

Minutes
March 26, 2019

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

Also Present: Cindy Land, Jim Maurer, Adam Witteman, Maryann LaRoche, Doug Cade and Doug Jenkins.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #146-19 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #147-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Insurance, Pension, Taxes. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #148-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Commissioners – General Office. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #149-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance (\$70,525.74). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #150-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to MRDD Capital Improvements. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed travel requests from JFS, the Treasurer's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner's would like to talk to Director Galbraith later today regarding the relatively large late fee on the Superfleet account, prior to approval.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #151-19 – Hancock County authorization to participate in the ODOT 2019 Road Salt Contract. Lucinda stated that this resolution has been done in the past and ODOT requires a form resolution that is attached. Doug Cade stated that 3,000 ton of salt will be requested for the upcoming winter season. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues in regards to discipline.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Maryann LaRoche had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson stated he attended a meeting regarding the Meadow Ridge development. Brian inquired from Doug Cade whether or not the ditch along TR 229 has a small tile in it and if the ditches been reviewed by the Engineer's office. Doug stated that he has looked at this ditch twice and has spoken to Wood County on both occasions. Doug informed the parties that the ditch needs to be petitioned. Brian stated that he had the same thoughts and when talking to the citizens, Brian referenced the success of the Western Meadows project as a result of working together. Brian reported that he attended the Whirlpool Son and Daughters Scholarship meeting at the University of Findlay and also read the Developmental Disabilities Proclamation at the University that was well attended. Brian stated that he attended the Regional Planning meeting and the Lincoln Day Dinner.

Mark Gazarek reported that he attended the Kiwanis pancake breakfast.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the Kiwanis pancake breakfast and the Lamb Banquet. Tim also attended a meeting with Jon Cross along with several other elected officials. Tim stated that he attended the Northwest Ohio County Commissioners and Engineers Association meeting held in Wood County. Tim also enjoyed the Lincoln Day Dinner.

At 9:48 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues in regards to discipline, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:29 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Treasurer Welton for a Treasurer's Investment meeting.

At 11:00 am, the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith, JFS Director, Jim Maurer and Adam Witteman. Timothy Bechtol inquired about the late charge payment request and Randy indicated he will provide some clarification at a later time. Randy stated he will need to speak with his fiscal office. Randy stated that he has been approached by Allen County to use the JFS office as a location to recruit Hancock County employees for jobs in Allen County. Brian Robertson stated that we need to retain our citizens in Hancock County and stated that he is not in favor of granting permission. Tim Bechtol and Randy Galbraith concurred. Randy reported that the office of CSEA has done a nice job with collections and the SNAP division did a fantastic job in January and February making sure recipients had food stamps in an acceptable time. Randy further stated that the Ohio Means Jobs data is difficult and inconsistent and he is working with the State to get accurate data. Randy reported that 2 job fairs will be held in the upcoming weeks, one at the Hancock County Public Library and the other at the JFS office. Brian and Tim both recommended to Randy that he get involved with The Big Shake event that was recently held in Findlay. Randy also stated that he is continuing to find creative ways to utilize the TANF funds in Hancock County. Furthermore, Randy reported that there are currently 90 kids in child protective services at JFS and as always, the goal is to get kids placed

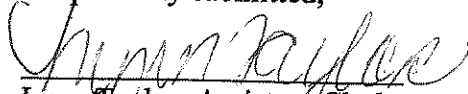
in homes ASAP. Randy stated he has been in contact with the local schools and provided some updated training. Randy also mentioned that the JFS office was recently approved for the 30 Days to Family program. Randy is continuing to look at grant options and using all money given by the State. Randy stated that he has been working with Judge Johnson and Precia Stuby for support and collaboration as well. Randy reported that the JFS office currently has 2 vehicles that are deemed unsafe to drive. Randy stated one is a 2005 Minivan, and the other is a 2005 Ford Taurus. Randy stated he does not want to buy new vehicles, as he is looking at used vehicles via a Government auction website and location in Columbus. Randy requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues in regards to hiring.

At 11:37 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues in regards to hiring, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 11:54 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. A disciplinary letter was executed pertaining to the personnel issues regarding discipline.

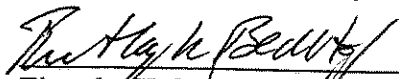
At 1:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Maggie Neely to receive an update on the health insurance program for the County.

At 2:00 pm, the Commissioners met with Adam Witteman, Zeke Zalenski and Jacob Fry from Washington National regarding voluntary benefits for the Hancock County employees. Jacob stated that several supplemental benefits are offered such as policies for cancer, heart issues, accident and life insurance. Adam stated that he will provide information to Nancy Hiatt and once open enrollment begins, further information will be gathered for review.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson