

Minutes

October 04, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Nadine Weininger and Ashley Settlemyre.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 29th 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #655-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #656-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections - SOS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #658-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #659-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #660-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Sheriff department and the Hancock County Public Defender's office. The Commissioners signed the September 30, 2022, Hancock County Auditor Fund Report. The Commissioners signed a Proclamation declaring October 2022, National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #661-22 – Resolution authorizing a change order to WPCLF contract no. HS#390032-003-2021-008. Cindy stated this is one of the WPCLF tap in projects. This project is 85% grant funded and 15% homeowner funded. This will add an additional cost of \$1,100 to the original \$3,045. The homeowner has paid their contribution. This is for grading and seeding of the property. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #662-22 – Authorizing the correction of one section within Resolution No. 472-22, which authorized the entry into and execution of a purchase agreement for property located at 201 Clinton Court in Findlay. Phil stated there was an incorrect figure on Resolution 472-22 for the purchase price. This resolution will correct the figure in the previous resolution. The amount that was approved by the Board for purchase of the property was \$75,000. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #663-22 – Rejection of all previously solicited bids for the Landfill Unit 2 Gas Collection project. Phil stated all submitted bids received were more than 10% over the Engineer's estimated price for the project. All bids will be rejected and the bid bonds will be returned to the bidders. Steve Wilson stated that all of the bidders have been notified. Advertising will start this Thursday for rebidding the project. The estimate will be revised and the specs will stay the same. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.

Cindy Land brought to the Commissioners attention that the Dog Warden contract will be expiring at the end of November. Cindy requested that Adam calculate the amount that is available for this contract. The Humane Society has provided the stats of their services for the year for review. Cindy also stated the excise tax for the lodging that is used for the Marathon Performing Arts Center and the Ag Center distributions need to be renewed. She stated the resolution that established this tax needs to be amended to include a finite date. Auditor Rauschenberg asked Cindy to confirm on the record that there was not going to be any fall borrowing. Commissioner Pepple stated that timing is not right to proceed with fall borrowing. Cindy stated that if the borrowing amount for next year is around \$7 or \$8 million dollars that will shut down any borrowing for other projects next year.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the 50-year ribbon cutting celebration of the Good Samaritan Society in Arlington. He also attended the Ohio Representative forum between John Cross and Clair Osborne. Commissioner Bechtol was invited by Senator McColley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Senate committee meeting held at the University of Findlay to discuss addiction and community revitalization.

William Bateson attended the Community Advisory Committee meeting for the jail study.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

At 9:53 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:07 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential litigation, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:07 a.m., the Commissioners met with members from ACI Construction, RCM Architects and Redstone Architects for design, schedule and budget update for the Judicial Center. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Lynn Taylor, Auditor Rauschenberg Adam Witteman and Shawn Carpenter were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance sheet for additional attendees. Irvin Rinehart from RCM Architects stated Redstone Architect is providing their expertise by serving as the judicial consultant. Daniel Redstone from Redstone Architect led the process of the programming with all of the end users. Daniel described the process they took to come up with the schematic drawing that is presented today. He stated that every user that is going to be in this facility was interviewed. Based on the interviews they were able to get a good understanding of the work flow and the needs of the employees. Additions and deletions were developed to the project based on the staff needs and the security of the operations. They took into consideration the security regarding the traffic flow with the staff, public and detainees. In addition, they took into consideration the safety regarding keeping the adults and the juveniles separated throughout the facility. Plans were presented for all three floors. Discussion took place on what was going to be located on each floor and the traffic circulation for the staff, public, and detainees to enter and exit the building. The plans presented today was developed for potential growth of 18 additional staff members. Irvin stated that after applying the program to a rough schematic floor plan the building is at roughly 46,300 square feet. The site plan was shared. Discussion took place on security, parking and building access. Irvin stated they have been meeting aggressively every two weeks with the end users. Richard Kirk from ACI Construction stated the schematic design phase grew a little bit from the RFP due to taking into consideration the stakeholder and end user information. He stated the schematic design phase should be completed by the end of October. The design development phase should be ready by the end of January. The final GMP should be submitted by the end of March. Commissioner Bechtol stated we have a December 31st court date deadline, so we will have to find out more about what that means with this schedule. Richard stated the budget for this project is \$420.00 per square foot. Just under \$20 million. This cost is based on similar square footage buildings they have built in the past and looking at the economy today. Commissioner Pepple stated that being good stewards of taxpayer dollars, he would like a final vote of approval from the team of seven before giving the go ahead to proceed with the project. Richard stated that we want to make this work for everyone. Richard stated that they will need permission to move forward after submitting schematic plans, budget, and schedule. Discussion took place with Auditor Rauschenberg regarding the best time for spring borrowing.


At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening for a WPCLF project. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land and Jessica Sells were in attendance. The Assistant clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no bid packages have been received. There were no bids received. The project will go out for rebid.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Jason Althaus and Tyler Koenig from Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District. Christine Carrigan and Cindy Land were also in attendance. Tyler presented to the Commissioners a report showing the Blanchard River log jam totals for 2022. Discussion took place on the different classes of log jams and the cost of removing the log jams. A meeting will be scheduled with the joint board to discuss further.

Commissioner Bechtol asked the other Commissioners if they agreed that once we get the budget, schedule and schematics to date that each member of the committee of seven submits their approval by email before moving forward with the next phase. The approval of the team of seven will be required for each phase before moving to the next step. The other Commissioners concurred. Commissioner Pepple

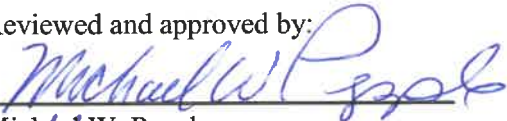
stated that it needs to be stressed that their vote today is very important because a change in subsequent votes will be very expensive.

Respectfully submitted,

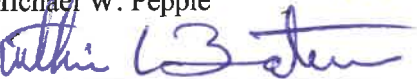


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol

