

## Minutes

April 11, 2024

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple and William Bateson.

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Engineer Doug Cade, Kenzi Tucker, Denise Timberman, Bob Wisner and Cindy Wisner.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made a motion to approve Warrant Journal. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved three travel requests for JFS and one for the Sherriff's office.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #225-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Job & Family Services Capital Projects #4072. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #226-24 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to JFS Capital Projects Fund #4072. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #227-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Sanitary Landfill Fund #5042. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #228-24 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee #5109 to Litter Landing Fund #5069. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #229-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Capital Projects #4150. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bechtol announced that the 1:00 p.m. meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Also, next Tuesday's April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. due to our quarterly liability insurance meeting being in the morning.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #230-24 – Authorization to contract with Tri Tower, LLC, North Jackson, Ohio, for construction of the Hancock County Communication Tower Project. Cindy stated the cost of this contract is \$769,885.41. Doug Cade provide an update on the schedule for when the work will be completed and some background information on the chosen company. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to threatened litigation.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #231-24 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an amendment to Exhibit A to an updated participation agreement with CCAO Service Corporation, and also authorizing execution of a Power of Attorney related thereto. Phil stated this will amend the agreement in regards to our natural gas supplier. This will extend the term from 5 years to 10 years and amend the fee. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #232-24 – Authorizing entry into contract with Crossbow Systems LTD, a registered trade name of Dinatco, Inc., for services in the nature of inspection and testing of cables within the Job & Family Services building in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil stated this is for the company to test and label the cables left in the building to determine what is still working. The contract total is \$13,417.57. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #233-24 – Authorizing Entry into an Agreement with Miller House of Color, LLC, for the Removal of Existing Carpeting and the Provision and Installation of New Carpeting in the Recorder's Office in the Hancock County Courthouse. Phil stated the next two resolutions go together. This is for removing and replacing the carpeting in the Recorder's office. This contract total is \$11,669.34. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #234-24 – Authorizing Entry into an Agreement with American Interiors, Inc. for performance of disassembly, removal and reassembly in place of two work tables in the Hancock County Recorder's office. Phil stated in order to accomplish the carpet replacement the work tables will need to be removed and put back in place when the work is complete. The cost of this contract is \$4,772.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #235-24 – Authorizing the Entry into a Partnership Agreement with the City of Findlay in Relation to the 2024 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. Phil stated this is a standard resolution that is done each time we receive the CHIP grant. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that the true payday for the county is on Fridays but out of courtesy the employees often get paid on Thursdays. Unfortunately, this week they were unable to get it sent over early which means many won't receive the pay until Friday. Charity stated they have had time to discuss the insurance meeting from yesterday and they would like to move forward with adding the admin duties for open enrollment. The Auditor's office has sent over the monthly reports and the invest income is doing rather well. They did notice that the number of advances is a little high and they are going to begin looking into them.

Steve Wilson thanked the Commissioners for awarding the contract for the landfill construction. He stated George Robb formally submitted his resignation from the MWCD and that will be effective at the end of October. He provided an update on how things will progress if the eminent domain case is awarded. He stated that based on the first 3 months of the year the landfill is on target than originally expected revenue for the year. Also, the Engineer from Stantec that is working on the Norfolk Southern bridge will be at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Denise Timberman stated that she has been reviewing the resolution the board passed in April of 2022. She asked each Commissioner why they chose to vote the way they did on the exclusionary zone resolution. Each Commissioner explained the stance on the issue. Cindy Land explained why the Commissioners chose to act at the time they did. There was a discussion on the possibility of trying to schedule a meeting with state representatives and the public.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended the Employee Insurance Committee meeting yesterday. We are preparing for employee self-enrollment program. There was an update on the wellness program. They continue to be well received by employees.

Tim Bechtol stated that the health department is collecting the solar eclipse glasses to send to other parts of the world that may be in need of them. Yesterday afternoon he met with Richard Kirk for an update on the Judicial Center construction. The building is a little past the 50% completion mark. Yesterday morning he met with the state-wide representatives from the Community Foundation. There were talks about affordable housing throughout the state and a discussion on the cost to the county due increased number of immigrants.

At 10:18 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote was as follows: Michael Pepple: yes; William Bateson: yes; Timothy Bechtol: yes;

At 10:51 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session after discussing threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:51 a.m., the Commissioners met with Jay Myers for an insurance update. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Don Mosses and Chad Warnimont. Jay Myers gave an overview of the first quarter insurance claims and the current status of each. Jay stated he spoke with the Sheriff's office about their large number of accidents and they are working on getting additional training for newer deputies to help reduce the number of accidents. Jay stated that Tim Stuart stated he is looking to have the website ADA complaint by June. There was a discussion about what to do with the Hancock County Auxiliary officers that are not certified. Jay stated that Sheriff Heldman and Captain Price are okay with getting rid of the program and they were speaking with other counties on what they have done after getting rid of these programs. There was a discussion on the county-owned property that has had things parked and stored on it and how the Commissioners would like to handle that. Jay provided an update on the status of the BWC claim for the engineer's employee that was hurt

while operating a chainsaw and what the Engineer's office is doing to prevent any further injuries.

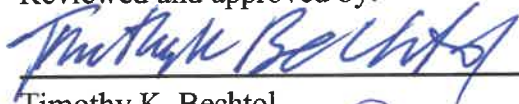
At 11:07 a.m., the Commissioner met with Chad Warnimont. Also present was Alec Helms, Don Mosses, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman. Chad Warnimont stated they would like to request approval to purchase a magnet for one of the excavators to try to better collect steel coming in. Currently they are only able to get the large pieces that can be seen. The magnet would make it so they can get the pieces they would not regularly be able to get. Don Mosses stated this would also allow them to easily find rebar in concrete when they have a company come into crush the concrete that is brought in. This will allow them to use this stone for aggregate in the driveways instead of purchasing it. There was a discussion on how long the magnet could last. Chad explained how it will be attached to the excavator and where it will be stored to ensure it is protected from the weather. The cost of the magnet is \$27,180.00. The Commissioners approved moving forward with the purchase.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

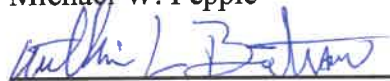
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson