

## Minutes

May 23, 2023

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Cordell Brooks, Melissa Emery and Lou Wilin from the Courier

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 May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved the reimbursement to the MWCD for April 2023 Upper Blanchard Flood Mitigation project expenses and a travel request for the Sheriff's office. Michael Pepple made a motion for the chair signature on the Ohio Department of Youth Services Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Assistant Clerk presented a Notice of Filing of Eagle Estates Single County Ditch Petition that was filed in the office on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #336-23 – Authorization of 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 #337-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to BMV – Enterprise #5172. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #338-23 – A resolution for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of construction, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving a new judicial center building to house functions of the County Court System and County Administration and clearing, improving and equipping its site. Cindy Land stated there have been a number of discussions about this with the bond council and the municipal advisor. This is written for a maximum maturity of 30 years. When the underwriter and municipal advisor go out and get the bid for the amount up to \$10 million that the Board decides to borrow they will set the terms for 15 years, callable at 5. The resolution is written for 30 years to give the wiggle room when it is callable to extend it if needed. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land provided the Commissioner with the proposed timeline for the bond process. There was a discussion on the possible changes that might need to be made to the timeline and when Auditor Rauschenberg can certify the funds for the project to enter into the contract.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to pending litigation.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition.

Cindy Land stated she was in touch with the attorney handling the County Road 212/236 annexation request for the city about the Commissioners request to have the supporting documents submitted early for the hearing. Phil Rooney contacted Cindy on the deadline given to let her know he is just waiting on the proof of publication form the Courier and he will get those submitted. He did indicate that the city plans to put a light in at that area.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that in the resolution passed Section 13 talks about Retention of Bond Counsel and Section 14 talks about Retention of the Municipal Advisor. The Commissioners office will need to put POs on for those services. There was a discussion if a new contract with the Municipal Advisor is needed or if the one we have is ongoing. Auditor Rauschenberg stated after the bid award is done in June she will be able to certify funds for the contract. Cindy Land asked about a contract update from Matt Sagone and state we need the breakdown information from Mr. Kirk.

Cordell Banks and Melissa Emery from the Ohio Laborers' District Council were at the meeting to speak with the Commissioners. Cordell stated they have come to discuss the solar projects. They are not against solar but they want the union to be the workers building them. Cordell explained the benefits of using their workers for these projects, the training their workers go through and how companies are not following the proper staffing policies.

Lou Wilin asked about when the issuance date for the debit will be. Cindy Land stated it will be throughout June. There will be a date for when they award the bond and then another date for closing. Lou asked if we had a range of what the interest rates will be. Charity Rauschenberg stated we will not know any of that until the bids are received. Lou asked about bond terms. Cindy and Charity explained how having the bond callable after 5 years will benefit the county. Lou asked about the start of construction and the GMP. Commissioner Bechtol stated that construction will start immediately after the contract is awarded and the GMP is currently at \$21.9 million but they are still value engineering so it could come down.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol reported that the Communications Tower was taken down over the weekend. The shack is still there but that will be removed as well. Commissioner Bechtol stated there will need to be discussion on a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Judicial Center.

William Bateson attended BOR hearing yesterday and on Saturday he awarded 2 of the 3 Veterans of the Year for the Armed Forces Day event.

At 10:05 a.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 10:25 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:50 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes;

At 11:18 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition 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:



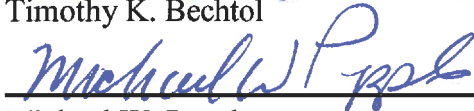
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William L. Bateson



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Timothy K. Bechtol



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Michael W. Pepple