

Minutes

February 08, 2024

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische, Representative Jon Cross, Steve Wilson, Don Moses, Chad Warnimont, Lynn Taylor, Alec Helms and Kenzie Tucker.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jon Cross stopped in to announce the funds committed to Findlay and Hancock County agencies as part of the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund included in House Bill 2 passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Minutes from the February 6, 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 the sick leave donation form, payroll for the Commissioner's staff and Job & Family Services. In addition, the Commissioners approved two travel requests for the Sheriff's office. The Commissioners signed the letter to Mayor Muryn regarding the per diem calculation for inmate housing and two ARPA Rescue Plan Checklist for the dispatch alarm panel and the x-ray scanner.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #77-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation General Fund - Juvenile Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #78-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Felony Delinquent Care & Custody Fund #2121. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #79-24 – Transfer of funds from the Hotel Motel Fund #8047 to the General Fund #1001 (4th Quarter 2023 Fees) - \$23,937.95. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #80-24 – 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.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #81-24 – Authorization amendment to Resolution No. 856-23 to enter into grant agreement for Program Year (PY) 2023 Allocation and Neighborhood Revitalization, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Cindy explained this will amend resolution 856-23 to identify the project grant number. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #82-24 – Authorizing the disposal of two X-ray scanning units no longer needed by Hancock County for courthouse security purposes. Cindy stated the X-ray scanning units will be removed from the county inventory. The fair market value is less than \$2,500. They have been fully depreciated and have no value. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #83-24 – Contract for purchase of one (1) Rapiscan X-ray scanner from Rapiscan Systems. Cindy stated the new scanner will cost \$30,919.60. This includes a 3-year warranty. The Sheriff did receive three proposals. This is not the lowest proposal. The lowest proposal unit is too big to fit in the greenhouse. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #84-24 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with ERG Environmental Services for removal, recycling, and disposal of two x-ray scanners. Cindy explained we have to contract with a particular type of removal company because the X-ray scanners have hazardous materials inside them. The contract is for \$849.58. If the maintenance and Sheriff's staff are able to have both scanners in one location at pick-up time, the cost may be less. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #85-24 – Authorization to enter contract with Security Automation Systems, 8739 Castle Park Dr., Indianapolis, Indiana to provide a security system upgrade for the Hancock County Justice Center. Cindy explained this is for upgrades to the intercom system and electronic locks. The cost of the project is \$355,315.00. The county portion is \$106,000.00. The remainder will be paid by grant funds. This is a state bid contract. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy stated that Soil & Water contacted her to report that a property owner has built a 5 ft dike along the Blanchard River. Steve Wilson stated this should be referred to the County Engineer.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg stated it is an exciting time in the Auditor's office with taxes due next week. Charity stated county auditors are trying to educate that there is a tax system issue. County auditors have presented the issues to Senate. In addition, discussions have been held with Representative Cross and our Senator on how things are not working as intended when put into law. The Auditor's office will address all taxpayer questions based on their particular parcel. Charity inquired on the status of the Courtview contract. Commissioner Pepple stated that a drop-dead date of the end of March has been given for receipt of this contract and a follow-up email has been sent out by the Clerk.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session in regards to property acquisition.

Holly Frische had nothing to report.

Don Moses and Chad Warnimont attended the meeting to inquire if the landfill should be closed on April 8th due to the solar eclipse. The Commissioners agreed it would be best if they closed. Don stated they will notify all of the trash haulers. Discussion took place regarding if the Emergency Operation Center should be established for April 8th.

Kenzie Tucker had no comment.

Meetings/Reports


William Bateson attended the Public Defender's meeting. He stated there was some controversy in their office regarding Commissioner Bechtol's comment in the paper that stated he would like to move the Public Defender's office into the Juvenile Court building.

Michael Pepple attend the ARPA Committee meeting. The Committee is continuing to monitor the status of the ARPA requests.

Timothy Bechtol inquired if the Public Defenders are opposed to moving closer to the courthouse. Commissioner Bateson stated they commented that they like where they are at. Commissioner Bechtol stated that WFIN had a story about the movie recently filmed in the courthouse titled Act of God. It will premier on February 18th at the Ritz Theatre.


At 10:27 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential property acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 10:45 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

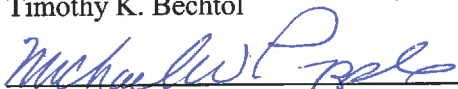


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson