

Minutes  
August 1, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Maryann LaRoche and Anne Spence.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the July 30, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #469-19 – Hancock County Commissioners approval of the listed nominees to the LEPC Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Mark inquired if he should vote on motion since he is on LEPC board. Lucinda Land recommended he not vote, if he still wanted to be on board. Motion passed 2-0. Mark Gazarek abstained.

Resolution #470-19 – Transfer of funds from Job and Family Services – General Office fund to Children Services Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #471-19 – Transfer of funds from Job and Family Services – General Office fund to Child Support fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #472-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance - Sheriff. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #473-19 – Re appointment of Greg Meyers and Elaine Ashley to Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #474-19 – In the matter of appointing Mark Kowalski to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #475-19 – In the matter of appointing James Stahl to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian stated that he was grateful to all the interested individuals who are willing to volunteer their time on local boards.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Auditor's warrant journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The explosive gas monitoring report was signed. Travel requests were authorized by the Commissioners for the Auditor's office, JFS, Public Defender's Office

and the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gazarek and Commissioner Robertson approved the travel request for Commissioner Bechtol to attend the August CCAO meeting.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #476-19 – Contract with Aramark Uniform Services for furnishing of floor mats, rugs and mops for Hancock County buildings. Cindy stated that the contract received back in 2018 was for 60 months, however the resolution that was executed limited the term to 12 months. This resolution extends to the full 60 months for about \$2,500.00 a year. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

A resolution to consider authorizing an MOU with the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District was pulled from the agenda due the Commissioners wanting to discuss with Steve Wilson some questions.

Resolution #477-19 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve an agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and The Learning Professionals, Inc., to provide WIOA youth funded activities services. Cindy stated that this is a requirement of JFS to use vendors who provide educational services to youth. This is not money given to JFS, only allowing JFS to enter into a contract that they have budgeted for. These services are also not new, as they have been done in the past, just with a different vendor. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Charity Rauschenberg stated that the year to date sales tax figures are up about 4%. Also, the sales tax free weekend is August 2 through August 4, 2019. Charity stated that it appears several businesses are getting geared up for this savings event locally. Charity also stated that communication should be coming to the Commissioner's office regarding a change in the reporting amounts for children's services. Cindy stated she received one email and forwarded it to Charity for her to review and Charity said it has something to do with the fiscal year and reporting year changes. Further information will be coming. Charity also stated that in a recent Economic Development meeting it was discussed that a lot of growth and new construction has happened in our area. The CAUV process has started and Charity will have a booth at the fair to inform citizens. Tim stated that he would like to hear from Tim Mayle on the CRA and the economic development of our area. Mark Gazarek also would like to hear from Tim.

Steve Wilson stated that the demolition of the North Main Street buildings was completed last week. Steve also stated that a change order is forthcoming for 130 N. Main due to an unexpected crawl space being located that was not included in the original bid. Brian Robertson stated that several public comments have been made regarding the final appearance of this area. The stone setting is not permanent, and any future plans have not been decided. Many discussions need to be held. Timothy Bechtol concurred. Mark Gazarek stated that the final product will not be stone and it will look nice. Brian stated that he would like a summary of completion from Steve as he is hearing some feedback from the community regarding the progress towards completion of the benching project. Steve stated that Helms is currently working on the sanitary part of the project, therefore not a lot of trucks are visible. Brian stated that he would like to know what percentage of completion Helms is at and when the project will be done. Steve stated that the weather caused a delay and since AEP has to move some poles, he expects the project to be done at the end of the year.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Anne Spence introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners as the local representative from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Anne has worked with the Sheriff's Office on a recent grant and is willing to help in any way she can. Anne stated that jail space issues and corrections issues are important to her. Brian stated that he would like Anne to be in attendance at meetings involving the justice system.

### Meetings/Reports

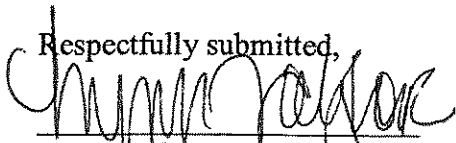
Brian Robertson stated that he has been working on the Western Meadows ditch petition and communicating to all parties.

Mark Gazarek stated that he continues to monitor the financial stability of the county.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he and several other elected officials attended the economic development meeting hosted by the Township Trustees.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met for the Census Count Committee meeting. The attendance sheet is attached. The group discussed how to reach the community and provide education and/or promotion of the census. They also discussed the formation of a steering committee and a larger sub-committee and who should be involved in each. Kathy Launder suggested a representative from United Way, and the Mayor said she will be presenting to the ministerial council. Brian will also be presenting at the Community Corrections Board meeting. The Mayor will be working on the marketing plan for the group, including a social media campaign for #HancockCounts and #FlagCityCounts. She is planning on sharing information provided by the Census Bureau on social media. The group felt it would be beneficial to also contact health care providers, Veterans Services, ADAMHS, and military organizations. The Mayor also suggested including Cory Hartman from the Sheriff's office and Officer Brian White. Brian suggested holding a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at the same time. The Mayor suggested at the beginning of the year to meet every other week.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Mark D. Gazarek

  
Brian J. Robertson

