

Minutes

June 27, 2019

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Chief Deputy Treece, Sgt. Price, Adam Witteman, Miranda Lobdell, Maryann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, and Alex Parker.

Commissioner Bechtol 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 25, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #381-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Commissioners General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #382-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #383-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Prosecutor's General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #384-19 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners in conjunction with the HCJFS to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between HCJFS and Kinnect for design and implementation of the "30 days to Family@ Ohio" Program. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Brian stated this program is focused on getting kids in care matched with a family member. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #385-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Lima Radio Hospital, Inc for installation of a dispatch radio enhancement project for the Hancock County Sheriff's office. The total amount of the contract is \$318,245. There was not a need to bid this project because it is an enhancement to an existing product. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #386-19 – Authorizing solicitation of bids for Hancock County Justice Center roof repair and recoating project. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol stated the bid specs are underway and will be complete soon.

Resolution #387-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an agreement with D.R. Ebel Police and Fire Equipment Sales & Service for cruiser computer

upgrades for the Hancock County Sheriff's office. The total is \$17,013.55 for equipment used for mounting and supplying power to the notebooks. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adam Witteman stated the Commissioners' should have a draft copy of the Audit report.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson attended the Data Board meeting on Tuesday. He also attended the 200 West ribbon cutting, along with Timothy Bechtol, for townhouses. They are centrally located downtown, very close to the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts.

Mark Gazarek met with members of the Blanchard Valley Health System.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners held an auction for salvage rights at 130/136 N. Main St. Philip Johnson was also present.

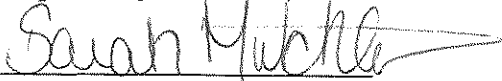
No one from the public was present to place a bid. Philip Johnson suggested Habitat for Humanity take anything they may find useful, as in the past. The Commissioners agreed.

At 12:00 p.m. the Commissioners met at the Courthouse to discuss jail overcrowding. Sheriff Heldman, Captain Kidwell, Rebecca Smith, Lucinda Land, Judge Miller, Judge Hackenberg, Judge Johnson, Judge Routson, Judge Starn, Dana Dunbar, Brian Robertson, Steve Powell, Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek, Paul Schmelzer, and Jim Maurer were also present.

Captain Kidwell stated the female population in the Justice Center continues to set records. They are also sending a record amount of people to other County jails. It is getting harder and harder to find a place for the overpopulation, and they are running out of money to fund the transportation and outside housing. The Sheriff's office will be getting a check from TCAP for \$65,133. This money should get them through the end of August. Captain Kidwell and Sheriff Heldman asked for suggestions on helping with the situation. The Prosecutor's office acknowledged they need to file the sentencing paperwork in a quicker manner; however, each case is different, and requires different language. Judge Miller suggested revisiting and reviewing the entire program, but that will take time and does not solve the budget downfall for this year. Brian Robertson said there have been changes in the expected revenue due to the City using State Code as opposed to Municipal Code; therefore, the City does not have to pay for those prisoners' housing. Judge Miller stated they can't charge felonies with a Municipal Code and there are other factors for why a State Code may be used instead of a Municipal Code for a misdemeanor. Rebecca Smith said the Sheriff's office will need approximately \$150,000-200,000 to be able to fund outside housing for the remainder of the year. Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson both stated the Commissioners office has received a request for an additional \$700,000 to fund kids in care. That is a mandated expense. The outside housing costs are not a mandated expense. Judge Starn said there is no quick solution to the problem. Changes/reviews need to be made, but if the Commissioners do not fund the outside housing, the criminal justice system will crash.

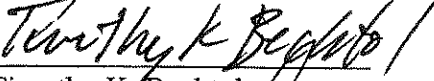
Captain Kidwell gave an update on the schedule for the Jail and Justice System Assessment being completed by MJ Martin. Mark Martin's initial visit will consist of touring the jail and speaking with jail staff. The second visit, he will reach out to the Judges.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson