

Minutes  
January 30, 2018

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Megan Rosselet, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Jim Maurer, Doug Jenkins and Maryann LaRoche.

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 January 18, 2018 were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian also stated there are administrative items from January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> that need to be recorded and put into the record as activity. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Lucinda Land stated that the activity on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> should be attached to Resolution #67-18.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #67-18- Confirming the actions of one Commissioner pursuant to Resolution #52-18, dated January 18, 2018. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #68-18- Appointment of Adam Witteman to fill the vacancy of Heather Pendleton on the Children's Services Trust Fund Board. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #69-18- Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #70-18- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Emergency Management Agency. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #71-18- Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund for Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2017. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #72-18- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #73-18- Transfer of Hancock County (Additional Sales & Use Tax) General Fund to the Flood Mitigation Capital Projects Fund January 2018-\$291,359.83. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded.

Resolution #74-18- Transfer of funds from Developmental Disabilities to DD Capital Improvement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #75-18- Transfer of funds from Developmental Disabilities to Community Development/Residential. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed travel requests for Tom Davis, Engineer, JFS, Sheriff and Treasurer, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Landfill Tiered Fee Report, a position description form for JFS for an employee to temporarily fill a position, the Engineers Annual Road mileage certification and a request for payment and status of funds report from HRPC. Brian Robertson signed a signature certification form for the CHIP grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to authorize Brian Robertson's signature on a form for a new employee authorization for WSOS for the CHIP grant, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #76-18 – Resolution determining to proceed with placing an additional tax levy, pursuant to Section 5705.191 of the Revised Code, for a proposed ten year 1.2 mill levy on the May 8, 2018 ballot to support the general fund for the purpose of making appropriation for the purposes of public assistance, human or social services relief and welfare by the Hancock County Job & Family Services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Lucinda Land stated that once the Commissioners approve, this resolution needs to be taken to the Auditor for her signature.

Resolution #77-18 – Entering into amendment # 3 to the agreement with Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC, for medical services at the Hancock County Justice Center. Lucinda said this is a 1.8% increase for a total contract amount of \$317,984.80. Brian Robertson said this is about a 33% increase since he and Commissioner Gazarek took office and reflects the mental and addiction needs of those being housed in the jail. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Mark Gazarek also commented that this corresponds with what they have been saying with the opiate epidemic and how it affects the sales tax numbers and the general budget of the county.

Resolution #78-18 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the agreement with Findlay Hancock County Development, 123 E. Main Cross Street, Findlay, Ohio for implementation of a business outreach and an employer survey for the Ohio Means Jobs-Hancock, Early Warning Network for Hancock County Job and Family Services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land said she received an email from Hancock County EMA regarding legislation that eliminates the DWART Board. Lucinda asked if the Commissioners want her to prepare a resolution to dissolve this board or just let it go dormant. They asked her to prepare a resolution.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session regarding real estate acquisition and threatened litigation. She also expects a decision after the threatened litigation.

Chris Long said his employees are working on the roads today. He also would like to talk to the Commissioners before the 11 a.m. annexation hearing.

Charity Rauschenberg said she sent the sales tax information to the Commissioners and there was a record amount in 2017 and the amount in 2018 is normal activity. She also received information that we will be receiving an additional payment of sales tax of about \$118,000 due to HB69.

Sarah Mutchler stated that last week they had the Courthouse painting meeting and that project will begin on February 5<sup>th</sup> and the Courthouse boiler project should wrap up this week.

### **Reports**

Mark Gazarek is glad to be back.

Tim Bechtol said in addition to the meetings that Sarah mentioned, on Wednesday they also met with Lt. Kidwell at the jail and on Friday they met with Courtney Comstock at Litter Landing to tour the facility. He also attended the Board of Revisions meeting on Tuesday and the Stantec presentation for Phase 1 Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning he attended his first Chamber Advisory Board meeting and at noon he went to the Facilities Consortium meeting held at Cooper and Thursday afternoon he attended the Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Mental Health round table at United Way.

Brian Robertson attended his first Alliance meeting on January 19, 2018.

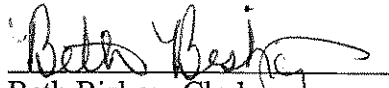
At 10:06 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to go into executive session regarding real estate acquisition and threatened litigation, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:31 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to come out of executive session regarding real estate acquisition with no action taken at this time and threatened litigation, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian Robertson said they are back in regular session and they are going to take action on the threatened litigation. The Commissioners signed a letter addressed to Keith Jolliff regarding seeding his property.

At 10:30 a.m. Kelsi from Senator Portman's office met with the Commissioners regarding an update on Hancock County and if they had any issues to discuss. Brian talked about Findlay and Hancock County continues to prosper and bring in new businesses but also is dealing with an increase in crime as it relates to the drug issue which also forces our criminal costs up and our budget requests difficult to meet. Timothy Bechtol reviewed the Blanchard River Project and said they are planning to start the benching portion of the project soon and he said he doesn't want Hancock County to be known as a flooding community. Mark Gazarek talked about the diverse work force we have in Hancock County like Whirlpool, Cooper Tire, Marathon and the agricultural community in addition to new businesses in town like ValFilm, a Brazilian

Company. He said we are centrally located to bigger cities and the cost of living here is less than other places. Kelsi said the Senator is working on the Stop Act. This act is where they keep drugs from coming here from China. Drug dealers use the United States Post Office instead of FedEx, UPS, etc. because they don't have to put where it is shipped from. They also prefer to use bitcoin because you can't track it and you can order drugs online. Brian Robertson stated that medical costs at the jail are up 33% since he and Commissioner Gazarek took office.

11:00 a.m. – Humble Annexation Group, LLC Annexation Hearing. Brian Robertson opened the meeting and did introductions. The clerk read the history of the annexation. Engineer Chris Long was sworn in and stated they have reviewed the legal description and found that it does not meet the conveyance standards. Phil Rooney, attorney for the annexation, presented a new legal description. Since there was new information provided, the annexation hearing was adjourned and continued until next Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Brian J. Robertson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Mark D. Gazarek