

## Minutes

February 15, 2024

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Adam Witterman, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Engineer Doug Cade, Phil Johnson, Tim Stuart, Holly Frische Kaycee Tucker and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the February 12, 2024 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion for the Chair's signature on the letter to Norfolk Southern regarding the request for reimbursement of soft costs for the railroad bridge. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Tim stated that this is a very important request to get some money back from Norfolk Southern. If a reimbursement is granted, the funds would be deposited into the Flood Mitigation Fund. The revised MOU for the property transfer to the City of Findlay was presented. The Clerk stated that this was from the original Resolution that passed in June of 2023. The items that were addressed at Tuesday's meeting, section D and the line in section C addressing the County's financial obligation shall not exceed the funds in the Flood Mitigation Fund were added. Bill stated that the signature line shows him as President. He was President of the Board in 2023. The Clerk will check with Cindy Land and advise if that should be changed. The MOU can be signed upon clarification. The Board acknowledged. A travel request for the Treasurer's Office was approved. Mike Pepple made the motion to approved the Warrant Journal. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #93-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to HUD Fund #2062. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #94-24 – Repayment of advance from Water Pollution Control Fund #2202 to the General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #95-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance #2136 (Sheriff). Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #96-24 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with various suppliers to provide fuel for the time period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Engineer Cade explained that this will allow for fuel quotes to be solicited 24 hours before a fuel dump is received. This will allow current pricing to be received among the bidders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #97-24 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with various suppliers to provide aggregate for the time period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #98-24 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with various suppliers for the provision of asphalt concrete for May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #99-24 – Authorizing entry into and execution of a Change Order #1 to an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) of Toledo, Ohio for the provision of services for the removal of an underground storage tank and related services upon real property near the intersection point of the Blanchard River and North Cory Street in Findlay. Phil explained that a fuel oil tank was discovered which held about 4,000 gallons. The cost to remove tank will be about \$7,900.00 making the total contract to be \$27,900.00. This is the property also known as the Heurman property. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bill Bateson stated that he is not able to make today's 2:15 meeting due to the Data Board meeting with the Auditor.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that she attended a recent meeting regarding the fiber loop project. Tim Stuart stated that he was also present at the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of having a North route and a South route. The Commissioners stressed the importance of getting fiber to CR 140 for the upcoming tower project. In addition, the contract and the scope/parameters were also discussed. Mike Pepple will contact Matt Cordonnier to see about any grant money from the Ohio Department of Development.

Engineer Cade had nothing to report.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

### **Meetings and Reports**

Bill Bateson reported that he attended the Community Corrections Board meeting.

Mike Pepple stated that he attended via zoom the One Ohio Foundation Columbus meeting. It appears that there is now a change to the way nonprofits can request funding. The Columbus region will receive the requests and review them. After their review, the local One Ohio Region will then review the request. Mike also attended the CVB meeting with Auditor Rauschenberg and it was reported at that meeting that the Fairgrounds will not be allowing camping for the upcoming Solar Eclipse.

Timothy Bechtol referenced a recent letter to the editor that was published. This letter indicated that there were no local attractions to see in Findlay/Hancock County. There are quite a few attractions that we are proud of and hopefully CVB will help with that effort. A discussion was held regarding adding a link to the County website for visitors to see event information. Mike stated that at the CVB meeting, it was discussed that many people are searching the website for upcoming events. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that she received communication from Common Pleas regarding the utilization and maintenance of our data equipment. They were complimentary of how they manage to keep the older equipment running. The Board was also complimentary of the IT department. Furthermore, Tim stated that he and the other Commissioners visited the construction site of the new Judicial Center and viewed the Dryvit sample. It looks like brick and felt like brick. They will proceed with this sample next week when presenting to the Downtown Design Review Board.

At 10:24 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Bill Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; Bill

Bateson, yes; Mike Pepple, yes. At 10:35 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:35 am., the Commissioners met with Precia Stuby. Lynn Taylor, Ann Woolum, Adam Witteman and Holly Frische were also in attendance. Precia discussed the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) and the relationship with ADAMHS. Zach Thomas is working with CCE and a discussion was held with the census tract numbers 901 and 902. Mike Pepple updated Precia about the One Ohio Columbus Foundation meeting he attended. The application portal for nonprofits should be available on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the application window will close May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was an unexpected change in the process, so more information will be shared when Mike receives it. Precia reminded the Board that Mike's appointment with the local One Ohio Region 17 Board expires in June of 2024. Mike acknowledged and he stated that the Board will discuss this as the time draws near. Precia also stated that the Youth Recovery Center will hopefully go out to bid in Summer of 2024.

At 11:00 am., the Commissioners held a bid opening for the RFP's for the recycling center. Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Lou Wilin, Holly Frische, Phil Johnson and Blake Austin were in attendance. The Clerk advised the Board that the mail room was checked and no additional packages were received. The Clerk also announced that a Fed Ex package was received and it did not have a distinction on the package. The Clerk opened the package and confirmed that it was not a bid for the RFP. One bid was received from RUMPKE. The bid will be reviewed by the Prosecutor's office. Mike Pepple stated that once evaluated by the Board, a recommendation will be given to the SWMD Committee for their approval.

At 1:30 pm., the Commissioners met with Jason Althouse. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Jeff Hunker and Phil Johnson were also in attendance. Jason went over the projected Ditch Projects for 2024. This included a list of the spraying, chopping and dip out for the respective ditches. Jason also reported that the BRSEP will have some additional charges to the project. We will have to have a change order approved from the joint board once we have a better idea of the total costs. Jason said that some of the spraying for the ditches may be done via drone this year. The Board complimented Jason for a job well done and his organization for the ditch projects.

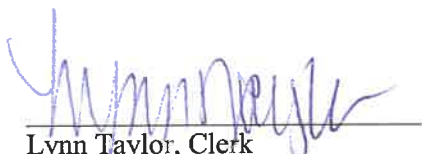
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At 2:05 pm., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Mike Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; Mike Pepple, yes. At 2:18 pm., Tim Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mike Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


At 2:18 pm., the Commissioners meeting was reconvened. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land and Jeff Hunker was present. Bill Bateson was absent.


Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #100-24 – Establishment of a new fund entitled "Hancock County Justice Center Grant Fund. Cindy explained that this fund was created at the request of the Auditor's Office. This fund will pertain to the Sheriff's grant that they received for new locks on the doors. They received a \$250,000 grant approval in September of 2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

  
Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Michael W. Pepple

# Blanchard Log Jam Removal 2024

Week	Size Log jams pulled					Seeding
	L	A	B	C	D	
12/4-6/2023	8	16	3	0	2	0
12/7-8/2023	4	9	0	0	0	0
12/11-15/2023	17	37	7	3	1	0
12/18-22/2023	62	29	3	1	0	1/8 ac
12/25-29/2023			Off			
1/1-5/2024	38	42	6	2	0	0
1/8-12/2024			Off-Weather			
1/15-20/2024			Off-Weather			
1/22-26/2024			Off-Weather			
1/29-2/2/2024			Off-Weather			
2/5-9/2024	11	58	7	1	2	5/8 ac
2/12-16/2024			Off			
Totals	140	191	26	7	5	3/4 ac
	\$18,620.00	\$41,638.00	\$12,350.00	\$6,300.00	\$9,000.00	\$750.00
Total Spent	\$88,658.00					
Estimate						
West of Findlay	\$37,500.00					
Estimate						
East of Findlay	\$22,500.00					
Estimated Total	\$148,658.00					
Total Budgeted	\$128,123.00					

## 2024 Plan of Work

### Spraying

SW & NW	Estimated Cost
Adam Heininger	\$919.89
Aurand Run	\$6,141.24
Beach- Flat Rock	\$9,101.26
Buck Run (West)	\$4,450.60
Cartwright	\$457.38
Cusac	\$3,509.00
Dan Fox Jt	\$3,258.20
Decker	\$1,375.38
E.E Urban	\$384.72
F.B. Inbody	\$786.90
Foreman	\$1,960.78
Freed	\$851.18
H.B. Thomas	\$4,584.25
H.J. McMurray	\$3,028.20
Hardy	\$192.92
Hartman Shull	\$1,057.00
Isiac Insley	\$1,679.68
J.D. Cole	\$564.08
J.H. Meyers	\$2,249.25
J.L. Elsea	\$3,806.72
Jacob Burket	\$2,203.40
Krautter Reiter	\$4,844.06
Lanning	\$4,320.14
Marsh Run Jt.	\$2,361.04
McComb Lateral	\$7,022.43
McKean Jt.	\$3,084.62
Moyer Tri-County	\$7,637.76
Neiderhiser	\$682.25
Oliver Cook	\$129.22
Overholt	\$6,024.48
R.B. Worden	\$9,432.45
Rettig	\$297.50
Rutter	\$1,656.69
Schoonover	\$5,072.97
Steiner	\$629.86
Stephan Otto	\$5,686.74
Stone Jt	\$6,111.16
T.F. Edington	\$949.17
Tiderishi	\$2,873.00
Wilch	\$4,830.23
NE	
J.H. Shafer	\$688.50
Walton	\$3,519.45
City	
Dalzell	\$21,200.00
Total	\$151,615.75

### Chopping

NW	Estimated Cost
H.J. McMurray	\$3,300.00
Isiac Insley	\$1,000.00
Overholt	\$3,500.00
NE	
A.O. Minks	\$6,156.70
Bright	\$3,658.60
Brookman	\$9,812.00
Charles Good	\$1,633.50
Corbin Jt	\$5,555.00
Elias Fox	\$3,245.00
Folger	\$440.00
Glauner	\$880.00
Harold Shafer	\$4,290.00
Margaretha Roth	\$1,625.80
Renshaw Bricker	\$2,739.00
Ropp	\$4,913.70
Walton	\$4,400.00
City	
Oil Ditch	\$4,000.00
Findlay Industrial	\$750.00
Tall Timbers	\$8,500.00
Spring Lake	\$1,000.00
Total	\$71,399.30

### Dip-out

NW	Estimated Cost
J.D. Cole	\$6,410.00
NE	
Ropp	\$43,478.50
City	
Western Meadows	\$3,000.00
Total	\$46,478.50
Total Spraying	\$151,615.75
Total Chopping	\$71,399.30
Total Dip-out	\$46,478.50
Grand Total	\$269,493.55
Estimated Assesmen	\$160,000.00
Total Projects	66







Downstream Side Before



Upstream Side Before





Upstream Side After



Pile of Debris from Log Jam





After Taking Multiple Trees Out



Log Jam at the University of Findlay Property



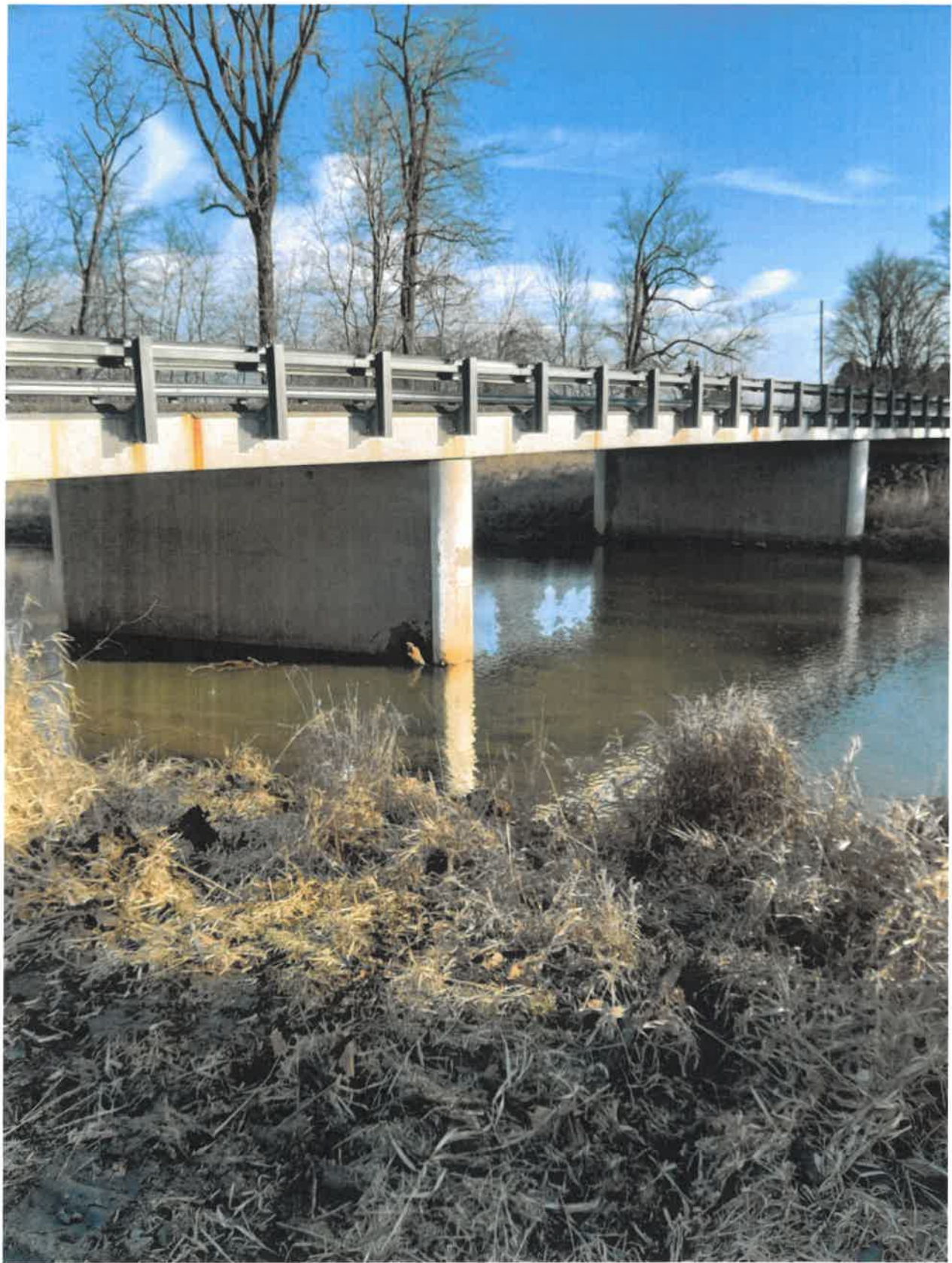


County Road 169 During Log Jam Removal



Note the Outlet Pipe





Finished Log Jam Removal