

Minutes

August 18, 2021

Budget Commission Meeting

At 8:31 a.m. the Commissioners met with Budget Commission. Those present included: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple, Tammy Erwin, Charity Rauschenberg, Diane Rowland, J. Steve Welton, Lucinda Land and Adam Witteman. Charity stated the General Fund will receive 1.5 inside mills out of a total 9.2 mills that was collected. Other agencies receiving millage are Children Services, Board of DD, Senior Citizens (50 North) and ADAMHS. She also stated the allocation for local government funds for next year is \$1.2 million. Charity discussed the county's estimated revenue, utilities and guidance on ARPA funds. There was a brief discussion on fall borrowing.

Commissioner's Meeting

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol and Michael Pepple

Others present: Tammy Erwin

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. He stated that there would be two meetings today. The first one would be for a request for an executive session and the second meeting will be the normal Commissioner's meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m.

At 11:15 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session for a phone conference with Squire, Patton and Boggs to discuss pending litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 11:58 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed pending litigation with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Timothy Bechtol reconvened the Commissioner's meeting. Those present included: Michael Pepple, William Bateson, Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, J. Steve Welton, Doug Cade and Adam Witteman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the August 12th, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #538-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #539-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #540-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #541-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Family First. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #542-21 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #543-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #544-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Real Estate. Charity Rauschenberg thanked the Commissioners for approving the resolution so that they are able to get the planes out to update aerial pictures. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved an invoice for Squire Patton Boggs and signed the final draw request for a grant for Regional Planning for the demolition of 339 Wilson St. William Bateson made a motion for the Chair to sign the audit engagement letter for the BRSEP audit. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Four travel requests were approved for the Treasurer, Sheriff and Auditor offices.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #545-21 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with Hans Klinck for the repair of ornamental plaster trim on the 3rd floor ceilings at the Hancock County Courthouse. Lucinda stated that the proposal amount is for \$1,800.00. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #546-21 – Authorizing a contract with Vanderpool LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant WPCLF Project #HS390032-003-2020-26. Lucinda stated that the total project amount is \$40,753.00 and is for a mound system. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #547-21 – Authorizing entry into an agreement regarding construction and maintenance of a ditch within and around Best Liberty Addition Subdivision pursuant to Ohio

Revised Code Section 6131.63. Phil stated that the county would maintain the ditch. Doug Cade stated that the new subdivision regulations require all new subdivisions be petitioned under the petition ditch program. It will be put under ditch maintenance and collect the initial assessments as established in the ditch maintenance account. Doug stated that he supports the project. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation.

Charity Rauschenberg stated that the budget commission meetings are going well.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended a zoom meeting regarding American Rescue Plan Dollars. He also attended the Republican Party Central Committee meeting and the Budget Commission meeting this morning.

Timothy Bechtol reported that on Monday night he attended the open house in Arcadia put on by Galehead and the Border Basin regarding the solar project. There were information tables around the room for concerned citizens about the project. One of the tables had the Power Siting Board information on current projects in their review process along with a map and their status including the two projects that are being considered in Hancock County. Timothy stated that a letter was received in the Commissioners office last week from concerned citizens in Cass and Washington Townships with 34 property owners' signatures, and made specific reference to Seneca County Commissioners and what they had done to prevent solar in their county. Timothy spoke with Seneca County Commissioner Kerschner and he stated that they were mainly opposed to wind projects not solar projects. Timothy stated that the letter that was received was in great detail and very misleading. If the Commissioners continue to receive misleading and falsified information, he will keep track of who is signing them. He is trying to represent the whole county and the best interest of the whole county but he will not be misled. The Commissioners will be judged by how they are participating or not participating in this process, and it will not be on misinformation.

At 2:35 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 3:12 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Erwin

Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Robert

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple

Michael W. Pepple

William L. Bateson

William L. Bateson

**Hancock
County Treasurer**



J. STEVE WELTON

August 12, 2021

Hancock County Commissioners:

RE: Steve Welton

I hereby request your approval for the above referenced person (or persons) to attend The OCCO Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on 9/22/21. This is in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 325.20, so that expenses incurred therein may be reimbursable. I estimate the expenses not to exceed \$200.00.

Handwritten signature of J. Steve Welton in cursive script.

J. Steve Welton
Hancock County Treasurer

County Commissioners

Three handwritten signatures of County Commissioners, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are: "Patrick [unclear]", "Michael W. [unclear]", and "William L. [unclear]".

August 13, 2021

Hancock County Commissioners
Hancock County Courthouse
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Commissioners:

TRAVEL REQUEST FOR: Sheriff Heldman and Capt. Ryan Kidwell

I hereby request your approval for the above referenced person(s) to attend:

WHAT: BSSA Annual Conference
WHERE: Sandusky, Ohio
WHEN: November 14, 2021 through November 17, 2021

Sheriff Heldman and Capt. Kidwell will be attending the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Annual Conference.

This in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 325.20, so that expenses incurred may be reimbursable. The expenses are estimated to be:

Registration Fees	\$ 900.00
Lodging/Meals	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 1,900.00




Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Heldman, Sheriff

County Commissioners' Approval:

August 13, 2021

Hancock County Commissioners
Hancock County Courthouse
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Commissioners:

TRAVEL REQUEST FOR: Sgt. Fred Smith

I hereby request your approval for the above referenced person(s) to attend:

WHAT: **BSSA Fall Conference**
WHERE: **Columbus, Ohio**
WHEN: **September 15, 2021**

Sgt. Smith will be attending the BSSA Fall Conference. Training topics will be Civil Process highlighting Service of Process, Writs, Executions, Subpoenas, Orders and Sheriff Sales.

This in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 325.20, so that expenses incurred may be reimbursable. The expenses are estimated to be:

Registration Fees	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 150.00

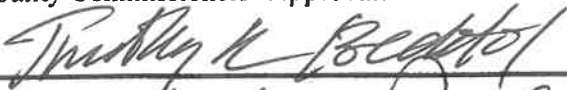

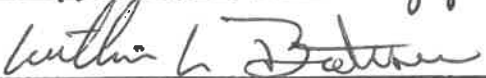
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Heldman, Sheriff

County Commissioners' Approval:

TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

To the Honorable Board of
County Commissioners
Hancock County, Ohio


Date: August 12, 2021

As provided by Section 325.20 O.R.C. application is made for the payment by Hancock County of the expense of Adam Witteman, Fiscal Services Administrator, for attending GFOA Annual Conference for 2021.

This is in compliance with O.R.C. Section 325.20, so that expenses incurred therein may be reimbursable. I estimate the expenses for the event to be approximately \$1,400.00


Department Head

The expenditure of approximately \$1,400.00 from Auditor/Travel Expense Fund, for the purpose requested is hereby authorized.

Approved: 

Board of Hancock County Commissioners