

Minutes

February 27, 2020

Commissioners present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Mary Ann LaRoche, Miranda Lobdell, Sharon DeCooman, Ron DeCooman, Steve Wilson and Bill Bateson.

Commissioner Robertson 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 25th, 2020 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #124-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #125-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #126-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #127-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Victims Assistance VOCA Grant. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #128-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #129-20 – Authorizing entry into contract with ALL Excavating & Demolition, LTD for demolition of buildings located at 122 Jefferson St. in Findlay. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #130-20 – Authorization regarding an offer to purchase and sale of real property located at 321 Clinton Court in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Phil Johnson stated the property was part of an application for a grant that was filed several years ago. It was together with another property that the Commissioners have already purchased on North Main St.

commonly known as E & T Oriental Grocery Store along with some apartments that were in the same building. The total grant was expected to be in the \$1 million dollar range. \$311,000 was already spent for acquisition and demolition on the oriental grocery store building. Phil stated there will be an additional \$180,000 that was added to this grant from another grant from another county that was not utilized. With that said, there will probably be \$166,000 that will not be covered by grant funds for this purchase and demolition, which is less than the \$240,000 that would have had to be returned. Bill Bateson asked when the grant was first applied for and what the time length was. Steve Wilson replied that it was applied for in 2015 and there have been two extensions. Normally, from the time applied until completion is generally three years.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners approved payroll for their office and for JFS. They also approved travel requests for the Sheriff's office and Treasurer. A letter was signed for a request to renew a lease agreement dated April 30, 2018 for a portion of 100 East Main Cross for an additional two year period, specifically May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022 along with rental cost remaining at the existing rate and was sent to Mr. Garth Brown. The Assistant Clerk read a notice from AEP that they wish to re-locate some equipment near Township Road 115 & Township Road 103.

Charity Rauschenberg discussed the Boundary and Annexation Survey that she received. She stated that it requested Brian Robertson's signature, which he did sign. Charity will sign the rest of the documents and will submit it today.

Steve Wilson requested an Executive Session regarding Potential Real Estate Acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated there is a copy of the community reads book "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate in the Commissioners' office. Ms. Wingate will give a presentation on her book Thursday, March 26th at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. Tim met with Engineer Doug Cade yesterday to discuss road and ditch work that will be happening in Hancock County. ODOT work will begin in Amanda Township near Vanlue for access roads on Route 15. He attended the forum last night at the University of Findlay with the potential Commissioners. Tim also said he has received reports of Census workers in the neighborhood and was wondering what they were doing and what they are asking for. Brian stated that he had met with the Mayor last week and the Mayor was going to contact Cheryl from the Census and let her know that they have seen some Census workers out, but Brian has not heard back from the Mayor yet. Brian recommended being careful on what information you give out to someone claiming to be from the Census just in case of possible fraud. Tim stated that the maintenance staff has been working with him on monitoring the jail door replacement project. They decided that they want to do a progressive punch list for the contractor because there are so many different areas of the building. They will be done on a step by step basis following them along

so that they can come back quickly to clean up any details. Brian concurred. Charity asked when and where the Census workers may be in our county. Brian stated that he is not sure at this time but should see mobilization in March. The mobilization should take place in areas where they feel like there was a lack of turn out based upon what they are seeing for data.

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

At 9:53 a.m. Brian Robertson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:23 a.m., Brian Robertson made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., Mark Gazarek attended the Records Commissions meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

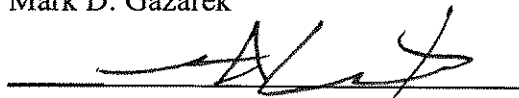


Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol