \$385,837.70. Doug Cade provided an explanation regarding the Township funding process for their roads in the project. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #402-22 – Board’s agreement to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Han/SR15 CR 180 19.56/0.21 project in Hancock County, Ohio;PID 111387 and to execute necessary documents related thereto. Phil stated that this is for the CR 180 overpass over SR 15. Doug provided a history of this project and the documents today is the first step. These are participatory documents for the project which need the Commissioners and Engineer approval since this will involve a County Road. Cindy stated that this has been done in the past with ODOT projects. Furthermore, Doug stated that construction will begin in the summer of 2023. In addition, Doug has been told that TR169 in Vanlue will have their project started in the summer of 2023 as well. Both of these projects are the results of a Safety Improvement Grant. Bill Bateson stated that this is a busy intersection and will be helpful for that area. It’s nice to see that safety is important and this will be good for the City and County. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Mayor Muryn inquired if this is strictly an overpass and Doug stated that it was. There will be no access from CR 180 to SR 15. The mayor acknowledged.

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

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin stated that he will be following up with the Commissioners regarding the resolutions for the rainy-day fund and the severance fund. Bill acknowledged and said that Bill has served on many boards and it’s important to set those benchmarks and to know where the money comes from.

Mayor Muryn inquired if the County had a one-page financial summary that she could have. The Commissioners stated that the Auditors Office has our information and they could not think of a one-page summary that is available. A monthly report is available; however, it is lengthy. She acknowledged. She also inquired about a letter regarding the Taylor Street properties that she could have for the Council meeting tonight. The Clerk stated that the letter in reference was mailed to her office. The Clerk will also email her a copy of the letter. In addition, she mentioned that the dog warden has been asking the City for additional money for farel cats. She stated it might be worth letting the city know if a meeting will take place, so everyone can get a better understanding. Cindy stated that the contract that the Commissioners sign only covers dogs, not wild animals or cats.

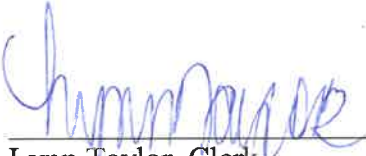
## **Meetings and Reports**

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Tim also expressed his sympathy for the citizens of Highland Park and the tragedy that happened during their parade.

Bill Bateson reported that he also attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. He also attended the Soil & Water Board Meeting.

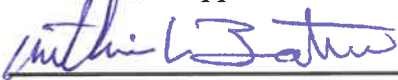
At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Melanie Aldobailki. Lynn Taylor was also present. Melanie is interested in becoming a member of the board of ADAMHS. She is very interested in volunteer work and being active in her community. She has no preference in representing the Mental Health services or the Addiction services.

At 10:21 a.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Bill Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:24 a.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to come out of executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

  
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Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent  
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Michael W. Pepple

  
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William L. Bateson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol