

Minutes

October 19, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Tim Stuart, Jeff Hunker, Clair Bateson 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 17, 2023, meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion to approve two Warrant Journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved payroll for their staff and Job & Family Services. In addition, the Commissioners approved the updated Positions Description Authorization Form for the Social Services Worker 2 position at Job & Family Services.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #739-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Hancock County Law Library #2032. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #740-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #741-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS Bond Retirement Fund #3179. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #742-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Capital Projects Fund #4150. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #743-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Capital Projects Fund #4150. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #744-23 – Resolution to proceed with election on the question of a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Phil stated this is the second half of the Board's responsibility with regard to the Board of Developmental Disabilities' request to place the renewal levy on the ballot. The required information was received from the Auditor's office. This resolution states the levy should be placed on the ballot and the certified copy will be transmitted to the Board of Elections. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #745-23 – Authorizing entry into contract with All-Temp Refrigeration, Inc., for services in the nature of execution of the Job & Family Services building and 514 South Main Street Boiler Replacement project in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil stated this is part of the overall plan to address HVAC issues. The contract amount is \$314,252.00. We did receive a recommendation from Greg Wright to go with All-Temp Refrigeration’s lowest bid. Commissioner Bechtol clarified that we will be using ARPA money for this project. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Batson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #746-23 – Authorizing entry into an agreement with Sigma technologies, LTD., for the completion of the mapping, digitizing, fiber design and permitting engineering work, in preparation for the construction of an expansion of a fiber optic loop within Findlay and Hancock County, connecting city and county computer and technology systems. Phil stated the contract amount is \$74,000.00. Commissioner Pepple inquired if this project will coincide with the new tower. Tim Stuart stated yes, it is the design work. The construction will come after. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Batson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The contact requires Tim Stuart’s signature only. Phil stated he will update the resolution to read that Commissioner Bechtol and Tim Stuart are authorized to sign this contract. Michael Pepple made a motion to authorize Tim Stuart to sign this specific contract on behalf of the Board. William Batson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Charity clarified that any change orders come back to the Board for authorization.

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

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended the OneOhio Region 17 meeting. Applications for the county request will be available the first quarter of 2024. The Franklin County law suit is still ongoing. The suit that was at the Supreme Court has been settled. Commissioner Pepple attended the CAC meeting. The committee is hoping to have a recommendation regarding the jail ready to present to the Board by Thanksgiving. In addition, he attended the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Committee update meeting.

Timothy Bechtol attended the annual picnic for the Hancock Regional Planning Commission. Part of the meeting was to approve the rezoning of property in Eagle Township that is part of the flood basin work. Tuesday, Commissioner Bechtol participated in the Hancock County Library and Mazza Museum’s New Perspectives Program. Commissioner Bechtol shared his story on how he became a Commissioner. Commissioner Bechtol stated they continue with steel framing at the new Judicial Center construction site. There will be a Topping Off ceremony the first week of November. Everyone will be able to sign the beam that will be at the highest point of the front tower.

At 9:50 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate lease and pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 10:07 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate lease and pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 10:07 a.m., the Commissioners met with Auditor, Charity Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman from the Auditor's office. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Jeff Hunker, and Clair Bateson were also in attendance. Charity and Adam presented a General Fund report of the past three years actual revenue, the current year actual revenue, the current year budgeted revenue and the projected revenue. Charity and Adam explained in detail some of the individual revenue funds and the reasons for budgeting conservatively. Charity stated with the implementation of Munis more county elected officials' employees are helping with entering the budget. Charity stated the Ohio Public Defenders is starting a pilot program where the attorneys will submit their reports directly to the Ohio Public Defenders for reimbursement. Cindy stated the clerical duties and processing time will be reduced. Adam explained how the ARPA funds affect the revenue report. Adam provided the draft Annual Estimate of Revenues for the Commissioners to review. Discussion took place regarding what capital projects need to be budgeted for in 2023 and 2024. In addition, discussion took place regarding possible projects that will be financed in 2024.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate lease and pending litigation.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Ann Woolum, Jim Darrach and Precia Stuby from ADAMHS. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jeff Hunker, and Clair Bateson were also in attendance. Precia explained the changes to the Ohio Revised Code regarding the ADAMHS board composition. Ann and Precia stated they would like their board size to remain at 18. She stated two thirds of the appointments are made by the Commissioners and one third is made by the Mental Health and Addiction Services. Precia provided a board appointment recommendation for the Board to consider. Precia updated the Commissioners on the status of OneOhio. Precia along with Commissioner Pepple would like to meet with all local interested groups to identify priorities for the funding. Precia provided an update on the system capital projects which includes updates to their board office. In addition, Precia explained the criminal justice services updates.

At 11:11 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 11:45 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

William L. Bateson

