

Minutes

January 9, 2024

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple and William Bateson. Timothy Bechtol was absent.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Jeff Hunker, Clair Bateson 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 4, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners approved a travel request for the Engineer's office.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #21-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #22-24 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to the Special Improvement Ditch Fund #4005 (Forest Lake Single County Ditch). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #23-24 – Entering into Amendment No.3 to the agreement with Wellpath LLC, for medical services at the Hancock County Justice Center. Cindy explained this is a one-year contract for \$687,313.34. It is a slight increase from last year due to the switch from using part time nurses to full time nurses. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #24-24 – Authorizing entry into and execution of an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., (CEC) of Toledo, Ohio for the provision of services for the removal of an underground storage tank and related services upon real property near the intersection point of the Blanchard River and North Cory Street in Findlay. Phil stated there were two firms that submitted bids. The lowest bid is from CEC in the amount of \$20,000.00. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #25-24 – Authorizing a third amendment to a memorandum of agreement dated August 13, 2019 between the Board and The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District relating to engineering and other services for replacement of the Northern Southern Rail Bridge over the Blanchard River needed for additional work completed in 2023 and further work anticipated in 2024. Phil stated this resolution will authorize an additional \$199,000.00 to be reimbursed to the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for payment of the Stantec invoice. Previous discussion took place with Stantec regarding the specifics of the

delays and changes that resulted in the additional work. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #26-24 – Authorization to approve execution of Memorandum of Agreement among the Board, The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District, Hancock County and the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office, in relation to excavations near Meeks Court in Findlay. Phil explained this relates to artifacts that may be discovered during the excavation. This resolution is restricted and limited to an agreement on the Boards part to turn over any artifacts to the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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

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

Jeff Hunker commented that he is glad to be here.

Kenzie Tucker had no comment.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the reorganization meetings for the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Revision and the Data Board.

Michael Pepple attended the Board of Commissioner's reorganization meeting.

Timothy Bechtol was absent.

At 9:40 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate sale and potential real estate lease. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:22 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate sale, potential real estate lease and personnel in regards to employment with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Pepple amended the motion to enter into executive session to include personnel in regards to employment. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Nichole Coleman from the Veterans Service Office. Christine Carrigan was also present. Nicole provided a list of the acronyms that apply to the Veterans Service Office for Commissioner Bechtol's Commissioner's Almanac. Nichole provided an update on the Community Based Outreach Clinic that plans to open in Findlay this summer. The Hancock County Veteran's Service Office will be coordinating participation in the construction with local county veterans and surrounding county veterans. Nichole stated that the services that will be provided in the Findlay clinic are blood draw services, primary care physician and mental health services. Nichole has requested that monthly standing meetings are scheduled with the coordinator of the new clinic and local medical professionals so they can understand how their contract is going to be affected by the opening of this clinic. Nichole stated that if the clinic is doing well and there is a need for other services, they will look at

expanding services that are available in Findlay. Nichole is currently working on finalizing the 2023 reports. She asked the Commissioners if they have anything specific they would like statistics on that is not already included in her report. Nichole stated their 2024 goals are focusing on continuing to do things to draw in the younger veterans so they do not miss out on any benefits. They will be doing a Thank A Vet campaign. This campaign will provide window decals to businesses that provide veterans discounts. The second part of the campaign is to continue to seek out businesses that are interested in designating reserved parking spots for veterans. In addition, to the reserved parking sign, the pole will include a sign that says Welcome Home and has a QR Code that goes to a landing page on the Veterans Service website. The third part of the campaign is working with local human resource leaders and associations to provide marketing tool kits that will provide information to their employees that are veterans or from military families. Nichole inquired who she should contract regarding their offices file retention plan.

Respectfully submitted,



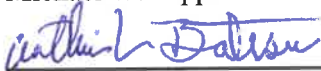
Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

**Hancock County Veterans Service Office
Updates for Board of County Commissioners**

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Agenda**

- I. VSC acronyms, per Commissioner Bechtol's request
- II. Update on VA CBOC
- III. Finalizing numbers for 2023 report
- IV. 2024 Goals