

Minutes

May 18, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Lou Wilin.

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 May 16, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

A travel request was approved for the Recorder's Office. Payroll for the JFS was approved. Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #327-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 Treasurer. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #328-23 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense #8180 to General Fund April \$1,528.81. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #329-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to ADAMHS #2013. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #330-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS #2013. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #331-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #332-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #333-23 – Fixing rate for Hancock County Common Pleas Court juror fees, for Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors. Cindy explained that there has not been an increase in juror fees since 2002. Grand Jurors will be paid \$30.00 per day served and Petit Jurors will be paid \$20.00 for the first day served and \$30.00 each day thereafter. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #333-23 – Authorizing license to and vending agreement with Stephen Hall, D/B/A Firelands Vending, to place automatic vending machines in Hancock County Courthouse and sell vended beverage and snack items from those machines in that structure. Phil explained that the new agreement is for 3 years and the machines will be located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse. This can be used by the employees and the public. If sales are over \$5,000 in the first year, a 10% commission can be received and sent to the Commissioners. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that the IT outage should be fixed this afternoon.

Cindy Land stated that a Teams meeting was held with Mike Sharb, Matt Segone, Charity and Adam on Wednesday. The call was very productive and Cindy intends to prepare a resolution for next Tuesday to initiate the borrowing process for the Probate and Juvenile Court project. This will allow Mike Sudsina to start his process as well. Cindy explained that Mike Sharb will be sending the certificate of award to Charity. Once Charity signs the award certificate, she can certify the contract. Charity wanted to confirm that this will not exceed \$10 million and Cindy stated that the borrowing is for this project only. The term is also for 15 years and callable after 5 years. Charity also stated that there is verbiage within the borrowing documents that pertain to borrowing against the life of the asset. Typically, that is not included, however she did acknowledge that is acceptable.

Lou Wilin inquired the term of the bond and Cindy stated that it's 15 years, callable in 5. Lou also inquired about the details of the WPCLF bid opening. Bill stated that it's a septic grant program through Regional Planning.

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Mike Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Regional Planning meeting. It appears that a few of the Townships are interested in passing a resolution that addresses the regulation of small wind and solar farms. Tim discussed requesting a map from Scott Harden of all of the flood properties that the County owned. In addition, Tim stated that the City has started mowing the 71 properties and will be billing the County. Furthermore, Tim stated that he is not in favor of sending a letter to the City committing to address any environmental concerns as a result of an environmental review of those properties.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Eagle Township Trustee meeting where they discussed the affect of the basin and flood zone for 5-8 properties in that area. He also attended the local Ag Share meeting.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening. Lynn Taylor and Jess Sells were present. The mailroom was checked and no additional bids were received. Kershner excavating provided bids for the Sizemore and Thomas projects. They will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review and consideration.

At 1:30 the SWMD (Solid Waste Management District) meeting was held. Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #335-23 – Appointing members to the Hancock County Solid Waste Management Policy Committee. Rob Martin made the motion to approve, Mike Pepple seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commissioner's met with the Liberty Township Trustees. A discussion was held regarding the potential establishment of a JED (Joint Economic District) in Liberty Township. Jeff explained that with over 7,000 residential properties in Liberty Township and increase in expenses, they are looking at potential ways to increase revenue. Revenue will need to be increased to continue to provide the support and services that they currently offer. The area of the potential JED is along CR 140 and he would like the Boards support. After much discussion, it was suggested that Jeff provide a summary of potential properties that they would like to be in the JED for the Board to review. In addition, an outline will be provided to further inform the Board of what a potential contract would look like. In order for a JED to become in place, all parties must agree to the terms of the contract.

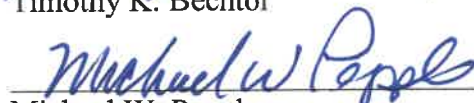
At 4:12 p.m., the Commissioner's meeting was reconvened. Tim Bechtol and Mike Pepple were present. Lynn Taylor was also present. Payroll for the Commissioner's Office was approved. Three proclamations were signed honoring Veterans of the Year 2023: Nevin Franklin, Peter Sehnert and Kimberly Williams.

  
Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Michael W. Pepple