

Minutes

October 21, 2021

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, and Mary Ann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the October 19th, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #712-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #713-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Sheriff Bond Retirement. Not presented.

Resolution #714-21 – Transfer of fund within the appropriation-Treasurer. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #715-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #716-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court Jail Diversion. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #717-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-ADAMHS. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #718-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed payroll for Commissioner's office and payroll for JFS.

The article, Linda Bishop submitted by email regarding new laws and new resources on wind and solar development in Ohio was presented.

Christine Carrigan requested an executive session in regards to personnel re: hiring.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #719-21 – Authorization to enter into Grant Agreement for Grant No. B-F-21-1BC for the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Hancock County, Ohio. William Bateson made

a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The grant is to be used for street improvements in Mt. Blanchard and Jenera.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate and potential personal property acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the Hancock County Convention and Visitor Bureau meeting.

Michael Pepple attended the Habitat for Humanity Financial Committee meeting.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Hancock County Regional Planning Commission meeting at Riverside park. Commissioner Bechtol also presented the October 2021 Sales Tax Revenue spreadsheet. Please see attached.

At 9:43 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel as it relates to hiring, potential real estate acquisition and potential personal property acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

At 10:37 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed personnel as it relates to hiring, possible real estate acquisition and possible personal property acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner's met with Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Phil Riegle, Lynn Taylor and Christine Carrigan to discuss preliminary 2022 revenues. Charity advised that sales tax for 2022 be increased this year to close the gap. Multiple departments assist with projecting the 2022 revenues. Indigent reimbursement currently is at 100%. Time is of the essence to get the information to the Ohio Public Defenders. Commissioners are aware that the deadline to approve estimated 2022 revenues is October 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson

New laws and new resources on wind and solar development in Ohio

Do Be Read at
Meeting

Large-scale wind and solar energy development has generated both opportunity and conflict across Ohio in recent years. For several months, we monitored the progress of Senate Bill 52, a proposal intended to address community and landowner concerns about wind and solar facilities. This past Monday marked the effective date for Senate Bill 52, passed by the Ohio Legislature in June, and we've been busy developing new resources to help explain the laws that are now effective.

The legislation expands local involvement in the siting and approval of large-scale wind and solar facilities in several ways:

- County commissioners may designate "restricted areas" where such facilities may not locate.
- County citizens may petition for a referendum to approve or reject restricted area designations.
- Developers must hold a public meeting over viewing a proposed facility in the county where it would locate.
- County commissioners may prohibit or limit a proposed wind or solar facility after learning of it at the public meeting.
- County and township representatives must sit on the Ohio Power Siting Board committee that reviews facility applications.

The new laws also require wind and solar developers to submit decommissioning plans and performance bonds to address removal of a facility at the end of its lifetime.

Our two law bulletins and video series on Senate Bill 52 are now available. The resources work through each part of Senate Bill 52 and explain which types of facilities will be subject to the laws. You'll find the new resources in our energy law library on the Farm Office website at go.osu.edu/energylaw.

Hancock County Juvenile / Probate Court
Building Project Funding

Year	Month	1/4% Sales & Use Tax Revenue	Juvenile/Probate Court Capital Project Fund	Juv/Probate Court Bond & Note Retirement Funds	Remainder for County Operations & Carry-over		
2019	January	\$336,152.76	Final Two Deposits into Flood Mitigation Fund				
	February	\$287,226.02					
	March	\$404,571.53	\$656,479.75	\$0.00	\$1,316,480.10		
	April	\$310,209.27		\$0.00			
	May	\$297,162.52		\$0.00			
	June	\$315,247.72		\$0.00			
	July	\$323,154.24		\$0.00			
	August	\$322,614.57		\$0.00			
	September	\$355,042.74		\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$255,042.74
	October	\$325,010.87		\$100,000.00		\$0.00	\$225,010.87
	November	\$347,609.79	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$247,609.79		
	December	\$354,074.94	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$254,074.94		
2019 Totals		\$3,978,076.97	\$1,056,479.75	\$0.00	\$2,298,218.44		
	plus FEMA Money Transfer	\$443,520.25					
	Total Deposits in 2019	\$1,500,000.00	For Project Funding				
2020	January	\$389,408.91	15.8% over 2019	\$100,000.00	\$289,408.91		
	February	\$321,096.39	11.8% over 2019	\$115,000.00	\$206,096.39		
	March	\$480,124.29	18.7% over 2019	\$115,000.00	\$365,124.29		
	April	\$285,988.36	7.8% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$170,988.36		
	May	\$289,216.47	2.7% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$174,216.47		
	June	\$284,513.03	9.8% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$169,513.03		
	July	\$266,122.18	17.7% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$151,122.18		
	August	\$273,044.23	15.5% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$158,044.23		
	September	\$392,300.37	10.5% over 2019	\$115,000.00	\$277,300.37		
	October	\$323,507.00	0.5% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$208,507.00		
	November	\$319,064.63	8.2% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$204,064.63		
	December	\$351,748.18	0.7% under 2019	\$115,000.00	\$236,748.18		
2020 Totals		\$3,976,134.04		\$1,365,000.00	\$2,611,134.04		
2021	January	\$325,447.84	3.2% under 2019	\$215,000.00	\$110,447.84		
	February	\$314,822.56	9.6% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$99,822.56		
	March	\$427,825.57	5.7% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$212,825.57		
	April	\$320,330.15	3.3% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$105,330.15		
	May	\$322,464.58	8.5% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$107,464.58		
	June	\$407,300.56	29.2% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$192,300.56		
	July	\$419,446.00	29.8% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$204,446.00		
	August	\$443,091.41	37.1% over 2019	\$215,000.00	\$228,091.41		
	September	\$411,531.19	15.9% over 2019	\$115,000.00	\$296,531.19		
	October	\$358,254.53	10.2% over 2019	\$115,000.00	\$243,254.53		
	November				\$0.00		
	December				\$0.00		
2021 Totals		\$3,750,514.39		\$1,950,000.00	\$1,800,514.39		
22-Month Payback for Bond Retirement				\$2,815,000.00	of \$5.8M borrowed		
5-Month Payback for Jail Improvements				\$500,000.00	of \$1.3M borrowed		
32-Month Cumulative Funds Deposited into General Fund					\$6,709,866.87		