

Minutes

February 22, 2022

Commissioners present: William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol. Michael Pepple was absent.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Doug Cade and Lou Wilin from the Courier.

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 February 17th 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #106-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #107-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #108-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #109-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners signed the January 2022 Squire Patton Boggs expenses totaling \$1,188.00. The Commissioner's approved the Board of Election's payment of PO #2202099 to Fifth Third which includes a late fee of \$40.00 and a finance charge of \$2.69. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #110-22 – Resolution authorizing agreement with CASA for services in 2022. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Cindy stated this is a contract to provide non-attorney CASA to the Juvenile and Probate courts. The contract is for \$350 per case not to exceed \$50,000. The agreement will provide CASA with \$10,500 up front to cover operating cost.

Resolution #112-22 – Resolution authorizing contract for WPCLF/HSTS project HS#390032-003-2021-05. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Cindy stated this contract is with Tom Hiatt's Plumbing & Excavating Services Co. for the installation of a new home sewage treatment system on Township Rd. 59. The cost is \$19,560. It is paid 100% from the WPCLF grant project.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #114-22 – Resolution authorizing contract for the HANCR 172 0033 Box Culvert. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Phil stated this box culvert is to be installed on Hancock County Rd. 172. The job was awarded to Schalk Brothers, Inc., of Tiffin, Ohio. Doug stated that Schalk Brothers, Inc., will be setting the box culvert. The Engineer's office will be buying all of the materials and doing all of the excavation and backfill.

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

Doug Cade commented on resolution 111-22 that will be presented when the Commissioners reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Doug Cade stated the bridge replacement project was started several years ago. It is one of the last steel truss bridges. It will take about 120 to 180 days for completion of the project. Commissioner Bechtol commented on the narrow road and the number of runners on the road. Doug stated this project will widen the bridge but not the road. Commissioner Bateson asked if they ever put in pedestrian walkways. Doug stated they generally do not. Sidewalks are usually a municipal service. He also stated that Township Rd. 204 is not on the trail system. Steve Wilson asked if the bridge was still considered historic. Doug stated it is not. Commissioner Bechtol asked if the steel would be recycled. Doug stated the contractor will recycle the steel.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report. Commissioner Bateson stated there were notifications that went out to employees regarding Lincoln life insurance. He stated that we no longer have Lincoln, we now have Hartford life insurance.

Lou Wilin requested a brief explanation of the process for resolution 113-22 that will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Bechtol explained this is the first step in the process of receiving statement of qualifications from design build firms. Lou asked what the deadline was for receiving the statement of qualifications. Commissioner Bechtol stated that in the request for qualifications there is a timeline to follow. Lou asked if they had an idea of number of proposals they will receive. Commissioner Bechtol stated they would like to narrow the field down to three firms. Lou inquired what the advantages were for this procedure. Commissioner Bechtol stated they want assurance on getting pricing right on materials and labor cost.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

William Bateson attended the Wraparound Program meeting this morning. They are trying to assist JFS with the hiring crisis.

Michael Pepple was absent.

At 9:52 a.m. William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:24 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioner's reconvened. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Judge Kristen Johnson, Shawn Carpenter, James Sammet, Adam Witteman and Lou Wilin were in attendance.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #111-22 – Resolution authorizing contract for the HAN-TR 204-0.53 Bridge Replacement project. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Cindy stated the contract was awarded to R&I Construction from Tiffin, Ohio. The project will cost \$736,942.68. The contract is 95% paid by ODOT State Bridge Exchange funds and earned Bridge Credits. The other 5% is paid by the Hancock County MVGT fund.


Resolution #113-22 – Resolution authorizing the solicitation of statements of qualifications for design-build services for the construction of a new (approximately 25,000± total square feet) two-story facility to house the Juvenile and Probate Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Cindy stated that the resolution was prepared by Mathew Segone from Squire Patton Boggs. Squire Patton Boggs also provided the legal notice and the specifications that will go out to all interested parties. Lou Wilin from the Courier, asked ultimately after going through this process will there be a contract to design and build the building? Commissioner Bechtol stated that yes it can be a single firm or a collaboration of different firms that work together as a team. Commissioner Bechtol stated that the attorney also developed a scoring sheet to rate the applicants to determine who is best qualified for the project. Commissioner Bechtol explained the estimated time line for the project.

Commissioners met with James Sammet to discuss the Honeywell presentation and building upgrades. James asked the Commissioners and Phil Johnson what other information is needed to proceed with Honeywell. Commissioner Pepple is questioning if it is a single bid project. Phil stated he was under the impression that it was up to the county to decide which of the six proposals they want to pursue. Phil believes Honeywell wants the county to bid with them and they will use all the bids they have obtained from contractors to perform the work or they can do a request for qualifications or proposals. Cindy Land stated that she feels like Honeywell is putting the cart before the horse. If it is going to be a request for proposals it is up to the county to request bids from companies. James stated that Honeywell is the actual creator of 95% of every building management system. James stated that the software used by different companies is not interchangeable. He stated that problems arise when you start bidding jobs separate, you end up with different computers and different software. James presented the Commissioners with a list of the six county buildings that need upgrades. Commissioner Pepple requested that Phil Johnson call Honeywell for additional clarification on the bidding process. Cindy Land stated we have to follow federal procurement process to use ARPA funds. James requested Phil to discuss with Honeywell what programs are available to the county if ARPA funds are not used.

At 2:31 p.m. Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

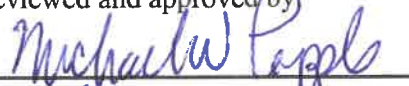
At 2:56 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

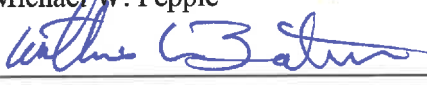


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol