

## Minutes

March 7, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, and Timothy Shank.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the March 2, 2023, meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #142-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #143-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #144-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Landfill Tiered Fee 5109. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #145-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services 2015. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #146-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement 2201. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #147-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control Fund 2202. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #148-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Community Development Block Grant Fund 2062. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #149-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Brownfield Grant Fund 2195. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #150-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff) 2136. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #151-23 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners resolution #138-23 dated March 2, 2023 (Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Job & Family Services 2015). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #152-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an amendment to Exhibit B to an updated participation agreement with CCAO Service Corporation and also authorizing execution of a power of attorney related thereto. Phil stated this relates to a previous agreement the Board entered into with CCAO Service Corporation and CCAOSC Energy Solutions to provide electricity and gas to county buildings and facilities. This resolution addresses an amendment to Exhibit B of the original agreement. Phil stated they made mostly cosmetic changes. There was a slight increase in the service fee. There were no vast changes made to the exhibit or to the overall agreement. Commissioner Pepple inquired, if the addition of the electricity generated from the solar panels would cause a problem with this contract. Phil stated no. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #153-23 – Authorizing selection of an electric supplier and entry into contract for supply of electricity to Hancock County facilities commencing in June of 2023. Phil stated Mr. Snaveley requested that the Commissioners have a resolution put on ahead of time, to authorize the entry into a contract with an electric supplier that will provide the best overall plan and pricing for the county electricity needs. Palmer Energy has received preliminary quotes from participating potential electric suppliers. Phil stated the final bid refreshment will be in the next month. This resolution will authorize Commissioner Bateson to execute a contract based on the final refreshment bids. The contract will need to be signed within one to three hours of the bid refreshments being received. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #154-23 – Authorizing lease of real estate property located near the intersection of Blanchard Street and East Main Cross Street in Findlay to Key Ads, operated by Keyes Media Group, LTD., for the operation of a billboard. Phil stated this is a lease of property to be used for operation of a billboard. The previous lease for this property was with Lammers Outdoor Advertising, Inc. The new lease will be with Keyes Media Group, Ltd. The proposed lease will be for \$800.00 per year, with provisions for additional payments based upon changes being made to the billboard. The term of the lease will be for a period of five years. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #155-23 – Authorizing the exercise of an option to renew a lease of real property located at 16489 State Route 12, Findlay, Ohio. Phil stated the future location of Litter Landing is not constructed yet or not specifically identified. The original lease agreement for the Route 12 property will expire on April 30, 2023. This resolution will formally authorize the execution of the clause on the original lease agreement, allowing for three, six-month extensions. The Board has become of the opinion that the exercise of all three of the options are necessary at this time. The lease will renew for an additional eighteen months at the cost of five thousand dollars per month. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #156-23 – Authorizing signature to and submission of documents to Ohio Office of Community Development to apply for a Target of Opportunity Childcare and Daycare Facility Grant program. Phil stated the daycare in McComb no longer exist. Residents are experiencing issues with going to work due to the unavailability of childcare. This resolution will authorize the execution and submission of the application for the grant program. Phil stated this is not a commitment of money, it is just the application. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil stated during conversation with Mr. Snavely, Mr. Snavely stated that his analysis would indicate there would not be sufficient gains on the county part to enter into an agreement for a few buildings to house solar panels, versus what was naturally going to happen otherwise, pursuant to other programs that their office is overseeing. Commissioner Bateson stated through their analysis they felt our savings would not be any greater with the installation of the solar panels. Phil concurred. Commissioner Bateson and Commissioner Pepple would like to have further discussions with Mr. Snavely regarding his analysis. Cindy inquired if they install solar in some of the county buildings, will it run afoul with this contract. Phil stated I do not think so. Commissioner Pepple inquired if they could put on record that Mr. Snavely stated the installation of solar panels will not affect this contract. Phil will look at his notes for clarification. Phil recommended further discussion with Mr. Snavely regarding his analysis.

Adam Witteman stated that audit will start next week.

Timothy Shank, Rawson, Ohio resident shared his feelings with the Commissioners regarding the institutionalized health system's propagation of fear.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Michael Pepple attended the First Friday Luncheon. He felt the State of the County presentation was well attended and well received.


Timothy Bechtol also attended the First Friday Luncheon. He stated there were only a few questions at the end of the State of the County presentation. One of the questions was regarding the condition of the Cory St. Bridge. Cindy stated that he would have to inquire with Engineer Doug Cade on his schedule of repairs. In addition, Tim met with Greg Wright regarding the HVAC proposal. He also has been preparing for today's executive session regarding pending litigation.

William Bateson attended the District Advisory Committee meeting and the Chamber of Commerce Fresh Brewed Business meeting. The mayor shared her overview of the State of the City during the Chamber of Commerce Fresh Brewed Business meeting. In addition, Commissioner Bateson met the representative from Traveler's Insurance at the JFS building this morning.


At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening for the demolition of the radio tower and utility building. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Mike Thompson, Tyler Gandee from Running G Farms & Construction, Justin Barnhart from Advanced Demolition Services and Beth Cogley from All Excavating & Demolition were also in attendance. The Assistant clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no additional bid packages have been received. Six bids were received for the project. Rocky Edge Excavating provided a bid of \$7,800.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Running G Farms provided a bid of \$19,498.00 for the project. The addendum was received and bid bond received. All Excavating & Demolition provided a bid of \$6,900.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Advanced Excavating & Demolition, L.L.C., provided a bid of \$27,685.00 for the project. The addendum was not received and bid bond received. Schaedler Enterprises, Inc., provided a bid of \$29,500.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Baumann Enterprises Inc., provided a bid of \$34,880.00 for the project. The addendum was not received and bid bond received. Commissioner Bateson stated that the bids will be reviewed and a decision will be made next week.


At 1:01 p.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 2:27 p.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation, with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

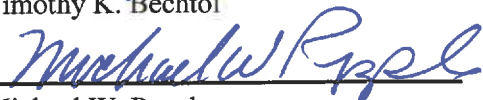
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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William L. Bateson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

  
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Michael W. Pepple