

Minutes

June 8, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Jeremy Kalb, and Cathy Schroll.

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 6, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Tim Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #375-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to WPCLF #2202. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #376-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Blanchard River Maintenance #8133. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #377-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #378-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Community Corrections Comp Plan #2089. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #379-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Community Corrections comp Plan #2089. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #380-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court – Specialized Docket #2217. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #381-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – CPC Specialized Docket Fund #2217. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution # 382-23 – Authorizing a contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock

County WPCLF Grant WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-0008-2022-05. The clerk stated that the homeowner has paid their portion and the contract is for a new sewage system for \$19,804.00. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #383-23 – Authorization for entry into agreements to purchase real properties located at 922 Fox Street, 927 Fox Street and at the intersection of Fox Street and Howard Street, Findlay, Ohio owned by Jim & Rich LTD. Phil stated that this has been a long process to get to this point. The purchase price for the properties are: \$30,000 for 922 Fox Street, \$23,000 for 927 Fox Street, and \$30,000 for the vacant lots. Each sale will have up to \$2,000 in closing costs paid. Phil stated that a FEMA grant will cover about 75-90% of these costs. Bill Bateson inquired if this is the last property that will be purchased in that area and Steve Wilson indicated that it will be. Tim stated that this property will need to be added to the mowing list. Steve also stated that this property is near Howard Run and will need to remain with the County. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #384-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution and delivery of a State of Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Grant Agreement with regard to a Target of Opportunity Childcare and Daycare Facility Grant Program. Phil explained that there will not be county funds for this grant. Cathy Schroll stated her appreciation for all the work and support that the Village of McComb has received for this program. The McComb community is very excited to see this in their Village. They anticipate to provide day care, before and after school care for about 80 young ones. They have spoken to the YMCA about the possibility of leasing space to them as well. Cathy also stated that the Village is in phase 1 of a Community Center. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.


Jeremy Kalb stated that he was following up on the CR 212/CR 236 annexation request from the City. Bill Bateson inquired about the reasons why southbound traffic was not adjoined to the curve on CR 236. Jeremy explained that the option was considered, but not determined to be a good decision. Tim stated that he is hesitant to support the project without a traffic light at the area. Jeremy explained in detail that they are not against the light; however, they would prefer to have a traffic study warrant the need for a light. Bill explained that adding the light after a 1-2-year traffic study could lead to a disaster. When the intersection at SR 15 and Western Avenue was redone, it caused several issues when the light was added after the intersection was complete. Bill thinks adding a light is the safest way. Mike Pepple stated that he has spoken to several Township Trustees and they were told that a traffic light was going to be put up, so they did not attend the hearing. Otherwise, they would have attended the hearing if it was still an issue. Mike would also prefer to stay on the side of safety and install a traffic light. Bill stated that a decision will be made next week. Jeremy acknowledged.

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Mike Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Public Defender meeting.



Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple