

Minutes

December 12, 2019

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Kim Boudrie, Lori Brodie, Jim Maurer, Bill Bateson, Mike Pepple, Mary Ann LaRoche and Miranda Lobdell.

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 December 10, 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

Resolution #888-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Buildings & Grounds. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #889-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioner's to appropriate to Transfer. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #890-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Sheriff. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #891-19 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Capital Projects. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #892-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Capital Projects. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #893-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Recorder's Indexing. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #894-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to OPWC. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #895-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance (Juvenile Court). Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #896-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Indigent Defense. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #897-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Law Library. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #898-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Auditor) Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #899-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Auditor – General Office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #900-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – CSEA. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #901-19 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Prosecutor. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #902-19 – Disposition of the surplus of funds in the Hancock County Dog & Kennel Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Auditor’s warrant journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The commissioners’ also signed an updated job description of Social Service Worker 2 for JFS.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #903-19 – Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the design of the new Hancock County Probate and Juvenile Court Building. Lucinda stated that when the contract was done back in December 2018/January 2019, it was still in very early preliminary stages and the contract was based on a percentage of the overall costs of construction at 7.5% which was approved at that time. There was a small number used, and the estimate is significantly more accurate now so more money will be needed. The estimate is based on \$8 million for the cost of the building, \$611,250.00 would be the 7.5% number they are using, plus an additional \$62,750.00 for out of pocket expenses. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration on behalf of the Prosecutor’s office:

Resolution #904-19 – Authorizing submission of PY 2019 Community Development Block Grant for projects in the Village of Jenera, McComb and Mt. Blanchard. Phil Johnson noted that

\$25,900.00 in state or local funds are to come from the villages and not from the county. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Charity Rauschenberg introduced Lori Brodie from the State Auditor's office. Lori is the NW Regional liaison and covers 15 counties including Hancock County. She wanted to come in person and asked the Auditor to come as well. She presented the county with the "Auditor of State Award with Distinction". This puts Hancock County in a very select group. Only 3%-5% are even eligible for this award. Lori read a list of requirements to be eligible for this award. It represents the hard work of every county employee, and Lori wanted to recognize the Commissioners for accounting for every dollar in Hancock County. She specifically wanted to recognize the County Auditor Charity Rauschenberg for her outstanding leadership, professionalism and commitment to fiscal integrity. Charity stated that it takes a lot of teamwork with staff throughout the county and thanked all of the leadership for working together.

Charity thanked Jim Maurer, from the Courier for the article in the paper regarding the fraud alert for the dog license website. This is happening throughout the state of Ohio and they are trying to get the word out so that people are aware of it.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson attended the Public Defender's Commission meeting this morning. He also communicated today with Paula at the Humane Society. On a personal note, Brian wanted to wish a Happy Birthday to his nephew, St. Michael Shane Walton, God rest his soul.

Mark Gazarek met with the head of Alliance to review the annual year-end review of CVD Chamber and also Economic Development.

Timothy Bechtol has been communicating with James Sammet about the plumbing work for the improvements to be done at the Justice Center and will have the bid package ready to go shortly.

Brian wanted to give an update regarding the meeting on Tuesday with Garmann Miller and the Courts for the Juvenile Court building regarding the north/south entrances and possibly doing a dual entrance.

10:30 A.M. – The Commissioners met with ADAMHS for the 4th quarter update. Others present included: Precia Stuby, Mark Rimelspach, Rosalie King and Miranda Lobdell. Precia Stuby wanted to get the Commissioners thoughts on ADAMHS becoming more involved in the local art community by doing a "memorial mural" and seeing if the Commissioners would support something of this nature. Cost estimate would be around \$30,000 and they do have some potential grant funds. Mark Gazarek recommended contacting City Council and Regional Planning of information regarding regulations and Timothy Bechtol is on board for more local artwork. Precia also discussed the LEAD Grant and stated that they were approved for \$600,000 which is broke down to \$200,000 a year for three years. This is a Diversion Grant, so the goal of

the grant is to work with the Police Department, and the police would identify potential charges that they would be willing to put in abeyance and give an individual to get engaged in treatment. If they engage in treatment within 30 days, there would be no charges. The Sheriff would be included in the leadership group so that if the program is expanded, he will already be involved from the beginning. The project is originally out of Seattle and they have engaged with them already and will take 6 – 8 months to get the project going. Precia stated that the Chief of Police and all of the departments are very supportive of the program and Precia thinks it will help with the Jail capacity.

Precia stated that they are now in year two of the County HUB report. The report is due at the end of December and she wanted to know if there were any specific concerns or highlights in the report that the Commissioners may have about how the epidemic is being addressed. Timothy Bechtol stated that it is probably already being covered but the transition from just opioids to addictions as a general one which the task force will cover. Brian Robertson would like to see how the outcomes are coming so far and how it compares to national averages. Precia stated that number of deaths is down significantly from last year, however, male deaths are higher and female deaths continue to grow. Overdose deaths in 2018 were 21 and down to 11 confirmed in 2019 with 11 still pending.

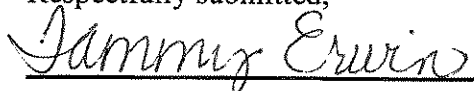
Precia reported that the Capital Project: Recovery for Pregnant Women is on time and on budget. They will be accepting residents in February and will have Open Houses periodically for people to walk thru with a celebration later when the weather is nicer. There will be 3 one bedroom apartments and a one bedroom apartment for the resident manager. There is a \$30,000 subsidy to go toward Family Stability Court and that has been approved to receive the funds.

Mark Rimelspach asked if the Commissioners had any follow up with the discussion previously regarding farmers. Mark Gazarek stated that the feedback he received was that the ones that got the crops in the ground were fine and the ones that didn't had crop insurance.

11:30 A.M. – The Commissioners met with Greg Burks from Soil and Water. Others present included: Bill Bateson. Greg gave an update on some of the projects that they are working on. One new petition was received up in Pleasant Township near the Hancock Station. This is a ditch that was up for petition in the 90's and it was stopped at the Hancock County line. There is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile that is not on maintenance currently and they are trying to fill that gap. Greg was up there this last rain and there is definitely some back up of water in that upstream section. Someone has filed a petition on that, and the board has approved to move ahead. They are looking at around February for a view; Mark Gazarek asked if they knew how many homeowners are involved. Greg does not know because he has not run the watershed map yet. Timothy Bechtol asked Greg to mark the area on the map in the conference room. Greg stated that they are calling that the RL Adams, which is only about .8 miles. Greg said they are also working on the WW Fenstermaker and the Boyer which should both be out to bid next spring. The EE Dreitzler was just bid out and Cindy has the bids for that. He needs to write her a letter

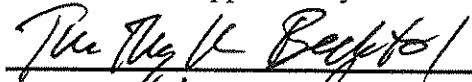
of recommendation for the contractor with the low bid. The estimate for that was \$35,000 and the low bid was \$22,000. He is working with Cindy on the AL Picket which is another tile project, located in Delaware or Amanda Township. Both EE Dreitzler and AL Picket should go on this winter. Greg is still working on inspections, which have been slow due to weather and trainings that have been going on. There is a new program coming out, H2Ohio that he will have more information on next Tuesday. Other things they have been doing are designs on waterways and working on a pond. They are now at full staff, with 3 technicians plus Jean. The NRCS has an intern and 2 women that cover 4 days a week. Greg is hoping that they get someone in there full time soon for better service for the landowners in Hancock County. There are a number of maintenance projects that were bid out and approved but they were not able to get all of them done so they will have to put on new PO's for those in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

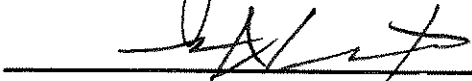
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson