

Minutes

July 25, 2019

Commissioners present: Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Matt Cordonnier, Lizzy Hile, Doug Cade, Jim Maurer, Maryann LaRoche and Miranda Lobdell.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following Resolution:

Resolution #459-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court – Specialized Docket. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the warrant journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioners signed the TCAP Grant Agreement for Adult Probation.

Lucinda Land presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #460-19 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Engineer to purchase equipment components necessary to outfit two (2) tandem axel cab & chassis for snow removal from Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc., 17911 St. Rt. 224, Kalida, Ohio. Cindy stated that this is purchased locally under state bid pricing from Kalida Truck. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy withdrew the resolution to consider authorizing an agreement with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency until she can obtain more information regarding some questions that she has.

Resolution #461-19 – Resolution authorizing the contract with Rietschlin Construction, Inc., Crestline, Ohio for rehabilitation of Bridge No. HAN-TR-150-4.53 in Delaware Township. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #462-19 – Adoption of the Hancock County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Cindy reported that this analysts needs to be done every few years according to HRPC. Lizzy said this is a necessary step to get grant funds and the last one was completed in 2016. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Doug Cade thanked everyone for getting the resolution done today for the Bridge. Doug stated that they just opened the bid yesterday, talked to contractors and will deliver contracts this afternoon and start the process. They are getting started within the next few weeks and project should be built before Thanksgiving which is the goal. Paving is going on now in Washington Twp. and the projects are moving along right on schedule.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson met on Tuesday morning with Angela DeBoskey from United Way and Mayor Muryn regarding services. They discussed the pros and cons with some of the services. Angela discussed taking over in her role, what are some of the key impacts in terms of what is going on in Hancock County. Brian stated that we need to grow the number of foster care parents. He believes that it will help the kids in care, the kids who are displaced outside of the county, the various agencies, whom have less of a success rate when removed from friends, school, and teachers. If more people were involved in the foster care program locally, the kids may be able to stay local and there would be a greater likelihood of their success.

Mark Gazarek met and contacted various community members to meet with Mark Martin from MJM to discuss the Criminal Justice System survey they are doing. They want to get as much input from various people as they can. Everyone is concerned with not just the jail overcrowding but the general Criminal Justice System. They would like to talk to people who have been long term residents to get ideas or perspective of things and what and how they were done 20 – 25 years ago as opposed to someone that has only been here a few years.

At 10:30 A.M. the Justice Center Door Replacement Project Bid Opening was held in the downstairs conference room. 4 bids were opened and presented. They were as follows: Cornerstone Detention Products - \$559,350, Alvada ACI Construction Co. - \$623,000, Mel Lanzer Co. - \$560,700, and Peterson Construction Co. - \$760,000. Bids will be taken under advisement.

At 11:15 A.M. the Commissioners participated in a conference call with Wyandot County Commissioners regarding Joint County Ditch Maintenance Recollections. Steven Seitz, Ron Metzger and William Clinger were present on the conference call.

At 11:30 A.M. the Commissioners met with Randy Galbraith from JFS for a general update. Randy stated that they are just about through for their state allocations for getting budgets passed. Their most flexible funds for Children's Services are a little over \$800,000 for this year, compared to \$380,000 received last year. State has really kicked in some big dollars this year so that is good news. Janet is still working on numbers right now. The caseworkers on the intake investigation side are all trained on what they need to do and that is going well. On the other side of the ongoing 6 caseworkers, one has left, another one who is the most experienced, is taking the position of 30 Days to Family. She currently has 19 on her caseload and will not be able to keep that caseload once she moves to the new position. That will only leave 4 out of 6 of

those positions with some inexperienced caseworkers. Randy is hoping that they will be trained in the next 6 – 8 months and should be up and running. He is planning on coming back in the next few weeks when he has more information on the allocations and more up to date information on where they will be standing financially. Brian talked about the funding for Kids in Care and how DeWine stated that we are the 50th in the state and that he was looking for some more funding. This may be where some of this money is coming from. Randy agreed, because they are the most flexible dollars. He stated that there are other monies that will be geared for technology, daycare for foster parents, etc. Brian wanted to pass along some information about his meeting with Angela DeBoskey from United Way and Mayor Muryn on Tuesday regarding 211 and the United Way possibly not funding that and the impacts it would have. He thought JFS should be made aware of that due to communication and more calls possibly coming to JFS. About 63% of the calls are tax related and 14% are related to ADAMHS. They do not believe 211 is providing a great return on their investment. Angela asked what 3 – 5 things are really important to Hancock County. Brian stated that we need more foster, adoptive type parents to help our kids in care. Brian just wanted Randy to know that the conversation took place and he encouraged Randy to talk to Angela. Randy is actually meeting with her sometime in the next week or so. Mark asked Randy if he had any numbers on how many of kids are in kinship care vs. foster care or how do we compare with continuing counties or state? Randy does not know how they can compare continuing counties but would say that 80 – 85% in JFS custody as opposed to being placed directly with kin. The majority of children are in JFS custody even if they have kin because they would be better in JFS custody. Mark thinks it would be interesting to know how many kids are with aunts, uncles, grandparents since there are people who ask those questions and he doesn't know how to answer that. Randy stated that it is definitely a challenge because kinship does not get any funds to help with the children like foster parents receive.

Randy Galbraith requested an Executive Session. Mark made a motion to enter into executive session at 11:40 A.M. to discuss personnel as it relates to discipline. A roll call resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes, Brian Robertson, yes. At 12:07 P.M., Commissioner Gazarek made a motion to come out of executive session. Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Erwin

Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

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