

Minutes
December 19, 2017

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Steve Wilson, Philip Johnson, Chris Long, Jim Maurer and Mark Kowalski (new Superintendent at Liberty Benton Schools).

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mark Gazarek invited our guest to speak first. Mark Kowalski, the new Superintendent at Liberty Benton Schools introduced himself and said they moved here from Eastern Ohio, Harrison County. He said he's glad to be a resident of Hancock County and excited about the challenges at Liberty Benton and looking forward to it in the future.

Minutes from the December 14, 2017 were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve Resolution #814-17 through #830-17 by consent agenda due to them being routine in nature, but approving Resolution #815-17 separately because it is not routine. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #815-17 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners resolution #799-17 dated December 14, 2017 (additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to severance-Juvenile Court). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #814-17- Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders.

Resolution #816-17- Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Severance.

Resolution #817-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance.

Resolution #818-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Flood Mitigation.

Resolution #819-17-Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioner's to appropriate to E-911.

Resolution #820-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Special Improvement.

Resolution #821-17- Transfer of funds from Special Improvement to Special Improvement Bond Retire.

Resolution #822-17- Repayment of Advance from Special Improvement Bond Retirement to General Fund.

Resolution #823-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Juvenile Court-General Office.

Resolution #824-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-Adult Probation.

Resolution #825-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Probation Improvement.

Resolution #826-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Real Estate.

Resolution #827-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Litter Landing.

Resolution #828-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Child Support Enf Admin.

Resolution #829-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General. Not presented.

Resolution #830-17- Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Sheriff Police Revolve-General Office.

The Commissioners signed payroll for JFS and travel requests for the Public Defender. The clerk said there was a mistake on the original paperwork given to us by Phil Martin on a WPCLF Project. The address for the Schwab Project was 7446 Westfield Dr., however, upon further investigation we have discovered the actual address is 7446 Westland Dr., so we need authorization to pay the project at the correct address. The Commissioners initialed the purchase order for approval.

The clerk presented the following resolutions prepared by the Prosecutor's office for consideration:

Resolution #831-17 – Authorizing contract for the purchase of an automatic closed door horizontal baler for use at Hancock County Litter Landing. This is not purchased with general fund money. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #832-17 – Contract for 2018 SWMD 5 Year District Plan update between the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consultants and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners work order No. H1010047. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #833-17 – Authorization to grant easements to Ohio Power Company, a unit of American Electric Power to define and modify easements currently in place along County Road

140. Phil Johnson said this is similar to the easements they did on 142. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Chris Long gave a report where his crews are working today. Brian Robertson asked if the Osborne Bridge was still on schedule to open on Friday. Chris said it is on schedule.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss personnel/hiring.

Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the annual wreaths across America at Maple Grove cemetery on Saturday.

Brian Robertson said he and Commissioner Bechtol went to Wood County for the Jack Stearns Jt. Co. Ditch meeting last Thursday and they voted to move forward with the project. This morning he was on the radio with Chris Oaks and they discussed the budget and Issue 4. Brian said he put information out there and tries to lead by word in terms of actions and is supportive of insuring the safety and security of residents as we look at the criminal activity in our community.


Mark Gazarek attended the monthly Alliance Board meeting on Friday.

At 9:47 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and personnel/hiring, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:25 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with ADAMHS for an update. In addition to the Commissioners, those in attendance were Precia Stuby and John Kissh. Precia talked about Century Health and the Family Resource Center combining. She also told the Commissioners that they will have two vacant seats on the Board to fill by July 1, 2018. One has to be interested in mental health and the other in addiction. They must be designated now.

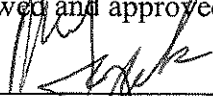
At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Judges Routson and Starn on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse regarding the 2018 budget. Those in attendance: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol, Heather Pendleton, Judge Routson, Judge Starn, Kim Switzer and Jim Maurer. They discussed the 2018 budget and the cuts that were made.

Respectfully submitted,




Beth Bishop, Clerk

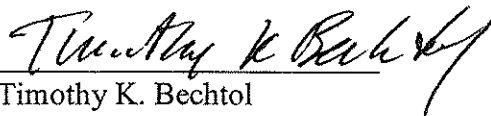
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol