

Minutes

September 15, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Lou Wilin.

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 13, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #595-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to HUD Fund 2062. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #596-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Brownfield Grant Fund 2195. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #597-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Juvenile Special Docket Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #598-22 – Release of permissive tax – City of Findlay to pay for debt service associated with improvements to County Road 236 located within the City of Findlay. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #599-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Family and Children's First Council. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #600-22 – Transfer of funds within the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #601-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioners to appropriate to Severance – Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #602-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – MVGT. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #603-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #604-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Hud Fund 2062. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the two Warrant Journals, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Two travel requests for the Treasurer and one for JFS were approved. An updated job description for JFS was approved. The MWCD August expenses for \$4,164.35 and Stantec expense reimbursement for September 2022, \$72,454.78 were approved.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #605-22 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Treasurer of State. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #606-22 – In the matter of awarding appreciation bonuses to employees for service to the county throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Board of Commissioners and Auditor Rauschenberg expressed thanks to the employees for their commitment during this time.

Auditor Rauschenberg explained that she received a MOU from the State Auditor’s Office in regards to auditing services with Clark, Shafer and Hackett for the State. This term of these services will be January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2026. All 3 parties are to sign the MOU. The parties would consist of the State, Clark, Shafer and Hackett and a representative from Hancock County. Cindy Land suggested that the empty boxes should have notations added. Charity acknowledged. The State is requesting that the MOU be in their office by September 19, 2022. Timothy Bechtol inquired if the state was ok with the Auditor’s signing in the name of the County, and Cindy stated that she thinks the state prefers to have Auditor Rauschenberg sign it. Timothy Bechtol made the motion for Auditor Rauschenberg to sign the final MOU in the name of Hancock County. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #607-22 – Authorizing the correction of the contract amount stated within Resolution No. 487-22, which authorized the entry into an execution of an agreement with Civil & Environmental Assessment Services with relation to property owned by David Lai pursuant to the Brownfield Remediation Program Grant agreement with regard to property located near the intersection point of I-75 and County Road 99 in Hancock County, referred to as the Lai Assessment Project. Phil explained that this resolution is a correction from an earlier resolution. The contract price was incorrect and the correct price is \$210,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution # 608-22 – Authorizing entry into change order no. 1 to a contract with Point & Pay, LLC for the installation of in-person payment systems for a credit card payment system at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil Johnson explained that this has been about an 18-month process and hopefully this will speed things up a bit. The total cost will be \$900.00 for 2 attachments to the credit card process. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #609-22 – Authorizing a second amendment to a memorandum of agreement dated August 13, 2019 between the Board and the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District relating to engineering and other services for replacement of the Norfolk Southern Rail Bridge over the Blanchard River needed for additional work in 2022. Phil stated that he and Steve Wilson went through all the prior agreements with MWCD back to August 13, 2019. This amendment relates to the expenses of the bridge replacement. Estimated expenses are \$142,700.00. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Tim inquired where the resolution for the landfill system will come from. Phil indicated that it would come from landfill funds. Tim also wanted to confirm that Flood Mitigation funds will fund the amendment with MWCD. Phil confirmed that Flood Mitigation funds will pay for it.

Adam had nothing to report.

Auditor Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin requested a copy of Resolution #606-22. He also stated that he will be contacting Mike Pepple for further information.

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Tim Bechtol had nothing to report.


Bill Bateson had nothing to report.

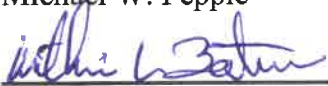
Mike Pepple stated that he attended the Downtown Improvement District meeting. Mike also attended the Employee Benefit Meeting and informed the committee that they will be considering 3 insurance quotes from new pools next week. Adam Witteman requested that the budget letter be completed once the insurance costs are determined. Cindy Land stated that exact numbers won't be available until the first days in October. However, we should have a good idea of what costs will be. Adam acknowledged. Mike stated that the goal will be to have employees turn in their insurance forms prior to Thanksgiving. Tim inquired if there will be an increase to the premiums and Cindy stated that we just don't know that yet.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman. Lynn Taylor and Cindy Land were also present. Mike Pepple stated that he wanted to discuss the options for fall borrowing with the Auditor based upon a prior meeting with Mike Sudsina. Mike does not want the borrowing to decrease our bond rating. The discussion included terms of the financing, the types of financing available, the cash balance of the General Fund and the possible amounts that could be borrowed. Mike would like to know what amount of money is manageable for Hancock County. Auditor Rauschenberg suggested that a review of Mike Sudsina's earlier presentation for some direction. She will also gather information about a range of dollar amounts to consider.

Mike stated that he was able to obtain the travel policy for Miami County and Madison County. The travel policy for Hancock County is currently \$35.00 a day with receipts upon reimbursement. Mike Pepple suggested that our policy is updated to \$50.00 a day with receipts provided within 45 days for reimbursement. Cindy Land will prepare a resolution with the updated information.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol