

Minutes

September 17, 2019

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Cheryl Kellogg, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution #591-19 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #592-19 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee to Litter Landing. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #593-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Probation Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #594-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Dog and Kennel. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #595-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job and Family Services. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

A travel request was approved for the Auditor's office.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions from the Prosecutor's office for consideration:

Resolution #596-19 – Authorizing a Joint Maintenance agreement between Hancock County and the City of Findlay with TSC Communications Inc. for the Fiber Loop Project. Cindy stated that the project is now completed. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #597-19 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into an amendment to the contract with the Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam Community Action Commission (HHWPCAC), to provide necessary transportation services. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land pulled the last item on the agenda until more clarification can be gathered from the EPA before moving forward.

Charity Rauschenberg reported that last month sales tax took a step backwards by about 8% less and this month moving forward about 2% more, so it is moving in the right direction. Also, Charity wanted to remind the Commissioners about the debt. She sent out emails about scheduling notes and resolutions on September 26th and she also spoke with Cindy Land. Charity talked about going over the bond information and covering the resolutions a little early. She will probably not make it to the meeting on the 26th. Cindy stated that the resolutions for the borrowing portion for the notes are pretty routine and there is no new money. Charity does not have a resolution at this time but is talking about bonding \$5.8 million. It may be a separate issuance which will cost to do that. Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson agreed, although it may cost more to do, they feel it is better to keep some items separate. Timothy Bechtol would like to see what that difference is in cost though.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson attended the Census Count meeting on Thursday stating that they are making good progress. On Friday morning he attended the Alliance Board meeting. On Saturday he was at the American Legion for the Centennial Celebration of our local Post #3 which was the third post in the country. State Treasurer Robert Cole Sprague was in attendance and gave a wonderful tribute and perspective of those on the front line. The mayor was there along with Congressman Latta and State Representative Jon Cross.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Hancock Historical Barn tour on Saturday, visiting 6 historic barns on display. There were 700 people that attended the tour some coming from out of state. On Monday, he attended the CCAO regional update meeting in Napoleon.

Brian Robertson requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation. Brian Robertson made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:52 a.m. to discuss potential litigation, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes and Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:25 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential litigation with no action taken. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:25 a.m. the Commissioners met with Cheryl Kellogg from the Census Bureau for a brief presentation. Cheryl introduced herself as a Partner Specialist for the Census Bureau and stated that she was a resident of Findlay for 30 years. She also said today is Constitution Day! Cheryl came to talk about the 2020 Census and handed out a packet of information to be referred to. The message to get out there is that the Census is easy, convenient and important to the communities. It talks about how local governments can help. 95% of households will be able to get the census through the mail, but 5% will be hand delivered because of having post office boxes in communities like Arlington, McComb, and Arcadia. Less than 1% of households will

be counted in person by a census taker. This is done in very remote areas. The census questionnaires can be done online, phone or mailed in. They are still hiring for census takers. This year they will be counting college students in their dormitories and nursing homes for a complete count. They are working with Regional Planning, GPS and Postal Service to see where all the potential residents are at and have they responded. They will have a No Response Unit from April 1st on that will go door to door to try to make contact with those residents. Cheryl talked about the financial importance of the census regarding the \$675 billion that comes back to the communities in federal funds, appropriations and grants which are based on census numbers. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. Responses to the census are safe, secure and protected by federal law and the answers can only be used to produce statistics. Brian Robertson gave Cheryl an update on what Hancock County has been doing already. They will be addressing the homeless shelters in the community to make sure they are all counted. Brian stated that there is good collaboration between local government with city and county, as well as dialog with the Alliance and private sector partners. They will be reaching out to the township association and taking a census worker to the township meetings to connect with township trustees. Cheryl stated that she has set up a meeting with the County School Superintendent Larry Busdeker, and Brian said that he is part of their committee. She said she will be doing a presentation for the Mayor and City Council tonight. Brian asked Cheryl if she would be available to attend a committee meeting and she said that she could. They scheduled her to come on October 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Lastly, Cheryl recommended considering a joint proclamation along the timeline for a kick off and Brian agreed that was something that could be done.

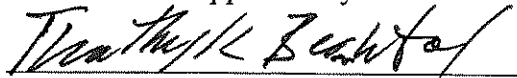
At 6:00 p.m. the Commissioners met at the Brugeman Lodge for the Howard Run Ditch View. Please see the attached attendance sheet and presentation.

Respectfully submitted,



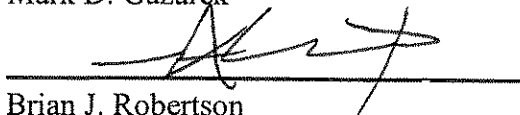
Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson