

Minutes

September 5, 2019

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

Also Present: Steve Wilson, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Todd Richards and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 2nd floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution #566-19 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #567-19 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation – MV & GT. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #568-19 – Transfer of Funds from ADAMHS ODMH Federal to ADAMHS Levy. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #569-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #570-19 – Transfer of Funds within the appropriation – Probate and Juvenile Court – General Office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioners approved the 32nd payment request from Stantec in the amount of \$33,005.16. Commissioners signed the Acknowledgement of Receipt forms from FEMA for two properties located at 300 S. Main St. and 512 S. Main St. that carry flood insurance. A letter was signed by the Commissioners going out to Tim Robinson regarding the Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation. Steve Wilson explained that this letter is part of the information package for a \$15 million dollar grant. This acknowledges that Hancock County is providing funding for the current project that is being constructed in Findlay that will serve as the 20% match for the Eagle Creek Watershed Flood Mitigation.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution from the Prosecutor's office for consideration:

Resolution #571-19 – Authorizing Expenditure of Funds for a permit related to project with the Nature Conservancy along Township Road 89 in Liberty Township. Phil explained that this project is in process and it is a request for the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$360.00 for the permit fee to the Ohio EPA. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Resolution #572-19 – Authorization for the purchase of Three (3) used vehicles for the Hancock County Department of Job & Family Services, Hancock County, Ohio. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #573-19 – Sale of public property no longer needed by Hancock County Job & Family Services. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #574-19 – Approval of the Hancock County Job & Family Services Prevention, Retention, Contingency Plan (PRC). Cindy explained that every 2 years, they have to do an update of the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) plan. It is the documents and policy used for the distribution of money for the PRC program. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson met on Tuesday with Keith Martin regarding their efforts with the jail study. Most of the discussion was about space, construction costs and looking at the budget. Also the long term costs in terms of operation and operating efficiency.

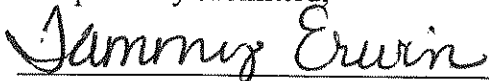
Mark Gazarek met with Mark Martin on Tuesday and discussed the entire justice system and how efficient we are with the current justice system. They talked about jail over population and what that means, arrests, pre-trial sentencing, bonds and the entire justice system including judges and police officers.

Timothy Bechtol also interviewed with MJ Martin on Wednesday, discussing every possibility of what to do and different options available to move forward. He presented our Proclamation for Constitution Week which begins on September 17th. Also on Tuesday, Timothy met with the Board of Revisions for a brief session. Timothy reported that he has been looking into the hunting permission that is normally granted to hunters for the property out on CR 140 adjacent to the Wetlands project and examined different options on how to improve that system, especially the amount of people that come in on a yearly basis to ask permission to hunt on that land. One option that he would like to discuss more would be the "Zoning" system, where sign in sheets would be in an enclosed mailbox, and be required by hunters to be filled out to limit the number of hunters being on top of each other and keeping hunters in the proper zones. Permission slips

would be updated to add vehicle information for each hunter. Timothy is asking for consideration of these changes. Todd Richards gave some of his input into these suggestions and recommended the involvement of the local wildlife officer to help police the area. He stated that he would get her name and number to the Commissioners. Todd stated that he has hunted that area for over 10 years and has not had any problems with overcrowding and arguments with other hunters. He is speaking strictly for waterfowl, as he is not a deer hunter. Todd also thinks it is a good idea to get vehicle information for those hunters that are receiving permission to be there. Timothy Bechtol stated that he would get back with him after more discussion and once a decision to move forward has been made.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Steve Wilson asked to sit in on that executive session. Timothy Bechtol would like to add possible property sale to that session. Cindy Land also requested an executive session to discuss possible threatened litigation. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:57 a.m. to discuss potential real estate acquisition, property sale and possible threatened litigation, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes, Brian Robertson, yes, Mark Gazarek, yes. At 10:27 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential real estate acquisition, potential property sale and threatened litigation with no action taken. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



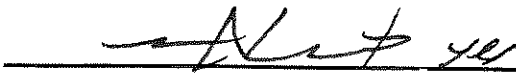
Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson