

Minutes
November 3, 2017

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

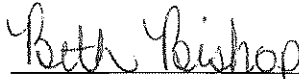
Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Judge Miller, Judge Starn, Steve Welton, Charity Rauschenberg, Tracy Coldren, Sheriff Heldman, Beth Bakies, Jim Baker, Jim Maurer, Alex Parker

Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting and started with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Prosecutor Phillip Riegle spoke regarding the Robocall last night. Heather Pendleton played the call that was distributed throughout Hancock County. Prosecutor Riegle explained that whoever is responsible for these recorded robotic calls is not accurate. They are either ignorant of the law or just outright misleading the public. He said Chapter 325 of the Ohio Revised Code states that an Elected Official cannot raise their pay. Per statute, any pay increase must be passed by legislature.


Commissioner Brian Robertson also gave a statement (attached).

Respectfully submitted,




Beth Bishop, Clerk

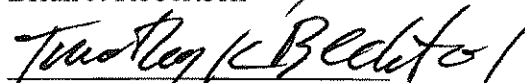
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol

Good morning

As you all of you know, we have a big decision before our community on Tuesday. Do we want a safe and drug-free community, or are we going to allow inmates to run free across our neighborhoods? This is not a metaphor; it is a dire crisis our law enforcement and our courts face every single day because we do not have the infrastructure to support them.

Over the past several years, we have witnessed law enforcement attacked and abandoned by other communities and their elected officials. We have proudly stood with our brave men, women, and canines in uniform in Hancock County, and Tuesday is a meaningful opportunity to show them we appreciate their willingness to sacrifice their lives for our sake. We need to go beyond placing illustrative blue lines down Main Street and express material support for these brave men and women by providing them with the tools they need to keep us safe.

Albert Einstein profoundly stated, "Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." Those words are incredibly earnest when you cast your ballot by voting ~~YES~~ on Issue 4.

Last night, we learned that an illegal robotic phone call was made to voters in Hancock county, encouraging residents of the Signature County of Ohio, and Flag City, U.S.A. to oppose standing shoulder to shoulder with our men and women in blue. Not only did they break the law by lying and ethically fail to reveal the entity that financed the call in a legally required disclaimer within it, but they have also shown their cowardice to not publicly oppose our criminal justice system and those who fight to protect our families every. Single. day.

These people clearly do not support law enforcement; their lies and lack of ethics prove they support continued growth of criminal activity in our community over honest public discussion.

Voting ~~YES~~ on Issue 4 rejects their disdain for the law and those who enforce it, and Tuesday is our chance to demand a safe and secure community, and oppose dangerous felons continuing to distribute poison and killing those we hold dear to us.

Now is the time to show our law enforcement we love and support them, and put criminals on notice that we are once again Handcuff County.

Thank you,

