

Minutes
May 16, 2017

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Tom Davis, Sharon Dunbar, Ruby Sampson, Doug Jenkins, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the May 11, 2017 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #251-17 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (Schnipke Project). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #252-17 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #253-17 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #254-17 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund (Children's Services for Prosecutor IV-D). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests from the Clerk of Courts, Tom Davis and JFS. Board of Elections submitted a letter requesting approval to pay late fees of \$39.00 on their Fifth Third credit card. The Commissioners initialed for approval but did state that they do not like to pay late fees.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #255-17 – Authorizing the contract with R.G. Zachrich Construction, Inc., Defiance, Ohio for replacement of Bridge No. Han-M502-0.01 Osborn Avenue Bridge Replacement over the Blanchard River in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. The total cost is \$2,005,935.66 and 95% of that will be paid by Federal Funds and the remaining 5% will be paid out of MV & GT. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #256-17 – Authorization regarding acquisition of Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage and payment of insurance premium. This policy runs through the end of the year. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land stated she has prepared another resolution but will wait until after the 11 a.m. executive session to present it.

Chris Long reported he has crews working on CR 8, TR 230 and CR 96 and also throughout the county mowing.

Ruby Sampson, Mt. Blanchard resident, read a letter she prepared regarding maintaining the Blanchard River and stop taking farmland to build storage basins and dams to fix flooding in Findlay due to building on land that never should have been built on. She said Main Street in Mt. Blanchard and John Hancock are the same height and water runs downhill. The Commissioners responded first by saying to clean the river it has to be approved by five counties. When they got the first phase approved, it hadn't been cleaned in 20 years. When they did the second phase of the project, four members of the five counties voted no on the project. The Commissioners are trying to continue to clean the river but they do have to work with the other counties. Brian Robertson said he walked the river with H & H Land Clearing and we even had a separate project that we had Rahrig come in and remove trees. The Commissioners thanked her for coming to the meeting and sharing her concerns and they will pass them on to the MWCD.

Tom Davis attended the meeting to present to the Commissioners two Awards that Hancock County received from BWC. One was for no loss time for accidents and/or injuries from 2/18/2015 to 12/31/2016 and the other was for 100% for the group. Tom Davis said this is all credit to the managers, supervisors and employees for doing a good job. Tim Bechtol said thank you to Tom for all he does also.

Reports

Timothy Bechtol toured the Landfill last Thursday with Steve Wilson and Don Moses. Saturday he volunteered at the bike rodeo at the fairgrounds and last night he attended the Peace Officers Memorial Service. This morning he and Brian Robertson attended the Courthouse drainage meeting.

Brian Robertson attended the Blanchard Valley NRA Banquet Saturday.

Brian Robertson requested information regarding the Commissioners contract with the Blanchard Valley Port Authority. He said the Commissioners need a better understanding of what our role or relationship is with them. He said he got a call stating the BVPA turned down a project for NWO.

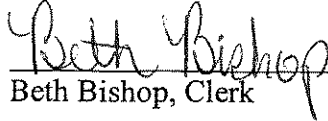
At 11:04 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations with Captain Treece, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 11:11 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed contract negotiations, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #257-17 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve the agreement with the Hancock County Sheriff's office and the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIA (Local 76) Corrections Sergeants. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


At 11:13 a.m. the Commissioners are adjourned for the day.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol

Our ancestors have been good stewards of their land. We currently have the 4th, 5th, and 6th generations to farm their land that has been well cared for. How many home owners in Findlay can say the same? Land is not being made any more, what is taken away from us is gone forever. Whereas, more concrete and blacktop are manufactured every day, So what gives Findlay the right to come in and take our land and re-arrange it to build these proposed storage basins and dams so that land in Findlay, that should NEVER have been built on, and are still building on by greedy realtors?? Especially after doing that to us, Stantec's plan is still NOT going to stop the flooding in Findlay. So much of our taxpayers money has been wasted on studies with the Army Corps of Engineers and now again with Stantec. That wasted money should have been more WISELY spent on CLEANING AND MAINTAINING THE RIVER.

Main Street in Mt. Blanchard is the same height as John Hancock atop the Hancock County Court House. WATER RUNS DOWNHILL! Isn't it obvious where the river is going to go! CLEAN and WIDEN the river. That means continuously removing all the logs, debris and log jams that are just taken out of the river but laid along the banks to wash right back in after the next rain. It has NEVER been really cleaned out right! We have been assessed for it on our real estate taxes but the JOB WAS NEVER DONE RIGHT!.