

Minutes

January 5, 2017

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Doug Cade, Chris Long, Jim Maurer, Doug Jenkins, and Beth Cogley.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #2-17 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-ADAMHS. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #3-17 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #4-17 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvements (Western Meadows). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed payroll for the Commissioners' staff and JFS. They also memorialized previously signing a letter to AFLAC regarding voluntary benefits. They approved a travel request from the Engineer's office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Warrants Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #5-17 – Resolution authorizing amendment to agreement to purchase one (1) Caterpillar 826K 800 Compactor on the State Cooperative Purchasing Program from Ohio CAT, 25970 SR 25, Perrysburg, OH 43551 on behalf of the Hancock County Sanitary Landfill. Ohio CAT has amended the trade-in amount. Previously they offered \$20,000, but they have amended their offer to \$30,000. The new trade-in amount has made the total purchase price \$738, 753. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #6-17 – Appointment of William Wenner to the remaining term vacated by Phillip A. Riegle as a member of the Hancock County Law Library Resources Board. His term will expire December 31, 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long reported his staff is trimming trees and will be plowing snow soon.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and personnel.

Beth Cogley reported resubmitting her vacation request after combing the 4 parcels into 2 parcels.

Reports/Meetings

Brian Robertson thanked those that worked on the Western Meadows Detention Pond.

Timothy Bechtol attended the prebid meeting for the Juvenile Court/Probate Court renovation. Seventeen companies were represented. He also went to the Agricultural Service Center. The carpet and painting project has begun.

Mark Gazarek went to the Fiesta Bowl.

At 9:40 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and personnel, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:13 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed real estate acquisition and personnel with no action taken, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. At 10:30 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:45 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed personnel, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

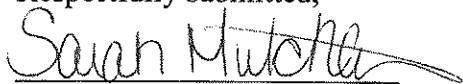
At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held a hearing on the vacation of Township Road 106 in Pleasant Township. Mark Newcomer, Pleasant Township Trustee, and Lucinda Land were present. The Commissioners viewed the map of the requested vacation. Lucinda said there are no issues with land locking any parcels and the notices were sent to the surrounding property owners and ODNR. The vacation was requested by the Pleasant Township Trustees due to concern over maintenance of the road and concern over liability caused by the removal of a stop sign by a property owner. Lucinda suggested placing a "Private Drive" sign if the road is vacated in order to alleviate liability for the Township. Lucinda will prepare a resolution for Tuesday based on the Commissioners decision to move forward.

At 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners met to discuss the Dorney Plaza project. Jerry Murray, Kimberly Bash, Don Malarky, Steve Welton, Lucinda Land, Sheriff Heldman, Charity Rauschenberg, Alex Parker, and Jim Maurer were also present.

Don stated they called the meeting in order to discuss funding for the Dorney Plaza meeting. He asked the Commissioners to consider a 1/3 share of the project. Currently the project is at an estimated \$1,000,000. That estimate is beyond what was originally expected for the project. The Community Foundation has agreed to provide \$200,000 for the project and the City of Findlay has agreed to contribute \$250,000. Brian stated they had always discussed a contribution of \$200,000 from the County. Mark said nothing has been appropriated for Dorney Plaza in 2017 and they have not appropriated any money for this project in the past. Brian said they prepared allocations for county capital projects at the end of the year with a \$2.5 million carry-over. Jerry Murray stated in order for the project to be complete by October, to comply with the Community Foundation's timeline for funding, the project will need to go out for bid in March. He would like to know where the funding stands with the County because he does not want to continue to move forward on the design without confirmation of funding. Brian thought it would benefit the County to work with the City and the Community Foundation, but wanted to

make sure the concerns expressed by the Sheriff regarding security would be addressed. Jerry stated there is a contingency amount specified for security issues with the \$1 million project, however if we cut project costs that will also cut contingency funds for security. A camera project will hopefully be completed in 2018, so Sheriff Heldman felt if the cameras were not installed with the Dorney Plaza project, they could be addressed at a later date. Jerry would like to know what the scope of the project should be so he can modify the designs. Currently he could reduce the cost of the project by an estimated \$321,000 by combining work with the Courthouse Drainage project and removing the fountain, pergolas, and benches. Don Malarky asked if there is availability for the County to contribute \$200,000 in 2017. Mark said, in his opinion, security issues take precedent for funding. Since Brian and Mark took office, they have contributed more money towards Sheriff's vehicles and security concerns than in the past according to Brian. Tim is still evaluating the plans and will not make a decision as of yet. He is hoping to be able to make a decision within the next two weeks. Jerry recommended stopping work until the funding has been secured. He also suggested looking at 3 pane windows that are blast proof on the first floor of the courthouse. The Sheriff asked if Jerry could get pricing for those windows, because that has been a topic of discussion before. Jerry would like to view the plans for the Courthouse Drainage project in order to compare projects and possible cost savings. Don said it seems they are at an impasse for funding, but he would like the Commissioners to consider the benefit of combining the project with the Courthouse Drainage project and working with the Community Foundation.


Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Mutchler, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol