

Minutes

January 19, 2023

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Steve Wilson

Commissioner Bateson 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 17th, 2023 meeting was read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made a motion to approved 3 warrant journals, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Landfill. Steve Wilson stated this expo has educational purposes. There are S.W.A.N.A and heavy equipment trainings that have beneficial knowledge for employees at the landfill.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that we need to go over what is considered business expenses with employees. They have had to reject somethings due to being outside the classifications. Commissioner Bateson requested the Auditor email them the guidelines and they will forward them to the departments.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #40-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family - General Office to Children Services #2023. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #41-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family - General Office to Children Services #2023. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #42-23 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family - General Office to Children Services #2023. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #43-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #44-23 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Severance #2136. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #45-23 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund #8180 (December 2022 \$1,241.00). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to threatened litigation.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolution #46-23 – Authorizing issuance of a request for qualifications, soliciting responses from qualified environmental consulting firms to provide assistance with implementation of environmental assessments and other environmental or planning components of the 212 South Todd Street assessment project. Phil stated this is in regards to a recent resolution to take steps with the Department of Development to assess 212 South Todd Street in McComb for environmental issues. This will authorize Regional Planning to do a Request for Qualifications for companies to assess the property which might lead to remediation. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that Sales Tax reports have come in. It looks like it is about an 8% decrease but she is still analyzing and will have those over to the Commissioner later today. She stated her and Adam were able to go look at the JFS building. After looking at all of the repairs needed, a Capital Project Fund for this building should be established for tracking purposes. There was discussion on whether a new Capital Project fund should be established or just a project within the overall Capital Project fund. Charity stated that with this being a bigger project and for a building it should have its own fund. The Commissioners agreed. Cindy will prepare the resolution for next week.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session in regards to potential lease.

Meetings/Reports

Michael Pepple attended the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board meeting this morning. All of the numbers are looking good.

Timothy Bechtol has been spending time coordinating the bid package for the JFS building. Last night he attended the HRPC meeting. They are looking to update some of the zoning rules and add in some new classifications. He also met with the design build team. They provided an update on the Design Development phase and are ready to move on to the Construction Estimate phase. This will be the Value Engineering phase where they can trim costs.

Timothy Bechtol requested executive session in regards to employment – hiring.

William Bateson attended the CAC meeting last night to discuss the possibility of a new jail. They are looking back at the numbers of how the jail has been used since 2019.

At 10:02 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threaten litigation, potential real estate lease and employment - hiring. Timothy Bechtol

seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes;

At 10:41 a.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate lease and employment - hiring with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Mike Thompson. Also present was Alec Helms. Mike provided his monthly maintenance update. Mike Thompson stated he was contacted by Phil Johnson about cleaning up a property on the corner of Howard Street and Fox Street. This is a block building. We do not own the property yet. The Commissioners stated not to do anything until we purchase the property. Mike Thompson asked if there has been any progress on who will be taking care of replacing the grease trap at Scrambler Marie's. The Commissioners stated he will need to talk with Phil Johnson about that. Mike Thompson stated the heating and cooling evaluations for the buildings has been completed and we are just waiting on the reports. The new doors have been installed at the BMV and Ag buildings but the locks are not the same. Bigelow will be coming back to fix the locks. There was a discussion if we should buy a new mower for CR 140 and look to hire a new person to replace Jimmy or contract out the mowing. The Commissioners stated they would like to hire someone. There was a discussion on the new Judicial Center and some things that may need to be adjusted. The meeting was put into recess while Mike attended to an urgent issue at Scramblers.

At 11:35 a.m., the Commissioner reconvened the meeting with Mike Thompson. Mike Thompson stated Scramblers had water coming from their ceiling. After investigating it was condensation from an air conditioning line that is the responsibility of Scramblers. Mike Thompson stated he has called to have the rental dehumidifiers and fans picked up. They are no longer pulling any water. They have been cleaning up some of the old electrical and cable lines as well while working at the building. All of the furniture structures are out of the building and into the storage containers except the cubical walls. Those have all be moved into the breakroom. Mike Thompson stated he spoke with Tyler from JFS and only 2/3 of the previous staff will be moving back into the building. The building will be configured differently when putting it back together. There was a discussion on the possibility of different types of flooring being put in and the quote provided from The Delventhal Company for removing the rest of the damaged materials. It was decided we will incorporate that work into the bid that will be being put out for the repair of the building from all water damage. Tim stated he has left a message for the structural engineer. He is hoping to have him at the building next week to check the remaining trusses. There was a discussion on the possibility of getting a monitoring system put into this building and where exactly the water came from during the flood. Mike Thompson wanted to make sure the Commissioners were aware of how hard the maintenance staff has been working to get the JFS building cleared out.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

William L. Bateson

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Timothy K. Bechtol

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