

Minutes

October 20, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman and Steve Wilson

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The assistant clerk stated the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting need some changes made. They will be presented at next Tuesday's meeting for approval.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #698-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #699-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #700-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #701-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #702-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #704-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Developmental Disability. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #705-22 – Transfer of funds from the Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund (3rd quarter fees 2022) - \$876.65. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #706-22 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (September 2022 \$1,339.49). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #707-22 – Transfer of funds within the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #708-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Law Library. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve two warrant journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Auditor's office and the Sheriff's office and payroll for JFS & their employees. They also approved the payment of an ARPA bonus for an employee. Adam stated there was confusion with dates on the letter sent out to departments. This employee was left off the list by their department. This will correct that and get them paid with their next check.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #709-22 – Resolution authorizing renewal of Cyber Liability Insurance coverage and payment of insurance premium. Cindy Land stated this is something we do every year. This is the same company and same coverage but it is a little more expensive. Last year the cost was around \$55,000.00 and this year the contract is for \$57,138.13. This includes 3 million in coverage and a couple riders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolution #710-22 – Authorization to enter into an agreement with ISCO Industries, Inc., for the purchase of numerous parts and materials for use in the installation of horizontal gas wells in Cell 2 of Unit 2 of the Landfill. Phil Johnson stated this resolution relates to the bid opening at 11:00. That is for bids for the execution of the project but the county is responsible for providing the materials. This contract is for the majority of the materials needed. This contract is for \$49,257.68. Steve Wilson stated Mannik and Smith asked three companies to bid and got responses from 2 of them. EDL will pay for any equipment or materials needed for above the ground and the county is responsible for what is needed for below ground. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards potential real estate acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report. He inquired if there had been a response from Sheriff Heldman and Cathy Wilcox in regards to the email sent out about the new Judicial Center project. Commissioners Bateson and Pepple confirmed they had. Commissioner Pepple will compile the responses and send them to RCM.

William Bateson attended the Conventions and Visitor's Bureau meeting this morning. The numbers are slowly getting better. We are getting closer to 2019 numbers every day.

Michael Pepple attended the Issue 1 Bus Tour yesterday with Treasurer Sprague. He expressed his support for Issues 1 and 2 at the upcoming election. Yesterday he also attended the Chamber of Commerce Small Business awards and the Blanchard Valley Center 70th anniversary event.

Commissioner Pepple also wanted to congratulate Don Bruce on being named the president of the Findlay-Hancock County Alliance.

At 9:52 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:08 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Nichole Coleman from Veterans Services in regards to the ARPA bonuses given to county employees. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Adam Witterman, Bill Johns, Charlie Fisher and Larry Sudlow. Nichole stated that her and her employees were a little shocked when they read the reports of county employees getting a bonus. She had not been aware of this. She would like to know why her employees were not included in the bonuses and if there are still ARPA funds available to help them give their employees bonuses. Commissioner Pepple and Cindy Land explained what the ARPA funds were and how it was decided what they would be used for. Commissioner Pepple stated that there were 5 county agencies not given the bonuses and these are agencies with their own governing board. Nichole asked for a bit more information on how to explain this to her employees. Commissioner Pepple gave an extensive explanation on how the ARPA committee decided on who and how much to give to all of the different agencies and non-profit organizations that received ARPA funds. Bill Johns asked if the other agencies that did not get bonuses are funded from the general fund. Adam stated some are funded from the general fund others use grants and levies as sources of income. Bill stated that all their employees are county employees with full county benefits. Larry Sudlow asked why the committee would pick and choose who would receive the bonuses. He feels they should have changed the amount and spread it out over everyone. Nichole stated these are the questions her employees will be asking as well. Commissioner Pepple stated this is what the committee voted to do after a lot of deliberation. Commissioner Bateson apologized that they are disappointed in this. Nichole stated it is most disappointing the lack of communication. Commissioner Bechtol inquired about where they are within the RFQ & RFP process. Nichole stated they have ranked the companies and are currently in negotiations with their #1 pick. Once they have a cost estimate they will get with Phil and Adam on where the money for the project would come from and next steps.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held the bid opening for the Landfill Unit 2 project. Also present was Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Don Moses and Steve Wilson. The Assistant Clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no additional bid packages have been received. There were 2 bids were received. SCS Field Services provided a bid of \$199,931.80 and Green Bright Environmental provided a bid of \$199,531.00. Both companies provided a bid bond. Commissioner Pepple stated the bids would be review and decision would be made.

At 11:29 a.m. the Commissioner reconvened the meeting.

At 11:30 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

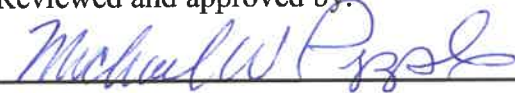
At 12:12 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

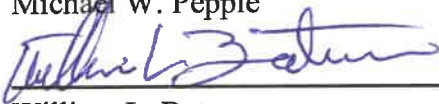


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol