

Minutes

March 3, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Sheriff Mike Heldman, Lieutenant Mark Price, Adam Witteman, Mary Ann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, Bill Bateson, Mandy Lobdell and Mike Recker.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #131-20 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #132-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #133-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #134-20 – 2020 Ditch Maintenance Collections. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the February Explosive Gas Monitoring Report. Approval was granted for the 14<sup>th</sup> payment request from MWCD for Helms & Sons Excavating for work on the Blanchard River Hydraulic Improvement Project. A travel request for Tom Davis was approved.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Sheriff Heldman reported that a MOU is being prepared by WD Miller for the usage of the Marathon tower. Sheriff Heldman stated that once this is complete, the Commissioners will need to indicate what is to be done with the tower. If approval is given to fund and approve the recent quote for Radio Tower to transfer privileges to the Marathon tower, a decision will need to be made to keep the HCSO tower, remove to HCSO tower or try to restore the HCSO tower and sell. If removal of the HCSO tower is going to happen, does the removal need to be a part of the construction of the Probate/Juvenile building or does the removal need to be a standalone project? Mark Gazarek wanted confirmation again that a representative from Marathon is working with Radio Tower and both Sheriff Heldman and Lt. Price concurred. Brian Robertson stated that he would prefer the removal of the tower be included in the site prep for the new Probate/Juvenile Building. Mark Gazarek inquired as to the date of the last inspection on that tower. Sheriff Heldman and Lt. Price stated that it has been several years ago. Lt. Price will contact Radio Hospital and get additional information regarding the inspection process and a quote to dismantle the tower.

## Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that he spoke at the Chamber of Commerce Fresh Brewed Business meeting regarding the new Probate/Juvenile building. He presented a slide show similar to the presentation Garmann Miller will provide to the Downtown Development group. Tim is also working on the Jail Door project and the punch list.

Brian Robertson reported that he met with Cheryl Kellogg about the upcoming Census.

Mark Gazarek stated that he attended the Records Commission meeting.

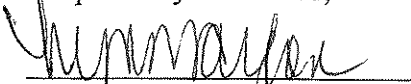
Brian Robertson wanted to thank the business community for the investment in our local community. A lot of investment is made inside and outside of our community and it is appreciated.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Director Randy Galbraith from JFS for an update. Cindy Land, Jim Maurer, Bill Bateson, Mandy Lobdell and Mike Recker were also present. Director Galbraith began by stating that the renegotiation of the placement contracts are still being worked on. He would like to alter the term of the contracts. For example, he would like them to run yearly from April – March as opposed to January – December. This time modification would work better in preparing the budget. Director Galbraith is still looking for members to join the Planning Committee. Currently, there are 3 members and he would like there to be 8-12 members. Furthermore, 40 yard signs are left for the upcoming levy for anyone who is interested. Sixty yard signs have already been passed out. Mike Recker inquired as to how many kids are in care and Director Galbraith stated that there are about 110-112. Brian Robertson stated that the highest number he has seen is 114. Director Galbraith concurred. Cindy Land stated that recently her office became aware of an infant that was immediately turned over to Children's Services while in the delivery unit at the hospital. Brian stated that this is why funding kids in care is so important. Mark Gazarek concurred and said that often there are times when JFS can't control the situations these children have been dealing with.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #135-20 – Lease of building to the Hancock County Job and Family Services. Cindy stated that this lease will run from January 2020 until December 31, 2020 for an annual cost of \$57,120.00 or \$2.59 square foot. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



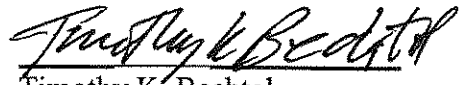
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Brian J. Robertson



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Timothy K. Bechtol