

Minutes

May 9, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:37 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the May 4, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk notified the Board the certificate of mailing notice to those affected by the Liberty Reed Single County Ditch Petition. This was mailed on May 4, 2023 for a final hearing on June 22, 2023 at Liberty Benton High School Library. A travel request was approved for the Auditor's Office.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #297-23 – The Clerk stated that this resolution will be presented later.

Resolution #298-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison #2231. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #299-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison #2231. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #300-23 – Repayment of advance from CDBG Fund 2062 to the General Fund. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #301-23 – Transfer of funds from the Hotel Motel Fund #8047 to the General Fund #1001 (1st Quarter 2023 Fees) - \$20,068.91. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #302-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Local Emergency Planning Committee #8070. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #303-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to The General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #304-23 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund 1001 to Juvenile Probate Capital Projects Fund 4235. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rauschenberg explained it appears that bond counsel is waiting on documentation to finalize the financing process. Typically, once a direction is given to counsel, Mike Sharb can quickly provide the documents within a day. Auditor Rauschenberg inquired if ACI has provided their final information to Matt Segone's office so the contract can be finalized. This final documentation is what bond counsel needs. Tim acknowledged and will make some calls. Cindy Land concurred with Auditor Rauschenberg and said that something must be held up because bond counsel works very quickly. This delay in financing could have an impact.

Adam Witteman stated that the auditor's will be on site next week. Cindy Land stated that she received the Audit Liability Letter and is being reviewed by Prosecutor Riegle.

Auditor Rauschenberg inquired about the JFS roof and the insurance reimbursement. Information has been received on the damages from the water/freeze situation from the insurance company, however no status on the roof. The Clerk indicated that she will put a call into Jay Myers and request a status.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple stated that he had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he had nothing to report.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Board of Review meeting.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Randy Galbraith for a JFS update. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman were also in attendance. The Clerk stated that a few housekeeping items needed to be addressed.

A typographical error was noticed on Resolution # 301-23 that was passed at the 9:30 meeting. The correct amount of Hotel Motel Funds transferred is \$22,068.901. The Board acknowledged.

The Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #297-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Randy stated that JFS is doing well financially. They have about 97 kids in care. Of those 97, about ½ of them are in family foster homes. Randy went into a discussion regarding friendly transfers that he works with at JFS. For example, Randy works with several other counties in Ohio by swapping services for unused funds. Several counties were unable to use all of their grant funds and Randy has been able to receive those funds in exchange for services that his staff can offer those counties. Randy also strives to be a good steward of the federal funds that his office receives and uses throughout JFS. For example, when he began his tenure with Hancock County in 2019, federal funds/services unused and returned were about \$600,000. COVID happened and it was a difficult to rate. However, in 2022, his office has only returned about \$64,000.00. In addition, Randy expressed his gratitude to the Board and the Prosecutor's Office regarding the recent purchase of a wheelchair accessible van from HATS. Randy said that it will be used and is very excited. Randy also stated that he would like to purchase some vehicles through DAS (Department of Administration Services). He is looking for the approval to spend

about \$15,000 in vehicles. He is unable to use levy funds for this transaction as the vehicles will be used for more than just children services. He will need to request money from the Commissioners via the General Fund and will have to pay back through depreciation. Charity will need to get some further information on that process. Randy also will be buying a vehicle for the fraud investigative unit to use, however those funds will not have to be absorbed from the General Fund. Furthermore, Randy discussed the need for space for supervised visits with member from Open Arms, Woman Resource Center or just general weekend visits and after hour visits. He suggested looking into grants for the possibility of temporary housing at the JFS site on CR 140. Cindy suggested that he contact Blanchard Valley Center due to the restructuring of their services. Randy thought that was a great idea. Bill Bateson stated that he is unsure if insurance would cover anything that is not permanently affixed to the ground. Cindy also stated that it's possible that Wood County building inspector would need to approve as well. Bill inquired about the Guardianship Serves Board possibility. Randy stated that he liked the idea, however he is not sure how to fund it. The number of attorneys that are available and willing to participate, have been dwindling. Cindy stated that this is a big undertaking for attorneys and Randy acknowledged.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a zoom meeting to discuss the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project. In attendance were: Allen County- Brian Winegardner, Cory Noonan and Beth Seibert; Hancock County- Bill Bateson, Tim Bechtol, Mike Pepple; Hardin County- Timothy Striker, Roger Crowe; Putnam County- John Schlumbohm, Vincent Schroeder; Seneca County- Bill Frankart was corresponding by text message as his microphone was not working. No one was present from Wyandot County. Jason Althouse, Christine Carrigan, Lynn Taylor, Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman were also present. Bill Bateson inquired if the group wants Hancock County Prosecutor's Office to proceed with the documents and project set up. In the past, this is how it has been done. Putnam County and Allen County had no objection to allowing Hancock County and the Prosecutor's Office to continue the project set up. Cindy Land acknowledged. Jason stated to the group that there are about 54,066 parcels in the watershed for this log jam removal. Per parcel assessment could range from \$3.25 to \$5.50. Jason recommends a \$4.00 per parcel assessment to garner about \$216,000 in revenue. There is about \$67,058.02 in the account now. The projected cost of the log jam removal is \$179,245.00; however, bids have not been requested yet. Bill Bateson stated that the group needs to decide if the bids should be solicited. That last assessment was done in 2018. Hardin County was ok with Jason's recommendation of \$4.00 per parcel. Roger Crowe made the motion to accept the \$4.00 per parcel collection and John Schlumbohm seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Allen County:	Brian Winegardner	yes	Putnam County:	John Schlumbohm	yes
	Cory Noonan	yes		Michael Lammers	absent
	Beth Seibert	yes		Vincent Schroeder	yes
Hancock County:	William L. Bateson	yes	Seneca County:	Anthony Paradiso	absent
	Timothy Bechtol	yes		Tyler Shuff	absent
	Michael W. Pepple	yes		Bill Frankart	yes
Hardin County:	Timothy Striker	yes	Wyandot County:	Brad Batton	absent
	Roger Crowe	yes		William Clinger	absent
	Fred Rush	absent		Dave Courtad	absent

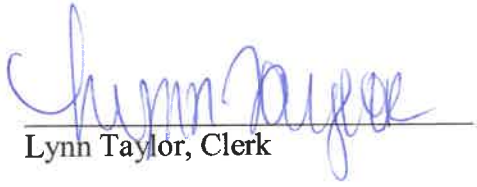
Bill Bateson stated that in the past Hancock County fronted the money for the project and then was reimbursed from the other respective counties. Hancock County prefers to not do it this way for this project. Allen County stated that they will need to speak to their Auditor's Office and their legal team before they decide to take money from their general fund for this purpose as this is not normally what they do. John Schulmbohm stated that Putman County is ok with paying their share upfront. Hardin County will also have to check with their Auditor's Office about upfront their portion. Cindy stated that a contract is unable to be certified until funds are in place. Allen County inquired about the percentage of the parcels belonging to Allen County, and Jason directed them to contact their Auditor's Office for that calculation. Furthermore, Cindy explained that there were some Audit issues the last time this was done and if possible, Hancock County would like to avoid the issues this time around. Cindy suggested to proceed with a bid solicitation, have a zoom meeting when the bids are opened for the group to decide the funding mechanism.

The Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #305-23 – Authorization by the Joint Board of County Commissioners of Allen, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties, Ohio to authorize solicitation of bids for maintenance of the Blanchard River pursuant to the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project. John Schlumbohm made the motion and Mike Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

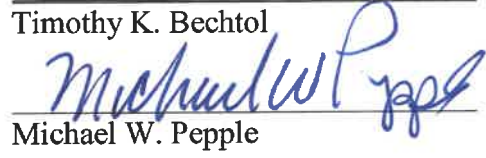
Allen County:	Brian Winegardner	yes	Putnam County:	John Schlumbohm	yes
	Cory Noonan	yes		Michael Lammers	absent
	Beth Seibert	yes		Vincent Schroeder	yes
Hancock County:	William L. Bateson	yes	Seneca County:	Anthony Paradiso	absent
	Timothy Bechtol	yes		Tyler Shuff	absent
	Michael W. Pepple	yes		Bill Frankart	yes
Hardin County:	Timothy Striker	yes	Wyandot County:	Brad Batton	absent
	Roger Crowe	yes		William Clinger	absent
	Fred Rush	absent		Dave Courtad	absent

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Joe Sokol from Palmer Conservation Consulting. He provided the Board a proposal for services for energy conservation on the upcoming HVAC project. All buildings in the new HVAC system are included. Bill Bateson stated that they will take the proposal under advisement. Tim inquired if this is one sum charge and Joe indicated that it is for the entire project.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple



Randall L. Galbraith, Esq., Director

Commissioner’s Report – May 9th, 2023

1) CPSU Financials

Balance Brought Forward (end of December 2022 placements)	(1,031,842.47)
2023 YTD Foster Care Placement	672,880.33
YTD Shared Placement Costs	-
ADAMHS and Juvenile Court Share	-
SCPA and Title XX used for shared	-
YTD Adoption (county share)	35,646.49
IV-E Reimbursement for Placements	(229,433.93)
Title XX Reimbursements for Placements	(66,113.01)
SS & Child Support	(32,609.81)
MSY Reimbursement (May)	-
MSY Reimbursement	-
SCPA SFY23 used for foster care services	-
Levy funds received	(984,699.07)
30-Days to Family Salary, Benefits, & Shared Costs	27,934.02
Balance	(1,608,237.45)

2) CPSU Children in Care

3) Friendly Transfers

4) Auto Purchases

5) Potential Visitation Site Project

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PLACEMENTS SUMMARY STATEMENT *

Hancock County Job & Family Services

Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

7814 County Road 99
Findlay, OH 45840

DATE: 5/8/2023

To:

Honorable Board of Hancock County Commissioners
300 S. Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

MONTHLY TOTALS **	Foster Placement	Shared Placements	Adoption	IV-E	Other reimb	Total County Owed
January	242,794.48	-	6,753.94	(83,955.31)	(34,692.07)	130,901.04
February	216,495.68	-	7,164.38	(75,566.93)	(34,541.28)	113,551.85
March	213,590.17	-	7,164.38	(69,911.69)	(29,489.47)	121,353.39
April	-	-	7,274.04	-	-	7,274.04
May	-	-	7,289.75	-	-	7,289.75
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	672,880.33	-	35,646.49	(229,433.93)	(98,722.82)	380,370.07

Bal brought fwd	(1,031,842.47)
County Paid	
MSY	-
MSY	-
SCPA Applied	-
Levy funds February	-
Levy funds February	-
Levy funds March	(984,699.07)
Levy funds April	-
Levy funds August	-
Levy funds September	-
January	3,799.07
February	5,363.80
March	7,736.63
April	11,034.52
May	-
June	-
July	-
August	-
September	-
October	-
November	-
December	-
TOTAL REC'D	(956,765.05)
Balance	(1,608,237.45)

30 Days to Family
personnel exp

NET BALANCE DUE (1,608,237.45)

* Detailed placement log report available upon request.
 ** Includes invoices and reimbursements known as of date of report.
 All expenses and receipts will be recorded in month accrued/obligated, even if received at a later date.



Hancock County
Job & Family Services

Children's Protective Services Unit
April 2023

Date of Report: May 8, 2023

Total Number of reports Received:	
December 2022	110
January 2023	155
February 2023	141
March 2023	160
April 2023	158
Screened In/Out	
December 2022	IN= 37, OUT= 65
January 2023	IN= 54, OUT= 101
February 2023	IN= 34, OUT= 107
March 2023	IN= 39, OUT= 121
April 2023	IN= 36, OUT= 122
Breakdown of case Type Screened In:	
	TR/AR/FINS** (see below)
December 2022	TR= 16, AR= 17, FINS= 4, Dependency= 1
January 2023	TR= 21, AR= 22, FINS= 9, Dependency= 2
February 2023	TR= 12, AR= 15, FINS= 4, Dependency= 3
March 2023	TR= 15, AR= 20, FINS= 3, Dependency= 1
April 2023	TR= 11, AR= 18, FINS= 6, Dependency= 1
Total Number of Kids in Care at months end	
December 2022	101
January 2023	94
February 2023	100
March 2023	98
April 2023	97
Breakdown of Current Placements (97)	
Family Foster Homes	46
Adoptive	1
Kinship Placement	33
Group Home	8
Residential	8

Hospitalization	1
AWOL*	2 (placement is congregate care)
Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care	
December 2022	Enter= 1, Exit= 3
January 2023	Enter= 7, Exit= 13
February 2023	Enter= 12, Exit= 5
March 2023	Enter= 7, Exit= 8
April 2023	Enter= 5, Exit= 6
Total number of Children Receiving In-Home Services	
December 2022	72
January 2023	76
February 2023	78
March 2023	81
April 2023	85

TR- Traditional Response
AR- Alternative Response
FINS- Family in Need of Services
AWOL- Absent without leave

FRIENDLY TRANSFERS 2020

Grant	From County	Amount	Approval Date
Adult Protective Services	Auglaize	16,000.00	6/4/2020
Community & Protective Services	Williams	57,783.00	8/28/2020
ESSA Reunification	Erie	1,385.33	10/9/2020
ESSA Reunification	Auglaize	5,000.00	10/9/2020
Multi System Youth	Williams	20,000.00	5/14/2020
Multi System Youth	Morrow	50,000.00	5/14/2020
Multi System Youth	Sandusky	60,000.00	5/18/2020
SCPA	Auglaize	50,000.00	3/23/2020
Social Services Operating	Auglaize	18,871.00	6/4/2020
Social Services Operating	Gallia	23,113.00	9/30/2020
TANF Regular	Marion	45,000.00	6/2/2020
Title XX Base	Crawford	50,000.00	9/28/2020
Title XX Base	Gallia	9,761.83	9/30/2020
Title XX Base	Allen	14,000.00	10/5/2020
Title XX Base	Auglaize	89,121.36	10/9/2020
Title XX Transfer	Allen	14,000.00	10/5/2020
Title XX Transfer	Columbiana	75,000.00	10/5/2020
		\$ 599,035.52	

Grant	To County	Amount	Approval Date
Children's Services Best Practices	Williams	(1,875.00)	3/16/2020
Foster Parent Recruitment	Williams	(13,766.95)	3/30/2020
FAET 50%	Sandusky	(8,433.00)	8/13/2020
FAET 100%	Sandusky	(1,230.51)	8/13/2020
Income Maintenance	Sandusky	(3,780.87)	8/13/2020
CCMEP TANF Admin	Crawford	(27,475.59)	9/29/2020
TANF Administration	Allen	(28,000.00)	10/6/2020
TANF Summer Youth	Auglaize	(4,233.42)	12/30/2020
		\$ (88,795.34)	

FRIENDLY TRANSFERS 2021

Grant	From County	Amount	Approval Date
Title XX Base	Auglaize	32,519.84	10/13/2021
Adult Protective Services	Erie	6,299.95	9/2/2021
Adult Protective Services	Holmes	2,064.23	8/2/2021
Title XX Base	Marion	10,000.00	8/13/2021
Title XX Transfer	Marion	100,000.00	8/13/2021
Community & Protective Services	Williams	59,995.00	7/23/2021
Title XX Base	Williams	32,634.87	10/18/2021
Multi System Youth	Allen	22,831.62	10/15/2021
		\$ 265,345.52	

Grant	To County	Amount	Approval Date
Child Care Administration	Athens	(7,263.16)	10/19/2021
TANF Administration	Auglaize	(60,000.00)	10/13/2021
Kinship Caregiver	Crawford	(23,000.00)	5/3/2021
FAET - 100%	Williams	(3,000.00)	8/9/2021
FAET - 50%	Williams	(1,500.00)	8/27/2021
Foster Parent Recruitment	Williams	(14,000.00)	1/26/2021
		\$ 108,762.16	

FRIENDLY TRANSFERS 2022

Grant	From County	Amount	Approval Date
Adult Protective Services	Carroll	20,000.00	7/1/2022
CCMEP TANF Regular	Henry	55,124.86	11/10/2022
Community & Protective Services	Williams	59,997.00	7/12/2022
Income Maintenance	Crawford	25,000.00	7/21/2022
TANF Administration	Wood	23,510.38	12/16/2023
TANF Administration	Def/Paulding	12,000.00	11/15/2022
TANF Regular	Shelby	55,000.00	12/27/2022
TANF Regular	Wood	3,400.06	12/16/2022
Def/Paulding	Def/Paulding	52,000.00	11/15/2022
Title XX Transfer	Monroe	100,000.00	8/2/2022
Title XX Transfer	Sandusky	55,000.00	12/16/2022
Title XX Base	Monroe	28,000.00	8/26/2022
Title XX Base	Monroe	35,000.00	8/2/2022
Title XX Base	Sandusky	17,057.54	12/16/2022
		\$ 541,089.84	

Grant	To County	Amount	Approval Date
Adult Protective Services	Crawford	(2,431.99)	8/19/2022
Community & Protective Services	Morrow	(24,559.96)	8/24/2022
Community & Protective Services	Def/Paulding	(24,559.96)	8/24/2022
FAET - 100%	Crawford	(7,000.00)	7/21/2022
Kinship Caregiver	Lucas	(90,000.00)	3/23/2022
		\$ (88,551.31)	

APS Net (received) 17,568.61
Community & Protective Net (received) 10,877.08

Grant	Subset	2018 Amount	2019 Amount	2020 Amount	2021 Amount	2022 Amount
CCMEP TANF Admin	PA	16,850.65	28,205.19	255.00	23,382.81	2,595.95
CCMEP TANF Regular		192,987.84	295,605.24	222,812.98	75,882.69	33,769.68
TANF Administration		293,840.68	4,993.30	-	1,334.73	-
TANF Regular		151,207.59	43,879.58	-	46,316.43	27,926.39
		654,886.76	372,683.31	223,067.98	146,916.66	64,292.02