

Minutes
March 29, 2018

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Philip Johnson, Chris Long, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Doug Jenkins, Jim Maurer, and Maryann LaRoche.

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 March 27, 2018 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #201-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Jail Diversion. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #202-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to OPWC. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #203-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to OPWC. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #204-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #205-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Construction. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #206-18 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners Resolution #191-18, dated March 27, 2018 (Advance of funds from the General Fund to Ditch Maintenance (Harold Shaffer)). Charity Rauschenberg stated the amount of money in the account, as stated by Soil & Water, will be collected this year. The advance presented on March 27, 2018 will be enough to cover the additional money needed to certify the contract for the maintenance project. The Commissioners office will levy the maintenance assessment for collection in 2019 at a later date. This resolution was marked as void.

Resolution #207-18 – Transfer of funds from Hancock County (Additional Sales & Use Tax) General Fund to Flood Mitigation Capital Projects March 2018 - \$395,000.67. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners decided a hearing for the liquor license application from Big Jerks Brands LLC is not necessary. They approved payroll for the Commissioners' and JFS staff. The

Commissioners signed a letter of support for Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District, in order for Soil & Water to be considered for grant money.

The Clerk presented a request from Beth Shepherd to consider vacating the unimproved Right-of-Way for Fairgreen Drive in Ridgeway Addition. The Commissioners would like to proceed with a hearing and view for this matter. The Prosecutor's office will prepare the necessary paperwork.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #208-18 – Authorizing a 2018 IV-D Contract for Domestic Relations Court. The prior contract was denied by the State. The total contract sum is \$44,733.12, which is approximately \$400 difference from the original contract. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #209-18 – Authorizing the 2018 Contract with the Feasel Group for ground maintenance services for properties owned by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. The fee schedule is \$2,795 per mowing for the timeframe beginning April 18, 2018 and ending April 17, 2019. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation.

Chris Long gave an update on projects the Engineer's office is currently working on.

Charity Rauschenberg presented an email regarding a request from Pedcor for consent from the county to refinance. Bond counsel has reviewed the documents and have approved Commissioner's signature. The county is not liable to cover the debt. Mark Gazarek made the motion for Timothy Bechtol's signature, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Philip Johnson will contact bond counsel to notify them that the Commissioners have signed off.

Reports

Mark Gazarek had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol met with the Courier's editorial staff. He also attended a preview with stakeholders for the One Energy wind turbine project with Autoliv/Nissin Brake. The property will need to be rezoned and representatives need to meet with the Marion Township Trustees to discuss the project further. Tim also stated there will be a Good Friday breakfast held at St. Marks to benefit the YMCA from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. They are requesting a \$10 donation.

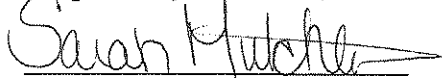
At 9:55 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes. At 10:29 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:35 a.m. the Commissioners met with Kelli Grisham and Steve Harper to discuss the strategic plan and renovations for the Board of Developmental Disabilities. Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer and Doug Jenkins were also present. Blanchard Valley Industries has moved off campus and has become privatized. Their former building is being renovated for the Board of Developmental Disabilities administration, creating office space and a training room. They have been working with RCM Architects and Alvada Construction. The project is set to begin April 2. They are also expanding the parking lot and adding additional bays to the maintenance garage in order to store salt.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with representatives from the Citizens United for a Better Blanchard. Attendance sheet attached.

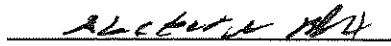
They would like the Commissioners to consider petitioning a river widening project at the pinch points along the Blanchard River. If the Commissioners petition the work, it is given to the Common Pleas Court to consider. This is different than the Conservancy District because it would be considered locally instead of a panel of 15 judges, of which only 6 live in the watershed. A petition ditch would be paid for through assessments to the property owners that live within the watershed. The group also stated if more farmers would consider long term no till and planting cover crops it would make the soil more porous. The water would stay in the land longer instead of flooding the waterways very quickly. The Commissioners thanked them for coming in and providing the information. They will take it under advisement.

Respectfully submitted,

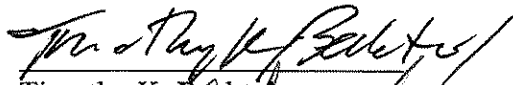


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek

Jim Hoorman	Soil Health Specialist - NRCS
Dan Ellerbrock	Landowner - Putnam County
Glenn Karhoff	Landowner, Putnam Co Farm Bureau Board
Bob Riepenhoff	Farmer - Putnam Commissioner
Leo V. Schroeder	Landowner - Putnam County
Joe Riepenhoff	Landowner - Putnam County
David D'Vore	Landowner - Hancock County
Steve Rame	Landowner - Hancock
Gary Wilson	Landowner - Hancock
Jim Meule	The Courier
DJK	WFTN