

Minutes  
August 25, 2020

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

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, William Bateson, Mike Pepple, MaryAnn LaRoche, Steve Wilson, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #626-20 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #627-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Real Estate. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #628-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Workforce Development. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #629-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-MV&GT. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #630-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Juvenile Court). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #631-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #632-20 – Repayment of advance from Special Improvement to the General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #633-20 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #634-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-Adult Probation. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #635-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #636-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Redevelopment Tax Equivalent. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #637-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #638-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Auditor. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #639-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Prosecutor’s Delinquent Tax Assessment. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #640-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved a request to pay a finance charge from the Board of Elections. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. They signed a joint proclamation for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The Commissioners approved payroll for their staff.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Charity Rauschenberg gave an update on CARES Act funding. A majority of the townships and villages are going to request their share of the CARES Act funding. She also stated the second round of funding will soon be available.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition. He also said the Clinton Court warehouse is coming down.

**Meetings/Reports**

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol gave an update on the renovation projects at the Hancock County Justice Center. The plumbing contract is finished with the inside work. They are waiting on the inspection on the security door replacement. Shuck Roofing will have a pre-construction meeting for the roof repairs tomorrow.

Mark Gazarek has been coordinating with the Engineer’s office regarding subdivision plats.

At 9:42 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and potential real estate acquisition, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:08 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Josh Anderson and Scott Lammers from the CAC. Sarah Mutchler, William Bateson, and Jim Maurer were also present.

The Public Transit is required to be designated by the local government every 3 years. They are asking for an additional 3 year designation. Scott started with CAC in late 2018, and stated demand has increased since then. He stated there is an even distribution of rural routes throughout Hancock County. The CAC will return for quarterly update meetings to discuss the fleet, utilization, and grant funding. Josh offered assistance from the CAC for the CARES Act funding.

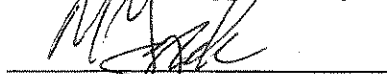
At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Greg Burks from Soil & Water for an update. Sarah Mutchler, William Bateson, and Jim Maurer were also present. Greg presented their annual report for the Commissioners review. He discussed ditch maintenance and different programs that he is interested in implementing to make maintenance more routine and possibly give a benefit to those landowners that maintain their ditch. He also gave an overview of the water quality testing they have completed. Soil & Water has 31 test spots throughout the County. They have not noticed high levels of phosphates.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol