

## Minutes

May 2, 2023

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jessica Sells, Steve Wilson, Laura Comek and Jay Myers

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk present two proclamations. The first was to declare May as Motorcycle Awareness Month and the second was to declare May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as National Day of Prayer.

The Commissioners approved travel requests for the Public Defender and for Commissioner Bechtol. The April Explosive Gas monitoring report was signed. Michael Pepple made a motion for the Chair's signature on the Landfill's Quarterly Deviation Report. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #275-23 – 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 #276-23 – Advance of funds from General Fund to Water pollution Control Fund #2202. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #277-23 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve an amendment to the agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and The Learning Professionals, LLC, to Provide Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program (CCMEP) WIOA Youth Funded Activities Services. Cindy Land stated the initial contract was for \$60,000 and this amendment will add \$15,000.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #278-23 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an amendment to the contract with the T & H LIFT, LLC, to provide necessary transportation services. Cindy Land stated the director of JFS came in spoke with the Commissioners about the transportation program. This original contract was for \$50,635.95 and this amendment will take the total to \$125,035.95. Cindy explained the program to the Commissioners and the increase is due to the program having more need then expected. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #279-23 – Resolution authorizing a contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF grant project HS#390032-0008-2022-03. Cindy Land stated this is for a home in Alvada and has a total cost of \$34,800.00 This is a 50% grant funded project and the homeowner has already paid their portion. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #280-23 – Resolution authorizing a contract with Gary Lugibihl, LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF grant project HS#390032-0008-2022-06. Cindy Land stated this is for a project in Arlington with a total cost of \$14,900.00. This is a 100% grant funded project. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #281-23 – Resolution rejecting bid received April 27, 2023 for WPCLF project HS#390032-0008-2022-04 and WPCLF project HS#390032-0008-2022-05. Cindy Land stated that last week we held a bid opening for multiple WPCLF projects. One of them is holding until we are able to verify funding will be available for this project. The two projects in this resolution came in more than 10% over the estimated cost so they must be rejected. This resolution will reject the bids and authorize the projects to be rebid at a later date. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land stated a fiscal officer from one of the townships reached out to her with some questions about the Opioid Settlement and Region 17 information being sent out. She has passed the information along to Phil Johnson.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to threatened litigation.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated she wanted to check with the Commissioners on where we are with borrowing for the new building and if anyone had spoken to Mike Sharb about how to proceed. Cindy stated that they were under the impression that Mike was just going to proceed with beginning the paperwork. Commissioner Pepple stated his recommendation is to borrow \$10 million for a 15-year period under the non-bank qualified option. Cindy stated if we do the non-qualified borrowing we can possibly borrow later in the year. Charity stated this would be the quicker way rather than going with the public trade option and if we went the public trade we might have even needed to contract out some of the prep work for the borrowing reports. Charity confirmed that this would be callable in 5 years. Charity stated they will need to get specifics to Mike Sudsina for him to begin his work. Charity confirmed that the first bond taken out will be fully funded by the end of 2023. There was a discussion on how the payments for the first bond and the new borrowing would overlap. Commissioner Bechtol inquired about the \$70,000 issuance cost that are included in the direct placement bond workups provided to them. Charity and Cindy explained what would make up those cost and how that \$70,000.00 would be made up for in the GMP. Commissioner Bechtol went over the debt services difference in going with a 10-year or 15-year borrowing period. Commissioner Pepple explained he chose 15 years because he wants to protect the county with the uncertainty in the economy right now and would like to get the payment down. This could be revisited at the 5-year mark. Cindy stated that if we find the county is in good financial position at the end of the year there can always be extra payments to

the debit service made. Commissioners Bechtol and Bateson agreed with Commissioner Pepple's recommendation. Charity stated this will cut a couple weeks off the process. Commissioner Bechtol asked if we would still be on target for the June 15<sup>th</sup> date? Charity stated she will have to check with bond council on that. Charity stated we will need the updated AIA document. Commissioner Bechtol stated he will reach out to Matt Sagone to get that. Cindy Land stated we will need to get the breakdown documents that Richard Kirk referenced during his meeting.

Charity stated she has a meeting with someone to discuss options for funding ditch projects. There was a discussion on the upcoming Blanchard River Stream Enhancement project and how funding might work for that. Charity stated audit is still here as well.

Steve Wilson requested executive session in regards to potential real estate sale.

Laura Comek stated she was there to answer any questions about the annexation that was heard and amended last week. She stated she had sent over an additional amendment removing two small properties to help remove the township road issue. This would make it so we are going to the center of any roads. Cindy Land stated she could have the resolution ready to approve for Thursday if the Commissioners would like. The Commissioners agreed and that will give them time to speak with Doug Cade and the township trustees. Laura Comek stated it seemed like the only thing that was holding up the decision was the questions on the road agreement and this amendment will make that agreement not matter. Commissioner Bateson stated they will look everything over and they just want to make sure there are no islands created.

Jay Myers stated that there have been some questions on if we would like to change the BWC Managed Care provider. The two-year period is almost up so we are at the time where if we would like to switch providers we can. Jay stated that he sees no reason to switch as Sedgewick has been great. Cindy Land stated there has been no problems with Sedgewick's work. The Commissioners agreed to stay with the current company.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Ohio County Employee Retirement Plan Committee meeting on Friday. They are making a push to get information out to all county elected officials the information for employees.

Commissioner Bechtol stated that Craig Kutschbach reached out to him about if there was any interest in a solar project on County Road 140. Commissioners Pepple stated that with the development plans for the area there is no interest at this time. Commissioner Bateson agreed. Commissioner Bechtol stated he would reach out to Craig and let him know.

Commissioner Bechtol stated there has been some communication with the city on the properties that are to be transferred and the lawns. Alec Helms stated that Phil Johnson is reviewing the legal descriptions of what is to be transferred with the list of properties Feasels mowed last year to find what properties will need to be maintained for this year. Once we have that we can reach out to Feasels.

William Bateson attended Judge Johnsons proposed Guardianship Board meeting on Friday. She is looking to create a multi-county board for adult guardianship cases. This morning he attended Fresh Brewed Business.

At 10:25 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation and potential real estate sale. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes;

At 11:16 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation and potential real estate sale with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 1:19 p.m., the Commissioner reconvened. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Jessica Sells, Matt Cordonnier, Terry Jacobs and Ruthann House.


At 1:19 p.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes;


At 1:53 p.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

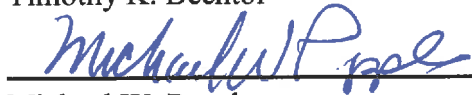
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Alec Helms, 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