

## Minutes

June 13, 2023

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Lynn Taylor, Allison Rodriguez, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jeremy Kalb, Jerry Wolford and Jason Rinker.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #385-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #386-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #387-23 – Authority to release funds collected to domestic violence shelter, inc. per ORC 2935.032 (Divorce/Dissolutions) \$3,472.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #388-23 – Authority to release funds collected to domestic violence shelter, inc. per ORC 3113.34 (Marriage License) \$2,839.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #389-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family - General Office #2015 to Children Services #2023. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #390-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family - General Office #2015 to Children Services #2023. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land stated there was a mistake on the agenda for today's meeting. The agenda stated "Resolution #387-23 – Authority to release funds collected to domestic violence shelter, inc. per ORC 3113.34 (Divorce/Dissolutions) \$3,472.00" The proper ORC is 2935.032. The passed resolution shows the correct code.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #391-23 – Resolution modifying and updating the Local Community Corrections Planning Board for Hancock County. Cindy Land stated the Local Community Corrections

Planning Board must be appointed by the Commissioners. She provided the years that the board has been updated in the past. Cindy stated most updates come when board member changes are made. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to pending litigation.

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

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg stated that yesterday was an exciting day. It was the deadline for the bids on the bond. The results were sent and she talked with the Municipal Advisor. After reviewing it seems like the Chase Option B bid was the best to go with. This option had the best interest rate and was callable. Charity signed all of the required documents and returned them to Chase. She did receive the confirmation documents that state we are locked in. There was discussion on when the contract can be signed. Cindy Land stated she will need the contract from Matt Sagone. Charity stated she will confirm with Mike Sharb when the contract can be done. Charity provided an update on where the budget is for the project. There was a discussion on what expenses can be paid from the capital project fund. Charity Stated that Mike Sharb will look to have the closing for the bonds towards the end of the month.

Jason Rinker stated that the trustees have come to voice their opinion on the County Road 236-212 annexation. They want a stop light to be put in on the proposed sweeping curve. Jason stated that with the proposed 45 mph speed limit, they feel it would be dangerous to not have a light there. There was a discussion on if the light should be put in and how it is determined if it is warranted. Commissioner Pepple stated that the board expressed their concern about this intersection a year ago and feels that a light is needed. Commissioner Bechtol agreed. Commission Bateson stated he would be interested in talking to the gentleman from ODOT in regards to what is needed. The board can make the decision to annex on very specific criteria and if it is a benefit to the community. Jason stated they feel this would be for the betterment of the community and they only disagree with not having a light put in at the intersection. Commissioners Bechtol and Pepple both agreed they cannot support approving the annexation without a permanent light being added to the plans. Commissioner Bateson stated he would like that as well. Cindy Land explained the process. The Commissioner requested a letter from the city stating a permanent light will be put in at the intersection before approving the annexation. Jeremy acknowledged and stated he will get that over to Cindy.

Jeremy stated they have heard that the ground breaking for the new building will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> and wondered about the impact this will have on city employees parking in the current lot. The Commissioners stated a letter will be sent over to Kathy soon explaining the changes and accommodations that are being made.

Lynn Taylor introduced Allison Rodriguez. She is a new Administrative Assistant working in the Commissioners office.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Michael Pepple attended the Hancock County Coalition on Addiction meeting yesterday.

Timothy Bechtol has a telephone meeting with Matt Sagone this afternoon to go over the special inspections company information and the details on the GMP amendment. Commissioner Bechtol stated we have received the list of what is included for furniture and furnishings. We are still waiting on the IT breakdown.

William Bateson attended the Ag Council meeting and the Board of Revision Hearings yesterday. He also met with Haley Reese from the fair grounds about their upcoming plans.

Commissioner Bateson announced that Thursday's meeting will be at 10:30 am instead of 9:30 am due to the Farmers Share Breakfast.

At 10:13 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes;

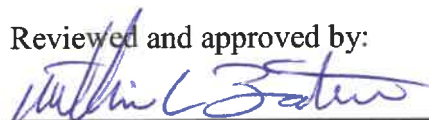
At 10:57 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

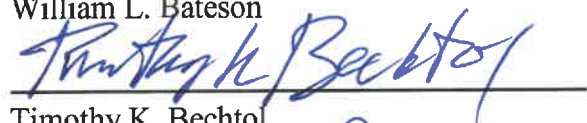


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple