

Minutes
April 25, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Dale Shaheen, Curt Smith, Will Boyd and Jim Maurer.

At 9:30 a.m. Mark Gazarek opened the meeting in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 20, 2017 were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #219-17 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #220-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance-\$132,427.13. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution#221-17- Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #209-17 dated 4/18/17 (Transfer of funds within appropriation CPC Specialized Docket-Drug Court). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #222-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Agricultural Service Center. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Timothy Bechtol abstained.

The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Auditor's office. The clerk read a letter from Common Pleas Court regarding the reinstatement of the jail expansion committee. The Judges feel this is necessary to plan ahead for pending legislation becoming law. The Commissioners will review and take under advisement. Mark Gazarek signed a CHIP agreement for WSOS. Lucinda Land stated that this was previously approved for the Chairman to sign so these documents don't have to be presented in the meetings.

The Village of McComb submitted an application for federal assistance for their Wastewater Treatment Plant. Poggemeyer Design Group has been handling all the paperwork for the Village of McComb. There is an Intergovernmental Clearinghouse Transmittal form they need the Commissioners to sign off on because McComb is in Hancock County. Brian Robertson made the motion to authorize the chairman to sign, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long reported his crews are working on drainage on CR 197 and on the bridge on CR 26 east of Vanlue.

Dale Shaheen, IT Department, distributed a handout explaining the data fiber build and the VoIP Communications projects. The Commissioners are concerned because these two projects are more than originally budgeted. They will discuss this again at the Data Board meeting on May 9th.

Reports

Brian Robertson had no report.

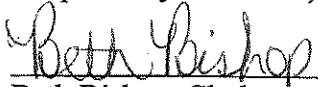
Timothy Bechtol went to the Ag Center yesterday and reported the carpet and painting project is complete. Last night he attended a training seminar at the University of Findlay where the Board of Health, Karim Baroudi, passed out kits for Narcan. He also attended the Honor Flight Welcome Home for the veterans coming back from visiting Washington, D.C.

Mark Gazarek attended Blanchard Valley Health Systems special meeting.

Heather Pendleton announced that Steve Welton called and asked that the investment meeting be moved to 10:45 a.m. this morning instead of 10:30 a.m. The Commissioners agreed.

At 10:45 a.m. Treasurer's Investment meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Bishop, Clerk

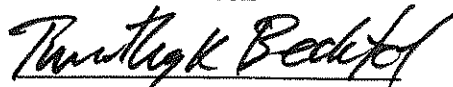
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol

Hancock County Data Fiber Build and VoIP Communication Projects

Although the Data Fiber Build and the VoIP Communication projects will eventually end up working in conjunction with each other, they are separate projects. The Fiber project's intent is to help the County control some of its future data communication costs. The VoIP project's intent is to replace the AT&T Centrex phone service currently being utilized.

The VoIP could be done today utilizing the County's own fiber connectivity and the Spectrum (Time Warner) data circuits currently used to connect several of our remote sites. The bandwidth on said Spectrum circuits will have to be increased to accommodate Quality of Service for VoIP telephony. Increasing the bandwidth will increase the Spectrum circuit costs. Each data circuit currently has its own contractual term limit. The VoIP bidders will determine the amount of increased bandwidth needed.

The current Spectrum data circuit costs were used for the ROI on the Fiber project estimate (approx \$738,746) yielding a payback in approximately 9.6 years. Increasing the Spectrum costs will shorten the ROI time period (at this juncture, said increased costs are undetermined). The Fiber project will not be completed in time for deployment of the VoIP service.

The data switches have been included in the VoIP project to allow for a "one point of contact" with regard to resolving any telephony issues. The Dial Tone Service (60 months) is estimated at \$464,340. The equipment portion is estimated at \$359,665. The Request For Bid (RFB) will be asking for cost options on leasing, lease/purchase and outright purchase for said equipment portion. The VoIP dial tone service costs are expected to be similar to the current Centrex dial tone costs.

The current Centrex contract expires in mid September, 2017. The contract can be re-upped for one more time for a one year commitment. The extension term is described as non-negotiable.

Currently, there are 596 telephone lines on the Centrex account. The contract calls for a minimum commitment of 450 telephone lines. The City is responsible for 196 of said lines. The County has 300 lines. The balance belong to entities that will not be a part of the County's or City's respective VoIP projects. Their lines will be converted to some other telecom platform on their own.

An additional caveat to extending the Centrex contract is having to rely on the current voice mail system for another year. Given the logistics of the most recent failure, support appears to be sketchy at best. All said, we are still utilizing it today.