

Minutes
July 30, 2020

At 9:00 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 9:23 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Jim Maurer, Lizzy Hile, MaryAnn LaRoche, William Bateson, Kim Switzer, Phillip Riegle, Judge Starn, Cathy Wilcox, Judge Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Judge Routson, Shawn Carpenter, Tracy Coldren, Adam Witteman, Sheriff Heldman, J. Steve Welton, and Steve Wilson.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mark Gazarek stated per the Governor's orders, since the meeting is being recorded for public consumption, masks are not required. He asked those in attendance, if they plan on speaking to either remove their masks to speak or come closer to the recorder. Minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Brian Robertson abstained. Minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Timothy Bechtol abstained. Minutes from the July 23, 2020 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #534-20 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #535-20 – Re-appointment of Gary Bright to the Hancock County Children's Services Trust Fund Board from July 31, 2019 to July 30, 2024. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #536-20 – Re-appointment of Karmen Lauth to the Hancock County Children's Services Trust Fund Board from July 31, 2020 to July 30, 2025. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #537-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-HAVA. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #538-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #539-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to HAVA Grant Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #541-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Ohio Public Works Commission. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #543-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Family First. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #544-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to MV>. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #545-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #546-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Prosecutor Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #547-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #548-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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The Commissioners approved payroll for their staff and JFS. They initialed approval on the 16th pay request from Maumee Watershed Conservancy District for services rendered by Helms & Sons in the amount of \$201,704.69. The Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring

Report for the Sanitary Landfill. They also signed a letter appointing Debra Arce and Margaret Frances Grandbois to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #551-20 – Authorizing Change Order #1 to the contract with DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC, of Maumee, Ohio for engineering services for preparing construction documents for the roadway improvements along Dr. Martin Luther King Parkway. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #552-20 – Authorization to enter into an amendment to the scope of work and budget for the CDBG PY 2018 Critical Infrastructure Grant. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #553-20 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County WIOA Local Area 7 Program Year 2020/2021 Sub-grant agreement. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #554-20 – Application to the Hancock County Common Pleas Court for appointment of a special prosecutor. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve. Resolution died for lack of second.

Resolution #555-20 – Authorizing solicitation of bids for the construction of a Probate and Juvenile Court Building, Hancock County, Ohio. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve. Resolution died for lack of second.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Phillip Riegle had nothing to report.

Judge Routson addressed the Public Records Request he received from Brian. The Elected Officials will likely have to petition the Commissioners to pay for fees incurred by consulting a lawyer in order to respond to the Public Records Request. Prosecutor Riegle's office would have to recuse themselves from representing any Elected Official in any matter related to this. Judge Routson offered, to avoid the additional legal fees, to testify with a court reporter and the Courier present regarding his involvement with the Architectural Committee set up per statute. Judge Routson also said it was shameful and disrespectful of Brian to compare the Elected Officials to the situation with Ohio Speaker of the House Householder. He said that Brian owed the Elected Officials an apology. Brian said he does not understand how 6 officials made a decision so quickly on a \$10 million building. Cathy Wilcox informed Brian that her decision was based on the current Juvenile/Probate Court building being used for records storage. She has made the Commissioners aware of her desperate need for records storage several times. Judge Johnson clarified that she in no way swayed any vote one way or the other for the location of the building. Judge Routson said he lead the push for a different location. He has several reasons why he does not want a building connected to the courthouse.

Judge Starn asked what the Commissioners are planning to resolve the Juvenile/Probate Court space issues since they did not move forward with soliciting bids for the project. Mark Gazarek

said he has always been in favor of a smaller building. He voted no for the \$10 million building and he voted no to borrow the money for the larger project. He is concerned that the County will have too much debt which will force lay-offs of county employees. Charity said they have outlined a structure to pay back the debt with Mark's concerns in mind.

Brian Robertson stated his justification for building the larger building was cost savings by avoiding 3 security entrances, solving the greenhouse problem, and providing ADA compliant restrooms for the Courthouse. Those cost savings are removed due to the new location so his position on the building has changed.

Timothy Bechtol said he is in favor of the project moving forward. He suggested a longer bidding period, 60-90 days, due to the size and scope of the project. The Commissioners are allowed 60 days to review bids before authorizing a contract or rejecting the bids. He would like the Board to solicit bids beginning in September in order to open bids in November. That would give the new Board of Commissioners the opportunity to vote on the bids, and still finish the construction of the building within the timeframe set by Judge Johnson's Court Order. He also said that his decision to move the location of the building was made based on an extensive pro/con list for each site along with the testimony given during the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Brian said if there had been public discussion regarding the location of the building, mistakes would be avoided. He said this is a transparency issue. Judge Starn retorted Brian's description of the meeting being without transparency or discussion. Brian said he does not consider a 20 minute discussion lengthy. He suggested revisiting connectivity to either the Courthouse or the Municipal Building.

J. Steve Welton said he respects the Commissioners concerns, however he does not understand why they will not authorize the solicitation of bids. He also does not understand the "return on investment" that Brian has mentioned. In his opinion, the "return on investment" is the efficiency and safety of a new building.

Meetings/Reports

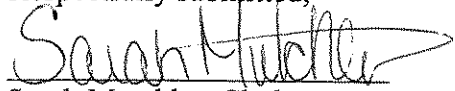
Brian Robertson reported working on finding representation for the Board of Commissioners in response to potential litigation. He participated in an interview with Chris Oaks. He also attended a meeting at 50 North and visiting Litter Landing. Brian requested an executive session to discuss personnel relating to discipline.

Timothy Bechtol attended Board of Revision hearings. He also attended a Pre-Bid Walkthrough for the Painting Project at the Justice Center. The Plumbing Project at the Justice Center is proceeding. The Door Replacement Project is wrapping up.

Mark Gazarek reported being glad to be back from vacation.

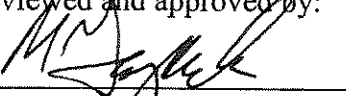
At 10:20 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and personnel relating to discipline, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:53 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

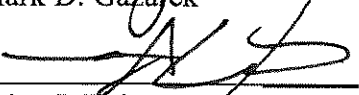


Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

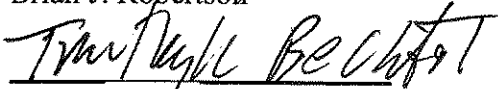
Reviewed and approved by:



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol