

Minutes

June 28, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Phil Johnson, Doug Cade and Adam Witteman.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 23, 2022, meeting was read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #383-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #384-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #385-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to EI ARPA. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #386-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Sheriff. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #387-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners signed the American Rescue Plan Checklist for the 911 Recorder and laptops.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #388-22 Authorizing the Hancock County Engineer to execute the necessary documents to have Hancock County join the Western Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Phil stated this will allow for participation in the Western Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization. Engineer Doug Cade and one Commissioner will be appointed to the organization. Doug stated this will allow us to collaborate with other counties for regional transportation planning. In addition, it will allow us to apply for federal grants for regional transportation projects. The annual dues will be paid out of the MV & GT budget.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and sale.

Adam Witteman stated that Audit will be wrapping up this week. He asked the Commissioners if they wanted to attend the exit conference. Commissioner Pepple and Commissioner Bateson stated they would like to attend the meeting. He also discussed implementing an audit committee.

Engineer Doug Cade reminded Commissioner Pepple that he will be receiving by email the two grant agreements from the Ohio Public Works Commission. They will need to be signed electronically. He also stated the County Rd. 9 widening project will be starting next week. The County Rd. 172 project will be completed in about two and a half weeks. They will be setting the box culvert tomorrow for this project. ODOT has chose to advance and assist with funding the State Rt. 15/County Rd. 180 overpass project.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol was absent.

William Bateson attended the Board of Revision meetings.

Michael Pepple attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association meeting.

At 9:55 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and sale. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

At 10:28 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and sale with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Commissioner Pepple announced that the Commissioner's meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2022.

At 10:30 a.m., The Commissioners had a telephone conference with Wood County regarding Joint County Ditch Maintenance. Wood County prepared two resolutions for joint ditches for approval as follows: Resolution 22-00839 #2200MB Middle Branch Joint County Ditch, #2200RB Rader Branch Joint County Ditch, #2200RF Rocky Ford Branch Joint County Ditch, #2449 Paul E. Rader Joint County Ditch, #2225 Village of Bloomdale Joint County Ditch and #2377 James W. Sterling Joint County Ditch; Resolution #22-00840 #32-A Frank Funk Joint County Ditch and #2329 David N. Clark Joint County Ditch. Both resolutions passed and a copy will be forwarded for our files.

At 10:34 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to resume executive session in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and sale. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

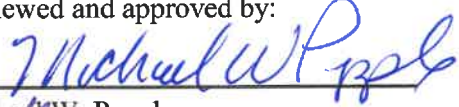
At 10:52 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation, potential real estate acquisition and sale with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

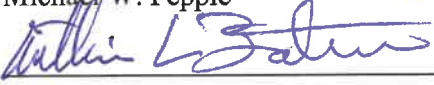


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol