

Minutes

May 04, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Lizzy Essinger.

Commissioner Bateson 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, 2023, meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion and William Bateson seconded to approve two Warrant Journals. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved an amended travel request for Commissioner Bechtol. In addition, they approved a travel request for the Public Defender's office, JFS payroll, Commissioner's staff payroll and the Hancock County Auditor Fund Report dated April 30, 2023. The Commissioners signed a support letter for the Community Corrections Act 2.0 FY24/25 grant being submitted by Hancock County Common Pleas Court.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #282-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to WPCLF #2202. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #284-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation Sanitary Landfill Fund #5042. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #285-23 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund 5109. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #286-23 – Transfer of funds from the Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund (1st Quarter Fees 2023)-\$626.02. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #287-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Blanchard River Maintenance Fund #8133. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #288-23 – Transfer of funds from MV & GT Fund to MV & GT Bond Retirement Fund #3156. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #289-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – MV & GT Fund #2002. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #290-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Recorder Indexing Fund #2108. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #291-23 – Transfer of funds from the Hotel Motel Fund #8047 to the General Fund #1001 (1st Quarter 2023 Fees) - \$20,852.82. Per request from the Auditor's office, this resolution was not presented.

Resolution #292-23 – Resolution authorizing the Board of Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to provide court consulting services. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #293-23 – Petition for annexation of a total of 138.018 acres revised to 57.691 acres of land in Allen Township to the City of Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy stated there are two documents that will need signed by the Commissioners. The resolution and the Memorandum Opinion. She stated the Memorandum Opinion is basically a checklist of the things that are necessary for an annexation. These documents are for the annexation of 138.018 acres from Allen Township to the City of Findlay. At the hearing an amendment was requested to remove 73.077 acres north of Township Road 100 from the proposed annexation. A request for a second petition amendment was received to remove an additional 7.25 acres from the proposed annexation. The remaining acreage to be annexed is 57.691 acres. The remaining acreage is all south of Township Road 100. Commissioner Bechtol stated that none of the annexed property will connect to Township Road 100. Cindy stated the Memorandum Opinion also includes the statutory requirements that are necessary to make an annexation valid. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy did not present the resolution authorizing borrowing for the Judicial Center Project due to the required documents not being ready.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #294-23 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement for removal and replacement of curbs at the Hancock County Justice Center. Phil stated this relates to repairs in the Justice Center parking lot. The contract is in the amount of \$5,467.00 with Gibson Concrete Construction, Inc. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #295-23 – Authorizing signature to and submission of documents to Ohio Office of Community Development to apply for multiple grant programs, including the Allocation Program, the Critical Infrastructure Program, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Phil stated this is an authorization regarding submission of an application for program year 2023 CDBG projects. There are three different sets of projects. Lizzy stated they are working with the Village of Mt. Blanchard and The Community Foundation with the Allocation program to upgrade Hurricane Park. The Critical Infrastructure program will focus on the failing storm sewer infrastructure in the Village of Arcadia. The Village of Jenera and the Village of McComb will be applying for the Neighborhood Revitalization program this year. It is possible for both villages to receive the funding. Both communities want to use

the funds to improve community centers, parks, streets and sidewalks. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion took place with Auditor, Charity Rauschenberg regarding having funds in place for the new judicial center. She stated this should include the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund. Charity stated the General Fund transfer; the contracting documents and the financing need to come together so they can certify. Discussion took place regarding the amount of funds to transfer. The resolution for the transfer will be presented at next Tuesday's meeting. Charity recommended the Commissioners request the Change Order documentations from ACI. Cindy stated they also need to request the breakdown information that was supposed to be received from ACI. Cindy stated that an email was received from Mark Sharb, stating he talked to Matt Segone regarding the contract. Charity stated she will continue to work with counsel to get the finance documents in place.

Lizzy Essinger stated she met with the Village of Arlington to discuss some projects they would like to have completed. They decided to move forward with an income survey. She feels confident they will come back low to moderate income, which will open up the Critical Infrastructure grant and Neighborhood Revitalization grant opportunities for them. Commissioner Bateson inquires how Arcadia income information was reevaluated. Lizzy explained the process that Arcadia went through to complete the income survey. Lizzy stated that next year, they are putting out new American Census Survey data that will render all of the income surveys before it invalid. They will have to start the process again if the numbers are believed to be inaccurate for the villages.

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Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol forwarded the guaranteed maximum price information from the design build team to Matt Segone, so he can finalize the documents. Commissioner Bechtol received a call from Bob Hastedt, Henry County Commissioner. He is on the Board of Corrections Center of NW Ohio (CCNO). He stated Stryker Correctional Facility will be losing Lucas County inmates once the new Lucas County jail is built. He inquired about Hancock County's new jail plans, and if we would be interested in talking with them about being part of their organization as an alternative. They would like for us to tour the facility. Commissioner Bechtol stated this does not preclude us for building a jail in the future, but might help alleviate the immediate need.


William Bateson attended the Board of Reviews yesterday, and this morning he attended the Economic Development meeting.

At 10:06 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 11:02 a.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.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened the meeting. The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #296-23 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Juvenile Probate Capital Projects Fund #4235. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

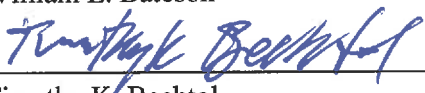


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

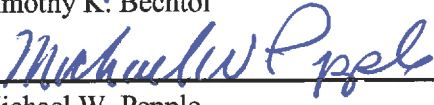
Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple