

Minutes

June 6, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson.

Commissioner Bateson 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 1, 2023, meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved the Hancock County Auditor Fund Report dated May 31, 2023, the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District May 2023 invoice totaling \$8,427.87 and a travel request for the Auditor's office. The Commissioners acknowledged the Certificate of Mailing Notices of Time and First Hearing to the Owners of the Eagle Estates Single County Ditch.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #367-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #368-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control Fund #2202. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #369-23 – Decreasing the WPCLF Fund 2202 appropriation by 10,000.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #370-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Workforce Dev. Fund #2105. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #371-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund 5109. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #372-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Buildings & Grounds #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #373-23 – Authorizing a 2023 contract for lawn mowing ground maintenance services for properties owned by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil stated this is a contract for lawn mowing services with Pleasant View Lawn & Landscaping, Inc., in the amount of \$3,850.00 per service event. Due to the late contract date we should have fewer service events. Therefore, the total will be under \$50,000.00. Commissioner Pepple requested the City of Findlay be informed they can stop mowing the county properties included in this agreement. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #374-23 – Authorizing the entry into a contract with Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc., for completion of the Church Street Interceptor Project, as part of the Ohio Office of Community Development’s McComb 2022 Critical infrastructure Grant Program. Phil stated this relates to flood issues in the Village of McComb. Helms & Sons Excavating, Inc., submitted the lowest bid of \$1,085,691.00. Four hundred seventy thousand dollars will be paid with CDBG grant funds. The remainder of the funds for the project will come from the Village of McComb and the Hancock County Revolving Loan Fund. No county funds will be used for this project. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Cindy Land discussed the proposal she received for the remediation of the water damage on the jail ceiling. The Commissioners gave her the approval to move forward with the resolution.

Phil Johnson gave the Commissioners an update on the flooring work being done at the courthouse. The floor waxing is potentially scheduled for the weekend of June 17th.

Meetings/Reports

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol has been trying to reach TTL in regards to the special inspections for the new Judicial Center. They need additional information from the design-build team. Commissioner Bechtol has been in contact with Lee Cleland from Alvada Construction in regards to receiving more accurate detailed change order requests. In addition, Commissioner Bechtol presented the other two Commissioners with four questions that Lee Cleland from Alvada Construction requested answers to regarding the Judicial Center ground breaking date, closing the lot, mobilizing fencing and site demolition. The Commissioners agreed the ground breaking will be held on June 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. They also agreed that the ground breaking will be held on the island, so no asphalt will have to be ripped up. They agreed the lot should be emptied starting June 19th. Phil will notify the Marathon Center for Performing Arts that we will begin using their lot for employee parking. Cindy inquired if parking is going to be assigned in the library lot before the other lot is closed. The Commissioners agreed that should be started this week. Discussion took place regarding parking enforcement. Commissioner Pepple requested that Huntington be given notification that parking enforcement will begin the week of June 19th. Commissioner Bechtol stated Alvada wants to know when they can start mobilizing fencing and barricades. Commissioner Pepple inquired on the date we will receive the requested information. Cindy stated they can’t mobilize fencing until the contract is signed. Commissioner Pepple concurred. Commissioner Pepple stated we need to have a contract and it needs to be reviewed by legal counsel. Commissioner Pepple stated RCM/Alvada needs to be given a deadline of this Friday for submission of the contract. Commissioner Bechtol has a call with Matt Segone this afternoon. Commissioner Bechtol also stated Alvada is anticipating site demolition to begin the week of July 5th. Commissioner Bechtol will continue to be in contact with RCM and Alvada to get the information that is needed.

William Bateson attended the Family First Counsel. An update was given on youth in the care of Hancock County. The free lunch program will be starting at Glenwood soon. Commissioner Bateson also attended the Fresh Brewed Business meeting. Discussion was held in regards to the preparation for the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

At 9:59 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate lease and pending litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 10:54 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate lease and potential litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening for two WPCLF projects. Christine Carrigan and Jessica Sells were also present. Kershner Excavating submitted bids for the Weihrauch and Ellinwood projects. They will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple