

Minutes
September 24, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, William Bateson, Steve Wilson, MaryAnn LaRoche and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek 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 22, 2020 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #724-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #725-20 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to the General Fund (August 2020)-\$2,529.62. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #726-20 – Transfer of funds from Sanitary Landfill to Landfill Bond Retirement Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #727-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #728-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Redevelopment Tax Equivalent. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #729-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Community Development Block Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #730-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #731-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #732-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #733-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Agency on Aging. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #734-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved payroll for Job & Family Services. They signed a letter that will be sent to the CARES Small Business Grant Awardees. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Clerk requested an executive session to discuss personnel-hiring.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #735-20 – Amendment to Resolution No. 699-20 regarding authorizing a subgrant of a portion of the Hancock County CARES Act Relief Fund to the Hancock County ESC for use additional nurses at county schools. This is to clarify the money is to be used for medical assistants. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #736-20 – Resolution to correct typographical error in Resolution No. 700-20 regarding authorizing a subgrant of a portion of the Hancock County CARES Act Relief Fund to the HHWP CAC for assistance to Hancock County residents in need of housing assistance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #737-20 – Amendments to the MEBC-Hancock County Employee Health Care Plan Document. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda did not present the amendment for the WPCLF contract. HRPC will be reaching out to the contractor to discuss this project further.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #738-20 – Authorizing execution and delivery of letter of intent related to Palmer Energy and the CCAO Service Corporation. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #739-20 – Authorizing execution and submission of documents relating to FEMA-DR-4424-OH Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project in Findlay. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Charity Rauschenberg brought up concerns about the health insurance plan. There will be a large increase in premiums plus changes to the insurance plan, and she asked the Commissioners to consider receiving quotes from other companies to make sure our insurance is still competitive. One year's notice is necessary for MEBC to leave the consortium, so if the Commissioners would like to consider other plans, it would be necessary to give MEBC notice as soon as possible. Brian stated that he is willing to shop around, but doesn't feel that we would get better rates due to the high cost claims we have had. Mark said he is willing to hear concerns from the other Elected Officials, but as of right now, Charity is the only Elected Official he has heard from.

Steve Wilson reported on the construction at the Landfill, the Vanlue drainage project, and the Clinton Court demolition.

William Bateson asked which schools were being helped with the \$80,000 CARES funding for medical assistants. Timothy Bechtol said McComb, Arcadia, and Cory-Rawson.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson gave notice of a virtual meeting to be hosted by ODOT for the CR 180 fly-over on October 16.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Chamber of Commerce Advisory Meeting and the CARES Act Funding Committee meeting. HRPC is administering the Small Business Grant. They are still reviewing the applicants for eligibility, but some checks will be going out soon. Charity thanked Lucinda for her work on the subgrant agreements and apologized for the rushed nature, but said it is due to the reporting deadlines. Tim received notice from Representative Cross that the State House and Senate have passed HB 614 giving Hancock County approximately \$2.7million in additional CARES funding, if approved by the Governor. He also stated he has a running spreadsheet for COVID cases for Ohio that is kept on Tammy's desk.

Mark Gazarek asked Charity if the CVB is audited with the County Audit. Charity said the Hotel Motel tax revenue is audited as part of the county audit, but the recipients of the money would have a separate audit from the County.

At 10:06 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel-hiring, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:24 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed personnel-hiring with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

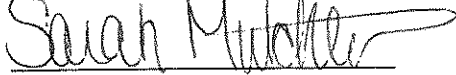
At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met to discuss the budget letter that will be sent to departments for the 2021 budget. Sarah Mutchler, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, William Bateson, and Jim Maurer were also present.

Charity said that Budget Commission has not met yet to make recommendations for the General Fund Revenue, however they will need to be cautious and conservative with revenue estimates. Sales Tax revenue is flat compared to 2019 currently. Brian suggested flat funding for 2021. Timothy said he would be willing to increase plus or minus 1%. Mark stated that the most valuable asset for the county is its employees. He suggested a 1.5% increase for the 2021 budget. The levy for Children in Placement will begin collection in 2021, which frees up \$1.2

million of the General Fund. The 1.5% increase still leaves money for capital improvements and paying down debt.

Charity asked the Commissioners about the current debt. They will need information from Timothy regarding estimates for the outstanding Justice Center projects to see how much can be paid down and how much can be rolled. The Commissioners would like to pay off the Distribution Drive debt and Tall Timbers debt. Timothy encouraged the Board to roll the \$2million note for the Juvenile Probate Court Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

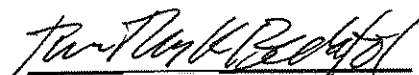
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol