

Minutes

October 26, 2023

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Clair Bateson.

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 24, 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 the Warrant Journal, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Auditor's office.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #767-23 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #768-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund-Sheriff 1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #769-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Hancock Veterans General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #770-23 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense Fee #8180 to General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #771-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification -Commissioners to appropriate to Litter Landing Fund #5069. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #772-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Brownfield Coalition Grant #2195. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #773-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Water Maintenance Fund #2088 (Eastgate Sewer Maintenance). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #774-23 – Repayment of advance from Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant #2084 to the General Fund. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #775-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant #2084. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #776-23 – 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 #777-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #778-23 – Assessment of funds for the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project (BRSEP) Maintenance Fund. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #779-23 – Resolution authorizing purchase of electronic poll books from Knowink LLC., for the Hancock County Board of Elections. Cindy stated the total purchase price is \$39,375.00. We are purchasing through a cooperative contract with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will reimburse eighty five percent of the cost, which is \$33,468.75. The Board of Elections will pay \$5,906.25. The Board of Elections stated their budget cannot accommodate the reimbursed amount of \$33,468.75 and would like the Commissioners to front that portion. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #780-23 – Resolution authorizing subgrant agreement with Wood County JFS and the Child Welfare Fellowship Project. Cindy explained Hancock County JFS will be receiving a portion of the large grant that Wood County JFS received. The funds will be used to support multiple JFS programs. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to threatened litigation.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #781-23 – Authorizing signature to and submission of documents to Ohio Office of Community Development in furtherance of the Target of Opportunity Downtown Builds Grant Program. Phil explained that this is a request for a release of funds and an environmental certification. Hancock Regional Planning Commission has done an investigation and the project does not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #782-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Vaughn Industries, LLC., to provide and install fiber cable related to the alarm system in the Hancock County courthouse and the Hancock County Justice Center. Phil stated this is to ensure that we have effective alarm system usage in the future. The contract amount is \$5,924.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #783-23 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for repair and replacement of equipment for security and alarm systems at the Hancock County Justice Center. Phil explained the previous resolution is a prerequisite to the larger contract. The larger contract will be bid out pursuant to this resolution. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Batson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #784-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Marlin P. White & Sons, Inc., for the replacement of a boiler pump at the Hancock County Courthouse in Findlay, Ohio. Phil explained this is for replacement of the north boiler in the courthouse. The contract amount is \$1,325.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #785-23 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Reese Refrigeration a division of All-Temp Refrigeration, Inc., for repairs to a portion of the HVAC system at the Hancock County Justice Center. Phil explained oil leaked due to a bad pressure valve. The repairs will cost \$1,210.00. This includes replacement of the oil that leaked out and the installation of a new pressure release valve. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Batson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg clarified that resolution 778-23 is the resolution that will be certified to the Auditor's office for assessments.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson reported he has one more week of therapy in Chicago.

Michael Pepple attended the CCAOSC Energy Program annual meeting. The committee feels heating and electric pricing will remain stable for the foreseeable future. He also attended the Blanchard Valley Health System Board meeting.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. They discussed the funds they have to make up with new memberships due to canceled memberships. He also attended the HHWP CAC meeting, the EMA Advisory Committee and the Solar Eclipse Planning meeting. The Solar Eclipse Planning committee members were informed that there are schools interested in bringing their kids to Northwest Ohio to view the solar eclipse. The Committee is highly discouraging this. In addition, he attended the Data Board meeting. They discussed pushing along the tower and fiber loop project. Charity stated the transition to Office 365 is scheduled for 2024.

10:00 a.m. – Public Defenders Budget Hearing

10:30 a.m. – Soil & Water Budget Hearing

11:00 a.m. – Juvenile Court Budget Hearing

11:30 a.m. – JFS Budget Hearing


1:00 p.m. – Auditor Budget Hearing

2:00 p.m. – Treasurer Budget Hearing

3:00 p.m. – OSU Extension Budget Hearing


Cindy Land's request for an executive session in regards to threatened litigation will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

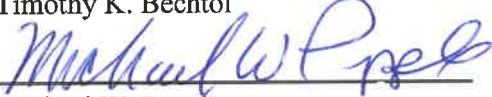
Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple