

Minutes

June 16, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Phil Johnson, Doug Cade, Steve Wilson and Brian Stozich.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 14th 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #362-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance - Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #363-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Prosecutor. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #364-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Prosecutor Juvenile Diversion Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #365-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion and William Bateson seconded to approve the Warrant Journals. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved payroll for their office and Job & Family Services.

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

Brian Stozich gave the Commissioners an update on the alarm panel at the courthouse. Brian stated that we should be able to use the panic buttons. He also stated that it will take about six weeks to receive the new panel. He will potentially receive a quote next week. Discussion took place regarding if this repair would be considered an emergency situation. He is planning on meeting with the fire inspector today with hopes of receiving a letter authorizing for just the panel to be replaced due to an emergency situation. If he is able to obtain the letter for replacement of the panel they will not have to bring the building up to code at this time. Wood County Building Department may have to get involved. Discussion took place on what would need to be done to upgrade the entire system. Brian will keep the Commissioners updated.

Steve Wilson stated that we are ready to proceed with demolition bids for the property on North Main St. and 2 houses on Clinton Court. He also informed the Commissioners that the Flood Mitigation Fund will be receiving a refund in the amount of \$560,000 for the 410 E. Sandusky St. property. This was money that was provided upfront for this project.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol along with Commissioners Pepple and Bateson attended the Hancock County Farmer's Share Breakfast. Commissioner Bechtol also attended the Hancock County Regional Planning Commission meeting. A couple of their agenda items were regarding variances. Discussion took place regarding regulations and variances.

William Bateson attended the Governor's picnic in Bexley. Commissioner Bateson stated that it was nice to see the scholarship recipients and FFA members in attendance at the Farmer's Share Breakfast. He also congratulated the Hall of Fame inductees.

Michael Pepple attended the ARPA meeting. They are in the final review process for the non-profit organizations. He also attended the RFP insurance consultant interviews. There are five consultant companies that will be interviewed.

Discussion took place regarding the Forest Lake Ditch viewing. Commissioner Bateson stated that residents do not understand watersheds and drainage tiles and how it affects them. Phil Johnson stated that probably 10 to 20 percent of the residents thought a decision was going to be made at the viewing. Doug Cade stated that there were less standards when this subdivision was designed. The standards have evolved and we hold our subdivisions to new standards. The old subdivisions have not been brought up to current standards. Residents do not understand the drainage in their subdivisions is their responsibility.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner met with Engineer Doug Cade. Christine Carrigan and Adam Witteman were in attendance. Doug stated the Engineer's office was approved for two grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Doug updated the Commissioners on the status of the bridge replacement projects, paving projects and pavement marking projects in Hancock County. Doug stated they will be starting the County Rd. 9 widening project today. County Rd 9 will be closed from July 1st to August 24th. O.D.O.T. has approached Doug to develop a Regional Transportation Planning and Organization (RTPO). We are one of the few counties in the state that are not part of a RTPO This will allow us to collaborate with all of the counties to help regionally plan transportation. The current federal administration is funding projects that have regional collaboration. The program would be managed by the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission. Three members from Hancock County would be on the board. Typically, it is the Engineer, County Commissioner and one other person assigned by the Commissioners. The cost is \$1,544 per year. It is a five-year commitment. O.D.O.T. is paying 90 percent of the cost. Doug is recommending that the Commissioners join the RTPO and he will pay the annual fee out of his budget.

Doug shared with the Commissioners a thoroughfare plan that was created in 1996. This is a long-range transportation plan that projected how the future would look. Due to the restrictions that were developed with this plan we get a lot of variance requests. Doug stated subdivision regulations do not mesh up with access management regulations. Commissioners are responsible for access management regulations. The Engineer's office would like to amend the thoroughfare plan. This should lesson the number of variances. Doug stressed the importance of the Commissioners enforcing Hancock County Regional Planning to follow the rules. Doug discussed the steps to take to officially update the plan with Cindy Land. Doug would like to present the updated plan to the Township Trustees before submitting for approval. They understand their roads better. Doug recommended the Commissioners move forward with the updated thoroughfare plan.

Doug stated the petition ditch assessments for 2023 are due to the Commissioners by July 1st. The Engineer's office has been working with Soil & Water to decide which ditches to assess. You can only assess up to 20 percent of the original construction cost. Soil & Water is requesting that 6 ditches be assessed for next year. Doug stated there are three ditches that need advances so work can be completed on them. Doug submitted formal request for the 6 petition ditch assessments and the 3 ditch advances.


Commissioner Bateson invited Doug to the meeting to discuss the development on the County Rd. 140 property. Commissioner Bateson stated he would like to start the conversation with Doug on how they can take the property and make the best we can do with it regarding development. Discussion took place on what buildings would potentially be built out there and what would need to be completed to prepare for the future development. Doug will begin working on this project and update the Commissioners regularly.

Phil Johnson inquired if the schedule for the HVAC RFQ is going to need to be adjusted. Commissioner Bechtol will let him know.

At 11:59 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

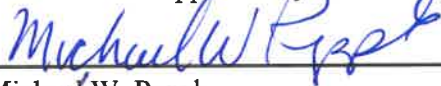
At 12:16 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,




Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol