

Minutes

February 2, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Phil Johnson, Mary Ann LaRoche, Don Walter and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #59-21 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #60-21 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #61-21– Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Capital Projects- Sheriff. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #62-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Felony Delinquent Care & Custody. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #63-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Safety. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #64-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to CTCL. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #65-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- HAVA. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #66-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to HAVA. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #67-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The January fund report was signed. In addition, the January explosive gas monitoring report was signed.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #68-21 – Authorization for Jay Myers to sit on the Hancock County Board of Revision as the Board of Hancock County Commissioners Representative. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #69-21 – Authorizing Change Order No. 3 to the contract with A & D Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant WPCLF Project #HS390032-003-2020-05. Cindy stated that this is a change order for \$1,860.00 making the total project \$15,463.00 which is 100% grant funded. The project completion date has also been extended until the end of June due to a new outlet tile being needed. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #70-21 – Authorizing a second amendment of the CARES Act Subgrant Agreement with Hancock County Educational Service Center with regard to completion and reporting dates. Phil stated that resolution #27-21 will need to be rescinded as a result of clerical errors. Some of the dates were incorrect on the prior resolution. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg inquired from Phil Johnson what the dates are listed on the resolution regarding CARES funding. Phil stated that 12-31-2021 is the deadline for the program and disbursements and 1-15-2022 is the reporting deadline.

Steve Wilson reported that Lynn Army is ill and will not be able to make the meeting scheduled for Thursday. In addition, the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday will probably have to be postponed due to his illness.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson reported that he rode with a county snow plow driver for 4 hours over the weekend. William stated that he appreciated the recent article in The Courier regarding farming and faith.

Michael Pepple reported that he also rode with a county snow plow driver recently.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he rode with an employee of the Engineers Office who plows the roads. They do a great job and appreciated their efforts. Tim began a discussion on whether or not county funds should be used on the mobile van opportunity recently discussed with the Health Department. Findlay City Council is waiting on the County's response. Bill Bateson stated that he would prefer to wait until a discussion is held with trustees. The annual Trustee

Association meeting will be held tomorrow and he would like to discuss this topic with them at that time. A concern Bill has is how village residents will be able to access the van if they do not have transportation. Furthermore, most villages have halls that could be used for shot distribution. Mike Pepple and Tim Bechtol concurred.

At 9:52 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:12 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randy Galbraith from JFS. Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman and Jim Maurer were also in attendance. Randy provided his monthly update regarding Ohio Means Jobs, CPSU, and the Family Stability Unit. Randy continues to work with Economic Development regarding outreach opportunities for workforce development. Randy expects soon to receive a \$33,000 contract with Economic Development. There continues to be a high turnover rate in the CPSU area and case managers. This is not just a local problem, but a state problem as well. Through exit-interviews, surveys and discussions, they are finding that individuals are leaving the field altogether. Randy continues to work with the Rapid Response Team to work on issues of recruiting and retaining current employees. The Kinship Support Program will experience a change to kinship care. For example, if the following conditions apply, the kinship family will receive \$10.20 a day to care for the child or (\$300.00 estimated a month): child in CPSU custody, no OWF eligibility and must be in kinship care for 9 months. This benefit can only be received one time. If the kinship care provider chooses to become a licensed foster parent after the 9-month period, the county will pay the benefit to the kinship care provider. Randy stated that this could affect the levy dollars. For example, he figured expenses of \$1.2-\$1.3 million with the levy generating \$1.7 million. He has networked with several area agencies to the sum of about \$400,000 to generate some more income for services. He hopes that can continue. The recent change to kinship care comes from the State as a result of a recent lawsuit in Kentucky called the Glisson case. Randy is not sure how many current kinship care providers will want to go through the process of becoming at licensed foster parents, therefore, the effect on the budget is unknown at this time. This will become effective in September 2021. Mike Pepple inquired as to who to contact for some additional information. Randy suggested contacting Representative Cross. Randy continues to work with local schools, Judge Johnson and Precia Stuby to reach children who are at risk of entering the system, hence making the potential for overall costs to be lower. The Thirty Days to Family Grant is doing well. Randy also mentioned that once July 2021 rolls around, the cost for the specialist position will be the responsibility of JFS and he doesn't see an issue with that. Currently, that is being paid through the grant. The Child Support Enforcement Agency had a great year in 2020 collecting payments. Payments collected are around \$11 million. Mike inquired from Randy if he is aware of the Financial Opportunity Center and Randy indicated he was aware of it. Randy and Mike will be attending the meeting on Thursday. Mike also asked Randy if he was aware of any additional upcoming expenses that the Commissioners could plan for and Randy stated that he will get back with him. Bill Bateson added that he attended the Family First meeting and is looking forward to looking over the information and participating. Tim stated that the Treasurer's Office is wanting to hire an additional staff member. Mike stated that adding a 4th member would be acceptable upon his review. Bill stated that he had some questions for the Treasurer and he received them. After hearing the answers, Bill agrees that hiring the additional staff is warranted. Tim stated

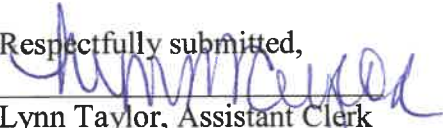
limited funds are being asked for from the Treasurers Office. All Commissioners concurred to proceed with transferring funds for the new staff member.

At 1:21 p.m., the Commissioners met with Bob Snavely from Palmer Energy. Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson and Jim Maurer were also in attendance. Bob stated that his recommendation is to proceed with Dynege Energy Services based up the review of the RFQ's. Fiscally, it is more reasonable to pay for services as it's used. This recommendation is also for a term of 24 months.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #71-21 – Authorizing entry into contract for supply of electricity to Hancock County facilities commencing in 2021. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson



Randall L. Galbraith, Esq., Director

Commissioner's Report – February 2nd, 2021

1) OMJ/Economic Development Partnership

Meet this afternoon
Finalize Outreach Contract
Discuss data collected so far

2) CPSU

ODJFS Rapid Response
Coaching
Staff Surveys

Child Protection Oversight & Evaluation (CPOE) Stage 12
Three year program audit by ODJFS

Kinship Support Program

ODJFS will pay \$10.20/day to relative caregivers

Conditions: Child must be in CPSU custody

No OWF eligibility

Lasts 9 months

Only good for one occurrence

Must become a licensed foster parent after 9 months, then paid by county at county rate

Family First Prevention Services Act

Working with FCFC, Juvenile Court and ADAMHS

Requires many new hoops to get Title IV-E reimbursement

Reimbursement is 68% for eligible children now

Thirty Days to Family Grant

Reimbursement for specialist position ends at the end of June 2021

We have had 8 children in the program so far

Statewide cost savings = \$8,929.00 per child

Hancock Co. specific savings has been requested

3) Family Stability Unit

New Prevention, Retention, and Contingency program

\$250.00/child for school clothes

Eligibility set at less than or equal to 150% of federal poverty level

Ends 3/5/2021

School Fees program in the works

\$300.00 per child; other details being worked out

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