

Minutes  
September 7, 2021

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and William Bateson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Philip Johnson, Steve Wilson, MaryAnn LaRoche, Michelle Lehman, and Steve Mellot.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the September 2, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #587-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #588-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #589-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-ADAMHS. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #590-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Family First. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #591-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Flood Mitigation. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #592-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Public Defenders. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #593-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-General Special Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #594-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Jail Diversion. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners initialed approval on the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District invoice for services rendered in August, 2021 for \$1,795.35.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Michelle Lehman said she wanted to ask where the Commissioners stand on the solar fields going into Washington and Cass Township. Each Township is creating their own LLC against the solar fields in order to raise funds. Timothy Bechtol stated the Commissioners have been learning as much as possible about the solar fields, and they have not taken an official stance. William said the Commissioners have hired an attorney regarding the PILOT program and they are learning from other counties. Michelle reported her husband being part of the McGuffy program. Her husband was unable to attend, but wanted to bring some points to the Commissioners. The parts for the solar fields come from China. There is no way to guarantee that the solar field won't affect drainage on that property and others. The lack of mowing will bring in more bugs, specifically mosquitoes. The landowners will negotiate with one company and another will purchase the solar field, making the contract void with the landowner. William clarified that some companies are only developers, whereas others do stay. His understanding of the two proposed projects are Washington Township will stay, and Cass Township is only a developer. Michelle brought up concerns regarding snow and functionality of the solar panels and the promise of money to Arcadia schools when Rover Pipeline is refusing to pay. Steve Mellot asked about zoning. William stated a utility does not following zoning codes. He also stated that the Commissioners approving the PILOT Program or not approving the PILOT program is not a yes or no vote for the project itself. The only decision the Commissioners are making is how the tax dollars are distributed.

### Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the fair. He said the 4-H sale went well.

Timothy Bechtol also attended the fair and 4-H sale. He said the new youth building is fantastic and they had great weather.

At 9:57 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:29 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Randall Galbarith and Brianna Yberra for an update from JFS. Sarah Mutchler, Adam Witteman, and Philip Johnson were also in attendance.

Brianna gave an update on the Financial Opportunity Center. She stated Dustin has been wonderful to work with. In June, Ohio Means Jobs referred 6 people, in July there were 5 referrals, August only had 1, but they already have 3 referrals for September. Brianna also spoke about the PRC clothes and shoes program. There are 441 kids approved for school clothes funding and 399 approved for shoes funding. Randall stated placements continue to go down. There are currently 82 children in placement. Levy funds came in at \$1,698,994.52. Funds that are not used this year will be rolled over for the following year's use. Randall will be visiting the Allen County JFS and Ohio Means Jobs to discuss workforce development ideas. He is also working on an RFP for CANS. CANS is an assessment of children that need to be placed. The assessment will determine where the best placement is for that child's needs (group home, foster family, etc.). This is necessary in order to get federal funding reimbursement. William complimented Randall, Judge Johnson, and Precia Stuby on their due diligence with this

program. Timothy Bechtol met with the structural engineer on Friday to discuss the JFS building. The engineer did not see any changes to the condition of the building. He will provide the Commissioners with information for a rough estimate of the project cost by mid-month so the Commissioners can bid out the repair project.

At 10:49 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to discipline. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:08 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed personnel in regards to discipline with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

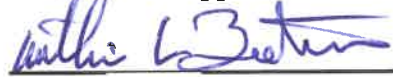
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

---

Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



**Hancock County**  
Job & Family Services

P.O. Box 270  
7814 Co. Rd. 140  
Findlay, Ohio 45839  
TOLL FREE: (800) 228-2732  
PHONE: (419) 422-0182

Randall L. Galbraith, Esq., Director

Commissioner's Report – September 7, 2021

- 1) FOC Referrals
- 2) Children in CPSU Custody
- 3) PRC Plan Renewal
- 4) PRC School Clothes and Shoes Program
- 5) Placement Costs

Balance Brought Forward (end of December 2020 placements)	212,185.22
2021 YTD Foster Care Placement	1,488,927.63
YTD Shared Placement Costs	88,139.75
ADAMHS and Juvenile Court Share	(58,759.85)
SCPA used for shared	(29,379.90)
Title XX used for shared (first six months only)	-
YTD Adoption (county share)	51,722.45
IV-E Reimbursement for Placements	(580,517.96)
Title XX Reimbursements for Placements	(61,157.29)
SS & Child Support	(69,201.27)
MSY Reimbursement (March)	(58,746.69)
MSY Reimbursement	(58,595.31)
SCPA SFY21 used for foster care services	(304,912.94)
Levy funds received	(1,698,994.52)
County Share Paid 2021	-
<b>Balance</b>	<b>(1,079,290.68)</b>

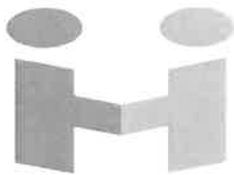
Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

Child Support Enforcement  
(419) 424-1365  
Fax (419) 424-7288

Workforce Development  
(419) 422-3679  
Fax (419) 422-8349

Ohio Works First  
(419) 425-6375  
Fax (419) 422-1081

Childrens Protective Services  
(419) 424-7022  
Fax (419) 424-7485



**Hancock County**  
Job & Family Services

Children's Protective Services Unit  
Date of Report: September 2, 2021

<b>Total Number of reports Received:</b>	
June	101
July	99
August	117
<i>2021 Total</i>	1041
<b>Screened In/Out</b>	
June	IN=42, OUT=59
July	IN=26, OUT=73
August	IN=54, OUT=63
<i>2021 Total</i>	IN=313, OUT=611
<b>Breakdown of case Type Screened In:</b>	
	<b>TR/AR/FINS</b>
June:	TR=27, AR=11, FINS=4
July:	TR=8, AR=15, FINS=3
August:	TR=33, AR=15, FINS=6
<i>2021 Total:</i>	TR=200, AR=131, FINS=36
<b>Total Number of Kids in Care at months end</b>	
June	89
July	87
August	82
<b>Breakdown of <u>Current</u> Placements (82)</b>	
Family Foster Homes	36
Kinship Placement	30
Group Home	12
Residential	2
DYS	1
AWOL	1
<b>Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care</b>	
June:	Enter=8, Exit=6
July:	Enter=4, Exit=6
August:	Enter=6, Exit=11
<i>2021:</i>	Enter=55, Exit=72