

Minutes
June 26, 2018

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol, and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Amelia Mitchell, Chris Long, and Jim Maurer.

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 June 21, 2018 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #359-18 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #360-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #361-18 – Resolution-Order fixing time of View and First Hearing. The View for the Amendment to the Petition filed for the Western Meadows Outlet Single County Ditch will be held at the Engineer's office on Thursday, August 9 and the First Hearing will be held at the Engineer's office on Tuesday, September 4. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #362-18 – Reappointment of Adam Witteman to the Hancock County Children's Services Trust Fund Board from July 31, 2018 to July 30, 2023. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #363-18 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to the General Fund (May 2018) - \$1,557.22. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #364-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Treasurer. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #365-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #366-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-ADAMHS. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #367-18 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement Ditch. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #368-18 – Repayment of funds from Special Improvement Ditch to the General Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #369-18 – One (1) Kubota Tractor and Loader through a cooperative purchasing program from Streaker Sales, Inc. and authorizing the trade-in of one (1) currently owned vehicle. Purchase price is \$43,500.53, the trade-in is \$9,500.00, making the total owed \$34,000.53. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda stated she will not be presenting the resolution authorizing a change order to the 2018 County/Township Resurfacing contract until she can get clarification from Deputy Engineer Doug Cade.

Lucinda requested an executive session following the 2:00p.m. conference call to discuss potential litigation.

Chris Long stated he has employees working on drainage along CR 26 and paving along CR 37.

Meetings/Reports

Mark Gazarek attended the Raise the Bar Strategic Planning meeting on Thursday.

Timothy Bechtol met with the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition on Thursday. He also attended the recovery home dedications on Friday. On Monday he attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Meeting held in Sandusky County, Ohio.

Brian Robertson spoke with concerned citizens regarding a surfeit of nine skunks.

At 10:47 a.m. the Commissioners met with Amy Brennan, a representative from the Nature Conservancy of Ohio. Philip Johnson, Amelia Mitchell, Jim Maurer, and Doug Jenkins were also present. Amy presented the design for land owned by the Commissioners currently being rented as farmland. The strip of land is 200 feet wide, and currently not overly productive for crops. The Commissioners asked that trees would not be considered for foliage that would be planted in this area. They also requested Amy contact the Conservancy District to get their input on the design.

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners participated in a conference call with Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, and Putnam Counties to discuss maintenance on the Ottawa River. Allen County Soil & Water recommended authorizing a contract for regular maintenance from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. The contract would not exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Love, Putnam County, made the motion to follow Soil & Water's recommendation. After some clarification on dates for the contract and available funding, this motion was dropped for lack of second. Commissioner Schroeder, Putnam County, made the motion to authorize a contract for regular maintenance from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, not to exceed \$50,000; Commissioner Robertson, Hancock County, seconded. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous passing.

At 2:14 p.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian

Robertson, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 2:56 p.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 3:07 p.m. the Commissioners met with Judge Johnson at the Juvenile/Probate Court building to discuss renovations. Lucinda Land, Todd Jenkins, Shawn Carpenter, Sheriff Heldman, Jim Maurer, and Alex Parker were also present. Todd Jenkins gave an overview of the recommendations for the mechanical and electrical systems based on their review. The cost of the recommendations would add an additional \$352,680 on top of the estimated \$1.2 million for renovations. Brian Robertson added moving costs, relocation costs, and a contingency for unknowns making the total estimated renovation cost \$2.2 million. Mark Gazarek stated based on information obtained from Seneca and Delaware Counties, a new building with the same square footage would be approximately \$2.7 million. Brian said that the county can't spend poorly and continues public input is necessary to come up with solutions. Mark said the National Center for Court Security did their study 2.5 years ago, and they were made aware of security issues in the Juvenile/Probate building. Doing nothing is not acceptable. He suggested building a new building using the money that is set aside for ESG, amounting in \$250,000 each year. That 10 year commitment for ESG will be paid off in December, 2018. Also, the Agricultural Center will be paid off in December, 2019. Mark suggested the money put towards that debt could be used to help pay for construction of a new building. Mark also stated they have earmarked some money from the certificate of title fund for this project as well. He said, to also save money, instead of purchasing or building a storage building for records, the current Juvenile/Probate building would be used for records storage. Mark suggested everyone in attendance think on the suggestion for a couple days. Brian also wanted to confer with the Auditor about the possible funding options discussed by Mark to get a consensus. Overall, no one in attendance was in favor of renovation.

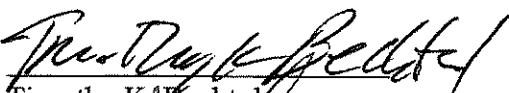
Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek