

Minutes
August 27, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Kim Boudrie, Nancy Hiatt, Stephanie Smith, Christine Carrigan, Adam Witteman, Melissa Kritzell, Mary Anne LaRoche, Phil Rooney, Jim Maurer, Mike Pepple, and Bill Bateson.

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 25th meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #641-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Community Development Block Grant. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #642-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #643-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Family First. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #644-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioners to appropriate to Local Coronavirus Relief Fund. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #645-20 – Release of permissive tax- Village of Mt. Cory to pay for improvements to 2nd Street - \$11,600.00. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #646-20 – 2020 Ditch Maintenance Recollections. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #647-20 – Re- designation of Rural Transit Grantee. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #648-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion approved 2-0. Payroll for JFS was also approved.

Lucinda Land explained that she has spoken with Jessica from HRPC and they have decided to extend all sewage treatment contracts until October 31, 2020. Some prior contracts have already been extended and extending all of them in the pipeline will make the process less confusing.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #649-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-03. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, and Timothy Bechtol suggested that since all the resolutions are similar, a consent agenda could be possible. Mark Gazarek concurred. Mark withdrew his motion to approve Resolution #649-20. Mark made the motion to approve Resolutions #649-20 through and including Resolution #652-20, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #650-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with A&D Excavating LLC. for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-05.

Resolution #651-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with A&D Excavating LLC. for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-08.

Resolution #652-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant #HS390032-003-202-10.

Resolution #653-20 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the County portion of the 2020 County/Township OPWC Resurfacing Program contract with M & B Asphalt Co. Inc. for the Hancock County 2020 Road Resurfacing Program. Cindy stated that an additional amount of \$416.82 is needed as additional quantities are needed for the County portion of the resurfacing contract. Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land stated that she wanted to discuss an item with the Commissioner's that was not part of the agenda. A determination will need to be made by the Board on how to proceed regarding the Maintenance Bond and the value of improvements required for new subdivisions. Phil Rooney represents the contractor (Best Construction) in this particular situation and Deer Landing Phase 1 is the subdivision. Further review will be needed and discussed with the County Engineer. Mark Gazarek stated that a decision will be made within 2 weeks.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that he and Sarah met with Auditor Rauschenberg to discuss COVID expenses. Tim also reminded the public that the Small Business Relief Application is still available for local business. Tim also attended the Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board Meeting via Zoom. They are hoping to resume in person meetings in September. Tim did attend the pre-construction meeting for the jail roofing project.

Mark Gazarek stated that he participated in the CCAO conference call and the financial consequences from COVID are still being felt. Also, the sales tax revenue has been affected in all counties.

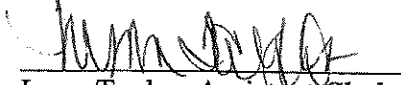
Mark Gazarek stated that the Commissioners meeting will be in recess until a representative of the State Auditor's Office arrives to present the Auditor's office an award.

At 9:54 a.m., Mark Gazarek reopened the meeting. Lori Brodie, Sarah Mutchler, and Tammy Erwin were also in attendance, in addition to those present from the Commissioners meeting.

Lori Brodie, on behalf of the State Auditor, Keith Faber, presented Auditor Rauschenberg and her staff the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This is the second year in a row Lori has presented this award to Hancock County and she was honored to present it again. Auditor Rauschenberg was complimentary to her staff and to the staff of the Commissioner's Office who work in conjunction with her office to research questions.

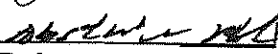
At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners participated in a telephone conference call with Michael Gaynor. Mark Gazarek stated that Lee Swisher will be in contact with Michael regarding the GoRail app. This GoRail app is used by a lot of first responders regarding notification of train derailments and other safety information. Michael is also preparing a letter to Congress commemorating the deregulation of the railroads and would like the support of the Commissioners. Mark Gazarek stated that Lee will review and suggested Michael contact the CCAO for their review as well.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek

Absent 
Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol