

Minutes
January 6, 2020

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Doug Cade, Mike Recker, Bill Bateson, Bruce Workman, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the December 26, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #1-20 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #2-20 – Decreasing the Juvenile Probate Capital Project Fund appropriation by \$367,750.00. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #3-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to MV>. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #4-20 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #5-20 – Furnishing of labor and equipment for the 2020 Hancock County Road and Bridge Program by Force Account and Contract Work. Doug Cade gave an explanation on this resolution. His office plans on working on 3 bridges and 32 miles of County roads in 2020. This is a considerable increase over last year due to the additional gas tax revenue. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented a recommendation from Captain Kidwell to award the Jail Physician and Inmate Healthcare Services contract for Hancock County Justice Center to Wellpath. The Commissioners instructed Lucinda Land to prepare the resolution for consideration.

Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for the Sanitary Landfill. They also signed payroll for their staff and JFS. The Commissioners approved travel requests from the Sheriff's office, the Engineer's office, and JFS. They signed the fund report for December, 2019.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #6-20 – Contract with the Montgomery County Microfilming Board, for microfilming services for 2020. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the first Soil & Water meeting for 2020. He also attended the Hancock County Opiate Taskforce Legislative Committee Meeting.

At 11:33 a.m. the Commissioners met with Prosecutor Phillip Riegler. Sarah Mutchler, Bruce Workman, Bill Bateson, and Jim Maurer were also present.

Prosecutor Riegler said he had items to discuss in executive session and items to discuss on the record. He requested the executive session be held first.

At 11:35 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to discuss personnel in regards to employment, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 11:49 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

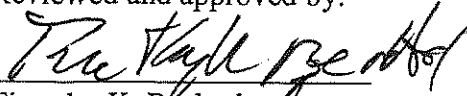
Prosecutor Riegler introduced some data about his office. There has been a huge increase in the caseload since he took over as prosecutor. He stated, as of November 13, 2019, there are 121 cases per prosecutor. Other counties handle approximately 50-100 cases per prosecutor. They have handled dozens of appeals and continue to work with law enforcement. In 2019, his office passed on only 1 felony case. This differs from the Public Defender's office. They handle approximately 92 cases per public defender. The Prosecutor's office has also had a record number of cases with Children Services. From 2017-2020, the Prosecutor's budget has increased by approximately 8%. In comparison, the Public Defender's office has increased approximately 47% for the same timeframe. Prosecutor Riegler asked the Commissioners to consider increasing his budget to help with the discrepancies in pay along with additional staff. He said he has prepared a motion per ORC 309.06, but he is hoping to be able to reach an agreement instead of having to file the motion. Brian and Timothy told Prosecutor Riegler that the budget for 2020 has already been decided and approved. They suggested Prosecutor Riegler file the motion with the Courts.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson