

Minutes

April 4, 2019

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson

Also present: Doug Cade, Adam Witteman, Charity Rauschenberg, Jim Maurer, Doug Jenkins and Kevin Lewis.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve. Mark Gazarek asked to make a clarification regarding Resolution #159, #160, #161 and #162 regarding additional appropriation for Capital Improvement Funds for ADAMHS. That was money that was already at ADAMHS. We do not fund ADAMHS and wanted to clarify that the \$700,000 is not coming from the Commissioners. There was an article from Sara Arthur's in the paper today regarding this. We are only transferring their money as required by law. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #177-19 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tier Disposal Fee Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #178-19 – In the matter of re-appointing Douglas Huffman to the Blanchard Valley Port Authority (BVPA) Board. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #179-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #180-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Prosecutor's. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Fund Report. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed a Proclamation from the City of Findlay for National Day of Prayer to be held on May 2, 2019 and also a Proclamation for National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month which is April.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions on behalf of the Prosecutor's office:

Resolution #181-19 – Authorizing the 2019 OPWC County/Township Resurfacing Program Contract with M & B Asphalt Co. Inc. for the Hancock County 2019 Road Resurfacing Program Contract B. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #182-19 – Authorizing a Contract with Ward Construction Co., Leipsic, Ohio for the 2019 County/Township Chip Seal Program. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #183-19 – Authorizing the 2019 County/Township Resurfacing Program Contract with M & B Asphalt Co., Inc. for the Hancock County 2019 Road Resurfacing Program. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #184-19 – Authorizing a contract with the Shelly Co. of Findlay, Ohio for HAN-CR304/330 Resurfacing Project. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #185-19 – Contract with Sudsina & Associates, LLC, to serve as the Hancock County Municipal Advisor. Mark Gazarek asked Charity when the Municipal Advisor comes into play. Charity Rauschenberg stated that this group would start as soon as they have an advisement letter. Commissioner Gazarek stated that he is not comfortable engaging someone else until we have some more information, and he asked for the request to be tabled until the Commissioners got some more information before they agree to pay out \$42,000 or \$43,000. Charity Rauschenberg stated the importance of making a decision at this time. She talked about Hancock County's debt and the comparison of other larger counties. Fees are based on a sliding fee scale that is based on the amount borrowed. Mark Gazarek still requested that the request be tabled until he could meet with the Prosecutor's office, namely Cindy Land. Charity stated that Municipal advisors have only been in play for the last 3 years. Mark expressed his concern about spending money due to the fact that in the last week there have been \$1.1 million dollars in requests for money throughout the county. He states that we need to stop borrowing money. Brian stated that the focus of this is that we are looking at two infrastructures, the Juvenile Court building and the Justice Center. These two things we have committed to the public and that is what our focus is about with the liabilities we have. He looks at this on the legal side and we have authorized our Prosecutor's office to get an outside consultant from a legal standpoint for handling the contractual design and building design and felt the need for the additional technical assistance. He is hearing from the auditor's office that they want the additional technical assistance. Commissioner Gazarek again asked that this be tabled for more discussion. Commissioner Bechtol feels comfortable with this 3rd party and thinks it is a good idea to pursue it. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-1, with Mark Gazarek voting no.

Doug Cade reported that the 4 resolutions for the re-surfacing program for 2019 covers 66 miles of township and county roads at a cost of \$3.5 million. \$1.5 million of that comes from federal grants paying for 80% of the 304/330 project. The resurfacing covers 358 miles of center line miles of county roads and 686 miles of center line township roads. Doug brought along some maps showing the paving for anyone wanting to view them, and also road conditions. Doug stated that they always start with the worst roads that have the highest volume. In a normal year, they pave 12 miles, this year they are paving 36 miles. He talked a little bit regarding the passing of the Gas Tax. He greatly appreciates our state representatives for doing this and said that this increase averages out to be \$1.10 per week for the average driver. However, it is not a long-term solution and will need to look at other ways in the future and this bill looks at that. Doug stated that they will need to be replacing 7 bridges and that is not cheap either. It is a lot of money to replace them.

Meetings/Reports:

Brian Robertson met with Charity Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman on Tuesday. They met for 3 hours discussing strategic financial planning, specifically focused on looking at 10 years out. Brian also attended the annual Hancock County Township Trustee Associate meeting.

Mark Gazarek attended the LEPC Board yesterday to talk about local planning and training for 2019 and also the state budget that is affected by the new bill that is still in Columbus.

Timothy Bechtol attended the annual Hancock County Township Trustee Associate meeting last night at the Old Mill Stream Centre. He commented on how nice the facility is for events.

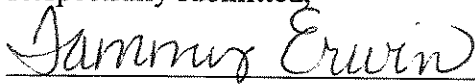
Commissioner Timothy Bechtol requested an executive session to discuss personnel in regards to compensation.

At 10:05 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to compensation, Brian seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:21 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Mark seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Sheriff Heldman, Deputy Mark Price, Adam Witteman, Alex Harper and W. D. Miller to discuss the Console System. Sheriff Heldman discussed enhancement to the radio system. They had a 5 year plan to update equipment and the radio system is now 11 years old. The radios have locked up and are having problems with door controls. They had obtained a quote in 2018 to upgrade and had not done anything at the time. Sheriff Heldman stated that it is now the time to move forward to get them taken care of due to so many problems. W. D. Miller from Radio Hospital handed out a presentation packet to the Hancock County Commissioners and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office regarding the 4-Position Dispatch Console with Options. He stated that he had been discussing the upgrade with

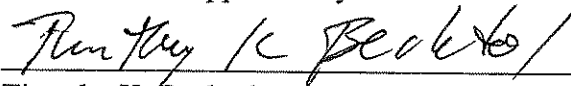
Sheriff Heldman for the past 5 years. Deputy Mark Price, from the Sheriff's office also has some requirements from the State and regarding the 911 system. Part of the discussion is replacing 2 positions in the 911 center and adding a 3rd position. Also, adding a 4th position out at Station 4 for a back-up dispatch position. In his presentation, W. D. Miller discussed the range, quality, capacity, and increased talk time. He talked about radios that identify themselves and have instant recall recorders that also work thru telephones. They will be equipped with Jail Door Controls and Intercom capable. ScoutCare currently has an account with the Sheriff's office and provides software maintenance and support. The first year is free and the next 2 – 5 years can be locked in for price. Commissioner Bechtol asked what the life expectancy would be for the new system and W. D. Miller stated approximately 20+ years. In closing, Deputy Mark Price stressed the importance of the new system. Commissioner Bechtol asked the Sheriff where this was on his priority list and he responded that this takes priority over purchasing the cameras even though both need replaced. Commissioner Bechtol adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



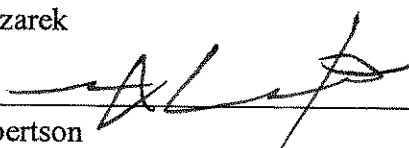
Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson