

## Minutes

September 13, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Lori Brodie.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 8th 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 #584-22 – 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 #585-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #586-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Jail Diversion. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #587-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Probation Improvement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #588-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas – General Special Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #589-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #590-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #591-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff – General Office. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #592-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Brownfield Grant Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bechtol made a motion and Commissioner Bateson seconded for Commissioner Pepple to sign the Mutual Release and Directive to Return Earnest Money Deposit for the mall. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel requests for the Sheriff's department.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #593-22 – Authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Hancock County Commissioners and TSC Communications, INC., for a unified communications & VoIP phone system for Hancock County. Cindy stated this amendment will add Hancock County Landfill phones to the county VoIP system. There will be a one-time service fee of \$565.98 and an adjustment to the monthly fee of \$68.47. The contract termination date will not change. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #594-22 – Authorizing for solicitation of a public bids for construction at the Hancock County Sanitary Landfill for the installation of horizontal gas wells in cell 2 of unit 2. Cindy stated the estimated cost for the installation is \$150,000.00. This resolution gives the Clerks authority to solicit bids. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rauschenberg introduced Lorie Brodie from the State Auditor's office. Lori came to award Auditor, Charity Rauschenberg the Ohio State Auditor Award with Distinction. Lori stated that out of fifty-nine hundred entities audited only three to five percent earn this award. She stated the county is required to be a GAAP entity and have a very clean audit to receive this award. She also recognized that the Hancock County Elected Officials are all on the same page and the staff do a good job. Auditor Rauschenberg concurred. Commissioner Bateson stated this is a staff award. They do all the daily work and make sure things are done correctly. Commissioner Pepple stated a clean audit is important to keep the confidence of voters. Auditor Rauschenberg explained to the Commissioners why they took on GAAP. She thanked the Commissioners for the funds to participate in GAAP. Auditor Rauschenberg agreed with Commissioner Bateson regarding staff making sure things are done correctly on a daily basis. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that Hancock County will contract with an IPA for next year's audit. Cindy inquired on the status of fall financing. Commissioner Pepple suggested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss this.

Adam Witteman stated he would like to discuss the travel policy at Thursday's meeting.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Timothy Bechtol had a conversation with Hancock County's attorneys regarding the Judicial Center. He also met with Greg Wright, who is preparing a HVAC system study for seven of the county buildings.


William Bateson attended the Chamber of Commerce - First Friday Luncheon, Ag Council meeting and Local Farm Bureau meeting.

Michael Pepple attended the Ag Council meeting and Chaired the Opioid Addiction Legislative Task Force Meeting.


At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening for the Jenera Grain Silos demolition project. Christine Carrigan, Phil Johnson, Matt Cordonnier, Lizzy Essinger, Nick Bartholomew of O'Rourke Wrecking Co., Robert Wise of Helms Construction Inc. and Beth Cogley of All Excavating & Demolition were in attendance. The Assistant clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no additional bid packages have been received. Eight bids have been received. All Excavating & Demolition provided a bid of \$132,700.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. O'Rourke Wrecking Company provided a bid of \$489,000.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Dore & Associates Inc. provided a bid of \$324,600.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. L.J. Irving Jr. &


Sons Demolition Inc. provided a bid of \$232,347.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. C & J Contractors Inc. provided a bid of \$283,200.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Baumann Enterprises, Inc. provided a bid of \$279,888.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Helms Construction Inc. provided a bid of \$256,000.00. No addendum was received and bid bond received. Alpha Demolition Inc. provided a bid of \$256,635.00. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Commissioner Pepple stated the bids will be reviewed by the prosecutor's office and Regional Planning. A recommendation will come from their office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Michael W. Pepple

  
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William L. Bateson

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol