Minutes

September 29, 2021-Special Meeting

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple and William Bateson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Philip Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Shawn Carpenter, and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 4:25 p.m. in the Commissioners' 2nd floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #655A-21 – Authorizing action related to due diligence period within purchase agreement for real property at 1800 Tiffin Avenue in Findlay. This resolution will exercise the right to terminate the purchase agreement and authorize Squire Patton Boggs to execute the necessary documents. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson stated he is disappointed they were unable to utilize the building to solve the county's space problems, but without the court it doesn't make sense to purchase the property.

Timothy Bechtol said he understood the panels decision, but felt the county is missing out on a huge opportunity.

Lou Wilin asked about the square footage of the space that was going to be purchased. William responded that 335,000 square foot inside the building and 28.8 acres of parking. Lou also asked if the reason they were terminating the purchase of the property was only related to the Juvenile Probate Court not moving to that property. William stated the intention was to make a centralized space with all of the offices that work closely or have clientele in common to be in the same space. Without the court, that plan will be unachievable.

Charity Rauschenberg asked if the earnest money would be returned to the county. Philip Johnson said it would.

Timothy Bechtol thanked the seller for being very accommodating while the Commissioners completed the due diligence period.

William Bateson also thanked RCM, Lee and Associates, and BW Construction for their work during the due diligence period.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple

William L. Bateson