

Minutes

August 10, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Phil Johnson, James Sammet, Steve Welton, Melody Inbody and Mary Ann LaRoche.

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 August 5, 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 resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #519-21 – 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 #520-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #521-21 – Transfer of funds from the Hotel Motel Fund to the General Fund (2nd Quarter Fees)- \$22,206.49. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #522-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Probation Service- Probation Department. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #523-21 – Transfer of funds from the Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund (2nd Quarter Fees)- \$1,270.23. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #524-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Substance Abuse. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #525-21 – Transfer of funds from ADAMHS to Substance Abuse. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #526-21 – Advance of funds from ADAMHS to BWC Substance Use Recovery & Workplace Safety. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #527-21 – 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.

The MWCD July 2021 expenses were approved for \$2,577.50.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #528-21 – Authorization to submit an application for Ohio Public Works Commission Funding. Cindy stated that the project will be a bridge replacement along TR 205. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #529-21 – Authorization to submit an application for Ohio Public Works Commission Funding. Cindy stated that the sections of roads that will be resurfaced are CR 172, CR 236 and CR 140. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land wanted some clarification from the Commissioners regarding how she should proceed regarding the portable radio request from the Sheriff last week. Bill Bateson stated that the Sheriff was going to gather some additional information from the other counties that have already purchased radios with ARP funds. Cindy stated that she will hold off on preparing a resolution.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #530-21 – An Emergency Resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision settlement pursuant to the one Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 12, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement. Phil stated that as a result of receiving additional information from counsel this resolution is required with the verbiage included. Timothy Bechtol inquired as to why the agreement refers to Madison County Common Pleas. Phil stated that any disputes or questions are to be filed with Madison County courts. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #531-21 – Authorizing entry into contract with All Excavating & Demolition, LTD., for demolition of building located at 119 Clinton Court in Findlay. Phil stated that the amount of the contract for demolition is \$6,797.50. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol inquired about a timeline for demolition, and Phil was not exactly sure when the property would be taken down.

Charity Rauschenberg stated that she had some questions regarding which category the Sheriff's radios would fall under in the ARP requirements. Cindy stated that she has not received any paperwork regarding the categories under the ARP and Mike indicated that he would email those to her. Charity stated that she would like to see a formal opinion from the Prosecutor's Office. This opinion would be helpful in the event of an audit finding. Bill Bateson stated that the Sheriff is going to provide information about other counties using their ARP funds for the same purpose. Hence making it helpful for Hancock County using those funds. Charity stated to keep in mind that it is possible that some of the other counties are using those funds are using them with the Prosecutors direction and some are not. Cindy stated that we need to use the ARP money eventually. Charity stated that in speaking with other counties, some are challenged with

uncertainty regarding the new Delta variant. Therefore, they are sitting on those funds for now. Cindy stated that these radios will be used by emergency first responders, therefore, they should fit into an acceptable category. The Sheriff was able to get 2 quotes and one of them is on the state bid list and is the cheaper one. The fire, EMS and Sheriff's Office would use these radios. Tim Bechtol stated that no Township allocation will be used. Charity has been talking to others regarding the solar fields. She would like to request an opinion from the AG's office due to concerns she has in her taxation office. A discussion was held regarding whether to join Hardin county's request for opinion or have Hancock County take the lead and officially request an opinion. Charity would like to review the agreement if possible for the pilot project. She would like to pick apart the draft proposal due to current concerns with the Hardin County project that could affect the Hancock County pilot. Cindy stated that Tony Kore is the legal counsel for the Commissioners and he hasn't seen an application yet. There seems to be a disconnect regarding the application process and the DOD. Cindy will be presenting a resolution on Thursday to request an extension for authorizing the pilot. Charity also inquired about the 11:00 a.m. meeting and wanted to remind the Commissioners that the "space shuttle" at the courthouse is a result of an energy savings presentation.

James Sammet said that he received a phone call from Judge Starn on Monday that a piece of original plaster fell through the drop ceiling. This caused concern and James would like to request that Hans Klink come in and inspect/repair the East room/ceiling. Timothy Bechtol stated that this would be a good idea and the board concurred. Tim would like to have Hans perform a regularly scheduled inspection at least a couple of times a year on the Courthouse. James inquired if a contract needs to be signed. Cindy stated that we need to get a proposal from Hans and we can review that and determine if a contract will be needed.

Steve Welton stated that his office is finishing up collections.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he attended the Ag Council meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Committee meeting and the Economic Development meeting at the Country Club.

Michael Pepple stated that he attended the Ag Council meeting.

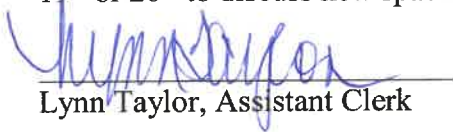
Timothy Bechtol stated that he also attended the Ag Council meeting. Several other Elected Officials attended the meeting as well.

At 10:33 a.m., the Commissioners met with Irvin Reinhart. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Welton and Melody Inbody were also in attendance. At 10:33 a.m., Timothy Bechtol requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:11 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:11 a.m., the Commissioners met with Joe Sokol. Also, in attendance were Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman. Joe shared ABM's concept regarding a capital funding/planning tool for county assets. They will pride themselves at turning older pieces of equipment into efficient operations while maximizing on saving money. Mike Pepple inquired as to how long ABM has been in business. They have been in business since the early

1900's. Their office is based in Columbus and Joe is the State of Ohio representative. Phil inquired that if the preliminary analysis is on their dime, what does their report look like. Joe indicated that the preliminary report will come back stating what type of funding is available and a list of suggested improvements. A more detailed report will be provided upon further agreeing to a level 2 review. Tim Bechtol stated that currently they are in day 55 of a 75-day due diligence period to purchase the Findlay Village Mall. Joe indicated that he would not be able to provide an accurate review of that building since it is not currently owned by Hancock County. However, he could look at other facilities for energy savings. Tim stated that it would be best to wait until the mall purchase is concluded before deciding on how to proceed. Commissioners Pepple and Bateson concurred.

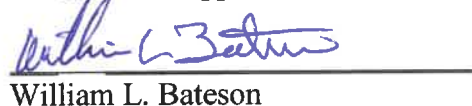
At 1:17 p.m., the Commissioners met with Courtney Comstock from Litter Landing. Lynn Taylor was also in attendance. Courtney reported that the processing building has been torn down. The demolition was this morning. The trees were able to be saved and Courtney stated that it is a lot windier out there now. She has been using the cardboard piles to maintain a somewhat wall. Courtney requested that her staff observe Juneteenth on Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 in lieu of the Friday, November 12th, 2021 county wide observance. This will allow Litter Landing to be open on Friday, November 12th. Courtney wanted to avoid 2 consecutive closing days for Litter Landing. Thursday, November 11th, 2021 is Veterans Day and their staff will be observing that holiday. The Commissioners concurred and agreed to giving November 3rd off as their Juneteenth holiday. Tim will be scheduling a meeting with Courtney on August 19th or 20th to discuss new spacing.


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson