

Minutes
December 10, 2019

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Adam Witteman, Randy Galbraith, Mandy Lobdell, Mike Pepple, Bill Bateson and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #872-19 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #873-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Hancock County Law Library. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #874-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Other Health. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #875-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Dog and Kennel. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #876-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court-Computer. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #877-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Sheriff. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #878-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Public Defenders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #879-19 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per ORC 2935.032 (Divorce/Dissolutions)-\$3,872.75. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #880-19 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per ORC 3113.34 (Marriage License) - \$4,862.00. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Soil Disposal Waste Exemption letter for Sunoco Pipeline. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Gazarek and Commissioner Robertson signed a travel request for Commissioner Bechtol.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #881-19 – Authorization to solicit bids to provide jail physician and inmate health care services for the Hancock County Justice Center. Cindy stated the current contract expires mid-January 2020 and the legal notice will be published December 12 and December 19, 2019 with a bid opening date of December 26, 2019.

Resolution #882-19 – Authorization of the Ninth Amendment to the terms of Resolution number 494-16 and authorization of a purchase order authorizing payment of \$90,000.00 during calendar year 2020 for the reimbursement to the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District, pursuant to a certain memorandum of agreement between the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners. Cindy stated that this Purchase Order is the annual administrative costs for the expenses such as the expenses of Steve Wilson etc. This is not associated with any projects and in the past, \$90,000 has been requested, but not all of that money has been used. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #883-19 – Revised wage chart for Hancock County Job & Family Services effective January 1, 2020. Cindy stated that this Resolution revised the proposed wage chart that JFS submitted in early 2019. Director Galbraith has revised the estimated wages due to revised funding sources from the Federal and State grants for 2020. This is not necessarily a pay cut, but a revised wage chart to consider more factors. Brian Robertson stated that it is often that Hancock County spends financial resources to train staff and the staff will then leave for other employment outside Hancock County for higher wages. Director Galbraith acknowledged and said this situation happens often. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #884-19 – Resolution authorizing the acquisition, shipment and installation of a Soter RS full body security scanning system from OD Security North America using the ODAS state term schedule. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #885-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners and the Hancock County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with Van Wert County for prisoner housing. Cindy stated that this is a standard contract that is in place with other counties for the overflow of prisoners. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #886-19 – Authorizing a contract with the City of Findlay for indigent defense services provided by the Hancock County Public Defenders Commission for calendar years 2020-2022. Cindy stated that this contract is for 3 years and the reimbursement amount will be \$190,000 each year for indigent defense services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #887-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners and the Hancock County Sheriff to enter into an amendment No. 3 to the contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, 2400 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Cindy stated that this is similar to the contract last year for meals that are provided to the inmates of the Justice Center. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Randy Galbraith had nothing to report.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson reported that he attended the Data Board meeting and the First Friday luncheon. Brian also attended the Findlay City School Board Meeting and appreciated all the kind words spoken on behalf of his wife. His wife is leaving her school board position at the end of 2019.

Mark Gazarek stated that he attended several Township meetings.

Timothy Bechtol provided the following written report:

“Last night I attended the Northwest Ohio regional forum for Foster Care hosted by the Wood County JFS Office in Bowling Green. These forums are being presented across the State of Ohio by the Governor’s Children’s Initiative. 16 counties were in this gathering last night with several county commissioners there from those counties. Judge Johnson among several other people provided testimony to the Governor’s Advisory Council in attendance on the state of the foster care system in Hancock County. The testimonies collectively lasted for over two hours.

Yesterday morning I attended the Hancock County Educational Collaborative forum hosted by The University of Findlay at the Winebrenner Center. The Keynote Speaker was Randy Gardner, Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. UF’s Dr. Fell moderated a 7-person panel of local educational leaders in our community as they discussed the connections between education and workforce development.

Last Friday, I attended the GOP First Friday luncheon at the DOCK @ St. Marks UM Church, where the Northern Lights Show Choir from Glenwood School performed their Christmas show for the gathering.

I continue to coordinate with our county maintenance crew, the Probate/Juvenile Court, the county IT staff, & the Sheriff on preparing the new temporary offices for the Probate/Juvenile Court.

I also continue to coordinate on the facility improvements to the Justice Center with the Sheriff’s staff and our county maintenance staff.”

At 10:30 A.M., the Commissioners met with Treasurer Welton, Barb Marquart and Eileen Stanic for a Treasurer’s Investment meeting. Mandy Lobdell was also in attendance. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2019 meeting. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the March 26, 2019 minutes and Brian

Robertson seconded. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes and Timothy Bechtol seconded. Brian Robertson also made the motion to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes and Timothy Bechtol seconded. Eileen Stanic stated that the federal funds rate was held steady at the last meeting. Of course, this is pending further review of the economic data. Events like high inflation would reverse the flat movement of the rate. Eileen further stated that the market does not expect a rate increase at the next meeting, which is Wednesday, December 11, 2019. However, some uncertainty remains in the market due to the tariff situation. There are some signs in the manufacturing sector that the US economy is slowing. There is also a slight downward turn in the service sector. Eileen stated that there is also a downward pressure on yields, which is having an effect on interest rates. Eileen is working on getting some additional funds invested in our portfolio. The current yield is 2.12% and at the end of August 2019, the yield was 2.01%. The Flood Mitigation Portfolio funds are being moved out due to work on the projects beginning.


At 3:05 P.M., the Commissioners held a meeting at the Courthouse Grand Jury Room to discuss the proposed Juvenile/Probate building. The attendance sheet is attached. Charity Rauschenberg joined the meeting also. Tim stated that he has spoken to Judge Routson, Judge Starn and Sheriff Heldman regarding versions of the temporary and permanent security entrances for the proposed building. Bruce Miller stated that they will be able to keep the access to the greenhouse open for 6 months of the construction. Brian Robertson stated that each option discussed presents challenges and/or inconveniences for a term of 6-8 months. It was discussed that everyone, including victims, inmates, public citizens etc., will use the main entrance into the building. Brian Robertson stated that the functionality and cost savings are beneficial. Tim Bechtol stated that it is much safer to have one entrance. Kasey Corbet inquired if the City of Findlay owns the brick wall in between the current entrance of the Courthouse and the Juvenile/Probate building. It was stated that the City owns it. Kasey indicated that she will want to discuss this wall with the City during the site plan review. A proposed access point was discussed between the Municipal Building and the new Juvenile/Probate building which could be used for vehicle traffic as well as pedestrians. This would be in an East/West direction and would include a turnaround for Sheriffs vehicles. Brian Robertson stated that in his discussions with members of City Council, an access point off Dorney Plaza would be important. Judge Johnson suggested that the location of the former Media One Building would be a solution to many issues. For example, costs would be saved by allowing her staff to remain in the current location and eliminating a move to the former CAC building, temporary security issues would be eliminated as construction would be at a separate site and the vehicle turnaround issues would not exist. Cindy Land inquired if the Media One site would fit a new building and Bruce Miller indicated that he felt the area would be large enough. Sheriff Heldman concurred with Judge Johnson in regards to the Media One location as it could also reduce the concerns with the City of Findlay and the deed restriction. Brian Robertson stated that we are working towards a consensus and compromises need to be made. Brian stated that a lot of financial synergy would be affected if we don't repair the greenhouse and make a joining entrance due to a meeting he attended in 2014. Tim Bechtol stated that the City of Findlay would prefer a view of the Municipal Building to be unobstructed. Tim is proposing a meeting with Hancock County officials the Committee of the Whole from the City of Findlay prior to the January 21, 2020 City of Findlay Council meeting. Judge Johnson stated that she is scheduled to move out of her current building into the CAC building at the end of February. Bruce Miller stated that it's difficult to move forward if all parties can't agree. Brian Robertson stated that he would also like to get together with members of the City of Findlay prior to January 21, 2020. Cindy Land inquired what the takeaways are as a result of the meeting. Bruce Miller stated that a second

prisoner entrance needs to be addressed and addressing the issues of the prisoner entrance off Main Street. Charity stated that bidding and construction must happen within 6 months due to the financing she was able to obtain. A follow up meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 4:00 at the Commissioner's Office. In addition, the follow up items below were provided by Commissioner Robertson:

Follow-Up Items

- Site Plan Review, including current muni-wall
- Downtown Design Resign...Kasey at GM has made several calls trying to schedule
- City Quick Claim Deed
- Committee as a whole ahead of 1/21 with city has been requested
- Dorney dual entrance North and South
- Main-street Felony entrance continues
- South Public Entrance would be more desirable to public
- Tuesday 1/28/ 4:00pm F/U Meeting

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson

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153.36 Approval of plans for courthouse or jail.

If the plans, drawings, representations, bills of material, and specifications of work, and estimates of the cost thereof in detail and in the aggregate, required in sections 153.31 to 153.35, inclusive, of the Revised Code, relate to the building of a courthouse or jail, or an addition to or alteration, repair, or improvement thereof, they shall be submitted to the board of county commissioners, together with the clerk of the court of common pleas, the sheriff, and probate judge, and one person to be appointed by the judge of the court of common pleas, for their approval. If approved by a majority of them, a copy thereof shall be deposited with the county auditor and kept in his office.

Effective Date: 10-01-1953.

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Juv. / Private
Meeting

BRUCE MILLER

GAIRMANN/MILLER ARCHITECTS

Kasey Corbet

Gairmann/Miller Architects

Tim Bechtel

Commissioner

~~Bruce Robertson~~

~~Commissioner~~

TIM STUART

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Kristen Johnson

Juv Ct

Cindy Land

Pres. office

SHAWN CARPENTER

Pres. & Juvenile Court

MARK GAZAREK

Commissioner

Robroy Cline

Magistrate

Adam Wittman

Auditor's Office

Elizabeth Behrendt

Dom Rel Division

MICHAEL SELDMAN

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Hancock County Educational Collaborative:

We're All in This Together



Findlay City Schools is located in the heart of Hancock County and is an excellent public school system. Serving a growing cultural and economically diverse population, the Findlay City Schools encompasses approximately 37 square miles. Presently, the district is comprised of one high school, two middle schools, one intermediate (4-5) building, two intermediate (3-5) buildings, one K-5 building, two primary (K-2) buildings, two primary (K-3) buildings, one preschool building, and the Findlay Learning Center serving over 5,566 students. The Findlay Trojan tradition of excellence in academics, athletics and all extracurricular activities are based on collaboration between our students, staff, administrators, parents and community who take great interest in our students. The well-qualified and caring staff is committed to creating an outstanding learning environment and a culture for excellence that supports and encourages our students and staff in their academic, extra-curricular and personal growth.

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- Current enrollment of 161 students with 11 graduates since August 2019
- Tutoring lab open to students Monday-Thursday

- Academic Coaches/Mentors provide FREE 1:1 tutoring in all academic subjects
- 43% of students participate in work-based learning program
- 7% of students participate at Millstream Career Center
- Community adults enrolled in the 22+ high school diploma program

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**HANCOCK COUNTY
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Committed to "meeting student needs through cooperative efforts," the primary focus of the Hancock County ESC is to directly assist the eight local schools in Hancock County by effectively and efficiently providing a wide assortment of special needs services for preschool and school-age students, as well as help with general curriculum improvement, gifted/enrichment education, and a number of other initiatives such as the Alternative/Digital School and ESL programming. Importantly, the ESC maintains strong partnerships with all other area educational entities, as well as numerous community organizations, in order to assure that quality service is provided to the children of Hancock County. Located at 7746 County Road 140, pertinent information regarding the ESC is available on its website.

www.hancockesc.org



Millstream Career Center is a career center cooperative serving 14 school districts. With over 700 junior/senior students in 16 career fields, the students are gaining skills

in their field of study, polishing their professionalism and embracing opportunities in our community.

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Owens Community College offers more than 70 academic programs and certificates as well as transfer options for students of all ages. Dedicated faculty bring industry-based knowledge, information and ideas into the classroom to teach students about how their studies will translate into various careers. With small class sizes, students receive the personal attention needed to succeed.

www.owens.edu/findlay



Raise the Bar is a workforce development partnership of education, business, social services, and community leaders focused on aligning the learning system with the needs of the business community, to support economic growth and a high quality of life for Findlay-Hancock County. Our cradle-to-career workforce development solutions are grounded in three areas: Foundation & Soft Skills, Early Engagement & Exposure, and Professional Pathways.

Recent initiatives include:

- County-wide implementation of **Leader in Me**, an adaptation of Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* for the K-12 system (leaderinme.org)
- **The Manufacturing Experience (MFGX)**, an initiative supported by the National Association of Manufacturers, gives 8th graders hands-on experience in manufacturing (mfgday.com)
- Establishing the first **OH! FAME** (Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing) chapter in the state (fame-usa.com)

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University of Findlay

The **University of Findlay** encompasses a diverse and dynamic community that is dedicated to helping people pursue meaningful lives and productive careers. Founded in 1882, the institution's enduring Christian heritage supports a service-oriented focus that is maintained throughout its six academic colleges, athletic endeavors, and other offerings. UF enrolls nearly 3,600 students in its 80 bachelor's, 11 master's, and four doctoral programs offered on the 76-acre main campus, an equestrian complex, animal sciences center, and the All Hazards Training Center. The University has nearly 3,500 alumni living in Hancock County, contributing to its economy.

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Keynote: Randy Gardner, Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Educational Collaborative Members and Panelists:

Julie Baker, Owens Community College

Larry Busdeker, Hancock County Educational Service Center

Katherine Fell, University of Findlay

Darin Fields, University of Findlay

Ed Kurt, Findlay City Schools

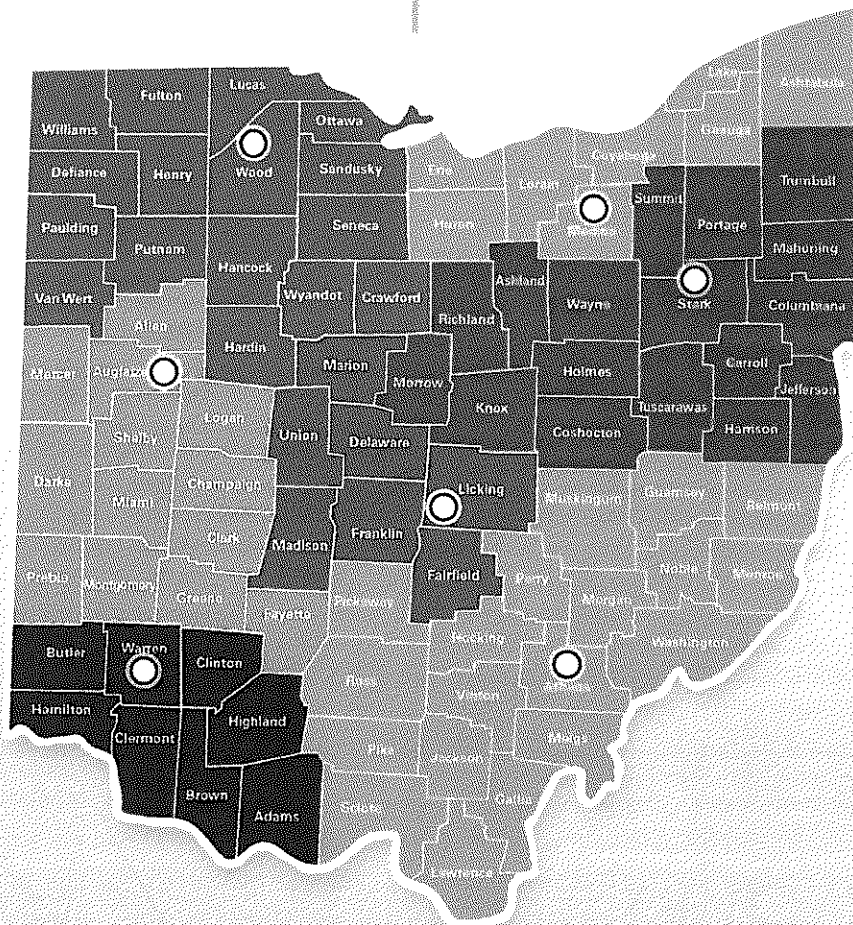
Steve Robinson, Owens Community College

Rosemary Rooker, Findlay Digital Academy

Laurie Zydonik, Raise the Bar - Hancock County



Foster Care Forum LOCATIONS



○ Southeast Region
Athens County
November 13, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Athens Community
Center – Multipurpose
Room A
701 E. State Street
Athens, Ohio
45701

○ Northern Region
Medina County
December 11, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Medina County
University Center
(University of Akron)-
Third Floor Lounge
6300 Technology Lane
Medina, Ohio
44256

○ Western Region
Auglaize County
November 18, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Auglaize County
Educational Service
Center – Large
Conference Room
1045 Dearbaugh
Avenue, Suite 2
Wapakoneta, Ohio
45895

○ Southwest Region
Warren County
December 17, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Lebanon Conference
& Banquet Center
121 S Broadway St
Lebanon, Ohio
45036

○ Central Region
Licking County
November 21, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Central Ohio Technical
College (Pataskala)
8660 E Broad St.
Pataskala, Ohio
43068

○ Northeast Region
Stark County
December 19, 2019
6-8 p.m.
United Way of Greater
Stark County
401 Market Avenue N
#300
Canton, Ohio
44702

○ Northwest Region
Wood County
December 9, 2019
6-8 p.m.
Wood County Depart-
ment Job & Family
Services – Children
Services/Visitor
Entrance
1928 E. Gypsy Lane
Road
P.O. Box 679
Bowling Green, Ohio
43402

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Counties*

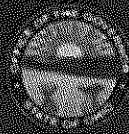


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Governor DeWine Announces Children Services Transformation Advisory Council, Regional Forums

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced the formation of the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council aimed at reviewing the state of Ohio's foster care system and developing recommendations for improving the experience of children and families. The advisory council was created to build on the historic investments included in the State Operating Budget providing more opportunities for families and children.

The Children Services Transformation Advisory Council will be tasked with:

- Travelling the state to better understand local barriers and best practices.
- Promoting a shared state and county vision for agency purpose and practice.
- Reviewing data, trends, and policies regarding the current foster care system.
- Providing recommendations and strategies to strengthen all areas of the system, including kinship care, foster care, adoption, workforce, and prevention.

"I've spent my career advocating for children and families that are touched by the children services system," Governor Mike DeWine said. "By learning from those who have personally experienced the system, we can work together to make Ohio a state that works for all families."

In order to better understand local challenges, the group will host regional listening forums across the state. Regional forums will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following dates and locations. Anyone interested in providing testimony should submit a written request at <https://governor.ohio.gov/fostercareforums>.

Southeast Region – Nov. 13 – Athens Community Center, Athens

Western Region – Nov. 18 – Auglaize County Educational Service Center, Wapakoneta

Central Region – Nov. 21 – Central Ohio Technical College, Pataskala Campus

Northwest Region – Dec. 9 – Wood County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services/Visitor Entrance, Bowling Green

Northern Region – Dec. 11 – Medina County University Center (University of Akron), Medina

Southwest Region – Dec. 17 – Lebanon Conference and Banquet Center, Lebanon

Northeast Region – Dec. 19 – United Way of Greater Stark County, Canton

The Children Services Transformation Advisory Council includes a wide range of families, youth, and subject matter experts from across the state. The following individuals will serve on the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council:

- LeeAnne Cornyn, Director, Governor's Office of Children's Initiatives