

Minutes

January 25, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, Phil Johnson, Mary Ann LaRoche and Scott Bodie.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 20, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #41-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Real Estate. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #42-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #43-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitation & Drainage. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #44-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #45-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #46-22 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #47-22 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy inquired if the ¼ % sales tax numbers have been received and Adam Witteman indicated that they have been. \$1,452,213.16 was received which was about an 11% increase from 2021. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the County Annual Road Mileage Certification. Tim Bechtol made the motion and Bill Bateson seconded for the Chair's signature on the CHIP Home Written Agreement. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land requested the Clerk to look for a possible resolution regarding the Commissioners authority to sign the CHIP agreements as routine, not necessarily on the record. The Clerk acknowledged.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #48-22 – Entering into an amendment to the agreement with Lima Radio Hospital, Inc. 829 Tiffin Ave., Findlay, Ohio 45840 for the Hancock County Radio Project purchase agreement. Cindy stated that this change order for \$122,574.75 and funds from ARPA are being used. To the best of her knowledge, all parties have agreed to the fire radios. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, potential sale of real estate and pending litigation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson stated that he spoke with the City Engineer regarding the MLK project and final costs are currently being finalized. It appears that no additional money will be owed. A refund of funds appears to be the case. The Commissioners acknowledged. The ODOT project on SR 224 is also being calculated and a refund is possible on that project as well.

Scott Bodie stated that he is a Washington Township resident and is currently an electrical contractor. He supports the solar field project and thinks that this is a good opportunity for the Arcadia Local Schools. Furthermore, he stated that the solar panel farms are a good thing for the County and Townships. He said that the worst thing that can happen is that the polls can be pulled from the ground. And then the area can be re-farmed.

Tim Bechtol had nothing to report. Although, he did state that he has been in communication with Judge Johnson about the Probate/Juvenile Building and he is working on the recommendations. Tim should have something for the Commissioners to review in a day or so.

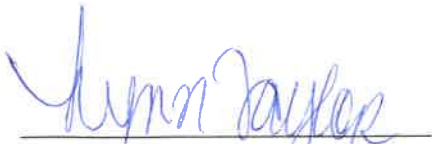
Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Chamber Agri-Business meeting and the sausage sale is scheduled for April 9th. The Farmers Share Breakfast is scheduled for June 16th.

Mike Pepple had nothing to report.

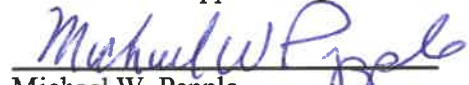
At 9:49 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, potential sale of real estate and pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:25 a.m., Michael Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, potential sale of real estate and pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. No action taken.


At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Nichole Coleman, Larry Sudlow, Charles Fisher and Rick Walter from Veterans Services. Lynn Taylor was also in attendance. Nichole stated that she wanted to discuss with the Commissioners a building that is available for possible Veterans Services. At 10:32 a.m., Michael Pepple made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:51 a.m., Michael Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 1:20 p.m., the Commissioners held an auction for 201 Durrell Street. Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson and Wendy McCormick were also in attendance. William Bateson opened the meeting by reading the legal description of the property. Bill stated that the County does have some costs incurred in the property and would like to start the bidding out at \$2,300.00. Wendy McCormick stated that she was prepared to bid \$1,500.00, but would like to meet in the middle at \$2,000.00. Phil Johnson advised that the Commissioners take the bid under advisement. Michael Pepple stated that he will not participate in the decision due to his involvement with Habitat for Humanity. Bill Bateson and Tim Bechtol acknowledged. Tim Bechtol stated that he would like to accept the \$2,000.00 bid and Bill Bateson concurred. Wendy stated that she will drop off a check today at the Commissioner's Office.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol