

Minutes
October 10, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek, and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Maryann LaRoche, Pat McCauley, Miranda Lobdell, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #686-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #687-19 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #688-19 – Reappointment of Gregory E. Meyers as a member of the Hancock County Law Library Resources Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #689-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvement Bond Retirement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #690-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #691-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Family First. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #692-19 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family-General Office to Children Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #694-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Data Center. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed a proclamation requested by ADAMHS. They signed payroll for JFS. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Pat McCauley, a representative of the State Treasurer's office, gave the Commissioners information on their OMap program. The program helps with financing for capital loans. He also informed the Commissioners that the AgLink deadline is coming up. Treasurer Sprague extended the program to help the Agriculture Business after the extreme spring weather.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

Mark Gazarek attended the CVB Board meeting. Hotel Motel tax is up 4% year-to-date.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Liberty Benton State of the School presentation and the Mayoral Candidate Forum. He toured the County Home with the County Maintenance department. The monumental pillars on the porch will need repair soon. He also asked the Commissioner's opinion on the proposed hunting policy changes. Mark Gazarek gave no opinion. Brian Robertson stated he is fine with the current policy, but also fine with the proposed zoning policy. Timothy Bechtol said the maintenance department has a mailbox and spot available for the sign-in sheets for hunting.

At 10:35 a.m. the Commissioners met with Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman to discuss County Revenue. Jim Maurer and Miranda Lobdell were also in attendance.

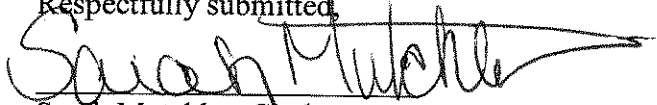
Charity stated the real estate tax estimate is affected by CAUV. Also, she said traditionally the estimate for sales & use tax revenue is conservative. Brian stated it is hard to replicate our economic development growth over the past few years, so he wants to continue to be conservative with estimated revenue. With their projections and a 1.5% increase, which was the Commissioners' directive to departments, she is projecting deficit spending in 2020. She asked the Commissioners if they would like to stay with a 5 year bond for debt surrounding the Juvenile/Probate Building or ask bond counsel about a 10 year bond. Timothy Bechtol would prefer to stay with a 5 year bond due to the savings on interest costs. Brian asked if the budget letter should be revisited to avoid deficit spending. Timothy suggested for next year sending an individual budget letter to each department as opposed to a blanket letter. Brian stated it is disappointing to have to look at longer borrowing terms. He would like to know what the difference in interest costs are between 5 and 10 years. Mark said he is not in favor of spending that much on the building and so he was leaving the decision up to his colleagues. Charity said she would be back next week for a decision.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met to discuss the Juvenile Probate Building. Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Miranda Lobdell, and Jim Maurer were also present. Brian said they have to make a decision on which plan they would like Garmann Miller to move forward. The two options are: A 27,000 sq.ft. building with Domestic Relations or an approximately 23,000 sq.ft. building that does not include Domestic Relations. Either option would include the connector to the historic courthouse. Mark stated he does not want to build a \$9 million building. The Commissioners told the public it would be a \$4 million project. Brian said the public was told \$5 million for the building and \$2 million to fix the greenhouse issues at the courthouse. He stated their numbers from 2 years ago were off by roughly \$800,000. The additional cost of the project is made up of moving Domestic Relations into the proposed new building. Brian Robertson made the motion to move forward with the 27,000 sq.ft. building that

includes Domestic Relations, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-1, Mark Gazarek voted no. The Commissioners will notify Garmann Miller.

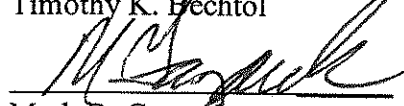
At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners met with Mayor Muryn to discuss an emergency response training facility. Sgt. Mark Price, Chief Josh Eberle, Chief John Dunbar, Chief Rob Martin, Lucinda Land, Adam Witteman, and Jim Maurer were also present. Mayor Muryn and Chief Eberle presented the Commissioners with information on the STRICT Center, a training facility for emergency response personnel. The facility would include two buildings: a live fire training building and a tower building. This would be available to all the emergency response entities within the county free of charge, and would be available for entities outside the county for a small fee. Chief Dunbar, Sgt. Price, Chief Martin, and Chief Eberle all expressed excitement over the possibilities this type of facility could provide for the community. They are estimating the cost of the project to be approximately \$1million. They are hoping to get \$200,000-\$250,000 from corporate donations, a \$100,000 Community Foundation Grant, the City if contributing \$250,000 and they are hopeful for \$300,000 in private donations. That would leave approximately \$100,000 not accounted for. Their goal is to have funding in place and the design of the facility done by spring 2020 and a groundbreaking by late 2020.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson