

Minutes

October 10, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Captain Ryan Kidwell, Sheriff Michael Heldman, Lieutenant Mark Price, Aleta Saltzman, Carolyn Copus, Engineer Doug Cade, Tim Stuart and Lou Wilin.

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 5, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

A Proclamation recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness month was read.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #710-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #711-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Blanchard River Maintenance #8133. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #712-23 – Repayment of advance from the Brownfield Coalition Grant Fund #2195 to the General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #713-23 – Transfer of funds from the Real Estate Tax Equivalent #8111 to US 224 Bond Retirement Fund #3117. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #714-23 – Transfer of funds from the Redevelopment Tax Equivalent #8111 to the Distribution Drive Bond Retirement Fund #3207. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #715-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Brownfield Coalition Grant #2195. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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Resolution #717-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 – Public Defender. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #718-23 – Authorizing entry into an agreement with Civicplus, LLC., for the completion of installation and set up of new information technology hardware and software for use in the Hancock County Computer and Technology System. Phil explained that this is a 4-year contract for \$74,999.99. Tim Stuart stated that this will allow for website services and ADA compliance. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #719-23 – Authorizing entry into Change Order No.1 to a contract with King Development, LTD., d/b/a King Environmental Group for environmental remediation and restoration services in Findlay. Phil stated that this change order relates to the Ranik property and is the 1st change order to the contract. Phil also stated that additional boring needed to be done and addition soil tested. The original amount of the grant was \$492,800 and we are within those figures. The change order is \$74,544.10. Phil stated that no additional funds from the county will be needed. Tim was unaware that backfilling was going to be done and Steve Wilson confirmed that it was and that the grant would cover it all. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #720-23 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with The Shelly Company for the 2023 Hancock County Cooperative Resurfacing Program. Phil explained that this is the final order that incorporates the 1st change order. This is a final reduction in the amount of \$77,000.00 for a total contract price of \$1,740,060.81. Engineer Cade stated that this completes their 2023 construction projects. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #721-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Harold Shuck, Inc. for the repair of multiple roof leaks at the Hancock County Justice Center. The cost to repair the roofing area at the Justice Center is \$2,250.00. Phil also stated that some of the work was covered under warranty. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #722-23 – Authorizing the County’s participation in a State of Ohio Healthy Aging Grant Program, authorizing application to that program and authorizing the retention of the Hancock County Agency on Aging (50) North and consultant Aleta Saltzman to act on behalf of the Board in furtherance of participation in the grant program. Phil explained that due to a provision in the recent budget bill, a grant from the ARPA funds can be applied for, that is aimed to keeping aging residents in their home longer. This can be done through a variety of measures: home repairs, meals, transportation sources, medical devises, etc. The grant is for \$258,000.00. This resolution allows for Aleta Saltzman to apply for the grant in the County’s name. Carolyn Copus stated that these funds will come to the County from ARPA. Aleta indicated that she is in the need of 2 sets of numbers to send the application out. Adam has access to one of the numbers, however, he does not have access to the other set she needs. Tim suggested that she contact the Auditor’s Office. Carolyn states that she appreciates the effort of everyone to get this grant moving. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and pending/threatened litigation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Engineer Cade had nothing to report.

Captain Ryan Kidwell stated that he spoke to a representative from Shuck Roofing and wanted to provide photos of the repairs that will be needed with a lift. The photos are right after a recent rain event. Tim stated that the gutter repair will be done in the Spring of 2024.

Lou Wilin did not have any comments.

Tim Stuart had nothing to report.

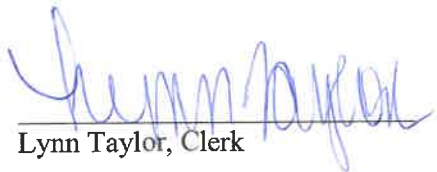
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Mike Peple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the First Friday luncheon.

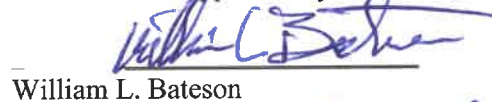
At 10:04 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and pending/threatened litigation. Michael Peple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Michael Peple, yes. At 10:20 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Michael Peple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randy Galbraith. Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson and Carolyn Copus were also in attendance. Randy touched base on the Healthy Aging Grant that is now available. His agency is not the best agency to benefit from the grant, hence he would like to pass it to 50 North. Tim Bechtol inquired as to how this would happen and Randy stated that it would start by the resolution that was passed in the earlier meeting. Carolyn discussed the benefits that their agency can start to pass along to their participants once the grant is approved. Randy then discussed the number of kids in their care. It appears that there were 96 kids in care in June and currently there is between 80-90, which is a decrease. The number of kids is lower, however, the costs of care for these children are very high due to their needs. The levy balance of funds is acceptable as well. There are also 66 children that currently receive in home services. The overtime for Medicaid is also going smoothly.

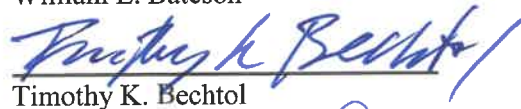


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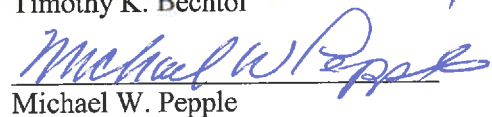
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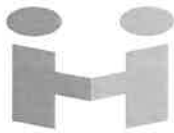
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Timothy K. Bechtol



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Randall L. Galbraith, Esq., Director

Commissioner's Report – October 10th, 2023

1) CPSU Financials

Balance Brought Forward (end of December 2022 placements)	(1,031,842.47)
2023 YTD Foster Care Placement	2,060,003.27
YTD Shared Placement Costs	-
ADAMHS and Juvenile Court Share	-
SCPA and Title XX used for shared	-
YTD Adoption (county share)	68,526.10
IV-E Reimbursement for Placements	(599,135.11)
Title XX Reimbursements for Placements	(76,476.01)
SS & Child Support	(82,888.27)
MSY Reimbursement (May)	-
MSY Reimbursement	-
SCPA SFY23 used for foster care services	-
Levy funds received	(1,713,605.78)
30-Days to Family Salary, Benefits, & Shared Costs	61,799.50
Balance	(1,313,618.77)

2) Kids in Care

3) Healthy Aging Grants

4) Overtime for Medicaid Unwinding

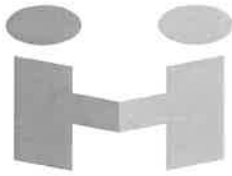
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Child Support Enforcement
 (419) 424-1365
 Fax (419) 424-7288

Workforce Development
 (419) 422-3679
 Fax (419) 422-8349

Ohio Works First
 (419) 425-6375
 Fax (419) 422-1081

Childrens Protective Services
 (419) 424-7022
 Fax (419) 424-7485



Hancock County Job & Family Services

Children's Protective Services Unit
September 2023

Total Number of reports Received:	
June 2023	113
July 2023	105
August 2023	146
September 2023	137
Screened In/Out	IN=28, OUT=104
June 2023	IN= 26, OUT= 75
July 2023	IN= 37, OUT= 66
August 2023	IN= 41, OUT= 105
September 2023	
Breakdown of case Type Screened In:	
June 2023	TR= 8, AR=16, FINS= 1, Dependency= 1
July 2023	TR= 12, AR=19, FINS= 6, Dependency=0
August 2023	TR= 15, AR= 21, FINS= 5
September 2023	TR= 9 ,AR=13, FINS=4, Dependency=2
Total Number of Kids in Care at months end	
June 2023	96
July 2023	92
August 2023	91
September 2023	83
Breakdown of <u>Current</u> Placements (83 + 2 AWOL)	
Family Foster Home	37
Adoptive	1
Kinship Placement	26
Group Home	9
Residential	9
Hospitalization	0
Detention	0
AWOL*	2
Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care	
June 2023	Enter= 5, Exit= 6

July 2023	Enter= 6, Exit= 10
August 2023	Enter= 5, Exit= 6
September 2023	Enter= 2 Exit= 4
Total number of Children Receiving In-Home Services	
June 2023	79
July 2023	72
August 2023	71
September 2023	66

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

PLACEMENTS SUMMARY STATEMENT *

Hancock County Job & Family Services

Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

7814 County Road 99
Findlay, OH 45840

DATE: 10/6/2023

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	241,410.35	-	6,753.94	(82,532.94)	(34,692.07)	130,939.28
February	215,325.24	-	6,990.62	(73,790.13)	(34,541.28)	113,984.45
March	234,323.04	-	7,134.16	(81,792.64)	(29,765.90)	129,898.66
April	242,130.66	-	7,572.53	(74,136.52)	(18,918.92)	156,647.75
May	262,403.49	-	7,687.21	(78,792.39)	(11,049.51)	180,248.80
June	269,031.80	-	7,718.63	(69,583.65)	(8,546.78)	198,620.00
July	323,234.75	-	8,234.31	(78,146.95)	(10,526.79)	242,795.32
August	272,143.94	-	8,217.35	(60,359.89)	(11,323.03)	208,678.37
September	-	-	8,217.35	-	-	8,217.35
October	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,060,003.27	-	68,526.10	(599,135.11)	(159,364.28)	1,370,029.98

Bal brought fwd	(1,031,842.47)
<u>County Paid</u>	
MSY	-
MSY	-
SCPA Applied	-
Levy funds February	-
Levy funds February	-
Levy funds March	(984,699.07)
Levy funds April	-
Levy funds August	(728,906.71)
Levy funds September	-
January	3,799.07
February	5,363.80
March	7,736.63
April	11,034.52
May	5,356.48
June	5,356.48
July	10,055.80
August	5,356.50
September	7,740.22
October	-
November	-
December	-
<u>TOTAL REC'D</u>	<u>(1,651,806.28)</u>
Balance	(1,313,618.77)

30 Days to Family
Personnel exp

NET BALANCE DUE (1,313,618.77)

* 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.

10/02/2023

Healthy Aging Grants

The application window for the new Healthy Aging Grants program is now open and available for county officials to access. We wanted to share the following reminders:

- The is the one-time \$40M allocation of ARPA dollars that the Dept of Aging recommended and the legislature included in the biennial budget.
- The county allocations have not changed since the Dept of Aging's testimony before the House Finance Committee.
- The project period of the Healthy Aging Grants runs 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024. Grant obligations must be made by 6/30/2024. Expenditures of those obligations may not extend beyond 9/30/2024.
- The parameters around how the funds are to be invested are more detailed than what was in the biennial budget. For example:
 - At least twenty percent (20%) of total allocation to support **food assistance** services;
 - At least twenty percent (20%) of total allocation to support **housing assistance**; and,
 - At least ten percent (10%) of total allocation to support **internet access and digital literacy** services.

Please view the Department of Aging's website for additional information and guidance:

- [Webpage](#)
- [Pre-Award Guidance](#)

The below letter is from Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy regarding the Healthy Aging Grants:

Dear County Commissioners, County Executives, County Council Members, and County Leaders:

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is pleased to announce that the application window for the new Healthy Aging Grants program is now open and available for county officials to access through the [Ohio Grants Portal](#).

As part of Governor Mike DeWine's commitment to empowering older Ohioans to maintain their health and independence, and with the support of the General Assembly, these Healthy Aging Grants will provide funding at the county level to support the creation of new programs or bolster existing programs that focus on delivering the vital services and supports necessary to keep at-risk aging Ohioans in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

All counties must complete an application to receive Healthy Aging Grants. Applications can be completed via the [Ohio Grants Portal](#). To apply, you must access the portal using your “citizens ID” or “OHID”. This digital ID is issued by the State of Ohio and provides a single, secure entry point to many of the online tools and applications used by state agencies. For assistance logging in with your ID, or to create a new OHID account, please review the [OHID Help Logging In webpage](#).

The application period will close at 11:59 pm on October 13, 2023. Applications must be complete and submitted on time to be eligible for funding. For additional information about the application process, proper utilization of funds, and more, visit our [Healthy Aging Grants program webpage](#).

Should you have any questions or require assistance at any stage of the application process, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated ODA staff. We are here to provide guidance and support to ensure a smooth and successful application experience.

We are excited about the positive impact the program will have on our communities and look forward to continuing our partnership with you to help achieve our vision of making Ohio the best place to age in the nation.

With anticipation for the important work ahead,
Ursel J. McElroy, Director, Ohio Department of Aging