

Minutes
August 22, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Philip Johnson, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' first floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Minutes from the August 15, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Brian Robertson abstained. The minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #532-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance-\$39,478.08. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #533-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvement Ditch-Variou Projects. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #534-19 – Repayment of advance from the Ditch Maintenance Fund to the General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #535-19 – Repayment of advance from the Special Improvement Ditch Fund to the General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #536-19 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to the Special Improvement Ditch Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #537-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #538-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Agency on Aging. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #539-19 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund July, 2019 - \$1,727.17. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #540-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Treasurer. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #541-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-JFS-General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #542-19 – Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #543-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to MV>. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Auditor’s Warrant Journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Travel requests were authorized for the Treasurer’s Office and the Sheriff’s Office. Commissioners Gazarek and Robertson approved the travel request for Commissioner Bechtol to attend the MEBC Executive Meeting.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #544-19 – Authorizing entry into contract with ALL Excavating and Demolition, LTD., for demolition of building located at 930 Fox Street in Findlay. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil stated that the resolution for the Change Order for the North Main Street demolition will not be presented today due to further clarification needed.

Phil requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation and potential litigation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson reported that he attended the Budget Commission meetings and had good dialogue.

Mark Gazarek stated that he met with Dave Thomas from the Fairgrounds regarding the upcoming fair. Mark encouraged citizens to attend the livestock auction to support the hard work by the young people at a time when the farmers could be struggling due to all the spring rain. Brian also concurred and stated that he met with Tom Davis regarding the damage to the Merchant’s Building and that the emergency repairs are in place. Timothy Bechtol stated that a meeting with the Fair Board will have to be held to discuss long term plans for the building.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Chamber Advisory Board meeting. Tim also recommended the contract be awarded to Mel Lanzer for the Justice Center door replacement project. Tim stated that after checking references and reviewing the start dates and completion

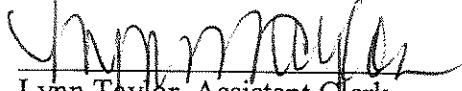
dates, Mel Lanzer provided the best scenario. Brian stated that his recommendation is also Mel Lanzer. Tim requested the Prosecutor's Office prepare the contract for construction. Tim stated that the start date was listed as November 18, 2019 with a 75 day completion time frame. Brian also stated that some plumbing repairs also need to happen and the time frame of Mel Lanzer would be parallel to the plumbing work. Therefore, limited movement of inmates would be recommended. Tim indicated that he has spoken to the Mayor and Mr. Winkle, from the library regarding the "footprint" lot of 222 Broadway and the sidewalks along the library. The City of Findlay has a program that will work with landowners on sidewalk repair. A proposal has been provided to lay 2" of blacktop on the 222 Broadway lot and repair the sidewalks. The City pays for the labor, and the materials are paid for separately. Mr. Winkle has offered to discuss the library's participation in this project. The Board concurred to have Tim contact Mr. Winkle and discuss their amount of participation. Tim will inform the Board the details of their discussion. Jim Maurer inquired if the library is still interested in swapping properties with the County. Tim stated he will proceed with speaking with the Library about the lot and sidewalk.

At 9:53 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation and potential litigation, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol; yes, Mark Gazarek; yes, Brian Robertson; yes. At 10:38 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:40 a.m., the Commissioners met with Doug Cade, Erica Kelly, Jim Maurer, Phil Johnson, Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, and Adam Witteman. Doug stated that it's been since 1999 that the Commissioners stopped fronting funds for ditch construction projects as required by the ORC. Doug is recommending that in lieu of providing a percentage of an appropriation, the Commissioner's provide lump sum funds for the consultant work in an acceptable time frame for each project to be completed. The Board concurred that this is an acceptable option and will review the consultant quotes for ditch construction projects once they are provided to the office. Doug indicated the Western Meadows project consultant quote should be forthcoming relatively soon.

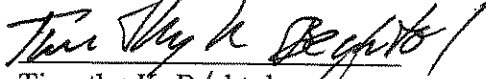
At 1:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Courtney Comstock from Litter Landing. Adam Witteman was also in attendance. Courtney attended the Wyandot County recycling open house and learned a lot. Their sort line is efficient and effective. Only 7 paid employees are at their location, and do not have community workers. Courtney also mentioned that the old barn building at Litter Landing is needing some repairs and encouraged the Commissioners to come out and take a look. Courtney is working hard at increasing the education awareness of recycling and received a lot of information from Wyandot County to use. Courtney stated that the clothing recycling is going well and the first month 2,787 pounds were collected. Courtney stated that the forklift is still having issues. The yellow box truck will be used at the fair, however once that is over, major repairs are needed. Courtney also stated that the budget is on track for 2019. Commissioner Bechtol wanted to have a discussion about the 2019 fall borrowing. Cindy Land and Sarah Mutchler were also in attendance. Tim stated that the meeting options discussed on August 5th, were reviewed. Tim suggested \$556,000 be appropriated into the Probate/Juvenile project fund from the sales tax revenue. Beginning in August, 2019, \$100,000 will be transferred from the sales tax receipts monthly into the same fund.

Respectfully submitted,

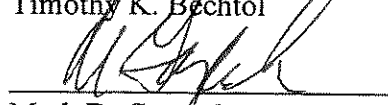


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

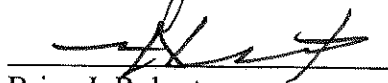
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson