

Minutes

January 13, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Mary Ann LaRoche, and members of the community (see attached sign in sheet).

Commissioner Pepple 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 January 11, 2022 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #24-22 – Addition appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #25-22 – Addition appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Prosecutor). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #26-22 – Addition appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Prosecutor. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #27-22 – Addition appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Litter Landing Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #28-22 – Appointment of Mike Jablonski as Hancock County Apiary Inspector for the year 2022. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the warrant journal and for the chair's signature on the year ending balance certification, William Bateson seconded both. Motions passed 3-0. A travel request for the Commissioner's office and payroll for the JFS and Commissioners' offices were approved.

Commissioner Pepple announced that due to a scheduling conflict with an insurance meeting the public meeting scheduled for next Tuesday January 18, 2022 will be held at 2:30pm instead of 9:30am.

The Commissioners made the decision to have Cindy Land present two resolutions when the meeting is reconvened at 11:30am.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #31-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into a contract with Kandu Group, for shredding services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson stated this contract would establish the cost as \$135.00 per 96-gallon tote to be picked up and shredded and that the contract was being entered into with Kandu Group. As the original contract was signed 5 years ago under their previous name of Blanchard Valley Industries with a rate of \$40.00 per tote.

Members of the community were in attendance to speak positively in regards to the possible solar farm project in the county. Rob Kalbous from South Branch Solar stated he wanted to speak about the possibility of exclusion zones within the county. He stated that this often sends the wrong message to property owners, business who want to relocate here and OPSB. He asked the commissioners reconsider this if they plan to put an exclusion in place. Dave Thomas from Washington Township and Dominic Chamberlain from IBEW Local #8 also spoke in regards to their support of the project.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol reported he has not attended any meetings but has spent his time preparing for the meeting with the panel in regards to the Probate/Juvenile Court building.

William Bateson met with the Public Defender this morning and received a good report. He stated they have added two people to their staff.

Michael Pepple attended the ARPA board meeting yesterday morning where they discussed finalizing the grant process, as well as the reporting and monitoring process for the U.S. Treasury.

At 11:25am the commissioners joined a conference call for the OneOhio Foundation in regards to the regional disbursement of the settlement from the opioid law suit. This call was to clarify that a board must be created for the region to have control over the disbursement of the settlement money, as it is being disbursed per region. The decision was made that one Commissioner from each county would be appointment to the board and they would be responsible for communicating the needs from their county officials to the board.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #29-22 – Resolution placing a proposed five year replacement of a 1.3 mill tax levy on the May 3, 2022 ballot for the benefit of the Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William

Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated certification from the Auditor was received, per the request made in December, and the first-year revenue increase would be \$2,857,628.00. Cindy Land also explained that this is for the May 3rd, 2022 ballot but if date of the primary is changed due to the redistricting then there would need to be an amendment done to authorize it to be done at the proper time.

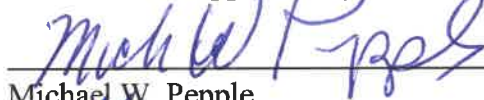
Resolution #30-22 – Resolution Authorizing solicitation of bids for the Hancock County’s 2021 CDBG Allocation Grant Award for the Road Reconstruction projects in the Villages of Jenera & Mt Blanchard. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land explained this is part of the CDBG projects for this year from Regional Planning and will be bid out as 1 project. The grant money for this project has already been received.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol

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