

## Minutes

November 1, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Nichole Coleman, Larry Sudlow and Tom Smith

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The budget hearing for Veterans Services began.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Pepple reconvened the meeting in the Commissioner's 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. Minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Also present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, State Auditor Keith Faber, Rick Walter, Heather Clow, Lori Brodie, Pat Sadowski and another board MCPA board member.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #735-22 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #736-22 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #737-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #738-22 – Transfer of funds within the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pepple welcomed State Auditor Keith Faber. Auditor Faber stated he wanted to stop in for a visit to Hancock County. It looks like the county is doing great. His office has just given Auditor Rauschenberg a recognition. He gave some information from his office on ARPA fund uses and frequently asked questions. There was a discussion on some issues within the county including employment and housing. Auditor Faber also spoke about Work Force Training and how it has changed over the years to help students.

The Commissioners signed the October Explosive Gas Monitoring report, a travel request for the Sheriff, a letter of commitment for the Hazard Mitigation Project – Bus Garage Project and the VOCA/SVAA Grant award acceptance packet. Phil Johnson stated the Hazard Mitigation Project

letter was in reference to a resolution passed last week. Timothy Bechtol made a motion for Commissioner Pepple's signature on the OPWC DMZ04 HAN RE 205 2.91 Bridge Rehab Disbursement 1. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #739-22 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Hancock County Agricultural Society for distribution of lodging tax. Cindy Land stated 7 years ago the Commissioners established a new lodging tax and policy for distribution. It was established 1% would go to the Ag Society and 2% to the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. The original MOU term was for 7 years. This is the new MOU for the Ag Society at the same 1% but for a term of 3 years. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #740-22 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Marathon Center for the Performing Arts (MCPA) for distribution of lodging tax. Cindy Land stated this is the same as the previous resolution but this MOU is for Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. The rate will stay the same at 2% but the term has changed to 3 years. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #741-22 – Amendment to Resolution No. 519-15 Dated October 6, 2015, for the enactment of an Excise Tax on lodging furnished to transient guests, not to exceed three percent (3%) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5739.09(A)(10)(B) now numbered §5739.09(J)(1)(b). Cindy Land stated this is in regards to the same tax as the previous resolutions. The ORC code has changed. The original resolution did not have a sunset date due to hoping to make this a permanent tax. After doing further research it will need to have a termination date. This will amend the original resolution to have a term of November 1, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. to October 31, 2053 at 12:00 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolution #742-22 – Authorization to reimburse Energy Developments Inc. for amounts expended in relation to the horizontal gas well systems installation project in cell 2 of unit 2 of the landfill. Phil Johnson stated when this project originated it was our understanding that that the company leasing the land, EDL, would be responsible for all costs. After further review the county is responsible for any materials needed for underground work. This resolution is to reimburse EDL \$36,668.19 for materials purchased before it was determined the county should pay for it. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #743-22 – Authorizing establishing the 2023 Hancock County Holiday Schedule. Phil Johnson stated this is approving the usual set of holidays based on the attached list provided from the Commissioners' office. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Phil Johnson stated he has received the funds and sent out the deeds for the property on Shinkle Street. He also provided an update on where everything is for the equipment purchase for the Landfill.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg asked for clarification on what 2023 holidays were approved on today's resolution.

Steve Wilson stated the contract from Greenbright for the work at the landfill has been received. It goes with the resolution passed last week. It is in the commissioners' box in their office for signatures. We are still waiting on their construction bond but we will not complete the contract until that is received.

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

**Meetings/Reports**

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

William Bateson attended Fresh Brewed Business this morning where homelessness in the county was discussed.

Michael Pepple reported that he has sent out an email to all the department heads and elected officials about the Enterprise Lease program to determine interest in using the program. He also provided an update on the OneOhio email for disbursement and stated he will discuss the application process at the township trustees meeting tomorrow.

At 10:13 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate lease and potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

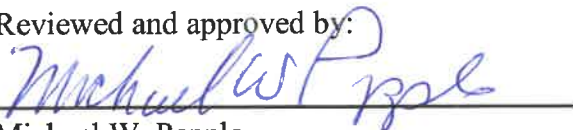
At 10:32 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate lease and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple

*William L. Bateson*

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William L. Bateson

*Timothy K. Bechtol*

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