

## Minutes

February 29, 2024

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische, Steve Wilson, Lou Wilin and Dean Sarra.

Commissioner Pepple 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 27, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Treasurer and the Hancock County Landfill Explosive Gas Monitoring Report dated February 28, 2024.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #117-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #118-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation General Fund - Prosecutor #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #119-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2241. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #120-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Litter Landing #5069. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #121-24 – Contract for purchase of one Poly G7500-G-Series with EagleEye IV-12X camera. Cindy stated this piece of equipment will be similar to the set-up that we have in this room. It will be used for video arraignments. This will cut down on the transport of people as well as exposure of volatile people to the public. The cost is \$7,019.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #122-24 – Local Public Agency (LPA) Federal Project for the replacement of Bridge Number HAN-CR180-3.67 on County Road 180 over Lye Creek in Marion Township, Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy explained this is a document that we routinely sign that is stating that we agree to cooperate with ODOT for this project. The project is 100% federally funded. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adam Witteman stated that Audit has been in contact with him. They will be here in March. Emails will be going out to gather required information.

Steve Wilson stated the bid opening for the construction project at the landfill has been scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

There were no public comments.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson drove around to look at the portable recycling bins. He found everything to be nice and neat. Commissioner Bateson also attended the Chambers Ag Committee meeting. The sausage sale will start March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Michael Pepple also drove around to check out the recycling sites. All the sites he checked were neat and orderly. He also attended the Blanchard Valley Health System Board meeting.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Solar Eclipse Preparedness meeting. The Sheriff intends to open the Emergency Operations Center at the Engineer's Office. He also attended the Downtown Design Review Board meeting. He stated we had two items with the Judicial Center for their consideration. The brick sample was denied. The fencing material for the security fence was approved. In addition, Commissioner Bechtol attended the HHWP CAC meeting. They are looking for additional work space.

Timothy Bechtol requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.

At 9:45 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 11:00 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 11:15 a.m., the Commissioners met with Courtney Comstock. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Lynn Taylor, Rhonda Dingelstedt, Adam Witteman and Holly Frische were also in attendance. Courtney explained that she is having a hard time finding a vendor for the steel food cans. The minerals in the food cans make them less valuable. Discussion took place on the possibility of not accepting the food cans. Commissioner Bateson inquired if there were other products that need to go directly to the landfill. Courtney stated that plastics that are contaminated and not able to be sorted due to lack of community service help. Commissioner Bechtol asked how much more help do you need. Courtney stated at least two more to sit and sort the plastics. She stated the two temporary employees are working out and relieving some of the overtime. Commissioner Pepple shared the information he has gathered to calculate the possible cost of contracting out the recycling service to Rumpke. Discussion took place on how he came up with the total cost. He stated we may have to increase our Tier Fees. This information along with the detailed Litter Landing financials and the Rumpke proposal will be sent to all of the Solid Waste Management District's committee members and interested citizens. A meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> with the Solid Waste Management District to discuss this information. Discussion took place on how many containers would be placed at each location and how much out-of-county materials are being recycled in Hancock County. Courtney suggested the Litter Landing location be shut down for a month if we contract with Rumpke. Hopefully, this will get people out of the habit of illegal dumping. Discussion took place regarding bidding for the collection of hazardous waste materials. Commissioner Bechtol asked how much recyclable material is taken to the landfill. Courtney stated a thirty-yard bailed load is

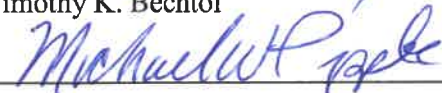
taken once a week. This is due to not being able to process all of the contaminated plastics. Discussion took place on the price of cardboard and the time the materials have to sit before they are hauled away.


Respectfully submitted,

  
Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Michael W. Pepple

  
William L. Bateson