

Minutes

February 16, 2023

Commissioners Present: William Bateson and Michael Pepple. Timothy Bechtol was present via telephone.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, and Steve Wilson.

Commissioner Bateson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the February 14, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Michel Pepple made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. A travel request was approved for the Sheriff's Office. This travel request is to pick up the Bearcat in Maine.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #105-23 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (January 2023) \$1,598.13. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #106-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Veterans Service Trust Fund 2152. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #107-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Hud Fund 2062. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk announced that the 11:30 meeting that was scheduled for today has been cancelled. This will be rescheduled for March.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution # 108-23 – Authorizing the Hancock County Health Commissioner to establish a Hybrid Overdose/Suicide Fatality Review Committee. Cindy stated that Karim spoke to the Board last week and talked about establishing this committee. Bill Bateson stated that he liked the suggestions that Karim talked about in regards to increasing the responsibilities of an existing committee. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #109-23 – Sale of property no longer needed by the office of the Hancock County Engineer. Phil explained that the Engineer's Office would like to sell equipment estimated at a

value of more than \$2,500.00. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #110-23 – Authorizing entry into contract with All Excavating & Demolition, LTD., for demolition of structures located on real property at 20239 Township Road 162, Mt. Blanchard and 313 South Buffalo Street in Vanlue, pursuant to the building demolition and site revitalization grant program. Phil stated that the bids were opened last week for group 3 and that All Excavating had the lowest price. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #111-23 – Authorizing entry into contract with All Excavating & Demolition, LTD., for demolition of structures located on real property at 614 Clinton Court and 6146 County Road 236 in Findlay and at 120 North Street in McComb, pursuant to the building demolition and site revitalization grant program. This pertains to the group 4 bids that were opened. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #112-23 – Authorizing entry into Change Order #3 to contract with TTL Associates, INC., which company has been acquired by C.T. Consultants, INC., for further performance of Tier 2 evaluation activities upon real property at 136 N. Main Street in Findlay. Phil explained that this is the location of the old Kuhlman Body Shop. The original contract was with TTL and Associates, however, they were recently acquired by CT Consultants. Additional benzene testing needs to be conducted per BUSTR. The amount of this contract is \$6,250.00. Mike Pepple inquired if this will result in a no further action letter. Steve Wilson stated that it would if clear results are received. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Steve Wilson stated that Charlie David will be signing the purchase agreement for the vacant lot.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple stated that he attended the Hancock County Visitors Convention Bureau meeting and the hotel/motel revenue is improving. February receipts were the highest since 2014. Cindy Land stated that this is great news also for the Marathon Performing Arts Center and for the Fairgrounds.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Community Advisory Committee meeting regarding the jail study. Information gathering is going well, and the next meeting will include a discussion about construction.

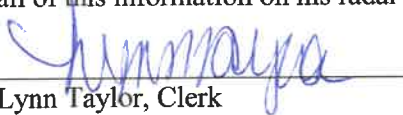
At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioner held a bid opening. Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson and Steve Wilson were in attendance. Nine bids were received via Bid Express for the remediation and restoration of 119 Clinton Court. King Environmental was the apparent low bidder at \$198,726.25. Six bids were received via Bid Express for the demolition of 201 Clinton Court and 2 properties on Meeks Court. All Excavating was the apparent low bidder at \$15,350.00. All bids will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made next week.

The 11:30 a.m. meeting with Lauren Sandhu was cancelled.


At 1:31 p.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, Mike Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows; Bill Bateson, yes; Mike Pepple, yes. At 2:14

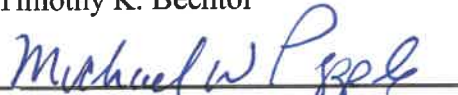
p.m., Bill Bateson made the motion to exit executive session after discussing pending litigation, with no action taken. Mike Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 3:01 p.m., the Commissioners met with Representative Jon Cross. Lynn Taylor, Engineer Doug Cade, Steve Wilson and Cecil Boes were in attendance. Tim Bechtol was present via phone. Bill expressed his thanks to Representative Cross for coming to Hancock County. Representative Cross stated that the operating and transportation budget is in process and he wanted to know what the priorities are for Hancock County. He also indicated that he will be at an Elected Officials meeting in March to hear any other requests. Mike Pepple discussed the MWCD project and the \$60 million-dollar allowance that was requested several years ago and recently awarded to Hancock County. Technical language now states that the money cannot be used for road construction, per ODNR. Steve Wilson has since requested \$500,000 from the flood mitigation funds to use for the road construction/design in the area of the basin. However, it would be appreciated to have the language changed, especially since we are in a time crunch. Representative Cross acknowledged and indicated that he will contact Senator Mc Colley and see what he can do. Representative Cross inquired if the \$60 million dollars are enough for the project, and Steve wasn't sure if the wetland enhancement would be done, however, he did think that \$60 million would be enough to get a majority of the project done. Representative Cross stated that this award was the result of good team work down in Columbus from local members. Bill Bateson also discussed the increase of fiber along CR 140 for potential projects. Engineer Cade discussed the importance of expanding the bid threshold limit and the force account limits. Increasing the emergency authorization limits was discussed and the increased cost of road and bridge maintenance. Representative Cross provided an explanation on HB1. Mike discussed the current opioid epidemic and how it is affecting Hancock County. Mike is generating a lot of discussion on this topic with local leaders. Bill brought up the Help Me Grow program and the success that it brings to Hancock County. Representative Cross would like to have a discussion with the Help Me Grow coordinator. Bill will share contact information with Representative Cross so he can learn more about their benefits. Representative Cross inquired of Hancock County would be interested being a potential location for regional mega sites; large areas of land which are shovel ready for growth opportunities. Mike and Bill expressed great interest. Cecil Boes discussed his desire to provide more money for Arcadia Schools as his reasoning for the solar wind farm project. Tim Bechtol discussed the recent Norfolk Southern train derailment in Ohio and the effect it will have on the funding for the bridge replacement/ basin project in Hancock County. Representative Cross indicated that he will keep all of this information on his radar and will be keep the officials informed as much as he can.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple