

## Minutes

October 27, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Lori Miller, Jodi O'Brian and Elizabeth Chandler.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Budget Hearing for the Board of Elections began.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Pepple reconvened the Commissioners meeting in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. Minutes from the October 25, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Steve Wilson and Engineer Doug Cade.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #724-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #725-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Community Development Block Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #726-22 – Repayment of advance from Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #727-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #728-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #729-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #730-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion for Michael Pepple to sign the 2023 Estimate of Resources. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the two Warrant Journals and Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. A travel request for the Public Defender was approved.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #731-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners in conjunction with the Hancock County Job & Family Services to enter into a contract with the Council on Domestic Violence Inc. DBA Open Arms to provide supervised visitation services. Cindy stated that will allow supervised visits with JFS if needed. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #732-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Engineer to purchase Freightliner tandem axel can & chassis on the ODOT State Cooperative purchasing program from Stoops Freightliner- Lima. Cindy stated that the cost of this dump truck will be \$112,963.00. Doug Cade stated that the process of trucks being built has changed. It is now very difficult and costly. Cindy inquired if a truck will be traded in and Doug indicated that no truck will be traded. They will use the truck that this new one is replacing for parts. Currently, they have 8 trucks that they are having difficulty getting parts for as the maker no longer makes the brand. Therefore, they would like to use the truck they are replacing for parts as needed. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #733-22 – Authorization for entry into agreement with Greenbright Environmental, LLC for the installation of the Horizontal Gas well system at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil explained that this agreement with Greenbright was recommended by Mannik & Smith after a review of the bids that were opened last week. This is for installation services only at a cost of \$199,531.00. Bill Bateson stated that although this seems like a lot of money, this will be a large savings in the future. Steve Wilson concurred. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #734-22 – Authorizing the entry into a purchase agreement in relation to parcels 201, 206, and 0 Meeks Court in Findlay and settlement of claims in relation to those properties an in relation to tenants in those parcels for inclusion in Phase II of the Blanchard River Benching Project and a railroad trestle replacement project. Phil discussed that \$100,000 will be the cost for all properties and that \$3,000 and \$1,500 will be used for the tenant's potential moving costs. Tim Bechtol inquired if these are both commercial and residential properties. Phil stated that they are just residential. Bill thanked Steve Wilson and Phil Johnson for all their work on this transaction. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Doug Cade reported that his crews will be finished with road paving this week and finish road striping next week. The bridge project will be finished soon as well. They are already working on next years potential projects. Cindy Land thanked Doug for his assistance with the Sheriff's Office tower. Mike Pepple also thanked Doug for his staff fixing the potholes at Liter Landing.

In addition, Doug stated that it was suggested that the area be resurfaced due to the condition. Of the pavement. The Commissioners acknowledged that Courtney would be grateful as well.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

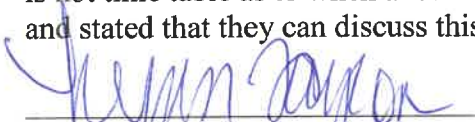
Charity Rauschenberg reported that she attended a seminar yesterday discussing the topic of capturing methane. She also inquired about the status of the Enterprise vehicle discussion. Mike Pepple stated that once the budget discussions have ended, he will send out the information to the Elected Officials for their input and review. Tim Bechtol stated that this is an elective for the Elected Officials to participate in. Doug Cade stated that if departments get fuel at the Engineer's Office, they have the odometer readings as they are required to input mileage when getting fuel at the pumps. Bill Bateson said that the Board is still investigating this program.

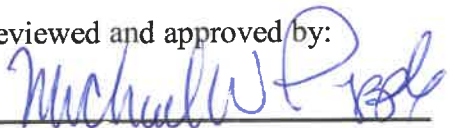
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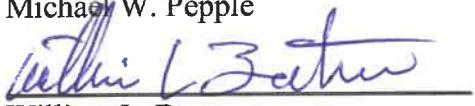
Tim Bechtol stated that he attended the EMA meeting. Tim also discussed the Solar Eclipse that will be in NW Ohio in the future. This was also discussed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that Tim attended. Tim attended the HHWP – CAC meeting and they are seeing an increase in students, however a decrease in the availability of teachers.


Bill Bateson stated that he attended the training held by First Insurance, which was HIPPA and FMLA.

Mike Pepple attended the One Ohio Region 17 Board Meeting and no funds are expected until 2023. Mike also attended the First Insurance training and the Blanchard Valley Health System Board meeting. Mike discussed the potential purchase of a front loader for use at the Landfill in 2023. Steve Wilson stated that this needs to move quickly. If this isn't purchased quickly, there is not time table as to when another one would be available. The Commissioner's acknowledged and stated that they can discuss this at their scheduled budget hearing.

  
Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:  
  
Michael W. Pepple

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol