

Minutes

June 27, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Mayor Muryn and Lou Wilin.

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 22, 2023, meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners approved the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District expenses in the amount of \$365,505.64 dated June 22, 2023. In addition, the Commissioners approved the Job & Family Services updated position description for the Social Worker 3 position, payroll for Job & Family Services and payroll for the Commissioner's staff.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #415-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #416-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Severance #2136 (Board of Elections). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #417-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Severance #2136 (Prosecutor). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #418-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #419-23 – Authorization for the purchase of one (1) Model Kubota ZD 1200 Series Zero Turn Mower from Streaker Tractor Sales, Inc., 1218 Trenton Ave., Findlay, Ohio. Cindy stated this mower will be used by the Landfill. The cost of the mower with the Sourcewell discount is \$17,041.72. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #420-23 – Authorization for the purchase of one (1) 2022 Woods Batwing mower from Streaker Tractor Sales, Inc., 1218 Trenton Ave., Findlay, Ohio. Cindy stated this mower will also be used by the Landfill. The cost of the mower with the Sourcewell discount is \$19,854.52. The Landfill will be trading in \$18,000.00 worth of old equipment. Therefore, the total net cost of the mower is \$1,854.52. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #421-23 – Authorizing one Hancock County Commissioner to act on behalf of the Board for routine business. Cindy stated we will only have one Commissioner at the July 6, 2023 meeting. This resolution will allow one Commissioner to authorize necessary routine county business on behalf of the Board. The first meeting we have with two Commissioners present, we will have a resolution confirming the signature on any item that was authorized by the one Commissioner. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #422-23 – Resolution authorizing MOA between the Hancock County Commissioners, the City of Findlay and the MWCD. Cindy stated the document reads that the properties will be transferred at the conclusion of the project. She inquired if this statement is correct. Mayor Muryn stated that request came from City Council. They want to make sure the work is complete and the project is done before the properties are transferred. Mayor Muryn sent over a proposed amendment to the MOA this morning. She explained the information she would like added to the MOA. The Commissioners requested they reconvene this afternoon to consider the resolution. They would like some time to review the revised MOA.

Resolution #423-23 – Correction to the Revised Wage Chart for Hancock County Job & Family Services effective January 1, 2023. Cindy stated this resolution is correcting the wage chart to include the new position description that was signed by the Commissioners this morning. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The adoption of policy update for Hancock County PPM resolution will not be presented. Cindy stated Clemons Nelson & Associates updated multiple policies. Cindy would like more time to review. Cindy stated she will send it to all the elected officials for them to review.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #424-23 – Authorizing the rejection of bids submitted for completion of the Hancock County Home Dry Fire Suppression System Replacement Project, and further authorizing the second solicitation of bids for that same project. Phil stated the previous bid received did not include a bid bond. Therefore, the bid will have to be rejected. In addition, this resolution will authorize the second solicitation of bids for the same project. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to threatened litigation. Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate lease and potential real estate acquisition.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg shared the Auditor's Combination Request document with the Commissioners. Charity stated once the document is received in her office and the experts in her office do not see any ineligibility for a combination they will be able to process the combination of parcels. Phil Johnson inquired if the new Judicial Center will be on two parcels. Commissioner Bechtol stated yes. Combining the two lots will simplify the zoning permit process. Charity reminded the Commissioners they will have to go through a new exemption with the new build. Charity discussed the possibility that there may be a need to have a contract with Airbnb to collect lodging tax. Charity will do further research. She stated they are at the conclusion of the audit. Everything is looking good. She inquired if the Commissioners would like an audit exit conference or if they would like to waive it. The Commissioners

agreed to waive the exit conference. Commissioner Pepple stated he appreciates the Auditor's office and the Auditor's leadership to get the audit done correctly. Commissioner Bechtol concurred.

Mayor Muryn had no additional comments.

Lou Wilin requested more information regarding Resolutions 421-23 and 422-23.

Meetings/Reports

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing significant to report.

At 9:56 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation, potential property lease and potential property acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 10:55 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation, potential property lease and potential property acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The 10:30 a.m., meeting with GEM Energy was cancelled.

At 12:00 p.m., the Commissioners held the view for the Eagle Estates Single County Ditch at the intersection of Nancy Lane and Cristen Lane. Also present was Alec Helms, Engineer Doug Cade, Kyle Parker, Phil Johnson and members of the public (see attached sign in). Engineer Doug Cade explained the purpose of the view and 1st hearing and the steps of the petition ditch process. Dennis Cramer spoke about the reason for filing the petition and what the scope of the project is. There was discussion on the project and the feelings of the members of the public about what is being done. Engineer Cade provided a brochure to the public about the petition ditch project and stated for any questions to reach out to Kyle Parker to set up a time to discuss. Kyle stated that Dennis's company will be paying for all of the construction costs if this is approved so the landowners will only be responsible for maintenance costs. Commissioner Bechtol stated that all questions are to be asked prior to the 1st hearing as the that hearing is only for testimony on if the project should or should not move forward.

At 2:00 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Christine Carrigan, Alec Helms and Cindy Land were also present. Michael Pepple made the motion and Timothy Bechtol seconded for Commissioner Bechtol's signature on the Auditor's Combination Request. Motion passed 2-0. Cindy stated this is combining two parcels into one parcel for the new Judicial Center.


Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #422-23 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Findlay and The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District regarding transfer of properties. Cindy stated this final document is a combination of edits made by Commissioner Pepple, Steve Wilson and Mayor Muryn. Commissioner Bechtol stated this designates all of the properties included in the benching area to be assigned to the City of Findlay at the conclusion of the project. Commissioner Pepple stated it includes all of the properties listed on the exhibit of the MOA. Commissioner Bechtol stated passing this resolution, we are acknowledging we are using the flood mitigation tax dollars to pay for any mitigation that arises through this memorandum, but when that fund is depleted there are no further dollars

designated for this project. There are no other funds designated for this work or any other flood related work. Cindy stated when funds are depleted, there is no other obligation on the part of the county. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

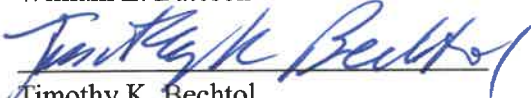
Commissioner Bechtol stated we are approaching the 30-day mark from the County Rd. 212/236 annexation hearing date. Commissioner Bechtol stated he has not received enough assurance from the city that they are going to put in a stop light to make that intersection safe with the change of the geometry. For the good of the community he is going to vote to reject the annexation. Commissioner Pepple stated we have not received any of the supporting documents that the Commissioners have requested from the city. He agrees that we have not received any additional assurances that a stop light will be installed at the intersection, that he believes is a very dangerous intersection. Commissioner Pepple stated he agrees with Commissioner Bechtol and does not want to approve this annexation request. Commissioner Bechtol stated we are not saying the stop light will prevent all accidents, but we believe it will be safer than adding a stop sign. Commissioner Bechtol and Commissioner Pepple requested the Prosecutors office prepare a resolution rejecting the annexation request to consider at the next meeting. Commissioner Bechtol stated we feel that the Commissioners have given the city ample time to respond.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple

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