

Minutes

July 6, 2021

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, Mary Ann LaRoche and Jim Schroll.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #446-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #447-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Children's Services. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #448-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #449-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Probation Improvement Fund. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #450-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Findlay Municipal Court. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners signed the Fund Report for the month of June, a travel request for the Sheriff's office and June expenses for the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #451-21 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to enter into 2022/2023 Subgrant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition.

Mary Ann LaRoche asked what the invoice was for the Maumee Watershed. Timothy Bechtol stated that it was for benching along the Blanchard River.

Jim Schroll stated that he petitioned the McComb Schroll Ditch in early 2019. He was told by the Commissioners at the time to speak with Doug Cade, so he contacted Mr. Cade and there were two meetings. There was never a third meeting and he is asking where the project is going. Mr. Cade told Mr. Schroll that he would handle it, however no one is being told anything. He stated that the 18" tile is all broken down and is way overloaded. Jim also stated that there was a dam put in by the park within the

city limits but he is still not getting any answers. Timothy Bechtol explained that it is a multi-step process and he does not know where Mr. Cade is at in that process. Jim stated that he just wants some answers. He also discussed that he tried to petition Rader Creek on June 24th, 2020 and was in contact with Erica Kelley from the Engineer's office several times and still no answers on that. He was told that there would be a meeting, but that meeting never happened. Back then the cost to file a petition was \$500.00 and now that cost has went up to \$1500.00. According to Mr. Schroll, Mr. Cade told the Mayor of McComb that he is studying the new laws and there will be no petitions. The ditch has never been petitioned and he would like to receive some reasonable answers. Timothy Bechtol stated that he would check in with Doug Cade regarding his concerns. Mary Ann LaRoche made a public complaint that Soil & Water is wanting to clean out the Erin Run ditch where she currently has crops planted. She stated that she has contacted Soil & Water to state that she does not want that done at this time because of her crops. Soil & Water will be having a meeting and will call her back after that.

Meetings/Reports

Michael Pepple reported that he had a great vacation and is glad to be back.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he participated in the 4th of July Parade.

At 9:48 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes.

At 10:25 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randy Galbraith for a JFS update. Tammy Erwin was also present. Randy briefly discussed the ODJFS Subgrant Agreement and thanked the Commissioners for approving it at today's meeting. He also talked about the latest numbers of children in care and stated that the month of May was pretty high. He discussed how the Bridges Program works for those children who wish to remain in custody. Randy also told the Commissioners that he is having staffing issues, recently having 4 resignations. While some are leaving the field, there are some also leaving the state. He plans on doing some recruitment to get those positions filled. Lastly, Randy discussed that they are currently going through three audits, which are going well and should be finished up next month. Timothy Bechtol asked some questions regarding Kinship Care and Randy gave some information regarding options and rules. He stated that children must remain in CPSU custody to receive funds. Kinship caregivers can become foster parents if they choose and then can still receive funding through the foster care program. He also stated that there are times that kinship care extends outside of the state.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Don Moses. Tammy Erwin and Chad Warnimont were also present. Don stated that the 2002 "320" excavator has 10,400 hours on it and needs replaced. He stated that it would be too expensive to repair and less expensive to replace it. He provided a quote from CAT for a 2019 Excavator for a cost of \$227,363 which includes \$25,000 for trade in. Don said it is important to act quickly due to CAT having trouble getting parts in right now. The purchase price reflects pricing based on the State Purchase Program. Timothy Bechtol stated they talked with Steve Wilson and are

waiting on him to verify that there are funds available for the purchase. Don also spoke to the Commissioners regarding staffing issues. They have been unable to find a heavy equipment operator mostly due to starting pay. He would like permission to establish a pay scale based on experience and job qualifications and bring that back to the Commissioners to discuss during an executive session. Don stated that they are very busy but are short staffed. Two staff members that left the job still have not been replaced. He also discussed the possibility of getting touchless LED lights installed in the scale house, shop and storage barn with COVID funds available. Michael Pepple stated that he would check with Charity Rauschenberg to see if those funds could be used for that purchase. Don also informed the Commissioners that they still have not received the dozer they ordered quite some time ago due to CAT having trouble getting parts in.

Respectfully submitted,

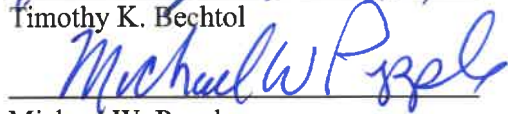


Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

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Commissioner's Report – July 6th, 2021

1) ODJFS Subgrant Agreement

2) Children in CPSU Custody

- 6 children left CPSU custody in June
- Total children in custody at end of June was 89

3) Staffing Issues

- Four recent resignations
- 1 CSEA Caseworker
- 3 CPSU workers (1 supervisor, 1 caseworker, 1 student worker)

4) Audits

- ODJFS Program Review
- SOS Audit
- ODJFS CPSU Program Review (3 year)

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Children's Protective Services Unit

Date of Report: July 2, 2021

Total Number of reports Received:	
April	163
May	139
June 2021	101
<i>2021 Total</i>	825
Screened In/Out	
April	IN=49, OUT=114
May	IN=63, OUT=76
June	IN=42, OUT=59
<i>2021 Total</i>	IN=287, OUT=538
Breakdown of case Type Screened In:	
	TR/AR/FINS
April:	TR=27, AR=17, FINS=5
May:	TR=40, AR=21, FINS=2
June:	TR=27, AR=11, FINS=4
<i>2021 Total:</i>	TR=159, AR=101, FINS=27
Total Number of Kids in Care at months end	
April	86
May	87
June	89
Breakdown of <u>Current</u> Placements (89)	
Family Foster Homes	48
Kinship Placement	25
Group Home	14
Residential	1
DYS	1
Other	0
Total number of Children Entering Care/Exiting Care	
April:	Enter=10, Exit=8
May:	Enter=9, Exit=8
June:	Enter=8, Exit=6
<i>2021:</i>	Enter=45, Exit=55

