

Minutes

December 19, 2019

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

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, 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 17, 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 #930-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance - Sheriff. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #931-19 – 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 #932-19 – Annual Appropriation Resolution for Fiscal Year 2020. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #933-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Family First Council. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #934-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #935-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #936-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Prosecutor. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #937-19 – Not presented.

Resolution #938-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – BMV. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #939-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Tier Fee. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #940-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – JFS. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #941-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. 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. Commissioners initialed a payment request from Stantec for work on the Upper Blanchard Flood Mitigation project in the amount of \$19,938.10. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the chair signature on a letter to the City of Findlay Engineering Department for Change Order #1 – High Street Sanitary Replacement in the amount of \$30,244.61. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session to update on pending litigation and to discuss real estate acquisition. Lucinda stated that Steve Wilson needs to attend the executive session.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson met with Chris Oaks this morning for a live radio interview.

Mark Gazarek met with the "Raise the Bar" board Tuesday evening.

Timothy Bechtol announced that there would be no meeting on Tuesday, December 24th due to offices being closed that day. The last meeting of the year will be Thursday, December 26th.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss real estate acquisition and update on pending litigation. Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:07 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential real estate acquisition and an update on pending litigation with no action taken. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Lucinda Land requested another executive session to discuss employment and personnel issues. Timothy Bechtol stated they could meet after the meeting with Mr. Busdeker around 10:30 a.m.

10:12 A.M. – The Commissioners met with Larry Busdeker regarding renovations at the ESC building. Those present were Greg Speiss, Lucinda Land, Bill Bateson, Miranda Lobdell and Jim Maurer. Mr. Busdeker stated that they had met with the Commissioners before in regards to renovating the ESC and now they need something formal from the Commissioners before they can go forward with any renovations. A contract needs to be drawn up but Lucinda Land needs numbers for square footage before she is able to do that. Lucinda discussed public areas and asked if they would be the same rate. Timothy Bechtol stated that he has gotten numbers from the maintenance staff but thought those were all interior rooms. Timothy Bechtol asked Mr. Busdeker if it would be gross square footage or net inside square footage. It was determined that there is no shared space, meaning that ESC would have full operation on that floor since the

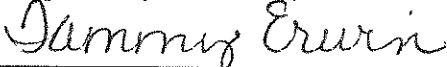
Health Department has moved out so square footage would be based on interior measurements. Timothy Bechtol stated that he would revisit those numbers today that maintenance gave him and confirm measurements for the final numbers for the contract. Lucinda Land stated that she would get the contract together as soon as the numbers were given to her.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss personnel and discipline issues. Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:45 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed personnel issues in regards to discipline. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

1:00 P.M. – The Commissioners met with State Sen. Rob McColley, R-Napoleon, regarding the Capital Budget. Others present included: Mayor Muryn, Bill Bateson, Brian Thomas, and Jim Maurer. Ohio Representative Jon Cross, R-Kenton, was available on speaker phone. Senator McColley stated the purpose of the meeting today regarding the Capital Budget that is going on right now and to talk about the process and how it all works and what can be expected for Findlay and Hancock County and the entire 83rd House District as well. The Capital Budget is something that is done every two years that is independent of the operating budget that was passed earlier this year. It starts July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The Capital as a whole is several billion dollars; however, the vast majority of it goes towards constructing, maintaining and renovating existing state owned facilities such as higher education facilities, parks and jails. There is a sub-portion of the Capital Budget that is called the “Community Projects” portion of the budget which is approximately \$120 - \$150 million. This is an opportunity for legislators themselves from the general assembly to go out to their individual districts and say, what projects would be bondable, under the state’s bonding guidelines, are available and eligible to be funded right now, within these communities throughout the district. Sen. McColley said the community projects must be places for “gathering purposes” such as community parks and civic centers, such as Marathon Center for Performing Arts, Kan Do Art Studio and the Mazza Museum. Senator McColley also stated that Administrative buildings are eligible, but they are very unlikely to be funded. As a general rule, anything that is submitted, needs to be completed within the next two years, and has at least 50% of the funding already in line. State funds “are the last dollars in to make a project go.” The state will not fund 100% of any project. Senator Rob McColley told county and city officials that between \$600,000 to \$1.4 million in community project funds will be available in his 1st Senate District, which includes Hancock County and parts of 10 other counties. The projects submitted throughout the district are prioritized. Cross said the applications are due January 10th for House consideration. He said his district has received 10 projects so far, and one to three projects are funded each time. Mayor Muryn said the city has applied for project funds to help with the construction of a \$1 million “Simulated Tactical Response and Incident Command Training Center” that could include a training building and a live fire “burn building.” The city applied for \$650,000 in state project funds according to the Mayor Muryn. However, after hearing from Sen. McColley, she stated that city

officials should reconsider the request and submit a revised application for a lower amount. The facility would be built behind Fire Station 4 on Hancock County Rd. 236 and be used by fire departments throughout the county. McColley also discussed additional funding for flood-reduction efforts in the county. Previous state Legislature approved \$15 million through the capital projects fund for work along Eagle Creek. Those funds will be sent to Maumee Watershed Conservancy District, which oversees the continued flood-reduction efforts. McColley and Cross have talked with Gov. Mike DeWine's office to secure flood-reduction funds in the next round, McColley said, and the funds will come in stages since the ongoing effort will take years. The representatives are optimistic that additional funding will be available; however, until the money is secured in to the state budget, the assumption should be to move ahead without it.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson