

Minutes

June 29, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Alec Helms, Adam Witteman, 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 15, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the two warrant journals for the week. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Explosive Gas Monitoring report was signed for June 2023. The update for a JFS position description was signed.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #425-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to BMV- Enterprise #5172. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #426-23 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation – Family and Children's First Council #8214. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #427-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to MVGT Fund #2002. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #428-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff) #2136. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #429-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to the General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #430-23 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Budget Stabilization Fund #1196. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #431-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Certificate of Title Fund 2102. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #432-23 – Petition of for annexation of a total of 15.043 acres of land in Allen Township to the City of Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy explained that there are 2 documents that need to be signed. One of which is the Memorandum Opinion and Decision of the Board of County Commissioners. The Mayor inquired if this memorandum could be read in the record and Cindy indicated that it is lengthy and it will not be. However, the document will be in the record. Cindy stated that based upon the direction of the Board at the afternoon meeting on Tuesday, she is presenting resolution #432-23. This annexation does not come to the standards of the office. Therefore, the annexation request is denied. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land also discussed the following resolution for consideration in Phil Johnsons absence:

Resolution # 433-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement with Edward L. Myers, Inc. for provision of services to paint and otherwise repair the interior walls within certain portions of units within the BMV building at 8210 County Road 140 in Findlay, Ohio. In Cindy's review, she had some additional questions and advised she will reach Phil Johnson and suggest the Board reconvenes later today. The Board acknowledged.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to pending litigation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Mayor Muryn stated that the Downtown Recreation Plan is proceeding and the phase 2 study is not yet complete. Originally, she was working with Commissioner Bateson and she would like to send further communication from the environmental attorney that she receives. Tim Bechtol suggested that she send them to the Commissioners email box and the Clerks can coordinate which Commissioner to send it to. Mayor Muryn stated that she was disappointed about the denial of the annexation request. This project was started in 2016 and Engineer Cade along with several other qualified engineers were involved and approved the design plans at that time. They have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this project. Furthermore, not approving the annexation will make the area less safe. Mayor Muryn stated that the City will appeal this decision. The Mayor acknowledged that the annexation request should have been done prior to. If the request was done prior to the plans, the Commissioners would not have been involved in this discussion. Tim Bechtol inquired if ODOT has the authority to remove any stop lights and she stated that yes, they can remove any stop light that they feel is warranted. The Mayor referenced examples in Bluffton and McComb. Tim also inquired if ODOT can remove a traffic light on the City of Findlay streets and the Mayor said that they can.

Lou Wilin also requested a copy of the resolution.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple stated that he attended the Blanchard Valley Health System Board Meeting.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the ground breaking for the new Judicial Center. He also attended the HHWP CAC meeting. HATS may be searching for some financial assistance from the County in the future.

Tim announced that there will be no meeting on July 4th in observance for the Holiday. In addition, the Board will only hold one meeting a week during the month of July.

At 9:57 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 10:27 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session after discussing pending litigation with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Kevin Dewine, Jared Zyvonr and Kelly Pacifico. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Mary Jo and Lanny Boes were also in attendance. Kelly and Jared introduced themselves from Leeward Renewable Energy. They provided an update to the Board regarding the development of the South Branch Solar project. They have filed the application a few weeks back to the Power Signing Board. Cindy Land requested an update on the RUMA. Kelly did not know a status and will provide one. Lanny Boes inquired about the possibility of amending the exclusionary zones.

At 1:21 p.m., the Commissioner's meeting was reconvened. Lynn Taylor and Cindy Land were present. Cindy explained that Phil is running late and she reverified the information on resolution #433-23. The Board decided to reconvene later as Phil Johnson is about 5 minutes away.

At 1:33 p.m., the Commissioner's meeting was reconvened. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson were in attendance.

Phil presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #433-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement with Edward L. Myers, Inc. for provision of services to paint and otherwise repair the interior walls within certain portions of units within the BMV building at 8210 County Road 140 in Findlay, Ohio. Phil explained that the original estimate included all suites at the BMV to be painted. However, only a portion of the suites will be painted. Therefore, the cost for the contract will be adjusted to \$28,325.00. This includes 2 paint colors per suite. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent
William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple