

Minutes
June 13, 2017

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

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Phillip Riegle, Steve Wilson, Julie Benziger, Alex Parker and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mark Gazarek announced that we will start today's meeting with our visitors and he turned it over to the Economic Development Advisory Board for comments.

Jereme Kent from One Energy, Glenn Jost from Ball Metal, Paul Smith from Marathon, Chuck Bills from Ohio Logistics and Jay McCracken from Cooper all spoke on behalf of the ED Board strongly encouraging the Commissioners to continue with the ¼% sales tax for flood mitigation. They were all very adamant that continued work to find a long term solution for the flooding is needed and giving up is not an option. They also expressed the need for the three commissioners to work together as a team. Mark Gazarek stated that they are committed in supporting the ¼% sales tax. He also said they have to consider the County needs with the opiate problem and overcrowding at the jail and other related things that have devastated the County budget. Brian Robertson agreed and said this is a County tax not a Commissioner tax and they need to consider 11 other offices. Timothy Bechtol has been on the Board for 6 months and is in support of the ¼% tax and he is encouraged that the County Elected Officials are supportive.

Also in attendance for the ED comments but did not speak were: Lydia Mihalik, J.J. Preston, Tim Mayle, Dennis Hellman, John Haywood, Brian Thomas and Paul Craun.

Minutes from the June 8, 2017 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #297-17 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #298-17 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per ORC 2935.032 (Divorce/Dissolutions). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #299-17 – Authority to release funds collected to Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. per ORC 3113.34 (Marriage License). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #300-17 – Additional appropriation within Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #301-17 – Transfer of funds from Sheriff-General office to Sheriff Enforcement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests for JFS and the Sheriff. The clerk presented audit letters for signature by the Chairman from Auditor Rauschenberg and Julian & Grube. Brian Robertson made the motion to authorize Mark Gazarek to sign on behalf of the Commissioners, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Heather Pendleton commented that these letters are stating that the County has given Julian & Grube everything they have asked for. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners signed a draw request from HRPC.

Prosecutor Riegle addressed the Board regarding the implementation of the sales tax. He explained there are two different code sections, 5739.021 and 5739.026 and the current ½% tax is enacted under 5739.021. There is nothing in the code section that specifically permits a county to enact a sales and use tax for flood mitigation. However, we may direct that the tax be put on the ballot for general revenue and then the Board of Commissioners may pass a resolution designating a ¼% for flood mitigation. Mr. Riegle stated that pursuant to the requirements of the Secretary of State, ¾% tax may be put on the ballot as a single vote so long as the resolution clearly identifies that ½% is pursuant to one section and ¼% from the other, if it is spelled out properly. The terms and purpose for both have to be the same for it to be put on as one issue. Heather Pendleton clarified that when the public asks the Board, “can you put on a ¼% tax for flood mitigation?”, the answer is no. Flood mitigation cannot be included in any part of the ballot language. It can be done by the Board by resolution designating ¼% to flood mitigation. Brian Robertson commented that it is very confusing and he is hopeful that through the radio and newspaper that it will be clarified for the public. Prosecutor Riegle also reviewed emergency and non-emergency sales tax. The current 10 year tax was imposed as an emergency and put on the ballot to be ratified by the voters and collected immediately. A non-emergency is put on the ballot to be voted on and not collected on until it is ratified by the voters. Prosecutor Riegle thanked the Board and offered assistance if they have any other questions.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #302-17 – A resolution authorizing certain amendments to the Loan Agreement and Trust Indenture relating to the County of Hancock, Ohio’s Limited Obligation Multifamily Housing Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (Pecor Investments-1997 XXVIII, L.P. Crystal Glen Apartments) and approving and authorizing other actions in respect thereto. Lucinda Land stated this is conduit debt and doesn’t affect Hancock County and our bond counsel has also reviewed and approved. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #303-17 – Determining to proceed with purchase of real property at 136 North Main Street in Findlay. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Wilson said that he and Stantec had a conference call with the EPA on Friday regarding permitting that may be necessary for the bench widening. He said they received good feedback and suggestions from the EPA and they are working with us to help fix the problem. He was

pleased with the conversation as far as what they expect in terms of information from Stantec moving forward.

Heather Pendleton had nothing else for the meeting.

Reports


Timothy Bechtol attended the Courthouse drainage meeting this morning and said they are back on schedule and should finish up in the next few weeks.

Brian Robertson said that his dad's 102nd birthday would have been today.

Mark Gazarek also attended the Courthouse drainage meeting today.

At 10:42 a.m. the Commissioner's are adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol