

Minutes

February 01, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson and Mary Ann LaRoche.

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 January 27th 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #58-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #59-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to severance (Judicial). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #60-22 – Resolution to reappoint Aaron Reid and Melissa Daeger to Facilities Governing Board. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #61-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District November and December 2021 Stantec Consulting Services Inc. expenses totaling \$9,883.50.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #62-22 – Resolution authorizing a Dog Warden Services Agreement with the City of Findlay. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this is a contract for 2022, 2023 and 2024 with an option to renew for three additional years. The amount that the City of Findlay will pay Hancock County for this contract is \$20,000. The purpose of this contract is for the dog warden to enforce city ordinances.

Resolution #63-22 – Resolution authorizing a subscription, license and services agreement with Invictus Apps, Inc. for Prepared Live Emergency Communications Service for use by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-1. Cindy Land stated this is the service that will allow the dispatchers to have access to individual phones during an emergency situation. Commissioner Pepple stated that the individual will have the option to give permission to access the personal phone. The Commissioner's agreed that this would be great for an emergency situation. Commissioner Bateson was concerned with any government access and the possibility for a negative outcome. Commissioner Bechtol was concerned about when the access would shut off.

Adam Witteman reported that if we do have a Thursday meeting the Auditor's office may have a priority Warrant Journal for approval.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.


William Bateson had an opportunity to talk to a citizen about a ditch dipping situation. He also had a chance to drive along the Dalzell ditch. He stated the project is coming along very nicely. He is hoping that everything stays in place this spring so the project can keep moving forward.

Michael Pepple attended a Zoom meeting with Mayor Muryn, Brian Treece from the Community Foundation and Auditor Rauschenberg. They discussed working together to make sure the ARPA funds are used most efficiently. Commissioner Pepple stated they are looking into a third party to help administer. Commissioner Pepple stated the city has asked the county to take the lead on nonprofits. The city is focusing on their capital project needs and business needs.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioner's met with Leah Cole, Stephanie Stephan, Titus Allen and Travis Knight from CASA. In addition, Christine Carrigan, Judge Kristen Johnson, Shawn Carpenter and Justin Kahle were in attendance. Leah Cole, CASA's executive director is requesting two changes for the contract with the Hancock County Commissioner's for 2022. Leah stated that CASA would like to receive the funds up front. She also stated that CASA is requesting to receive the \$50,000.00 regardless of the number of cases. Travis Knight, CASA board member stated that if CASA does not exist it is going to be very expensive for everyone. Judge Kristen Johnson stated that it would be far more expensive to have attorneys on the CASA cases. Leah Cole stated they have grants that supplement the Commissioner funds. COVID has made grant funding a lot tighter. The funds they receive from VOCA and United Way have decreased significantly. Commissioner Pepple asked how long would the \$50,000 fund CASA and what funding would they have to get through the rest of the year. Leah stated they applied for the ARPA funds. In addition, they will diligently have to search for grants. Commissioner Bechtol asked about the loss of volunteers. Leah Cole stated they lost most of their volunteers. They are working on an initiative with United Way to raise awareness for CASA and recruit volunteers. The volunteers will have to be found and trained. They will also need to have enough staff to support the volunteers. Commissioner Bechtol asked Judge Johnson if she had any concerns with the contract. Judge Johnson stated she had no concerns with the contract. Commissioner Pepple stated they will take the information under further advisement and get back to them.

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened to approve the Warrant Journal. William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Michael W. Pepple

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William L. Bateson

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Timothy K. Bechtol

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