

Minutes
February 6, 2020

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Bill Bateson, Mike Pepple, Mary Ann LaRoche, Jim Maurer and Bruce Workman.

Commissioner Robertson 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 4, 2020 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #93-20 – Not presented.

Resolution #94-20 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #95-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioners to appropriate to Special Improvement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #96-20 – Contract with Spectrum for internet access and network transport services for the Hancock County Veterans Services Office as per the direction of the Hancock County Data Center. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Approval was granted on the 37th pay request from MWCD for the Upper Blanchard Flood Mitigation Project for \$8,121.00.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Brian Robertson requested the same.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

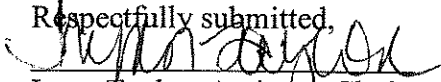
Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

At 9:36 A.M., Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:19 A.M., Brian Robertson made the motion

to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:00 A.M., the Commissioner's met with Director Galbraith from JFS. Adam Witteman, Mike Pepple, Bill Bateson and Jim Maurer were also present. Brian Robertson expressed his gratitude to Randy Galbraith for his information that he provided ahead of time. Randy stated that he continues to work with Owens Community College (OCC), the Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) and Findlay Digital Academy (FDA) for resources with high school aged students and the lower skilled workforce. For example, FDA recently changed their graduation requirements and OCC has several programs available to reach students affected. In addition, Randy has some grant money he can use towards the Comprehensive Care Management Program for lower functioning skilled workers. Randy also met with the Hancock County Maintenance staff and shared some ideas to make the OMJ entrance more secure. As a cost saving measure, Randy has reached out to the Hancock County Data Center for direction on the JFS website. Randy stated that in 2019, a cost of \$4,333 was spent to a local agency for website services. Brian Robertson stated that in 2013 when the County website was updated, the director at the time did not want to join the County website. Randy indicated that there could be some technological restraints, but he was confident they could be resolved. In regards to JFS Placement Contracts, Randy is considering changing the time in which they are effective. For example, instead of making contracts from January to January, they could run from March to March. In addition, Randy is looking to add an additional Planning Committee member from the current 8 member to a 9 member committee. Randy will provide a list of names to the Commissioners at a later date. Randy has also been meeting with Judy Englehart, an Executive Coach and Wes Shrider for some budgetary training. Randy said that with the numbers so high in kids in care, budget talk is always challenging. A local employer has reached out to Randy for assistance in a possible Incumbent Worker Project. The employer will be receiving new equipment and would like to retain the current employees which will also need to be trained. Randy has about \$100,000 available via a grant on this project and Randy encouraged the employer to search for additional grant money. Randy stated that he would like to keep this employer in Hancock County and the Commissioners concurred. Brian was grateful to Randy and his performance of obtaining outside funding sources. Furthermore, Brian stated that this is a difficult time for JFS and takes a commitment from a lot of people to help those less fortunate. Timothy Bechtol agreed. Brian also inquired about the progress on the current levy and Randy stated that he is working on informational sheets. Randy reported that he is short on manpower and money. Currently, there are 113 kids in care.

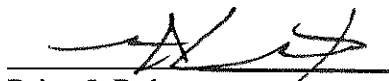
Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent

Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol