

## Minutes

January 25, 2024

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Chad Warnimont and Kenzie Tucker.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 23, 2024 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Payroll for the Commissioner's Office and JFS was approved.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #56-24 – Appointment of Mike Jablonski as Hancock County Apiary Inspector for the year 2024. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #57-24 – Authorizing entry into an agreement with Metta Technologies, LLC for the provision of materials and labor for the construction of a bull litter fence with canopy at the Hancock County Landfill. Chad Warnimont explained that more fences are needed to cover more area at the Landfill. They work great and the current ones have been around for at least 10 years. The new fences will not replace the current ones, they will be an addition. Phil stated that 5 fences will cost \$40,600.00. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

A discussion was held regarding the resolution listed on the agenda that addresses hunting on the Landfill. Phil explained that the Board of Commissioners owns the land that the Landfill sits on. The previous Boards have allowed hunting and trapping at that location. It is the Boards prerogative to determine the type of hunting, the weapons used and any other limitations. Several years ago, the Board entered into an agreement with ODNR to enforce the hunting regulations at that area. Several items were discussed such as, setting age limitations, weapons used, areas to hunt and whether employees and/or the public would receive permission. It was also discussed which office would issue the hunting permit; Landfill or the Commissioner's Office. Chad indicated that the guys at the landfill that hunt do it on weekends and after work hours since they are familiar with the perimeter. Cindy stated that since the Landfill recently entered into a new lease agreement with the farmland in that area, it might be worth the follow up with the tenants for their input of the hunting situation. Bill Bateson suggested to have more discussions on this topic and the Board concurred.

Chad Warnimont reported that the new skid loader will be arriving today. In addition, the new loader will arrive in June and the new truck chassis will arrive at the end of February.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Kenzie Tucker had nothing to report.

## Meetings and Reports

Bill Bateson reported that he attended the Solar Eclipse planning meeting.

Mike Peple stated that he met at the cottages where the voting machines are kept and discussed the temperature controls with Mike Thompson. The BOE will have some training at the location in March and they are concerned with the temperature. Mike feels they can have sufficient heat with additional space heaters. The entire heating system will be replaced within 6 months; therefore, he is hoping that the addition of space heaters will be sufficient for the training.

Timothy Bechtol attended the CCAO Solar Eclipse webinar last week and he mentioned that he also attended the Solar Eclipse planning meeting at the EMA office this week. Tim also attended the Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board meeting where they also discussed the Solar Eclipse. It will have to be determined if the Hancock County Landfill will be open on April 8, 2024. The City of Findlay is encouraging the trash haulers to close for the day.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Mike Thompson. Phil Johnson, Lynn Taylor and Dave Gary were also in attendance. Mike Thompson requested an executive session in regards to personnel – hiring.

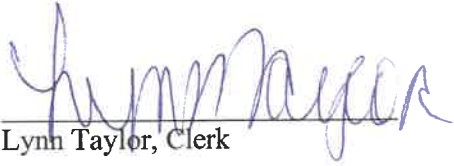
At 11:01 am., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel- hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; Mike Peple, yes. At 11:15 am., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Thompson provided the following update:


- Surge protectors for the Courthouse and the Jail have been discussed with Charlie Beegle. Charlie provided some rough estimates; however, the Board agreed to have Charlie provide an exact quote. The surge protectors will allow the generator to activate, however there will be about a 30-minute delay of a power. Mike Peple suggested to contact the Sheriff and get his thoughts on the surge protectors as well.
- The leak in the jail has been located. Weather needs to turn around to get it fixed.
- The resolution for the gutters has been done.
- Mike is still waiting on information for the roof paint.
- The elevator repair at the Courthouse is being handled by Jon. Mike has not spoken to Vaughn Industries about the contract.
- Mike is working with the new cleaning crew on some issues.
- The boiler at the JFS building is being installed today.
- The snow pusher box should be here in a couple of days.
- Vulcan submitted to Wood County the required paperwork for the fire suppression system at the County Home. It should be about 4 weeks until their review is completed.
- Mike and Phil Johnson are working together on the Courtroom painting project rebid.
- Mike said the JFS sidewalks will need to be done later this Spring.
- The courthouse fence repair stemming from the accident in the fall is being delayed because of the insurance company.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioner meeting was reconvened. Lynn Taylor, Mike Thompson and Phil Johnson were present. Tim explained that he received word from Alvada in regards to the Dryvit use on the South wall of the new Judicial Center. The Downtown Improvement District approved 3 of the 4 items that were presented for the Judicial Center. Tim has been speaking with Alvada and RCM regarding the issue. The sub -contract for Alvada has provided an estimate of \$46,218.00 for an option using a “stencil” appearance. The “new brick” insulated brick appearance is estimated to be about

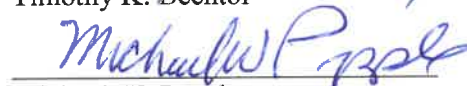
\$150,000.00. Tim is also clarifying the square footage of the affected area with Alvada. It appears that the area in question will be about 80% of the South wall of the building. Tim is hoping to get the questions answered in time for resubmission at the February Downtown Improvement District meeting.

  
Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

  
Michael W. Pepple