

Minutes

January 14, 2020

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

Also Present: Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Mary Ann LaRoche, Miranda Lobdell and Tammy Erwin.

Commissioner Gazarek 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 9, 2020 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions

Resolution #29-20 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #30-20 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners' Resolution #22-20 dated January 9, 2020 (Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill). Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #31-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #32-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Dog & Kennel. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #33-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Real Estate. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #34-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #35-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS Capital Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed two travel requests for the Treasurer and the Sanitary Landfill. They initialed invoices for the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for the month of December in the amount of \$6,296.95, the 13th Pay Request for Helms & Sons Excavating in the amount of \$177,460.39 and HRPC for the Revolving Loan Fund project in the amount of \$2,047.31.

Adam Witteman stated that the additional appropriation for Dog & Kennel was a surplus from the previous year.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol attended Jeff Winkle's retirement celebration on Friday with the Mayor and presented a joint proclamation as the 10th of January is "Jeff Winkle Day" in Findlay, Hancock County. Yesterday, the Board of Revisions had their organization meeting, making Commissioner Bechtol the Vice Chair. He attended the joint breakfast between the Ag Council and Hancock Soil and Water for their annual joint meeting. He attended Governor DeWine's signing of House Bill 2 that was sponsored by Jon Cross at GROB in Bluffton concerning Tech Cred and getting workers more credentials to gain higher employment status and be more productive.

Mark Gazarek read over part of a letter from the CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) addressing the need for the State Capital Funding for jails. Currently, we are one of 58 counties that have requested state capital funding for construction of or addition to existing jails. The CCAO is backing this 100% and are lobbying the Governor. The Governor's comments indicate that he is listening to county concerns about jail funding and is considering options to find assistance. The documented project costs are currently at \$1.3 billion statewide for jail additions and construction of new jails. Commissioners will keep people posted on the status of that and want to let everyone know that we are not in a unique situation as this is a statewide problem and a critical piece of legislation.

Mark Gazarek made a motion to go into executive session at 9:38 a.m. to discuss personnel as it relates to discipline and pending litigation. Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:46 a.m., Mark Gazarek made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed personnel as it relates to discipline and pending litigation with no action taken. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:05 a.m. the Commissioners met with Joel Smith of CCAO Deferred Comp. Joel discussed options that are available to county employees to boost their retirement and went over some of the basics of the plan. As the county's representative, he is looking for any opportunity for ways to enhance the relationship with the Commissioners and county employees and/or individuals of each department. Mark Gazarek asked Joel if they had any newsletters that could be sent out reminding people that these options are available to them. Joel stated they did not. Brian Robertson suggested teaming up with Tom Davis and having him put information in the county

newsletter. Tammy will follow up with Tom when he returns from vacation and Joel will get an electronic version to her for the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,


Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol