

Minutes

September 1, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Alec Helms and Jim Schroll.

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 August 30th, 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 resolution for consideration:

Resolution #573-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion and William Bateson seconded to approve the Warrant Journal. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Sheriff's department.

Jim Schroll from McComb attended the meeting to discuss the notice that went out to residents regarding the McComb-Schroll ditch hearing. He provided information regarding his reason for filing the petition. Jim stated that improvements to the watershed need to be made, but he does not see benefits of the proposed design. Cindy Land provided information on the next steps in the hearing process.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation. Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to pending litigation, potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate lease and potential real estate sale.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that the Hancock County Fair got off to a great start.

William Bateson agreed with Commissioner Bechtol regarding the fair getting off to a great start.

Michael Pepple shared the information he gathered from Gary Pruitt regarding the Bright Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Initiative during a meeting with several area farmers. They drove around to look at some of the Hancock County ditches that need maintenance. In addition, Commissioner Pepple had a conversation with Jason Althaus from Hancock County Soil & Water regarding the maintenance of the ditches in Hancock County. Commissioner Pepple also attended the fair opening day.


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

At 10:30 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential litigation, pending litigation, potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate lease and potential real estate sale, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners attended a conference call with Seneca County regarding Joint County Ditch Maintenance. Seneca County prepared one resolution for joint ditches as follows: Maintenance to be collected on Lowery-Frankart SC #11-079 Joint County Ditch and Keckler-Coleman SC #11-235 with Hancock County. The resolution passed and will be forwarded to Hancock County for signatures and file.

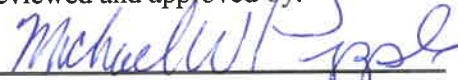
At 2:00 p.m., the Commissioners met with members of the Midwest Employee Benefits Consortium (MEBC) to negotiate leaving the insurance pool. Christine Carrigan, Lucinda Land, Ben Otley, Lori Huth, Maggie Neely, Phyllis Nielson, Erica Preston, Doug Spencer, John Bergman, Rick Muhlenkamp, Dave Bambauer, Kim Everman and Nancy Zizelman were also in attendance. The final negotiation resulted in MEBC paying all 2022 Hancock County run out claims, three months of administrative fees and three months of stop loss coverage. The total of these expenses is not to exceed \$1,200,000. Gallagher will try to work with Elixir to have them waive the early termination penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

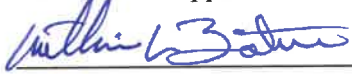


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol