Minutes

January 16, 2024

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Kenzie Tucker and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 11, 2024 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion for the chair's signature on the required WPCLF form for the final 2022 funding. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners initialed 2 requests for Hancock County Revolving Loan funds for \$50,000 and \$30,000.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #36-24 — Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #37-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2241. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #38-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Hancock County Victims Assistant Grant Fund #2084. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #39-24 — Authorization to enter into an administrative agreement with Hancock Regional Planning Commission for administration of the Hancock County CDBG program in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Phil stated that this will allow Regional Planning to administrate grants with zero expectation that any funds will come from the General Fund. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #40-24 — Authorizing entry into agreement regarding Community Development Block Grant Program Fair Housing Services with Hope House for the homeless for calendar year 2024. This is also a program that will use grant funds and not any funds in the general fund per Phil Johnson. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The resolution listed on the agenda was not presented per Phil Johnson.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin had nothing to report.

Kenzie Tucker had nothing to report.

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Bill Bateson had nothing to report.

Mike Pepple stated that he and the other Commissioners attended the quarterly MPRMA meeting.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report other than also attending the MPRMA meeting.

At 2:10 pm., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; Mike Pepple, yes. At 2:26 pm., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple