

Minutes
July 1, 2021

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and William Bateson

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Doug Cade, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from June 29, 2021 were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #439-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #440-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Capital Projects. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #441-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #442-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to BRSEP. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. William stated this money will be used to pay for log jam removal along the Blanchard River.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. William Bateson made the motion to allow the Chair to electrically sign all OPWC Grant Agreements, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners signed an updated position description for the 30 Days to Family Employee at JFS and JFS payroll. They also signed the explosive gas monitoring report for the landfill.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #443-21 – Authorizing the contract with Miller Bros. Const. Inc. for rehabilitation of OPWC Bridge No. HAN-CR 153-00.91 County Road 153 in Delaware Township. The total contract is \$353,007.25. OPWC will contribute \$282,405.80 and \$70,601.45 will come from local funds. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #444-21 – Authorizing the 2021 OPWC County/Township Resurfacing Program contract with M&B Asphalt Co. Inc. for the Hancock County 2021 Road Resurfacing Program. The total cost is \$1,446,929.50. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda Land reported receiving an email from Randall Galbraith regarding a subgrant agreement for Medicaid. Originally, Randall asked the Commissioners to hold off on signing the agreement because he had an issue with some of the language contained in the subgrant agreement. Randall has requested the Commissioners sign the agreement on July 6 because they need the funding. The Commissioners were ok with Lucinda preparing the appropriate resolution for the July 6 meeting.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #445-21 – Authorizing entry into contract with ALL Excavating and Demolition, LTD., for demolition of buildings located at 301 East Main Cross Street and 309 East Street in Findlay. Total cost is \$26,111. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Charity Rauschenberg asked the Commissioners about the information they have received on the two proposed solar fields. The Commissioners stated they have received a draft copy of a resolution for the PILOT. She also watched the Eagle Creek Basin meeting. Charity asked where they would be meeting at the mall for the meeting with Garmann Miller. Timothy said they will reconvene outside the mall office.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report, but stated he was paying close attention to the article regarding graduation rates because that affects county offices, especially Juvenile Court and JFS.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report, but reported going to Dunham's to ask about the process for purchasing guns.

At 10:00 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:17 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session having discussed pending litigation with no action taken, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners reconvened at the JC Penney location. Sarah Mutchler, Kasey Corbet, Kathy Trejo, Kevin Rinderle, Dylan Link, Chris Monnin, Sheriff Heldman, Brian Williams, Adam Witteman, Tim Stuart, Charity Rauschenberg, Shawn Carpenter, and J. Steve Welton were also present.

The Commissioners went over a rough draft of their thoughts on the security entrance, Juvenile/Probate Court, Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder locations within the JC Penney building. The Sheriff asked about the location for the security entrance with regard to future plans of moving more county offices. J. Steve Welton asked the Commissioners why they chose the JC Penney building as the best location instead of the Elder Beerman building. William Bateson stated they were open to ideas and asking Garmann Miller for their recommendation.

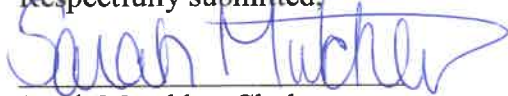
The Sheriff stated JC Penney had flood water inside the building, but Elder Beerman has a slightly higher elevation.

The group then proceeded to walk through the JC Penney location and the Elder Beerman location.

At 2:00 p.m. the Commissioners met with Gallagher Benefits. Sarah Mutchler, Maggie Neely, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, and Christine Carrigan were present.

Maggie informed the group Gallagher is shopping for a better stop loss consortium and for medical coverage. The medical coverage also include dental benefits. The prescription coverage entered into a 3 year contract beginning 1/1/2021. She also stated Hancock County is running high, but that is due to 3 large claimants. Overall, the consortium is performing well. Maggie suggested refocusing on wellness initiatives within the county. She also mentioned that she will present pricing for an Employee Assistant Plan at the July consortium meeting. This plan would provide the ability for employees to receive a certain amount of counseling sessions. After the pandemic, they are seeing an increase in stress, anxiety, and mental health claims. She felt offering an option for counseling to the employees could be a benefit.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

absent
Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson