

Minutes

June 17, 2021

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple and William Bateson.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Mary Ann LaRoche and Lou Wilin.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting were read and approved. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #403-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #404-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to ADAMHS. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #405-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to General Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #406-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Capital Projects. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol stated that this is related to the earnest money for the purchase of the mall.

Resolution #407-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Community Corrections Comp Plan. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #408-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Community Corrections Comp Plan. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #409-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Family First. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. JFS payroll was approved. Travel requests were approved for the Sheriff's Office and the Auditor's Office. The April invoice from Squire Patton Boggs for \$14,364.31 and the May invoice from Squire Patton Boggs for \$9,707.18 were approved.

Lucinda stated that the first resolution listed on the agenda regarding the 50 North Levy will be presented this afternoon.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #410-21 – Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Garmann/Miller & Associated, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the design of the new Hancock County Probate and Juvenile Court Building. Cindy stated that this is for an additional \$30,000.00 due to additional design changes since the direction has changed. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol stated that this also includes a scope of the JCPenney building.

Resolution #411-21 – Authorizing the contract with RCM Architects for a facility conditions assessment of the Findlay Mall Building. Cindy stated that the proposal is \$5,800.00 and is written like a contract, however, it's not a contract. It does have all aspects of a contract. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session in regards to pending litigation.

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

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Lou Wilin inquired where the meeting with 50 North will be held. Timothy Bechtol stated that it will be held downstairs.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he attended the Hancock County Visitors Bureau meeting and the Inter Systems meeting. Locally, the hotels are filling up again.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting. He also wished Judy Scrimshaw well on her retirement. Tim also met with Brian Young from Charter Communications.

At 9:49 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the 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; William Bateson, yes. At 10:09 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 2:42 p.m., the Commissioners met with Carolyn Copus from 50 North. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Lou Wilin and Don Weber were also in attendance. Carolyn stated that every 5 years since 2006 there has been a levy request. The current levy is in effect from 2018-2022. Carolyn would like to renew the current 1.2 mills in November 2021. She indicated that Jody O'Brien will need the certificate 90 days before the election. Therefore, by August 4, 2021. Carolyn proceeded to explain that this is not a new tax levy request. Their board knew that when

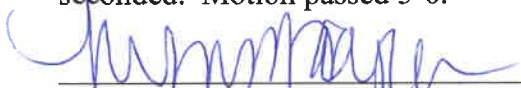
they purchased Amvets, there would be some renovations needed. The Board decided in 2018 that for 4 consecutive years, they would put back \$500,000 to pay for the renovations. Because of that, they do not need to increase this levy request. Bill Bateson inquired as to how much money this levy will generate. Carolyn stated that this levy will generate about \$2,250,000 a year. They could not do what they do now without funds from the levy. For example, they utilize a sliding fee schedule for services. Tim Bechtol asked how many deaths from COVID affected their membership. Carolyn stated that they estimated about 200 members were lost. Carolyn remains hopeful that in the next few days, they should see about 500 members per day at 50 North.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #412-21 – Requesting that the County Auditor certify the total current tax valuation of the taxing authority and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal 1.2 mills tax levy on the property within Hancock County pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.19 (Y) and §5705.191. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 3:12 p.m., the Commissioners met with James Sammet. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land and Gary Neall were also in attendance.

At 3:14 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to hiring. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 3:45 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.




Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

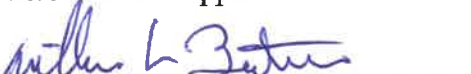
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson