

Minutes

April 14, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, and Auditor Rauschenberg

Commissioner Pepple 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 12, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motions to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #238-22 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (February 2022 \$1,231.03). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #239-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve two warrant journals. William Bateson seconded. Motions passed 3-0. The commissioners signed a travel request for the Sheriff's office.

The Assistant Clerk reported that on April 8, 2022 we received the Forest Lake Single County Ditch petition. Cindy Land stated that Phil Johnson will handle these proceedings due to the fact that she lives in this subdivision and it will create a conflict.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #240-22 – Resolution authorizing a contract with Gary Lugibihl Excavating LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF grant WPCLF project no. HS390032-003-2021-13. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this property is on Township Road 108, is 100% grant funded and the total price is \$21,000.00.

Resolution #241-22 – Resolution entering into No. 1 amendment to the agreement with Wellpath LLC for medical services at Hancock County Justice Center. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated the original contract was a 2-year contract that was entered into in 2020 with some extension year options. This amendment is for the first extension year of the contract. The contract has a start date of January 15, 2022 but there have been negotiations going on for the language. There is a minimal change in the dollar amount and a change in the healthcare matrix to add some additional nursing staff with psychological training. Cindy stated that the cost of this in 2016 was \$235,000 and this

contract is for \$490,000 for a year of service. We are getting more services due to the changing needs of the people in the Justice Center.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolution #242-22 – Authorizing the appointment of Michael W. Pepple as Hancock County Designee to Exercise Hancock County’s Vote Upon the Approval of Bylaws for the Establishment of the OneOhio Region 17 Board. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Michael Pepple abstained. Phil Johnson stated we held a public meeting for Hancock County elected officials in regards to who will have voting rights for the Region 17 Board. This resolution is for the limited purpose of appointing a person to vote on bylaws at the April 20th meeting. After the bylaws are approved a permanent person will be appointed. Commissioner Bechtol asked how many people would be voting on the permanent person. Phil Johnson stated that has not been decided at this time. It is a possibility the vote will be done at a meeting or by email and it is possible there will be about 30 people voting.

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

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol has been working on answering questions from the design/build companies for the RFP. The questions and answers have been sent for review and should be sent to the companies today.

Timothy Bechtol requested executive session with outside counsel in regards to pending litigation.

William Bateson attended a meeting with Soil & Water and the Engineer’s office yesterday to discuss the Ditch Maintenance Program and the Public Defenders’ board meeting.

Michael Pepple attended a webinar yesterday on procurement for ARPA funds and the rules on bidding for the projects. Commissioner Pepple had lunch with Glenn Jost President of the Findlay-Hancock County Alliance where he was able to explain their positions on the solar exclusion zone. Commissioner Pepper also attended the Employee Benefit Committee meeting yesterday where the wellness program was discussed. The program is schedule to launch mid-May. There was a discussion with Phil Johnson on where everything is with the Honeywell project and the bidding process.

At 9:54 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to a potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 11:28 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to a potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioner's met with Treasurer J. Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic and Barb Marquart for the Investment Update meeting. Alec Helms and Auditor Charity Rauschenberg were also present. Eileen provided an update on the interest rates for investments. The interest rates are rising this year. At this time, they are very volatile as well which could be a good thing for the county. Inflation rates are as high as the 1980's right now and this is something that will need to be watched closely in the future. The County, Flood Mitigation and Landfill's portfolios look good at this time. Flood Mitigation was discussed and it was decided to leave it as it is at this time to see how the projects progress.

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioner's met with Randall Galbraith from Hancock County Job & Family Services. Alec Helms was also present. Randall Galbraith stated that the number of children in CPSU custody did go up from 63 in February to 71 in March (see attached report) but this is fairly common for this time of year. The total number of children receiving in-home services did go down from 115 in February to 111 in March. Placement cost are looking very good at this time. There were 5 Financial Opportunity Center referrals for March. There will be 2 MOUs coming up for the Commissioners to sign. One will be for the Ohio Means Jobs Hancock County Center and one for the Start Grant. Direct Damschroder the head of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will be at Ohio Mean Jobs on Monday at 1:00. They have begun going over the CPSU procedures and reorganizing the work load. There have been a few programs removed from the new supervisor's responsibilities. There was a long-term administrative employee that has recently retired. Randall would like to replace this person with a legal secretary that would be able to help out in more areas at JFS. This will not affect their budget. With the changes being made there will be some updated job descriptions being sent over for the Commissioners approval. The recruitment/retention is going better. They have 2nd interviews for 4 case workers coming up. The investigation unit is still a bit thin but other units are completely full. Wood county is currently working on a program with Work Force Development to hire 12 case workers that could work for 5 different counties where needed. The PILOT program would pay their salaries but they would be that county's employee. There was a discussion about the Intercity Committee and the funds available to be used. Randall said he has been in contact with Tim Stuart about putting their IT services under the county's IT department and for updating the JFS website.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

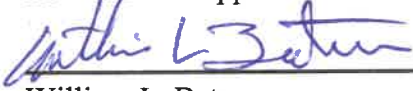
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Commissioner's Report – April 14th, 2022

- 1) Children in CPSU Custody
- 2) Placement Costs

Balance Brought Forward (end of December 2021 placements)	(512,135.12)
2022 YTD Foster Care Placement	291,125.51
YTD Shared Placement Costs	4,650.00
ADAMHS and Juvenile Court Share	(3,100.00)
SCPA used for shared	(1,550.00)
Title XX used for shared (first six months only)	-
YTD Adoption (county share)	25,384.93
IV-E Reimbursement for Placements	(95,994.21)
Title XX Reimbursements for Placements	(23,237.52)
SS & Child Support	(12,244.60)
Levy funds received	(979,616.11)
30-Days to Family Salary, Benefits, & Shared Costs	18,509.44
Balance	(1,288,207.68)

- 3) FOC Referrals for March – 5
- 4) MOU for OMJ-HC
- 5) Director Damschroder's Visit – 4/18/2022 at 1:00PM
- 6) CPSU Reorganization

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Workforce Development
(419) 422-3679
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Hancock County
Job & Family Services

Children's Protective Services Unit

March

Date of Report: April 11, 2022

Total Number of reports Received:	
January 2022	136
February 2022	125
March 2022	152
Screened In/Out	
January 2022	IN=41, OUT=95
February 2022	IN=40, OUT=85
March 2022	IN=42, OUT=110
Breakdown of case Type Screened In:	
TR/AR/FINS	
January 2022	TR=13, AR=25, FINS=3
February 2022	TR=13, AR=24, FINS=3
March 2022	TR=20, AR=17, FINS=5
Total Number of Kids in Care at months end	
January 2022	63
February 2022	63
March 2022	71
Breakdown of <u>Current</u> Placements (71)	
Family Foster Homes	37
Kinship Placement	24
Group Home	5
Residential	3
AWOL	1
JDC	1
Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care	
January 2022	Enter=6, Exit=6
February 2022	Enter=5, Exit=5
March 2022	Enter=9, Exit=1
Total number of Children Receiving In-Home Services	
December	100
January 2022	104
February 2022	115