

Minutes

January 30, 2024

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische, Steve Wilson and Kenzie Tucker.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 25, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made a motion for the Chair to sign the McComb & Mt. Blanchard Community Development Program PY 2023, Request for Release of Funds and Certification, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Michael Pepple made a motion for the Chair to sign the Hancock County Landfill Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Deviation Reporting Form, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved two travel requests for the Sheriff's office and one for JFS.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #58-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #59-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Veterans Service Trust Fund #2152. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #60-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Public Defender #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #61-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Water Project Maintenance Fund #2088. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #62-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund - Prosecutor #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #63-24 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Water Maintenance Fund #2088. (Eastgate Sewer Maintenance) Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #64-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Job & Family Services Capital Projects Fund #4072. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report from the Auditor's office.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Holly Frische had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol attended the GOP First Friday Luncheon to hear the Commissioner candidates speak.

Discussion took place regarding the voter registration deadline and the solar eclipse.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Lee Rausch. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Engineer Doug Cade, Kyle Parker, Holly Frische and Jeff Hunker were also in attendance. The Commissioners presented Doug Cade with a plaque to officially congratulate him for receiving the David Brand Safety Award. Lee Rausch stated that the Spring Lake sewer system is failing. The EPA has reached out to the city to take over this system. He explained the status of the current system and the preliminary plans on replacing the system. He stated this is being funded by the EPA. The city is requesting permission from the county and township to do this construction. Doug stated they did not review the plans as the Sanitary Engineer, they did review the plans from the townships stand point in regards to permitting and road right away. Jeff Hunker stated the townships do not want the lines placed in the township roads. If it has to be placed in the roads they want the roads put back in the condition they were originally in. Doug explained the authority of the township and the responsibility of the Commissioners as defined in the Ohio Revised Code. He stated the Commissioners responsibility is to review and approve or reject extension of sewer outside the city limits. Cindy stated that a cooperative agreement with the city, township and county will need to be put in place. Lee clarified that they are not extending sewer into the county they are replacing what already exist. Lee explained the timeline of the project and stated they would like to complete the project this year. Commissioner Bateson asked Cindy if she will prepare the agreement. Cindy stated she will come up with the agreement, but the agreement will not be signed until we see the final plans. Cindy stated per ORC 6117 the county Sanitarian Engineer is supposed to be overseeing this project. She stated there are some details that need to be worked out but, the agreement itself cannot be signed until the plans are complete. Holly stated it is her understanding that this is an EPA project that is 100% funded by the EPA, and the city is the contracted engineer. Is the agreement with the city or the Spring Lake Sewer Division and the EPA? She stated the city is not taking ownership of it until the project is complete. Cindy stated we will have to get the Sanitary Engineer onboard to work out some of these details. Jeff stated from the township stand point when water is extended outside of city limits it makes it easier for annexation. The townships are not in favor of annexation. Commissioner Bechtol stated we will meet again when we get the final plans.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition.

At 10:55 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes. At 11:03 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out

of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:06 a.m., the Commissioners met with Eileen Stantic and Treasurer Welton. Christine Carrigan, Barb Marquart, Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische and Jeff Hunker were also in attendance. William Bateson made the motion to accept the October 3, 2023 minutes and Timothy Bechtol Seconded. Motion passed. Eileen discussed the 2023 year in review events that set the stage for how the portfolio looks today and for the financial outlook of 2024. She discussed in detail the changes in the interest rates and inflation and the affect they have on each other. She stated the Fed plans on being very intentional at what point they will lower rates in 2024. They believe the first interest rate cut will happen in the second quarter of this year and rates will continue to be cut through 2025. The County's portfolio continues to be consistent. An update was provided on the Flood Mitigation project and the Judicial Center project. Commissioner Bechtol stated the Flood Mitigation funds should remain as liquid as possible.

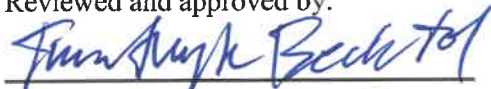
At 11:38 a.m., the Commissioners met with Courtney Comstock from Litter Landing. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische and Jeff Hunker were also in attendance. Courtney stated that Rader Environmental is no longer providing the service of the collection and disposal of the household hazardous waste. She provided a list of companies that provide a similar service. Courtney will reach out to the companies to get information on what services they can provide. She has reached out to Goodyear-Cooper Tire regarding scheduling the Tire Amnesty Day. She has been getting multiple request for an ag tire disposal program. Courtney is working on setting up her school tours. She inquired if there is going to be a facility to tour. Cindy stated we need to look at an education program that can replace the facility tour. Courtney brought up her current staffing issues. She inquired if it is possible to bring back her seasonal employee. Considering the staff, she has available, Courtney presented the Commissioners with a couple of options to move forward with. Commissioner Pepple stated we have contacted a couple of temporary agencies to assist with staffing. Commissioner Bechtol inquired if we can borrow CDL drivers from the landfill. Cindy stated there are no restrictions. Courtney will send over a job description to be forwarded to the temporary agencies. One of the Commissioners will reach out to the Landfill to inquire about borrowing a CDL driver. Courtney stated the traffic flow is finally slowing down from Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

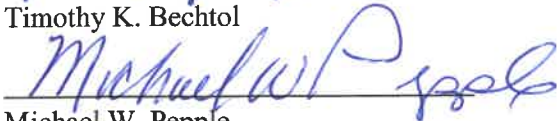


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

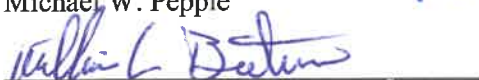
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

Facility UPDATE meeting 1/30/24 - 11:30am - Courtney Comstock

With the announcement of outsourcing potentially being effective the “end of the first quarter”

– Employees are unsure of their future – calling off or quitting. – “staffing issues” is due to pay scale & uncertainty of stable employment.

- Employees facing multiple concerns with frigid temperatures and high winds.

Rob – CDL driver / floor processing –resigned last week due to “lack of job security”

Al – floor processing – Retired in Nov. 2023– not able to hire

Clair CDL driver/floor processing –

Marv – floor / processing

Carol – floor/processing

- Hiring Freeze, closing facility, building safety, satellite location, lease terminations, equipment usage

Litter Landing – Public Donation Collections/Processing – 2 on processing floor – 1 CDL driver -

Recycle Barn - Contractor Collections – 1 on processing floor – 1 CDL driver for semi/hook boxes

Operations Manager trying to help cover at both locations, safety/liability issues, court paperwork, material shipments, material processing, scheduling modular unit pick-ups, plan community events for District, promote education program for District.

Fact – NEED CDL Driver - If he is willing to come back – I would like to call the PT/Seasonal driver Clark

Oswalt to help with modular collections during the undecided time – The general public is still depending on our program even though the future is unclear for the longevity.

If seasonal worker not interested in coming back need to hire - not sure who will want to accept a position with us as everything is in limbo... may have to pull remote access units

OPTION – Close Litter Landing facility on Saturday’s - that would free up 2-staff members to join the daily operations during the week. That would also limit the public access to 4-days a week as we would still be short staffed on instead of accepting recyclables 5-days from the public but potentially looking to encourage the public to use remote locations via outsourcing so perhaps they can start adjusting their schedules and this would help staffing issue during the transition.

OPTION – close the Barn location – free up 2-employees to assist at Public Recycling Facility.

Eliminate \$15-20,000 monthly material revenue & service contracts for contracted clean cardboard material for processing and profit. With the lease termination & the Outsourcing Plan will eliminate recycling revenue and site usage so. Cancel Service agreements and pull the 7 recycling Semi-units collecting clean material at Whirlpool, both at Hitachi, G2 Revolution, OSS, NOX and Romark.

Contact and refuse cardboard material from Curt’s Hauling, Patterson Sanitation and Republic... perhaps send to Wyandot County Recycling Facility as option.

Terminate “hook” box services at 9 locations – eliminate service revenue of approximately \$300.

Not sure where I can park or store the 53’ Semi trailers or the 20’ hook boxes upon termination of site location...?

Looking ahead:

HHW Event – previously started in April thru August? ...location questions – reached out to Rader

Environmental - will not be doing the weekly collection so District needs to find other outlet which may be one-day event option or 1-day a month as travel time will differ.... Will probably need to send “bid”

proposals – Clean Harbors/Heritage Environmental/ ERG Environmental/ Environmental Enterprises Inc.

School Tours – Spring tours wanting to be scheduled... May options – will the facility be there to tour??

Scheduling field trips for students is

Reached out to Goodyear-Cooper Tire regarding Tire Amnesty Day...looking at 1st/2nd weekend in June



Rader Environmental Services, Inc.

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Proposal#: 2021-2022

March 8, 2021

Ms. Courtney Comstock
Hancock County Solid Waste District
300 South Main Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Re: Collection and disposal of household hazardous waste (weekly event)

Dear Ms. Comstock:

Rader Environmental Services, Inc. (Rader) will provide on-site personnel during the designated times to receive, segregate and package all accepted waste. All waste generated during this process will be managed by Rader to include packaging, labeling, transportation and disposal and/or recycling of the materials.

Site Location: Litter Landing, 1720 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, OH 45840

Collection Time: Monday's 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM starting April 12, 2021 through August 30, 2021 (excluding May 31/Memorial Day and July 5/Independence Day, for a total of 19 events.

Site Management Fee \$550/collection day
(This price includes the mobilization/demobilization of personnel, on-site personnel, equipment, setup, personal protective equipment, labels and shipping papers.)

Materials Accepted and Pricing*

- Latex paint \$145 per cubic-yard box
- Oil-based paint, paint solvents, thinners and fuels \$0.78/lb.
- Aluminum paint and roof coating \$2.05/lb.
- Aerosols \$1.90/lb.
- Misc. cleaners \$0.37/lb.
- Pesticides \$2.32/lb.
- Flammable solids \$2.95/lb.
- Acids/bases \$2.32/lb.
- Oxidizers \$2.95/lb.
- Bromine/chlorine tablets \$3.75/lb.

October 3, 2023

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Commissioner Tim Bechtol, Commissioner Mike Peple, Treasurer J. Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic of Meeder Investment Management and Barb Marquart with the County Treasurer's Office

The Investment Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Hancock County Treasurer's Investments Portfolio.

Approval of minutes for April 11, 2023, moved by Tim Bechtol, second by Mike Peple, all in favor.

Approval of minutes for July 20, 2023, moved by Tim Bechtol, second by Mike Peple, all in favor.

Treasurer passed out Investment Packets for review of the Financial Portfolio report. General discussion of economic conditions and investment was given by Eileen Stanic.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m., moved by Mike Peple second by Tim Bechtol, all in favor.

J. Steve Welton, Hancock County Treasurer