

Minutes  
September 6, 2018,

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

Also Present: Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Maryann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, Steve Wilson, Mark Newcomer and Doug Jenkins.

Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #530-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Dog and Kennel Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #531-18 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Ditch Maintenance. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #532-18 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Ditch Construction. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #533-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Veterans Services Soldiers Relief Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #534-18– Commissioner's order approving contracts and bonds levying assessments. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed the fund report from August, 2018. The Commissioners initialed approval on the invoice from the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for services rendered for August, \$3,771.45. The Commissioners approved a travel request from the Engineer's Office and the Board of Elections. The Commissioners also signed a mortgage release for a CHIP grant.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #535-18 – Resolution to petition to change the boundary lines of Pleasant Townships in conformance with and identical to the Corporate Limits of The Village of McComb where lawfully permissible. Mark Newcomer stated if the resolution passes, the Township will withdraw from the cemetery and possibly pull out of the fire district if petition is granted. Brian Robertson stated he appreciates the public input and efforts on this issue. Mark Gazarek inquired from Lucinda Land that if no boundaries are realigned, will the lines go back to where they existed prior to the petition. Lucinda confirmed that it will go back to the way it was previously. Mark Gazarek indicated he saw no extreme benefit to the County, Township and Village. Timothy Bechtol stated he was concerned with no applicable precedent having been done before

and the negative affect it would be for the Township. Mark Gazarek made the motion to deny the petition to redraw the boundary lines, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #536-18 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioner’s to enter into a contract with TBL III, Inc. D/B/A/ Six Disciplines Consulting Services, for consulting services for strategic development and planning. Lucinda Land stated they are still working on some changes in the contract and does not have an original contract to be signed. Mark Gazarek inquired as to the amount of the contract. Lucinda responded that the contract is for basic services. Service orders (ala carte) are an option; however she was directed to only recommend the basic service option for a cost of \$15,000.00 onetime payment. Lucinda indicated there was a service option #2 proposed, (ala cate), however that is not included in this contract and can be discussed at a later time. Lucinda stated that the various ala carte services appear to be \$20,000 a year for the additional services. Brian Robertson stated he has no knowledge of anyone wanting those services. Brian stated the direction is to move towards the strategic planning process in this meeting. Mark inquired as to where the funds would come from. Brian stated the Auditor’s office has directed the funds would come from capital projects since those are the issues we are dealing with. Mark stated the County Commissioners have the authority to agree or disagree with the Auditor. Brian stated we could not agree with the Auditor, however if funds are taken from an inappropriate account, the Auditor’s office would receive a finding from the State. Brian also stated we have to comply with the direction of the County Auditor. Mark stated that in 2016 and 2017 the County agreed to fund \$30,000 for the Raise The Bar program, which supports local elementary schools. Mark stated that in 2018 funding for this program was eliminated. Mark stated he is concerned we are saying “no” to people we promised money to and instead spending money for strategic planning. Mark stated there are jail issues, foster care issues, and child placement issues that need to be funded. Brian stated it’s a positive thing to listen to the voters and the business community who stated a year ago they don’t understand all of the problems and the direction of the County. Brian stated that we have an opportunity to bring people together to problem solve and find solutions. Brian also stated he feels this is what the community and business community wants. Brian stated that several business partners in The Alliance and other private entities go through strategic planning to find solutions. Brian also stated for 20 years we have had a jail problem, with no solution. Brian stated we need to collaborate to find solutions to solve problems. Brian said the County is accumulating problems and we need to bring people together to solve problems and draw the line in the sand. Mark stated he contacted CCAO and several other area counties and he was told that no county has paid for strategic planning and the organization has not performed this session for a County. Mark stated that strategic planning for non- profit organizations and businesses typically have a board or a president to report to and the County has 14 presidents for the 14 elected officials. Brian stated that he cannot name one county other than Hancock County that has been named the best Micro Metro Politian County for 4 years in a row. Mark stated he is not sure what being the best Micro Politian County has anything to do with spending money. Brian acknowledged programs for children, juvenile expansion and kids in care have been underfunded, however what will the solution for 2019, 2020 and 2021 be? Brian stated he would like to do something. Timothy stated since we have 14 elected officials, strategic planning is more important than ever. Timothy stated we need some direction. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Mark Gazarek voted no. Motion passed 2-1.

Resolution #537-18 – Authorization of a purchase order for payment of \$6,087,501.50 for reimbursement to the Maumee Conservancy District, pursuant to a certain memorandum of agreement between the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and the Board of Hancock

County Commissioners. Steve Wilson stated estimated portion coming out of the ¼% sales tax amount will be around \$5.5 million. The MWCD will be executing the MOU at their Tuesday, September 11th meeting at 8:00 am. Steve also stated the City of Findlay has also approved the MOU and once all signatures are gathered, he will bring the original MOU to the Commissioner's for their signatures. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #538-18 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners in conjunction with Hancock County Job and Family Services to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc. to provide kinship caregiver services required by the Hancock County Job and Family Services for PRC and TANF Programs. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #539-18 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners in conjunction with Hancock County Job and Family Services to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc. to provide family preservation and reunification services required by the Hancock County Job and Family Services for PRC and TANF Programs. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda stated that she received an expedited Type I annexation on September 4th, and by statute there must be a resolution at the next meeting which is today, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Therefore the Commissioners meeting will reconvene at 4:00 p.m. today.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Maryann LaRoche had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Mark Gazarek reported that he spoke to area counties regarding the children in care issues that Hancock County is currently experiencing.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the Opiate Task Force held at ADAMHS and the Downtown Findlay Improvement District meeting. Timothy also stated that he will be visiting the jail this afternoon to view the completed wall repair done by ACI, Inc. (Alvada Construction) Timothy stated the walls were completed ahead of schedule.

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners attended the bid opening for the Justice Center Boilers. Jim Maurer, Sheriff Heldman, Ryan Kidwell, James Sammet and Lucinda Land were in attendance. Brian Robertson confirmed that no other bids were received in the mail at the Courthouse. The following bids were received: Bayes Mechanical submitted a bid for \$183,700 with a bid bond, Titan submitted a bid for \$239,300 with a bid bond, Warner Mechanical submitted a bid for \$215,850 with a bid bond, and Marlin P. White & Sons, Inc. submitted a bid for \$178,755 with a bid bond. The Bid Package for Warner Mechanical was not sealed and Brian Robertson wanted

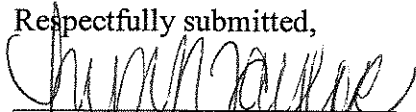
to read the bid into the record and determine later if the bid will be acceptable. The Commissioners will take the bids under advisement. Lucinda Land would like to have a decision by Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

At 4:00 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol were present. Mark Gazarek was absent. Sarah Corney was present.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #540-18 – Petition for annexation of a total of 36.689 acres of land in Marion Township to the City of Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio (Hengsteler – Type I Expedited Annexation). Brian Robertson stated the annexation looked good. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Brian J. Robertson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Mark D. Gazarek