

Minutes

December 8, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson and Jim Schroll.

Commissioner Pepple 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 6, 2022 meeting was read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #862-22 – Annual appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2023. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #863-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Commissioners – General Office. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #864-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Juvenile Court. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #865-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Sheriff. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #866-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #867-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Child Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #868-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Workforce Development. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #869-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve two warrant journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioner also approved the ACI September invoice for work done on the Judicial Center project.

Adam Witteman thanked the Commissioners for approving the 2023 Annual Appropriations. We are about a week a head of schedule this year with having moved the timeline up. That is very helpful in getting everything set for the beginning of the year.

Steve Wilson asked about the possibility of having executive session regarding pending litigation. There was a discussion on if that was able to be done without anyone from the prosecutor's office. It was determined that they would wait to request the executive session until next week.

Jim Schroll stated that he spoke with the other Pleasant-Rader ditch petitioners and they have not heard from Superintendent Fenstermaker about the possibility of making this a private project but they are open to that if it's on the table. He stated he would like to meet about the changes to the design of the McComb-Schroll ditch that was not approved earlier this year and about what he can do to the ditch on his land. Commissioner Bateson stated the best option will be for Mr. Schroll to reach out to Doug Cade and he can help him with that.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol and the other Commissioners attended the Hancock County Township Trustee meeting last night at the Engineers office. Yesterday he attended the HHWP Community Action meeting and met with Greg Wright From Dynamic MEP about the HVAC project. He has also been receiving updates on the JFS roof project.

William Bateson confirmed he and the other Commissioners attended the Township Trustee meeting last night and they had a very good turnout. The OTA was there to provide a review. This morning he attended the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting where they discussed the slower months coming up and hiring a social media consultant. He also attended the Public Defenders meeting. They are fully staffed and doing well.

Michael Pepple confirmed he attended the Township Trustee meeting and he also spent yesterday afternoon in mediation at Eastman and Smith discussing a possible land acquisition.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissions met with Amy Elbaor and Patrick Smith from Broad Band Ohio. Also present was Alec Helms, Tim Stuart and Adam Witteman. Introductions were made. Commissioner Bechtol provided a brief overview of what we are looking to have done and why we are looking to expand the fiber loop on the west side of Findlay. Patrick and Amy provided some information and description of the grants and funding that are going to be available. Tim Stuart provided background information on the current fiber loop in place and stated we would be looking to add connectivity and things to the current loop. Tim stated we are currently in the design level so we can get a more definite price estimate. The current preliminary estimate is around \$1 to \$2 million. Patrick stated the BEAD program funds would most likely be available in early 2024 but he's not sure if that will fit with out timeline. Tim Stuart will send over a map of our current loop with where they would like to expand it at. There was a discussion on possibly visiting Findlay to look at the area. They will be sending information on possible funds out to the CCAO in the upcoming months and work with Tim Stuart on where we are with the process.

At 1:46 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened their meeting to amend resolution #865-22 additional appropriation – within the Auditor’s Certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Sheriff. Also present was Alec Helms. Alec stated that at request of the auditor’s office we will be removing one of the line items that had an additional appropriation. The original total of this resolution was \$60,270.00. We will be removing \$25,830.00. This will change the total of this resolution to \$34,440.00. Timothy Bechtol made motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 3:12 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened to discuss proposed price changes from ACI for the Judicial Center project. Commissioner Bechtol stated we received updated pricing for additional services that can be provided. The main ones would be the Photovoltaic design for the solar panels on the roof, the acoustic engineering for the courtrooms to block sound in and out and the landscape planting design. Originally for the Photovoltaic design they were asking \$15,000.00 plus their service fees but due to the lower amount of space on the roof this has been changed to doing only a feasibility study on the roof to find if would be worth putting the solar panels on. This price would be \$5,858.00. The landscape design fee would be \$5,858.00 and the acoustic engineering design fee would be \$9,990.00. These are individual items and can be chosen or reject on a one by one basis. There does not need to be a decision on this today. This is just to present the information.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol