

Minutes

April 6, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Mary Ann LaRoche and Jim Maurer.

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 1, 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 #186-21 – 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 #187-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Buildings & Grounds Maintenance. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #188-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #189-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #190-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Prosecutor. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Fund Report for March was signed. March, 2021 expenses were approved for the Blanchard Flood Mitigation project for \$6,584.23. In addition, the Commissioner's office payroll was signed. Lynn Taylor stated that the executive session scheduled for 11:15 a.m. today has been cancelled.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. Tim Bechtol inquired when the bids will be ready and Steve stated they will be ready this fall. Tim also inquired when the MLK project will be started and Steve stated it is still scheduled to start May 3, 2021.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he attended the Listening Tour with Brian Treece.

Michael Pepple stated that he also attended the Listening Tour with Brian Treece.

Timothy Bechtol stated the he also attended the Listening Tour. Tim wanted to wish Brian well on his new position. Tim also stated that the State of The County video is being edited and will be done soon.

At 9:40 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 9:56 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 10:31 a.m. the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith, Director of JFS, for an update. Sarah Mutchler, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, and Wanda I.W. Fruth were also present.

Randall went over his agenda with the Commissioners (see attached). He asked about negotiated electric rates. The County does have a contract through Palmer Energy and Sarah will look into whether JFS is included in the contract. He also stated Kinnect is willing to donate \$20,000 for the next year to the Thirty Days to Family Program. Randall said \$72,000 is necessary for the program to run for one year and he is looking into other funding sources for the remaining \$52,000. He is also looking into MOU's with area colleges for case worker internships. Randall received invoices from the Auditor's office regarding administration fees for the Children Services levy amounting to approximately \$15,000. Currently the levy has paid these fees, but Randall is looking into other ways to structure the payment. Licking County, to his understanding, runs the administration fees through their Cost Allocation Plan. Adam clarified that most of the administration fees assessed go into the Real Estate fund with a small portion paid into the General Fund. Randall asked the Commissioners for an update on the roof damage and repairs. The Commissioners are currently waiting on the draft plan for repairs from the Structural Engineer. The amount of the estimate will determine if the Commissioners will need to bid the project. Randall has most of the staff working remotely, and has told them it will likely be at least a year before they can return to the building. Timothy Bechtol asked Randall about the Kinship Care Program. Currently those participating receive \$10.20/day/child for 9 months. After the 9 months, they can apply to be a foster family and receive the per diem through that program or apply for child TANF money. Randall asked for an executive session to discuss personnel in regards to discipline and contracts.

At 10:54 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to discipline and contracts. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:13 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 1:17 p.m. Michael Pepple made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 2:14 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 2:30 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to discipline, Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 3:38 p.m. Timothy

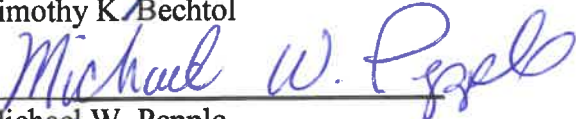
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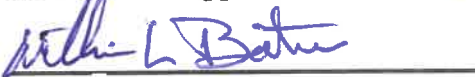
Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


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William L. Bateson



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Commissioner's Report – April 6th, 2021

1) Electric Rates

- Negotiate supplier rates?
- Stay with AEP?

2) Thirty Days to Family

- Grant is \$6,000.00 per month until 6/30/2021
- Kinnect may supplement with \$20,000.00 after 6/30/2021
- Meeting Thursday 4/8/2021

3) MOU with Higher Ed

- MOU offered by Case Western for interns
- Working to connect with BGSU programs
- Commissioners sign MOU?

4) Levy Costs from Auditor

- Auditor and Treasurer fees ~\$15,000.00
- Should we run costs through CAP?

5) JFS Building

- Plan for Repairs
- Costs?

If time, Executive Session for employee discipline and contract discussion.

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