

Minutes
December 13, 2018

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

Also Present: Phil Johnson, Maryann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, and Adam Witteman.

Commissioner Robertson 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 11, 2018 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Timothy Bechtol abstained. Motion passed 2-0. Minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Brian Robertson abstained. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #867-18 – Transfer of funds within the Appropriation- Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #868-18 – Repayment of advance from Agricultural Service Center to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #870-18 – Repayment of advance from Agricultural Service Center to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve Resolutions #872-18 through #879-18 due to them being routine in nature. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #872-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioner's to appropriate to Hancock County Agency On Aging

Resolution #873-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- General Fund

Resolution #874-18 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund

Resolution #875-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to General Fund- Fostoria Police & Muni Court

Resolution #876-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court General Office

Resolution #877-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court Adult Probation

Resolution #878-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Probation Improvement Fund

Resolution #879-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Community Correct Comp Plan ’02 Fund

Resolution #880-18 – Repayment of advance from the Special Improvement Ditch Fund to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #881-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Economic Development. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Brian Robertson inquired as if this funding pertained to Raise the Bar for 2018 or 2019. Mark responded it was for 2018. Mark stated this was discussed prior when the \$100,000 investment income became available. Mark also indicated a private citizen paid the 2018 County’s share. Timothy Bechtol stated he remembers committing to the \$30,000 payment when additional funds became available shortly after he began his tenure as Commissioner. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #882-18 – Amending Hancock County Commissioner’s Resolution #227-18 dated April 12, 2018 (2018 Ditch Maintenance Recollection). Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #883-18 – Board of Hancock County Commissioners approved collection of maintenance assessment on the Ottawa Creek Stream Enhancement Project with collection in calendar year 2019. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #884-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Auditor’s warrant journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioner’s signed a release of mortgage for a CHIP Grant. The Commissioners also signed a travel request for JFS.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #885-18 – Authorizing entry into and execution of lease agreement for real property located at 516 South Main Street in Findlay, Ohio. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #886-18 – Lease of office space in Agricultural Service Center to the Ag Credit. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #887-18 – Lease of office space in Agricultural Service Center to the Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #888-18 – Adoption of a Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to personnel issues and hiring, potential litigation, and potential real estate acquisition.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Mark Gazarek reported he attended the recent CVB meeting and the hotel tax is up YTD, which is a good sign.

Timothy Bechtol reported he attended the year end Chamber Advisory Board Meeting. Tim also attended the First Friday Luncheon and the CCAO Annual Meeting. Tim stated a positive vibe was felt throughout the conference and the new administration is excited to make progress. Brian Robertson inquired if any progress was going to be made in relation to the Kids In Care funding as Ohio is 50th in the Country. Tim indicated that a discussion was held with Mr. Dewine and it was positive.

Brian Robertson reported he attended the Alliance year end quarterly meeting. Brian also reported a new JFS Director has been hired. Brian stated his name is Randall Gailbraith, from Athens, Ohio. Brian is excited about Mr. Gailbraith and what he will bring to Hancock County as he and his wife will relocate. Tim was also encouraged by his enthusiasm, and Mark concurred.

At 10:03 a.m., Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues and hiring, potential litigation, and potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes. At 10:49 am, Brian Robertson made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's met with Chad Carroll and Tyler Koenig from Soil and Water regarding the A.L. Pickett Single County Tile Project. Chad Tackett was also in attendance. Chad Carroll stated the original petition was filed in 1919 and there are 52 acres in the watershed. Chad Carroll also stated the recent petition was filed by Chad Tackett. Timothy Bechtol inquired when this project will be started and Chad Carroll indicated he would like it to happen before crops are planted in the spring 2019. Chad Carroll also provided several photos of the tile with standing water in several areas. Mark Gazarek inquired as to how the assessments will be charged and Chad Carroll responded it will be charged per acreage. Mark Gazarek agreed to proceed and Timothy Bechtol concurred and to proceed ASAP.

At 2:00 p.m., the Commissioner's met with Diana Hoover pertaining to a JFS update. Jim Maurer and Alex Parker were also in attendance. Diana indicated things are going smoothly at JFS. Diana stated the Child Support division was recently recognized for their outstanding

collections for 2018 for Ohio Counties. Diana also stated the new document imaging system will be running soon. Diana reported that there are currently 66 children in care. Diana stated the Child Welfare area will also transition to the new imaging system in January, 2019. Diana also stated that she is looking forward to the upcoming meeting to discuss the 30 days to Family Pilot Program that various people will be attending next week, also known as the Connect Program. Diana said the new phone system is up and running and recommended Treina Miller to be the interim director until the new director begins employment on January 7, 2019. Diana also discussed her concerns regarding the wage comparison with employees of JFS. Diana stated that all positions are paid relatively low when compared to area Counties and positions are not being filled which affects the level of care the children receive. Diana stated that Ohio guidelines are to have 12 children per JFS caseworker and in Hancock County; currently one caseworker averages 20 children. Diana provided a plan to increase wages for the staff at JFS to each Commissioner. Brian Robertson stated that wages funding Kids In Care come from a different pot of money. Mark Gazarek stated it's difficult to realize that local distribution warehouses offer a higher hourly wage than what JFS pays their employees to take care of children. Brian stated it's important to get JFS to full staffing soon. Mark stated we need to hire good people. Tim inquired as to how many kids in care are in Hancock County, and Diana responded about 10. Diana indicated it costs time, money and services for her staff to go to surrounding cities as far away as Youngstown, Ohio to meet with children. Diana stated she wants to stabilize staff and make a positive impact for children and has discussed this with the new director. Diana stated Mr. Gailbraith is on board with Diana's proposal. Brian stated he is grateful for Diana's service and excellent communication while directing JFS. Mark also concurred. Mark indicated the Commissioner's will take under advisement her proposal and let Diana know soon.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

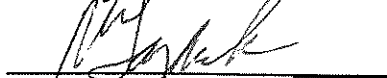
Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek