

## Minutes

April 27, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, James Sammet, Steve Wilson, Mary Ann LaRoche, Brian Thomas and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting were read and approved. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #243-21 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #244-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #245-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Sheriff Bond Retirement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #246-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #247-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL) Grant. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #248-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion, Michael Pepple seconded for Commissioner Bechtol to sign the CHIP release of Mortgage. The motion passed 3-0. Travel requests were approved for the Sheriff's Office and the Engineer's Office. The Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for April, 2021.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #249-21 – Authorizing the expenditure of an additional sum to be paid from Flood Mitigation funds for the purchase of traffic signals and related equipment for use in the MLK Parkway Project. Phil stated that the prior board approved in December 2020 a resolution approved payment of \$117,211.70 for the traffic signal for the MLK project. Due to delays, a new quote has been obtained for an additional \$6,404.90. Brian Thomas stated that due to the

market fluctuations, some suppliers will not issue a price quote until the product is ready to be ordered. Therefore, quotes are becoming ineffective. That appears to be what has happened in this situation. Brian explained his process on getting money approved through City Council and stated that the sooner this can happen, the sooner for everyone involved. Bill Bateson stated that he will be voting no on this resolution. The prior resolution stated that the amount was not to exceed \$117,000 and a lot of conversation was held. Brian stated that he respects the decision, however, the light needs to be ordered to continue the project as soon as possible. Brian also stated that because the City is doing some of the work themselves, some savings are in their labor. Mike Pepple inquired that if this resolution is signed, will the price be locked in? Brian stated that this will lock in the price. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. William Bateson voted no. Brian Thomas expressed his thanks for the approval.

Resolution #250-21 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the demolition of structures located at 301 East Main Cross Street and 309 East Street in Findlay, Ohio. Timothy Bechtol inquired if the properties are vacant and Phil Johnson stated that they are in the process of being vacated. Steve Wilson stated that before demolition, all properties will be vacated. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #251-21 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the demolition of structures located at 339 Wilson Street in Findlay, Ohio. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #252-21 – Authorizing the solicitation of bids for the demolition of structures located at 704 Fishlock Avenue in Findlay, Ohio. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Tim Bechtol expressed best wishes to Brian Thomas as he begins his new opportunity. The Board concurred.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

James Sammet requested an executive session in regards to compensation.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson stated that he attended the GOP Central Committee meeting.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol provided a spreadsheet regarding the ¼% sales tax usage funds. He stated that Resolutions #244, #245, #246 are in relation to the funds from the ¼% sales tax. In the past 26 months, \$5,437,778.60 has been put into the general fund. The spreadsheet is attached to the minutes for review.

At 9:51 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and compensation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote

resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:33 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:40 a.m., the Commissioners met with James Sammet. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson were in attendance. James stated that Paul Kenkel would like to speak to one of the Commissioners to get some direction. Paul would like to have Darrin, the structural engineer visit the JFS building and look at the roof. Tim stated that he will call him. Tim stated that there are 2 areas of concern, the emergency repair area and the area surrounding the emergency area. Estimates for the whole project is near \$100,000. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of bidding this as 2 projects or as 1 project. Cindy Land explained the emergency quote process as compared to the bidding out as 1 project. Cindy stated that the roof needs to be fixed, whether the insurance company pays for anything or not. Tim stated that he will return Paul's call. Phil Johnson inquired as to the time frame that JFS will be out of the building. Tim stated that he has no idea how long this will take. James stated that it will be about 10 days for someone to come back out and do some work on the roof. Phil Johnson stated that it may be best to bid as one project because with a 2-week bidding process, there is not a lot of time difference. Cindy Land concurred. Bill Bateson stated to prepare bid specs as one project, the Board concurred. Tim stated he will start working on the specs.

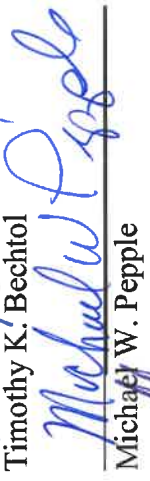
At 11:15 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss compensation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:24 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 1:15 p.m. the Commissioners met with Jacob Huner, Secretary of State, liaison. Lynn Taylor was also in attendance. Jacob is the NOW Regional liaison serving 16 area counties. Jacob stated that the 2020 election year was very challenging, yet successful. There were 171,000 new business filings in Ohio, which was a record year. Jacob was complimentary of Lori and Jody at our local Board of Elections office. A total of \$172,031.84 was given by the State to Hancock County Board of Elections for PPE, and CARES funds. There were 8 million registered voters in the State of Ohio during 2020. Hancock County had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest voter turnout at 73%. Furthermore, cyber security continues to be a threatening issue. The Secretary of States Office has several initiatives for 2021, one of which includes on line absentee ballot requesting. Tim Bechtol stated that when new voting machines were purchased in 2019 through Dominion, the design was poor. Jacob indicated that he spoke to both Lori and Jody and was aware of the difficulty in storing these units. Tim also wanted to know if the Secretary of State had any involvement in the cancellation of the 2020 primary in March, 2020. Jacob stated that in hindsight, the Secretary would have done things differently. However, the Governor and Dr. Acton made the decision and the Secretary had no authority to change their decision. In addition, Tim inquired about the recent news of the State of Ohio Congressional Districts being reduced from 16 to 15. Jacob did acknowledge this as a result of the recent census. Jacob indicated that the Secretary of State will be on the redistricting committee. Tim stated that the Board of Commissioners are pursuing the purchase of the mall. If the deal is complete, the Board of Elections office will relocate to the mall. Jacob was appreciative of the information and did indicate that the Secretary of State's Office will need a year notice to allow the proper work to be done on the fiber connecting the local Board of Elections office to the States Office. Jacob will email the Commissioners his contact information for future needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Michael W. Pepple

  
William L. Bateson

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Hancock County Juvenile / Probate Court  
Building Project Funding

Year	Month	1/4% Sales & Use Tax Revenue	Juvenile/Probate Court Capital Project Fund	Juv/Probate Court Bond & Note Retirement Funds	Remainder for County Operations & Carry-over
2019	January	\$336,152.76	Final Two Deposits into Flood Mitigation Fund		
	February	\$287,226.02			
	March	\$404,571.53	Final Two Deposits into Flood Mitigation Fund	\$0.00	
	April	\$310,209.27			
	May	\$297,162.52	\$656,479.75		\$1,316,480.10
	June	\$315,247.72			
	July	\$323,154.24			
	August	\$322,614.57			
	September	\$355,042.74			
	October	\$325,010.87			
	November	\$347,609.79	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$255,042.74
	December	\$354,074.94	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,010.87
	<b>2019 Totals</b>	<b>\$3,978,076.97</b>	<b>\$1,056,479.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,298,218.44</b>
	plus FEMA Money Transfer		\$443,520.25		
	<b>Total Deposits in 2019</b>		<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>For Project Funding</b>	
2020	January	\$389,408.91	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$289,408.91
	February	\$321,096.39	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$206,096.39
	March	\$480,124.29	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$365,124.29
	April	\$285,988.36	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$170,988.36
	May	\$289,216.47	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$174,216.47
	June	\$284,513.03	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$169,513.03
	July	\$266,122.18	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$151,122.18
	August	\$273,044.23	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$158,044.23
	September	\$392,300.37	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$277,300.37
	October	\$323,507.00	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$208,507.00
	November	\$319,064.63	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$204,064.63
	December	\$351,748.18	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	\$236,748.18
	<b>2020 Totals</b>	<b>\$3,976,134.04</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,365,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,611,134.04</b>
2021	January	\$325,447.84	\$0.00	\$215,000.00	\$110,447.84
	February	\$314,822.56	\$0.00	\$215,000.00	\$99,822.56
	March	\$427,825.57	\$0.00	\$215,000.00	\$212,825.57
	April	\$320,330.15	\$0.00	\$215,000.00	\$105,330.15
	May		\$0.00		\$0.00
	June		\$0.00		\$0.00
	July		\$0.00		\$0.00
	August		\$0.00		\$0.00
	September		\$0.00		\$0.00
	October		\$0.00		\$0.00
	November		\$0.00		\$0.00
	December		\$0.00		\$0.00
	<b>2021 Totals</b>	<b>\$1,388,426.12</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$860,000.00</b>	<b>\$528,426.12</b>
	<b>16-Month Cumulative Bond Retirement</b>		<b>\$2,125,000.00</b>	<b>of \$5.8M borrowed</b>	
	<b>1-Month Payback for Jail Improvements</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>of \$1.3M borrowed</b>	
	<b>26-Month Cumulative Funds Deposited into General Fund</b>			<b>\$5,437,778.60</b>	