

Minutes

December 7, 2023

Commissioners present: William Bateson, Timothy Bechtol and Michael Pepple.

Also Present: Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Eric Barnes, Steve Wilson, Craig Kutschbach & Lou Wilin from the Courier

Commissioner Bateson 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 5, 2023 meeting were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners a travel request for the Sheriff's office.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #900-23 – Annual appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2024. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #901-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 – Commissioners General Office. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #902-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill Fund #5042. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #904-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 – Engineer – Mapping. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #905-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 – Juvenile Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #906-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 - Sheriff. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #907-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 - Veterans. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #908-23 – Authority to release funds collected to domestic violence shelter, Inc. per ORC 2935.032 (Divorce/Dissolutions) \$3,924.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #909-23 – Authority to release funds collected to domestic violence shelter, Inc. per ORC 3113.34 (Marriage License) \$5,236.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #910-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to HUD Fund #2062. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #911-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001 – Common Pleas Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #912-23 – Furnishing of labor and equipment for the 2024 Hancock County Road and Bridge Program by force Account and Contract Work. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Alec Helms presented the following resolution in Cindy Land’s absence:

Resolution #913-23 – Authorization of the thirteenth amendment to the terms of resolution number 494-16 and authorization of a purchase order authorizing payment of \$55,000.00 during calendar year 2024 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. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #914-23 – Authorizing the Entry into and Execution of an Amended Lease with Relation to real Property Located Near the Hancock County Landfill. Phil Johnson stated this original lease began in 2017 but there was an area that was deemed as unusable. After discussions with the lessee it was determined that about 8 acers would be removed from the lease. We have received payment from the lessee for everything due. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #915-23 – Authorizing the Auction of a Farm Lease for a term of Three (3) Years Commencing in calendar Year 2024, in Relation to Rel Property Located Near the Hancock County Landfill. Phil Johnson stated this resolution is tied to the previous one. This is to set the process for auctioning the lease rights for the property for the next 3 years. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #916-23 – Authorizing the purchase from Ohio CAT, a registered trademark of Ohio Machinery Co., of a New Caterpillar Model 938 Wheel Loader for Use in Operations at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil Johnson stated this is the final step in this process. A resolution was passed last year to purchase a wheel loader but that loader is no longer available. That resolution was rescinded, the budget was put back into place and this resolution is to purchase

the wheel loader that is now available. The cost of this contract is \$311,064.00 which includes an 84 month or 3,400-hour warranty. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #917-23 – Authorizing Actions in Pursuit of Identification and Retention of Outside Services for Provision of Recycling Drop-off Services Currently Performed by Litter Landing. Phil Johnson stated this resolution is to utilize the sealed proposal procedure to find an outside firm to take over the county recycling services. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #918-23 – Authorizing the Removal of the Currently-Posted Weight Limits for a certain Bridge on Township Road 68 in Madison Township, Hancock County, Ohio. Phil Johnson stated this is to remove the lower weight limit signs on a particular bridge. In 2020 Doug Cade did an analysis and determined the bridge should have weight limit signs installed but since another analysis has been done and they can be removed. Eric Barnes from the Hancock County Engineers office, stated that ODOT has changed their evaluation standards which changed the signage needed at the bridge. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bechtol asked how many bridges will be replaced next year and the life span of the new bridges. Eric stated that three bridges will be done and the life span of the new ones is 50 to 75 years.

Auditor Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin requested a copy of resolution 917-23 be sent to him. The assistant clerk acknowledged. Lou read a Facebook post into the record about the possible closer of Litter Landing and the impact on the employees. Commissioner Pepple stated that this resolution is just the first step in the process to see if we want to do this and if it is a viable option for the county. He did go speak with the employees yesterday to inform them that nothing will happen until at least the first quarter of 2024 and that we hope to be able to find them new positions in other county departments. There was a discussion on the current employees. Commissioner Pepple stated that we have had a hard time staffing the current facility and the board is concerned if we spend the money to build the new facility that is needed then would not be able to staff it. Due to this we are just exploring the options. Commissioner Bechtol stated that Hancock County residents are very avid recyclers and we want to provide the best options for what is coming in.

Craig Kutschbach stated he was here to provide an update from the Blanchard Valley Port Authority. They have now been in Hancock County for 17 years and have done 6 projects to date. They are currently looking at other projects. In June they received a termination letter from Dan Shaeffer stating he would no longer do the administration work for them. In November they signed an agreement with the alliance to do the administration work. They are currently holding monthly meetings to complete their strategic planning to help with the next project. They are also looking to hire a consultant to help.

Meetings/Reports

Michael Pepple attended the Hancock County Subdivision of Region 17 OneOhio meeting on Tuesday. Last night he attended the Township Trustees meeting and yesterday him, Board Clerk Lynn Taylor and Assistant Prosecutor Cindy Land went to speak with the employees of Litter Landing.

Tim Bechtol also attended the Township Trustees meeting. Construction continues on the new building downtown and is going well.

William Bateson also attended the Township Trustees meeting last night and this morning he attended the Economic Development Board meeting.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Hailey Reese and Levi Beagle for a fairgrounds update. Also present was Alec Helms and Jeff Hunker. Hailey stated they wanted to come in and give the board an update on where they are with their projects and how they are using the bed tax money they receive. Hailey provided the attached summary of information, a 2022 to 2023 fair earnings comparison and the proposed plans for renovations of two restrooms. There was discussion on the fair revenue the changes made during this year's fair, the projected cost of new restrooms/shower houses, other projects they are looking to do and plans for the eclipse.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Judge Kristen Johnson. Also present was Alec Helms. Judge Johnson stated she has ordered special eclipse marriage license for April 8th. Judge Johnson stated there was a discussion about and MOU between 3 counties to work together to create a Multicounty Guardianship Services Board. Hancock County will be the lead county. There will be 3 members from each county on the board which include a member of the Board of DD, someone from ADAMHS and the Probate Judge. Judge Johnson has agreed to find space for the program administrator that will be hired. This employee will be a Hancock County Employee but all three counties will split their employment cost. The other employees will most likely work remotely as they will be traveling a lot. We will only be required to find office space for the administrator.

The assistant clerk presented the following resolution:

Resolution #919-23 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a Multicounty Guardianship Services Board in conjunction with the Hancock County Probate Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

There was a discussion on the Do No Harm program that is run by Hancock Public Health. The Commissioners provided the information they have received on the program and Judge Johnson gave her feelings on this particular program and how it is affecting the county.

Phil Johnson presented following resolution:

Resolution #920-23 – Authorizing the entry into an agreement for the removal of accumulated snowfall from County-Owned real properties during the 2023-2024 winter season. Phil Johnson stated we have received the quote from S & S Landscape and it is the lowest cost. The estimated amount is \$1,450.00 per occurrence. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple

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Fall 2023 Hancock County Agricultural Society Report

Hancock County Agricultural Society Staff and Directors

Haley Reese, Fair and Events Manager

Levi Beagle, President

Darrell Baird, Vice President

Mike Stacy, Secretary

John Livingston, Treasurer

Hancock County Commissioners

Bill Bateson

Tim Bechtol

Mike Pepple

1. County Fair Results (results attached)

- Entry numbers for junior fair were up from 1,997 in 2022 to 2,298 in 2023
- Sponsor contributions up
- Record year on harness racing entries
- Ride income up nearly \$9,000
- Gate entries up \$63,000
- Positive feedback- cleanest the bathrooms have ever been, facilities/buildings/animal areas were clean and presentable, the grounds were in great shape, staff and board directors were knowledgeable and accommodating

2. 2023 Accomplishments

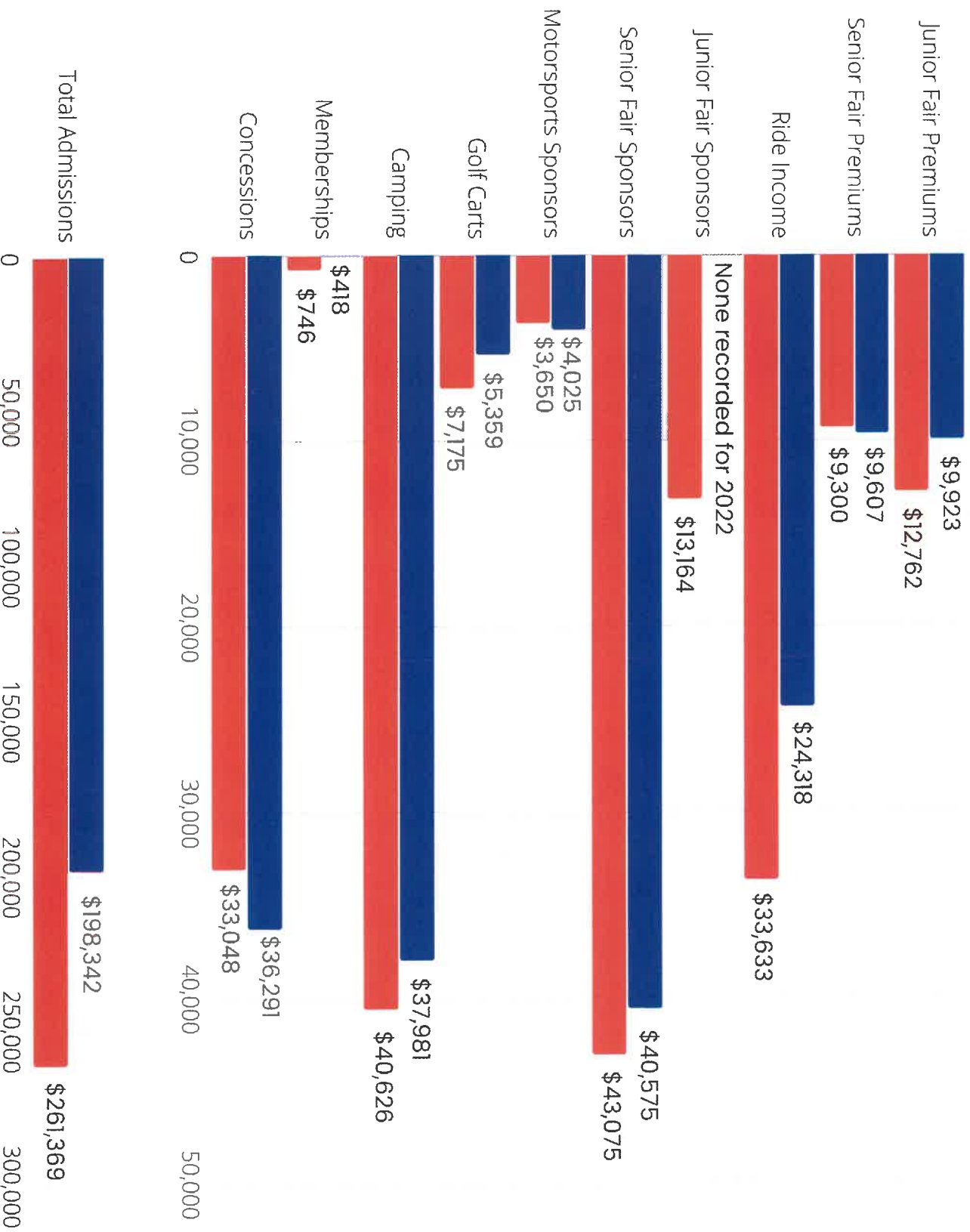
- Paid off the loan on the Old Mill Stream Centre
- Installed wireless internet over the entire fairgrounds
- Expanded the number of camping spots to the Wyandot camping area. Installed water and electric at Wyandot. Installed water behind the horse barns. All camping locations now have electric and water.

3. Goals for 2024

- Restroom and shower house project (plans attached)
- New Junior Fair Office
- Add seating areas
- Add asphalt - \$1M
- Faith Tabernacle

● 2022 ● 2023

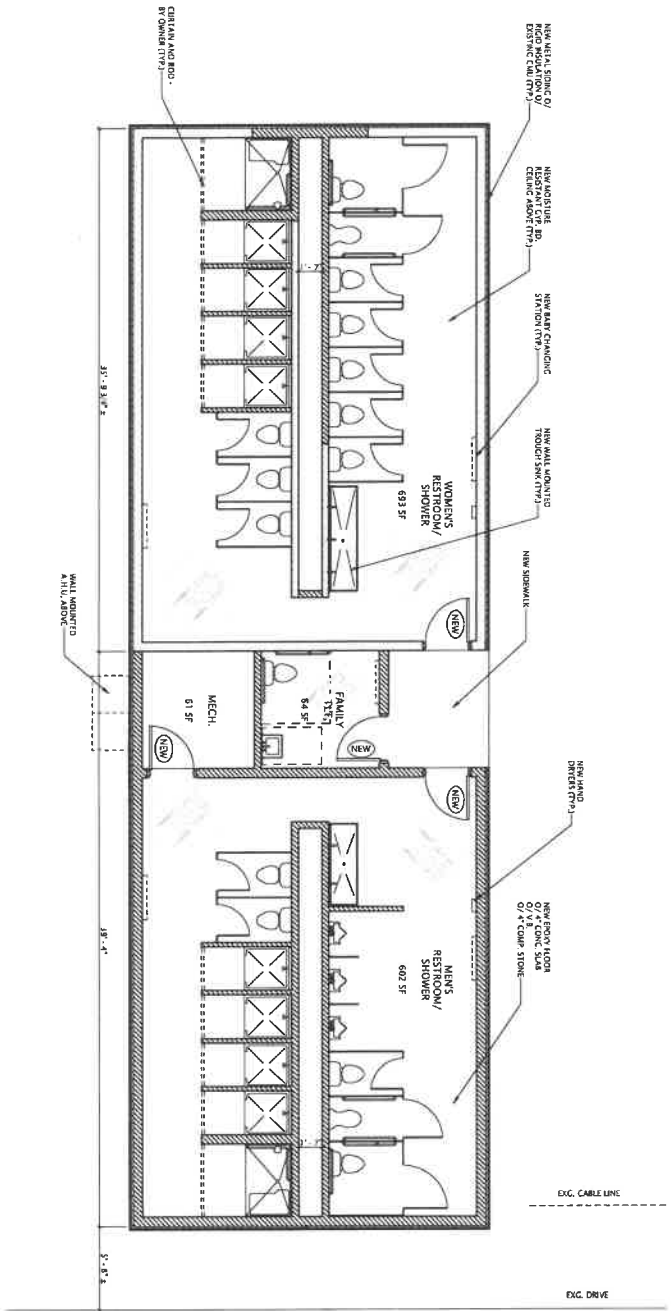
FAIR YTY COMPARISONS



PROPOSED RESTROOM BUILDING 4

11/08/2023

ADDITION S.F. = 970 S.F.
 RENOVATION S.F. = 882 S.F.



PROPOSED RESTROOM #4 FLOOR PLAN
 1/4" = 1'-0"



BLUMBERG EXISTENCES			
REQUIRED FOR 1,200 BAND STAND OCCUPANTS			
TOILETS	WOMEN	MEN	FAMILY
PROVIDED:			
TOILETS	15	8	1
SINKS	4	3	1
SHOWERS	9	9	0
EXISTING:			
TOILETS	15	15	0
SINKS	9	8	0
SHOWERS	4	4	0

FINISHES/ITEMS:	FINISHES/ITEMS:
FLOOR	• EPOXY
WALL	• POLYURETHANE
BASE	• POLYURETHANE
SHOWER FLOOR	• TRANS PANT
CEILING	• EPOXY PAINT
COUNTER	• TROUGH SINK

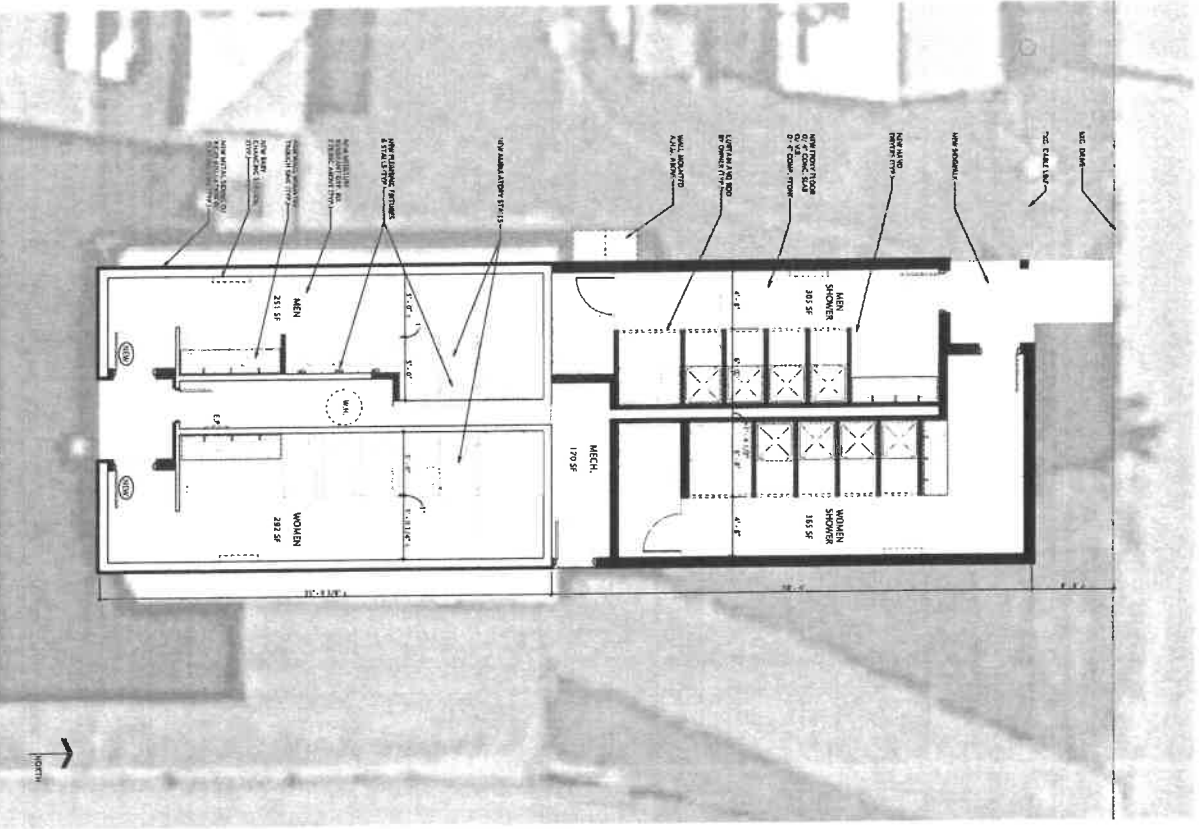
HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

RENOVATIONS FOR
 HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
 FINDLAY, OHIO
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PROPOSED RESTROOM BUILDING 4

ADDITION S.F. = 940 SF
 RENOVATION S.F. = 882 SF



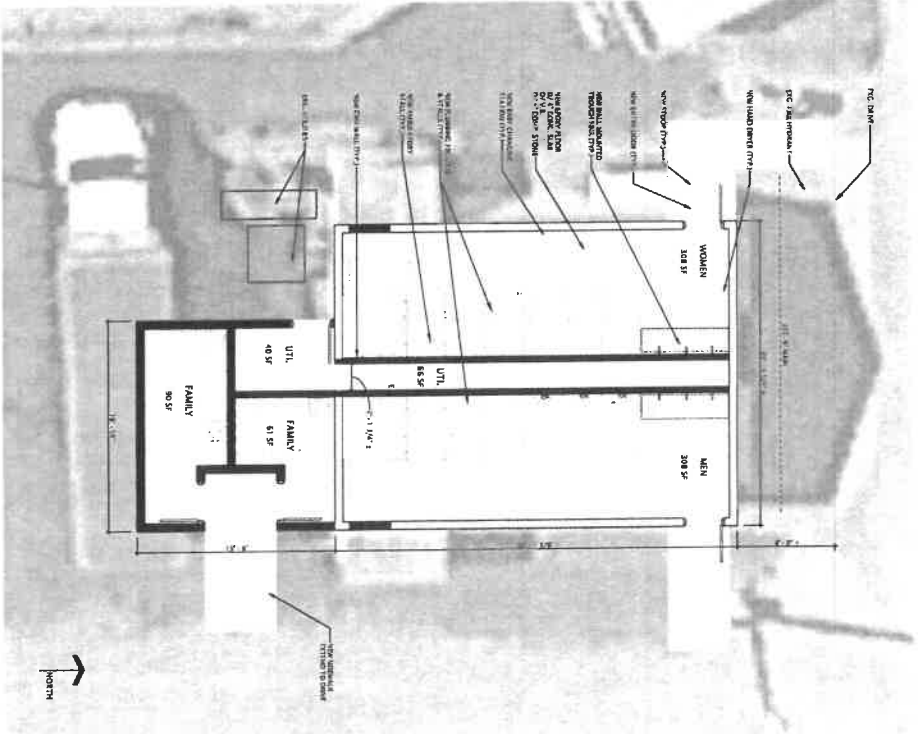
PLUMBING FIXTURES
 REQUIRED FOR 1,200 BATH STAFF OCCUPANCY

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
PROVIDED	4	3	
TOILETS	13	13	2
SINKS	6	6	2
SHOWERS	5	5	0
EXISTING	15	15	0
TOILETS	9	8	0
SINKS	4	4	0
SHOWERS			

- FINISH NOTES:**
- FLOOR - POLYURETHANE
 - WALLS - POLYURETHANE
 - CEILING - POLYURETHANE
 - SHOWER FLOOR - POLYURETHANE
 - COUNTERS - POLYURETHANE

PROPOSED RESTROOM BUILDING 3

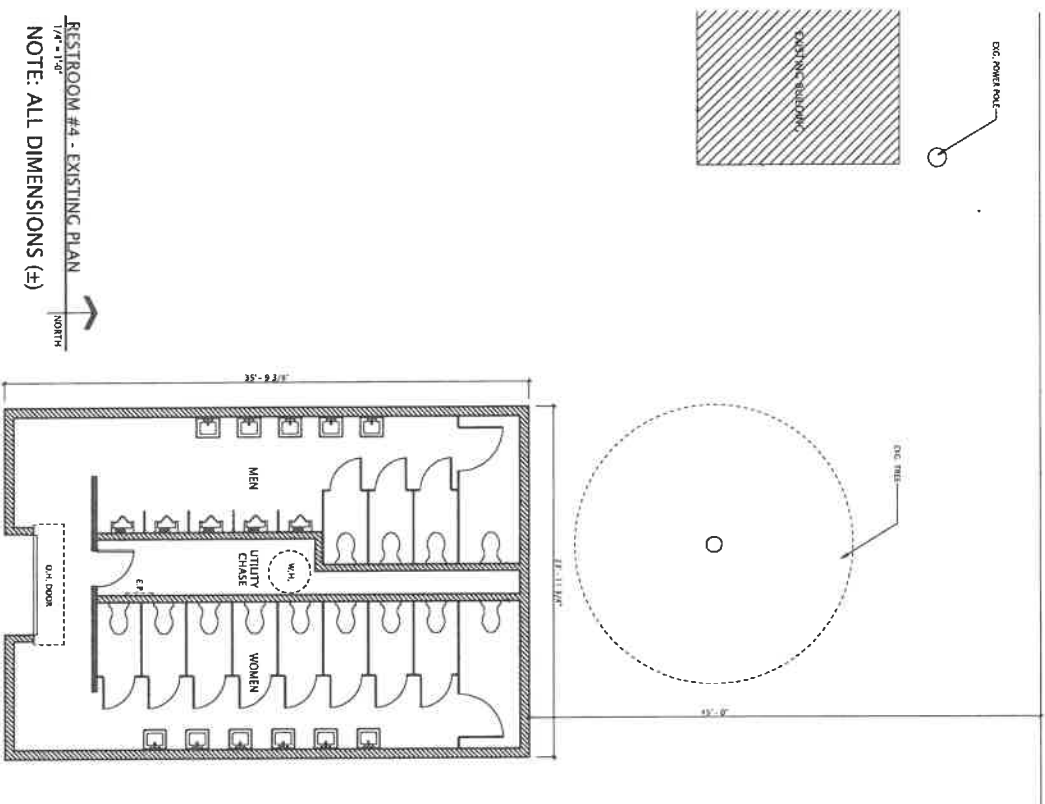
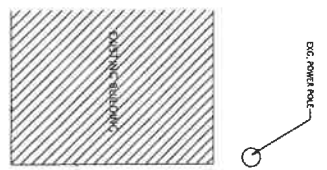
ADDITION S.F. = 264 SF
 RENOVATION S.F. = 790 SF



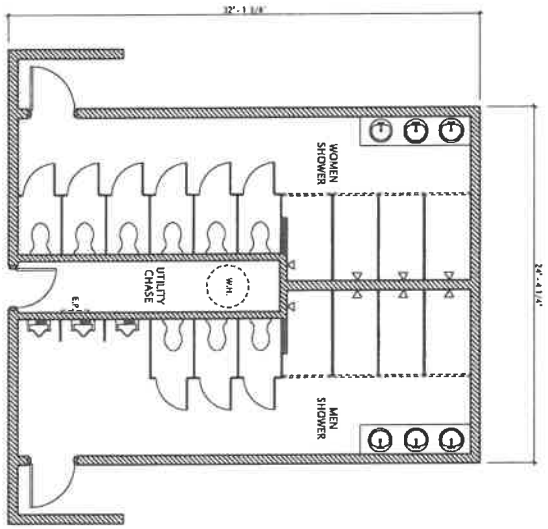
EXISTING RESTROOM FLOOR PLANS

11/02/2023

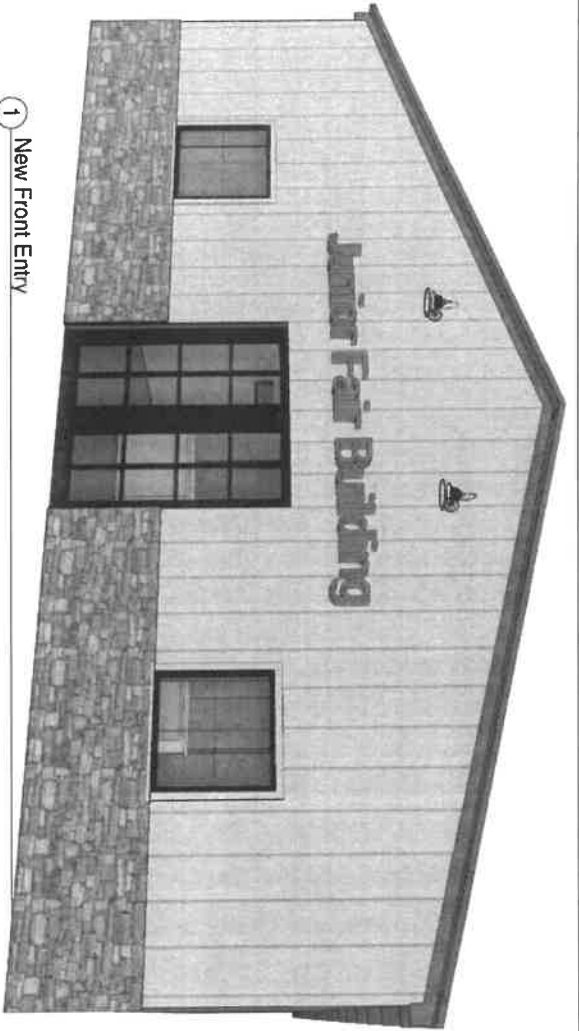
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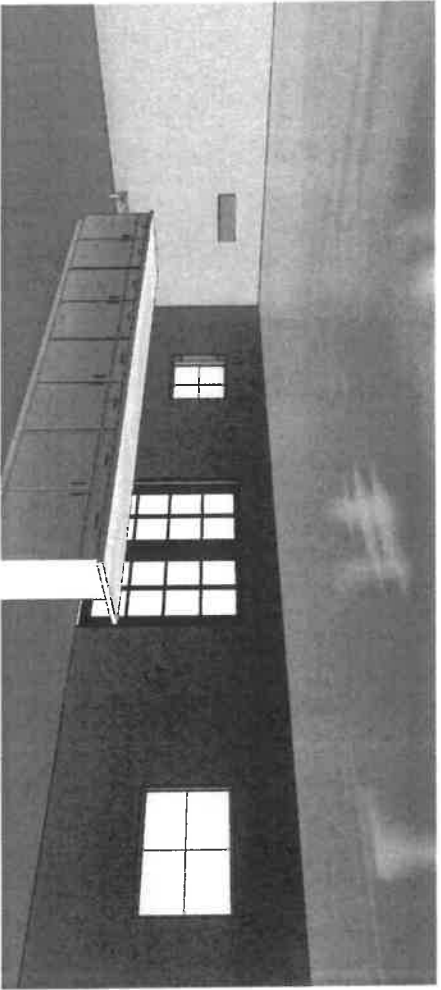
RESTROOM #4 - EXISTING PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"
NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS (±)



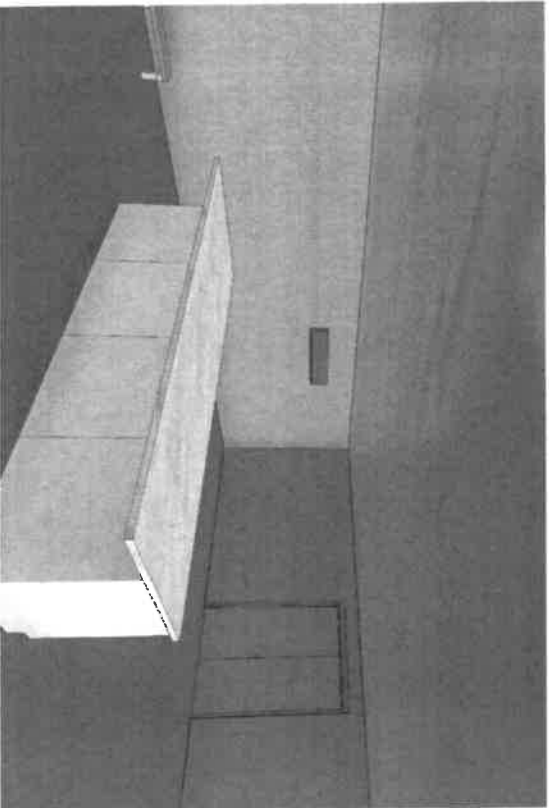
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1 New Front Entry



3 View Looking to the Front



2 View Looking to the Back

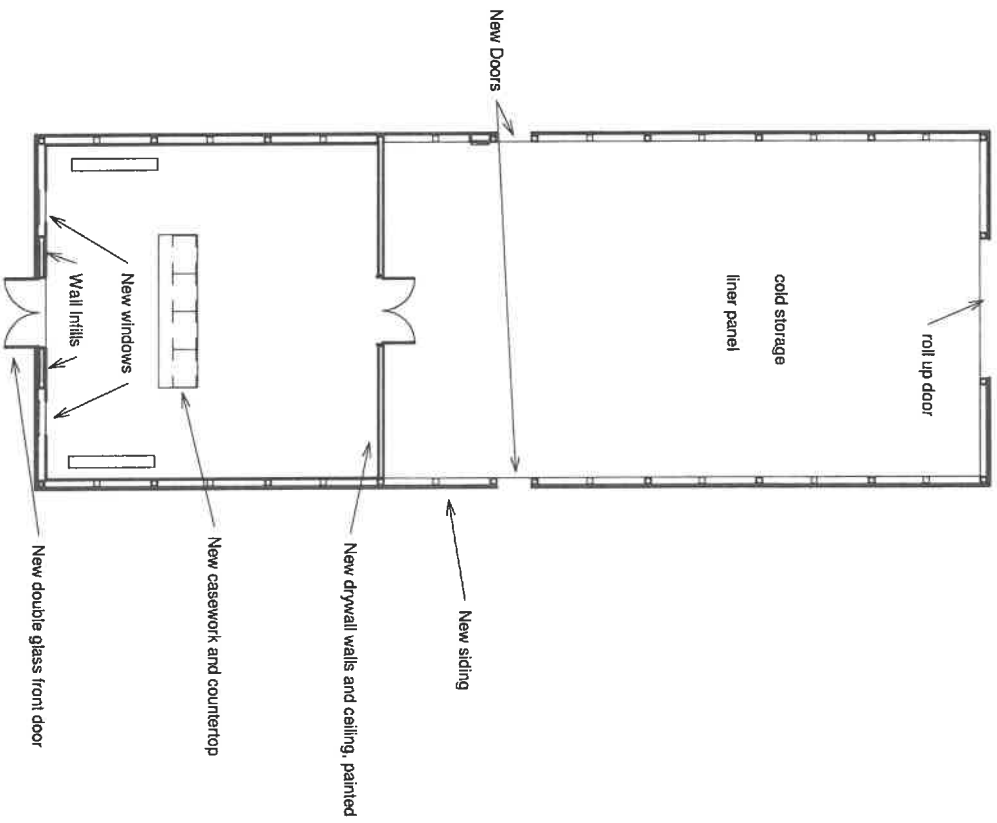
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Hancock County Agricultural Society
Junior Fair Building

No.	Description	Date

3D Views		A101
Date	11/27/2023	
Drawn by	LMS	Scale

1 Level 1
 3/32" = 1'-0"



Hancock County Agricultural Society
 Junior Fair Building

No.	Description	Date

Unnamed

Date 11/27/2023
 Drawn by LMS

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Scale 3/32" = 1'-0"