

Minutes  
January 10, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Phil Johnson, Maryann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, and Randy Galbraith.

Commissioner Robertson 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 January 8, 2019 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #21-19 – In the matter of organization- Board of County Commissioners – President Timothy K. Bechtol. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #22-19 – In the matter of organization- Board of County Commissioners – Vice President Mark D. Gazarek. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #23-19 – Employing Sarah Mutchler as Clerk of the Board of Hancock County Commissioners. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #24-19 – Employing Lynnette Taylor as Assistant Clerk of the Board of Hancock County Commissioners. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #25-19 – Setting forth various boards that the Commissioners agree to be a member of for the year 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #26-19 – Resolution to designate the official representative and alternate for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2019. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #27-19 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners' Resolution #4-19 dated January 8, 2019 (Repayment of advance from Water Pollution Control to the General Fund). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #28-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund Data Processing Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #29-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification- Commissioner’s to appropriate to Dog and Kennel Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #30-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification- Commissioner’s to appropriate to Family First Council. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #31-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification- Commissioner’s to appropriate to Common Pleas Court Computer Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #32-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification- Commissioner’s to appropriate to Prosecutors. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Auditor’s warrant journal. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian Robertson made the motion for Timothy Bechtol to sign the Certificate of County Wide Allocation Plan. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Tim Bechtol signed the Code of Responsibility form for Director Gailbrath to have CFIS permission. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners initialed and acknowledged the 2<sup>nd</sup> pay request for Blanchard River Hydraulic Project from MWCD paying Helms \$528,471.51. Brian Robertson inquired from Steve Wilson if this pay request includes the ripple structure removal. Steve indicated they were removed, however large piles of rock were left and the concrete will be reused. Brian wanted clarification as to the work completed remained consistent with the scope of work prepared for the project. Tim stated the flow channel hasn’t been constructed yet. Steve Wilson indicated the original scope of work has been completed. Phil Johnson inquired if the work completed to this point is what was included in the bidding process and Steve Wilson confirmed no changes have occurred. Steve Wilson stated the existing ripple structures will be reconfigured. The Commissioner’s approved travel requests for the Public Defender’s Office and the Treasurer’s Office.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #33-19- Regarding vacation of certain alleys in the Village of Houcktown, Hancock County, Ohio pursuant to ORC § 5553.01 ET SEQ. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazrek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #34-19 – Authorizing entry into and execution of updated participation agreement with CCAO Service Corporation. Phil Johnson indicated this is an agreement with Palmer Energy for electric and gas services. Phil stated recently Palmer Energy contracted with CCAO for electric and gas utilities. Phil stated this document changes the governing board and this is not the final version. Phil spoke with Palmer Energy and blanks need to be completed however this form acknowledges a participation agreement change to Palmer Energy. Mark Gazarek indicated this will be a benefit to the County as costs should be lowered as more groups will be together for lower rates. Phil concurred. Phil also stated there may be a possibility the

participation agreement may include Townships. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #35-19 – Revised wage chart for Hancock County Job & Family Services. Mark Gazarek stated money for this wage increase will come from excess State and Federal Grants, not General Fund money for JFS. Director Randy Galbraith stated there will be 73 employees affected by this wage revision with a total increase of \$232,000 for 2019 and \$232,000, 2020. Randy stated his appreciation to Diana Hoover for her efforts on this. Mark Gazarek also stated his thanks to Diana for putting this all together so Hancock County will be more competitive and retain good employees. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Maryann LaRoche had nothing to report.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report, however Brian Robertson did ask Adam to get a message to Charity Rauschenburg about an email he received. Brian requested Adam tell Charity that he is working on options and will follow up.

Steve Wilson followed up on the ripple structures and clarified these weren't truly "ripple structures." Steve stated they were concrete structures removed and stone ripple structures will be added. Steve also stated Helms & Sons is about half way across the Brandeman site and has not found anything unexpected. Timothy Bechtol inquired as to when the remainder of the ripple dam work will be completed, and Steve indicated a timeline of a week.

### **Meetings/Reports**


Mark Gazarek reported final 2018 sales tax numbers were up 3.4% and interest income was up \$197,000.00 for 2018. Mark indicated this is good news for Hancock County.

Timothy Bechtol reported he attended the Kiwanis meeting. Tim also stated the Commissioner's meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the McComb Village Hall.

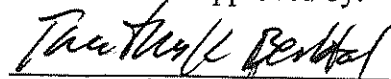
Brian Robertson reported he met with Director Galbraith and welcomed him to Hancock County. Brian also met with Tim Mayle to follow up on the BVPA meeting and the economy.

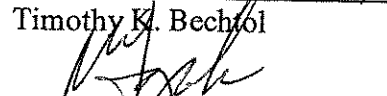
At 10:30 A.M., the Commissioner's met with Doug Smith, a representative from IAP Government Services. IAP received the State of Ohio contract through 2025 for Local Communities to partner projects together for combined services. Doug indicated services they offer are pre-bidding meeting, pre- construction meeting, prevailing wage review and RFQ's for projects. Doug also stated IAP will monitor timelines for projects to ensure accountability.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

  
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Mark D. Gazarek

  
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Brian J. Robertson