

Minutes

March 10, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Doug Cade and Adam Witteman

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 March 8, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motions to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #149-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Prosecutor. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #150-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to HUD Fund 2062. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #151-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #152-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #153-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #154-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Pepple explained this money is to fund the projects that have been approved by the APRA committee.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the warrant journal. William Bateson seconded. Motions passed 3-0. The commissioners signed payroll and travel requests for their office and JFS. Payment for reimbursement to the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for the February 2022 expenses at the Upper Blanchard Flood Mitigation project was approved.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #155-22 – Authorizing contract with The Shelly Company of Findlay, Ohio for the Hancock Cooperative Resurfacing 2022. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated the total contract is \$2,631,343.35 with the county paying \$1,710,038.00. The county portion will be paid by MGVT. The rest is to be paid by the various townships and villages. Engineer Cade stated this will resurface about 20 miles of county roads and roads in the townships of Liberty, Marion, Pleasant, Union and Washington, as well as the Villages of McComb and Vanlue. They don't believe they are going to be able to do the County Road 8 resurfacings or the County Road 9 widening this year due to higher then expected bids but he is looking at other possible funding.

Resolution #156-22 – Authorizing the payment of appreciation bonuses to employees for service during the 2020 pandemic. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated on January 27, 2022 the Commissioners adopted a resolution opting to use \$10 million of the ARPA funds for loss public services. This authorizes bonuses to be paid to current county employees who worked form March 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a rate of \$2 per hour worked and will be paid on/or about March 18th. This also recognizes there was significant work done in 2021 and will be considered for a bonus in the 4th quarter of 2022. Commissioner Pepple stated this is subject to PERS and the PERS will be funded from the ARPA money as well. Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam clarified that this will be paid separate for normal payroll and there will be 2 deposits into the employee's banks on the 18th.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #157-22 – Authorizing execution of subordination agreement for mortgage upon Real Property located at 130 South Meadow Drive, McComb, Ohio, owned by William Smith. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson explained in 2013 CVBG funds were disbursed to him as loan with 80% of the loan being forgiven. The other roughly \$8,000 will be due when the property is sold. This is authorizing our loan be subordinated to the new first mortgage company due to the property owner refinancing. This should be no loss to us.

Resolution #158-22 – Updating the scope and nature of Fuel Cards and updating authorized credit card users for Hancock County Job & Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil explained the permissible uses for the different cards and who will be the authorized users on the credit cards.

Resolution #159-22 – Amending resolution No. 31-22 to conform to the provisions within the contract with Kandu Group, for shredding services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil explained the original resolution stated it

was \$135 per 96-gallon tote for shredding but the actual contract is for \$135 per month for up to 3 96-gallon totes of shredding.

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

Engineer Doug Cade stated he will be reaching out to the clerk to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners next week. Cindy Land stated that the Board of Health will be reaching out to Doug in regards to an assessed sewer project.

Auditor Rauschenberg had nothing to report. Adam Witteman stated the State Auditor's office is here conducting the audit.

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

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the Economic Development Celebration last night. Findlay and Hancock county received the #1 Micropolitan Community award for the 8th year in a row.

William Bateson also attended the event last night. He also spoke with Allen County Commissioner Winegardner and they are already within their 30 days for their county-wide exclusion zone on renewable energy.

Michael Pepple also attended the Economic Development Celebration. Commissioner Pepple explained the award was based on our county having 24 qualifying projects. Commissioner Pepple also attended the Employee Benefits Committee on Wednesday where a wellness program for the employees was discussed.

At 10:04 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and two pending litigations. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:56 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition and two pending litigations with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners joined a telephone conference with Allen, Auglaize, Hardin and Putnam Counties regarding the Joint Ottawa River Stream Enhancement Project. Allen County prepared one resolution as follows: Resolution #185-22 Joint board of county Commissioners of Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin and Putnam county, Ohio, authorizes the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District to contract for maintenance as it relates to The Ottawa River Stream Enhancement Project. Michael Lammers made a motion to approve. Douglas Spencer seconded. Motion passed 13-0. Jordan Greeley from the Allen County Soil & Water explained they are requesting \$11,000 from the maintenance fund to clean up logjams and

the competition date for the work be set for December 31, 2022. The remaining balance in the maintenance fund will be used for emergency use as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

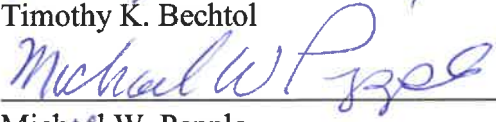


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

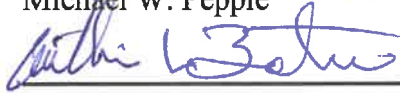
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson