

Minutes

June 07, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Tim Mayle and Dave Blatnik.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 2nd 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #337-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #338-22 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #339-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Juvenile Court – Specialized Docket Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #340-22 – Transfer of funds from General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #341-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Hancock County Landfill Explosive Gas Monitoring Report dated May 31, 2022. In addition, the Commissioners approved the May 2022 Maumee Watershed Conservancy District expenses and travel request for the Treasurer's office.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to personnel - hiring.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #342-22 Selection of and ranking of qualified engineering firms for environmental consulting services for the implementation of the current Brownfield Remediation Grant Program Round 1. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil stated Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., submitted qualifications to Hancock County Regional Planning's RFQ request. They were ranked the top firm by Regional Planning Commission to provide environmental engineering consulting services for the Brownfield Remediation Grant Program. Phil stated this resolution is authorizing entry into negotiations with the firm to follow through with what is necessary to be completed on the Ra-Nik property. Steve Wilson stated this company will develop a plan and prepare bid documents for remediation of the chromium at the Ra-Nik property. The cost will be covered by the Brownfield Remediation Grant Program.

Charity Rauschenberg requested clarification on the information she received for the ACI Construction contract resolution. Commissioner Bechtol explained the documents that Charity should receive for this resolution. Cindy suggested that a conference call be set up with Matt Segone and Charity to get any questions answered regarding the ACI contract. Charity stated this is a new process and stressed the importance of making sure that the Board have a complete resolution with all of the proper documents.

Adam Witteman asked if there was a fund set up for the Brownfield grant. Steve Wilson stated that it is being handled by Regional Planning. It is a reimbursable grant. He requested that he inquire with Lizzy. Adam stated there is a fund for Brownfield Remediation. Cindy told him to add another project to that fund.

Steve Wilson stated they have been having ongoing discussions with EDL regarding the new gas collection system at the landfill. Due to this new system, they are placing the waste differently. Changing the placement of the waste will delay construction until 2024. The Landfill employees will be working with EDL to install the new gas collection system themselves. Cindy inquired if there is a need to look at the current rates. Steve stated at this time they are fine. There has been discussion about adding a mattress fee. The Conservancy District Board meeting will be next Tuesday. Wendy Yonker has been named the Interim General Manager. Work is continuing to be done on getting a grant agreement with the Federal Rail Administration. Commissioner Pepple inquired if there were any updates on Norfolk Southern. Steve is estimating a funding commitment may be made this fall. Tim Mayle added that he had a conversation with Norfolk Southern this morning. The request for them to pay for this project has risen to their CEO level. They are having discussions regarding this weekly and are continuing to work through their process.

Tim Mayle stated they will receive the \$30 million from the capital budget. Therefore, they will be fully funded for the Border Basin. Tim gave the Commissioners an update on the land acquisition. He stated that he has been working with ODNR on the State Route 68/15 road interchange. ODNR's opinion is stating that the Border Basin funds can not be used for engineering of the road due to how it was bonded. He is requesting \$250,000 from sales tax money to cover the engineering cost. This will get the project up and running and they will work to try and get this reimbursed at a later date. Dave Blatnik stated that the construction cost of the interchange can be paid from the Border Basin funds. Commissioner Bechtol requested that we encourage ODOT to fund the cost of the clean-up around the banks of Eagle Creek. Commissioner Pepple inquired with Steve if the funds were available to cover this expense. Steve stated yes. Tim stated this is high priority because if we can not get the engineering done then we cannot use the funds. Steve stated that he will get the required information to Cindy so she can prepare a resolution for this M.O.U.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol shared his monthly quarter percent sales tax spreadsheet.


William Bateson was asked to participate in jury selection. It was his first time and he thought it was a very interesting process. Commissioner Bateson attended the Welcome to a New Life breakfast and seminar. A journalist presented information on the opioid crisis and how drugs are getting into the United States.

Michael Pepple attended the Hancock County Revolving Loan Fund meeting. They approved a \$100,000 grant for Village of McComb to be used for their storm water sewer project.


At 10:14 a.m. Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to personnel - hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.


At 10:40 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to personnel - hiring with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol