

Minutes

May 7, 2024

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Adam Witterman, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Kyle Parker, Engineer Doug Cade, Kenzie Tucker, Denise Timmerman, Lou Wilin, Bob and Cindy Wisner.

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 May 2, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion for Tim Bechtol to sign the Amendment Form for the Juvenile Court. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The fund report for April was signed. The MWCD April 2024 expenses of \$53,036.94 was received and approved. Steve Wilson indicated that this included 2 invoiced from 2022 from Norfolk Southern that was determined unpaid after a recent audit. Tim Bechtol stated that once the money is gone it's gone.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #290-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #291-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #292-24 – Transfer of funds from ADAMHS levy fund #2013 to ADAMHS bond retirement fund #3179. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #293-24 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund #5109. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #294-24 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to the Water Pollution Control Fund #2202. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #295-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #296-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Tier Fee #5109. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #297-24 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee #5109 to Litter Landing fund #5069. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #298-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution # 299- 24 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Solid Waste Management district to enter into a contract with Lamps, Inc. DBA ERG Environmental Services for collection of Household Hazardous waste at Litter Landing. (monthly Collection). Cindy stated that this collection will be held on the last Thursday of each month starting in May. The one in August may have to be switched due to the fair. Bill stated that Courtney will have to arrange that. The amount certified is \$40,000.00. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg stated that the floor mat in her office needs to be replaced. The Clerk will notify Aramark. Auditor Rauschenberg attended the Fresh Brewed business meeting and the BOR meetings. Audit will be here next week and should finish in June.

Engineer Doug Cade stated that his office currently has 61 active projects. A few of them were mentioned: CR 18 box culvert is being done this week, road striping is also done for the year, chip seal will be started June 1st, 2024, resurfacing will start mid-June 2024, and the OPWC funds should be available July 1st. The electronic signature will need to be signed similar to last year. In addition, Doug mentioned that OPWC is not on the current ballot for 2024. Therefore, it may not appear until November 2025. If that is the case, it would delay the funding by a year. Bill Bateson inquired if SR 68 will be closed for the 68/15 project on June 15th. Steve Wilson stated that he had not heard of that date. Nor had Engineer Cade. The pre-construction meeting will be held May 59, 2024.

Steve Wilson reported that the MWCD Board meeting will be held on Friday.

Denise Timmerman and Auditor Rauschenberg discussed property tax values. Denise also inquired about the letter to Senator McColley. The Board concurred that the draft of the letter is acceptable. Denise requested a copy also. Denise wanted to know about the status of discussions with Allen Township about annexations and revenue sharing. Bill Bateson stated that that is in process and Dan Shafer, with Economic Development, is to be having those meetings.

Lou Wilin inquired about resolution #299. He wanted to know if this is a yearly program. Cindy indicated that in prior years, this was a weekly program. Prior to that it was an annual program. Therefore, monthly collection shouldn't be an issue.

Meetings and Reports

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Fresh Brewed business meeting. Bill discussed the quotes he received from Sunbelt. Cindy Land suggested to contact Greg Wright and determine if the noise level of these units will be disruptive to the courts. Tim Bechtol suggested that the 2nd floor get some cooling units as well. The Clerk will reach out to Greg Wright. Bill stated that his daughter received her State FFA degree on Friday.

Mike Pepple attended the First Friday luncheon at the Moose Lodge and provided the County update.

Tim Bechtol attended the First Friday luncheon as well on Friday and was pleased with the presentation. In addition, his son graduated from OSU on Sunday.

Tim Bechtol requested an executive session in regards to employment- compensation.

At 10:08 am., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss employment- compensation. Bill Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; and Michael Pepple, yes. At 10:27 am., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

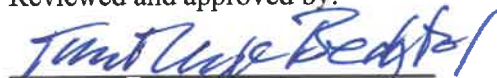
At 10:32 am., the Commissioners held a variance hearing. Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Engineer Doug Cade, Kyle Parker, Ron Siferd and Todd Jenkins were in attendance. Todd Jenkins stated the reason for the variance request is due to a proposal of a 94-unit Condominium Complex in that area. There will be a private drive to the condos. Regulations state a distance of 495 feet between driveways, and this variance request is for a distance of 375 feet. Tim Bechtol inquired if Ron's sister will need a new address and Engineer Cade indicated that she would. Kyle Parker stated that area has had 2 accidents in the past 5 years and the 2 closest intersections are 1350 feet and 1500 feet away. Kyle did express his concern with the absence of a left turn lane on to CR 99, however did recommend approval of the variance. Engineer cade did state that if too many accidents occur, that a turn lane may have to be added in the future. This additional access point will also allow emergency vehicles to enter into the area. Mike Pepple made the motion to accept the variance request as presented. Bill Bateson seconded. A roll call vote went as follows: Mike Pepple, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; and Tim Bechtol, yes.

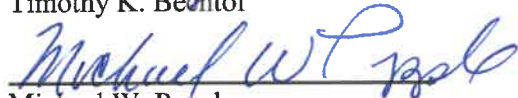
Resolution #300-24 – Resolution commissioners' finding upon the variance request, sitting as the Board of Appeals for the Hancock County Access Management Regulation. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

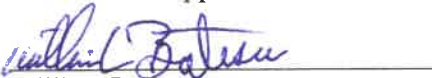


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple

William L. Bateson