

Minutes
August 27, 2019

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

Also Present: Steve Wilson, Lucinda Land, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution #545-19 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #546-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Children's Trust Fund. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #547-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement Fund. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #548-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Treasurer. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #550-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to General Fund. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #551-19 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Capital Project Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-1. Mark Gazarek voted no due to lack of funding for the Sheriff vehicles.

Resolution #552-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Special Improvement Ditch (Snaveley & Sterling) Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #553-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to TCAP fund. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #554-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to CPC General Special Projects – HOPE. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Travel requests were approved for the JFS staff and Treasurer’s office. The Commissioners signed a pay request for Helms & Sons Excavating for Blanchard River Hydraulic Improvements and the Metro Housing certification forms for the annual PHA Plan. The Acknowledgement of Receipt forms from FEMA were presented to the Commissioners for signatures but they would like to review the paperwork prior to signing.

Lucinda Land presented the following Resolution from the Prosecutor’s office for consideration:

Resolution #555-19 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hancock County Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Ohio. Lucinda stated that there is no cost involved; only clarifying who is responsible for the data. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #556-19 – Accepting the Proposal from Van Horn Hoover & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the SR 224 ODOT Construction Plans – Stage 1, Hancock County Project. Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Steve Wilson commented that they will prepare a preliminary engineering plan for the area on Route 224, near CR 223 for the pavement elevation and is part of the transportation corridor project. ODOT will do the construction administration and the county will have to pay for cost of raising the pavement.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson attended the annual Ice Cream Palooza to show the appreciation of the employees of the Public Defenders office. He attended the University of Findlay Student Exchange Event last Thursday, also has had some dialog with residents in and around the Western Meadows detention project. There is an individual looking for an amendment so they are waiting to see if that amendment is filed. Brian also wanted to clarify that last year the Sheriff’s budget was cut by \$700,000 and was contacted by Commissioner Gazarek to announce that cut for 2019. Brian stated that he voted no for that budget and it is interesting that the same commissioner, who cut that budget, is now complaining about funding to the Sheriff’s office and feels that is an important perspective.

Mark Gazarek met with management at BVHS to talk about strategic goals for 2020. Also, to let him know that we are here if he needs any help to get things up and running.

Timothy Bechtol went to the fairgrounds to meet with Dave Thomas on Monday to check out the Merchants building roof. There is a temporary fix for fair week and more permanent repairs will be done later after the fair. He stated that Tom Davis has done a lot of leg work in regards to the roof that was wind damaged. Tim also announced that the CAC has moved out of the building down on Clinton Ct. Phil Johnson and Tim toured the building and found it to be in good condition.

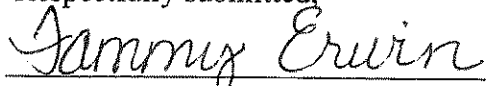
Steve Wilson requested an executive session. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:55 a.m. to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. A roll call resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes, Mark Gazarek, yes, Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:37 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith for an update on JFS. Those present were: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson, Janet Beall, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Wittman and Jim Maurer. Randy said that August was Child Support Awareness Month and had some activities around that. They are working on a plan to install a kiosk machine somewhere around Findlay for parents to make payments, therefore, making it easier. He stated that they have been working on Prevention/Retention Contingency plan most of the summer and sent it down to Cindy Land to be approved. Randy gave a brief update on TANF dollars, working on trying to spend the money so that they do not have to give it back to state for those funds that have not been used, and information regarding child welfare. He said that their projections in May were right on target. Their average monthly cost per child has gone up. There are currently 98 kids in legal custody, another one added this morning and expects 2 more children by the next day. Commissioner Gazarek had asked for a breakdown and Randy stated that of those 98 children, 24 were placed with their families. There are an additional 85 children in our protected supervision, which means that they are not in our custody in the county but are in someone else's custody and they are just making sure that they are safe. As for the number of children in placement, the average yearly cost per child is \$28,418.33 but has increased to \$29,871.66 which is about a \$1500 year increase. Randy stated that they are now down to 6 children for cost sharing. The grand total in May was expected to be \$1.2 million county responsibility but now that estimate is \$1,294,692.64. Randy stated that the good news is the state will be giving an increase in the amount of \$410,000 for a 2 year budget. \$205,000 will be allocated for 2019. There will be a county shortage of \$344,692.64 although that number does not reflect the new money that will be coming in. Brian Robertson calculated an amount of \$139,692.64 payment that will be due for the 4th quarter which is significantly less than initially thought. Charity also questioned where the increase is in the state for placement costs and some of the funding that has already been paid to JFS for child welfare. Janet Beall stated that the

county share continues to grow because the kids in placement continue to grow. Janet stated that the shortfall needed from the county is roughly \$144,000. Mark asked Randy about the numbers and the minimum county shares, whatever that number may be is really misleading. Randy agreed. Randy stated that there will be 4 or 5 children who will be aging out over the course of next year, but cases are more severe and range in all ages of children not older or younger specifically. Tim stated that likely the increase in numbers is outweighing the increase of kids aging out. Randy stated that there is no doubt that they are opening and keeping kids faster than those who are leaving the system. Brian stated that he appreciates the government for giving out more money to address these kids across counties in Ohio.

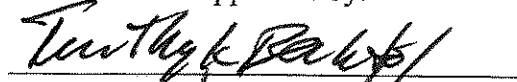
At 1:15 p.m. the Commissioners met with Larry Busdeker regarding space at the ESC. Those present were Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Jim Maurer. Larry told the commissioners that Hancock Public Health will be vacating on September 12th and he is asking the commissioners approval to take over that space in the north wing. He would like to put in new carpet and fresh paint to spruce it up for office space at his expense. He does not know the square footage so the commissioners would need to find out that information and only wants the north wing, not the cottages. He met with Karim from the health department and Karim told him a few of the windows do not work and balancing out the heat has been hard to do. Larry stated that the Governing Board is ready to move ahead as soon as the Commissioners say it is ok and sign where necessary. The treasurer is not willing to allocate any funds until an agreement has been made. Mark Gazarek gave the ok but they will need to check with Cindy Land to update the current lease and total new square footage along with a resolution. Larry agreed to pay more for the utilities since his square footage will be increasing. Tim stated that he would get with Cindy to have the contract amended and that it would be done soon. Larry said he would wait to hear from Cindy and would move forward at that time.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson

PCSA Local Contributions

Hancock County Job & Family Services

Providing Help Today and Building Hope for Tomorrow

7814 County Road 99
Findlay, OH 45840

DATE: August 27, 2019

To:

Honorable Board of Hancock County Commissioners
300 S. Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS					
2015					425,000.00
2016					525,000.00
2017					525,000.00
2018					625,000.00
2019					1,095,000.00
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	3,195,000.00

Minimum County Share 2020 639,000.00

Galbraith, Randall

From: Hartle, Teresa L
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:27 PM
To: Galbraith, Randall
Cc: Rader, Angela; Lauth, Karmen M
Subject: FW: statistics

Here is what I have for statistics as per questions below:

Total in Agency Custody including Foster Care/Grp Homes/Residential/Kinship: 98

Our Homes: 10

Network Foster Homes: 49

Group and Residential Homes: 14

Adoptive Relative/JDC: 1 (D.H.)

Our custody/Kinship placements: 24

Protective Supervision: 85

Voluntary Cases: 1

Here is the breakdown of Group Home/Residential/Etc.

- 1 = New Beginnings
- 2 = Safe House Residential
- 2 = Keeping Kids Safe – Independent Living
- 2 = Buckeye
 - 1 = Fox Run/Columbus
 - 2 = A Home for Keeps/Maumee
- 3 = Ohio Teaching Families/1 @ Douglas Group Home and will be 2 at Douglas Group Home soon/awol children
- 1 = All For You 126, Inc.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Placement Cost Breakdown

8/27/2019

Placement Costs

Month	TOTAL	IV-E	Other Federal	Child Support Soc Sec	County	# of children (pd placmt)	Average Cost per child
January	165,761.39	65,813.84	11,901.87	4,642.21	83,403.47	65	30,602.10
February	151,171.88	54,270.75	12,857.60	3,826.85	80,216.68	68	26,677.39
March	164,027.05	60,559.06	13,184.36	6,613.48	83,670.15	69	28,526.44
April	172,071.88	63,831.14	13,688.90	3,195.99	91,355.85	70	29,498.04
May	178,050.26	64,892.77	13,821.49	2,836.66	96,499.34	72	29,675.04
June	178,421.12	61,960.10	14,517.30	2,907.31	99,036.41	73	29,169.67
July	194,130.35	71,905.88	14,517.30	4,000.00	103,707.17	75	31,143.91
August	194,130.35	71,905.88	14,517.30	4,000.00	103,707.17	75	31,060.86
September	194,130.35	71,905.88	14,049.00	4,000.00	104,175.47	76	30,491.68
October	194,130.35	71,905.88	14,517.30	4,000.00	103,707.17	78	29,942.98
November	183,924.86	68,125.77	14,049.00	4,000.00	97,750.09	79	27,867.40
December	194,130.35	71,905.88	14,517.30	4,000.00	103,707.17	81	28,902.78
TOTALS	2,164,080.19	798,982.84	166,138.72	48,022.50	1,150,936.13		4 mo AVERAGE 29,871.66

Average increase # children per month

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Adoption Assistance

Month	TOTAL	Federal	State	County
January	51,006.46	29,317.77	15,424.71	6,263.98
February	50,593.56	29,183.45	15,132.44	6,277.67
March	51,588.56	29,685.02	15,332.44	6,571.10
April	50,872.82	29,384.61	15,000.16	6,488.05
May	50,873.56	29,385.34	15,000.17	6,488.05
June	49,923.56	28,596.69	14,723.36	6,603.51
July	49,523.56	28,344.32	14,631.09	6,548.15
August	49,473.56	28,312.78	14,631.09	6,529.69
September	50,873.56	29,385.34	15,000.17	6,488.05
October	50,873.56	29,385.34	15,000.17	6,488.05
November	50,873.56	29,385.34	15,000.17	6,488.05
December	50,873.56	29,385.34	15,000.17	6,488.05
TOTALS	607,349.88	349,751.34	179,876.14	77,722.40

Shared Placements

Month	TOTAL	ADAMHS	JUVENILE Ct	County
Annual	203,282.83	42,735.94	92,785.92	67,760.94

Summary

	Total Estimated Cost	Credits	County Responsibility
Placement Costs			
Estimated # of Children EOY	80		
Estimated cost per child	29,871.66		
Estimated Total Placement cost	2,164,080.19		
IV-E Reimbursements		800,709.67	
Other Federal Reimbursements		166,138.72	
Child Support / Social Security		48,022.50	
County Responsibility			1,149,209.30
Adoption Assistance			
Total cost	607,349.88		
Federal Share		349,751.34	
State Share		179,876.14	
County Responsibility			77,722.40
Shared Placements			
Total cost	203,282.83		
ADAMHS		67,760.94	
Juvenile Court		67,760.94	
County Responsibility			67,760.94
TOTAL	2,974,712.90	1,680,020.26	1,294,692.64

ESTIMATED COUNTY SHARE 1,294,692.64
 Current County Allocation 950,000.00
 Difference Over (Short) (344,692.64)