

Minutes

June 3, 2021

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Phil Johnson, Greg Wright, Mary Ann LaRoche and Lou Wilin.

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

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #362-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Resolution #364-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #365-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #366-21 – 2021 Ditch Maintenance Recollections. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #367-21 – Transfer of funds within the Appropriation – General Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #368-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #369-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to ADAMHS. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #370-21 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #371-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sheriff. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the Fund Report for May, payroll for their office and JFS. They also initialed off on the invoice for Revolving Loan Fund Administration.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

#372-21 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve an amendment to the agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and Harbor Inc., to provide youth funded activities services. Lucinda stated that this amendment extends the time and funds for that year. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#373-21 – Authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners to approve an amendment to the agreement between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and the Learning Professionals, Inc. to provide youth funded activities services. Lucinda stated that this extends the agreement by one year. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#374-21 – Authorizing the 2022 Title XX Profile for Hancock County Job and Family Services. Lucinda stated that this is done every year and there is a hearing held every other year, which they did on May 19th. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#375-21 – Authorizing a contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-16. Lucinda Land stated that this is for a property located on Township Road 203 for a total contract price of \$13,560.00 and the property owner is required to pay 50%. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#376-21 – Authorizing a contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-18. Lucinda Land stated that this is for a property located in Arcadia on Township Road 214 for a total contract price of \$10,911.00 and the property owner is required to pay 50%. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#377-21 – Authorizing a contract with Tom Hiatt's Plumbing and Excavating Services Co. LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-19. Lucinda Land stated that this is for a property located in Arlington on Ste. Rte. 37 for a total contract price of \$13,993.74 in which the property owner is required to pay 15%. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#378-21 – Authorizing a contract with Tom Hiatt's Plumbing and Excavating Services Co. LLC for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the WPCLF Grant Project #HS390032-003-2020-20. Lucinda Land stated that this is for a property located on County Road 84 in Findlay. The total contract price is \$13,418.00 and the property owner is required to pay 50%. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#379-21 – Resolution authorizing the submission of PY 2021 Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization Application. Lucinda Land stated that this is a competitive grant and must be invited to apply. It is for the benefit for the village of Jenera for street improvements, sidewalk improvements, park improvements and neighborhood facility improvements in the village. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land requested an executive session to discuss an update relating to potential threatened litigation. Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the Bar Association meeting on Tuesday. This morning he attended the Economic Development meeting and also participated in a Zoom call for Inter-Systems working with ADAMHS Boards, Judge Johnson and JFS.

Michael Pepple also attended the Bar Association meeting. He attended the Downtown Findlay Improvement District meeting last night.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Open Arms Re-dedication Celebration after 40 years of service to the community along with the other 2 Commissioners. He also discussed the mask mandate through the State of Ohio and the lifting of those mandates stated that there are now new signs posted stating that masks are no longer required in public spaces, but highly encouraged for those not vaccinated. Individual suites can maintain their own requirements. Those choosing to wear masks for their own protection is allowed. The Judges at the Common Pleas Court have vacated their temporary orders for the courthouse regarding Coronavirus Health Emergency mandates. Timothy stated that he would distribute the information to the AG Center, the BMV, the ESC and other county buildings so that they have some guidance on what is going on. Tim stated that the Commissioners met last week with John and Cheryl from CCAO. They had asked them to do some research on what other county offices are doing for office space specifically with former shopping centers or malls. Tim stated that 6 counties have responded back that they are using former shopping centers for county space. Tim suggested contacting some of the counties to see how it is working for them and compare notes.

At 9:55 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on potential threatened 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. Lou Wilin asked a few questions regarding the resolution amendments for Harbor Inc. and The Learning Professionals, LLC wanting to know what those programs were about or what they pertain to. Lucinda Land stated that was a question for Randy Galbraith from JFS. There was a brief discussion about those services provided. Lou also asked about the WPCLF resolutions and asked what those were about. Lucinda Land gave him information regarding the WPCLF Grant program and how people qualify.

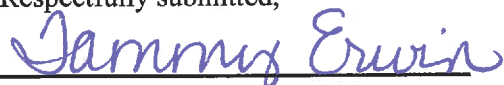
At 10:40 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential threatened litigation update and potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Ed Lentz at the Ag Building to discuss Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Ed gave a power-point presentation regarding the goals that Master Gardener has for improving existing landscaping by the front entrance with low maintenance, high impact and a positive visual for the people that come there. He stated that nothing had been done to the landscaping for about 20 years. He stated that the maintenance people from the County have already done some clean up because of complaints about the shrubs covering up the windows. The bench was moved over to the County Home. After discussing several different areas and plans that they had, Mr. Lentz stated that they have approximately \$2300.00 in total costs for the plants. Master Gardeners have offered to volunteer their labor to put in all of the landscaping and the time to maintain it. He showed the Commissioners what the final results would look like once the project is completed by fall. Ed was hoping to use it as a training/ educational component. They want to do a seminar in the fall talking about native plants and would use this as part of a visual education tool. Ed asked the Commissioners what the next step is to go forward with this project since it is the County's building and he would like their approval. Timothy stated that he already checked with Sarah and there is enough money in their line item to cover the cost for this. He asked for a print out from Ed for the estimated costs. A resolution will be needed to move forward with the project. All the Commissioners approved the project to move forward. After the meeting, Ed and the Commissioners took a tour outside to view the areas involved in the project, getting new landscaping, plants and removal of some shrubs. Michael Pepple stated that a new flag is needed as well. There was further discussion regarding stone vs. mulch and other ideas for the large areas involved. Ed will be working with the maintenance department to make sure there will be proper drainage and any other issues that may come up involving the building. He does not see any extra costs coming up, but will let the Commissioners know if that changes.

At 1:37 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Economic Development. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 2:24 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed Economic Development with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 2:24 p.m. Timothy Bechtol reconvened the meeting. Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Phil Johnson were also present. Phil Johnson stated that he has not received confirmation of an agreement as of this time regarding the purchase agreement related to real property located at 1800 Tiffin Ave. There was a discussion regarding a possible special meeting to be held on Monday if the agreement would come in on Friday. They also discussed the original purchase agreement "Letter of Intent" resolution that was drawn up in April. Lucinda Land stated that it needed to be rescinded since nothing was done to enforce it. The Commissioners will stay in session until 4:30 p.m. to see if the agreement comes in. At 4:30 p.m., Timothy Bechtol announced that the Commissioners were out of session for the day due to no response from Phil Johnson regarding the purchase agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Timothy K. Bechtol

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple

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William L. Bateson

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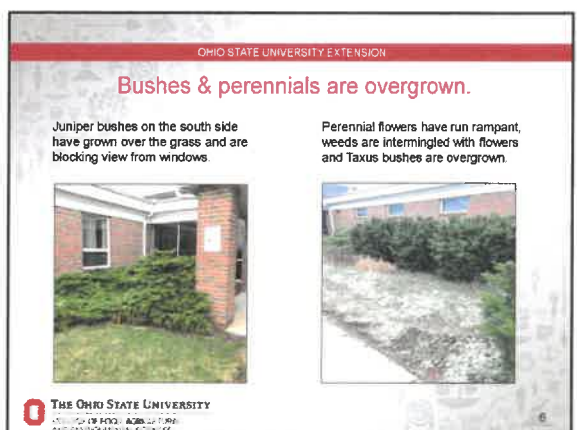
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Overgrown Shrubs Removed.

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Master Gardener Volunteers Role

- Divide and remove existing perennials and save for replanting.
- Tag all bushes to be removed and which ones to save.
- Prune existing Taxus (yews) bushes in front of air conditioners.
- Create a new garden design to include perennial flowers, grasses and dwarf bushes.
- Add new soil and amend as necessary.
- Transplant perennial flowers.
- Purchase or seek in kind donations of landscape plants and then plant replacement bushes & perennials.
- Spread mulch on all garden beds.

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County Maintenance Help

- Remove & dispose of large vegetation
 - Approximately 8 junipers on north exterior side.
 - 1 Taxus (yew) near flagpole
 - 2 stumps – 1 tree stump by north side of entry doors & 1 bush stump near flagpole
 - 6 junipers from center island
- Remove excess soil – 3-6 inches from west center island garden beds.
- Move bench away from the wall
- Remove & dispose of stone mulch

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MGV proposed changes to front entrance.

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SOUTH EXTERIOR WALL

Scale 1/4" = 1'

1. Stella Dore Daylily
2. Forsythia
3. Slow Mound Mugo Pine
4. Danica Dwarf Arborvitae
5. Minors False Cypress
6. Vintage Gold Dwarf Moss False Cypress
7. Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper
8. Salvia 'May Night'

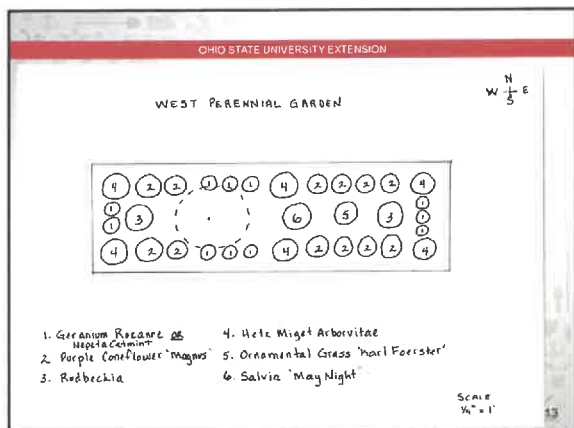
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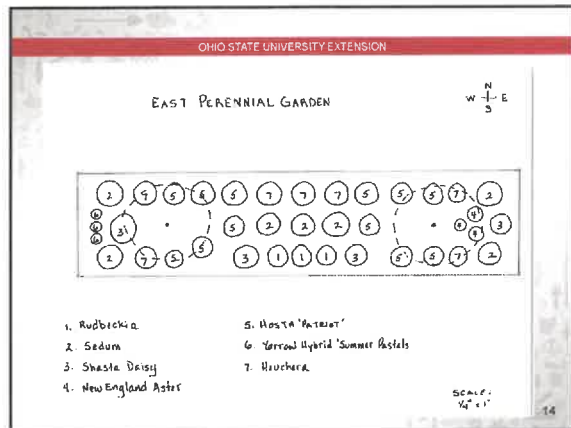
May-25 The Service Center Plant Cost Proposal

Qty	Common Plant Name	Need	Have	Retail \$ Ea.	Total
SOUTH EXTERIOR WALL					
8	Stella D'oro Day Lily	x		0	0
1	New Hampshire Gold Forsythia	x		34.99	34.99
2	Slow Mound Mugo Pine	x		39.99	79.98
4	Danica Dwarf Arborvitae	x		30.99	123.96
1	Miniature Hinoki False Cypress	x		34.99	34.99
1	Vintage Gold Dwarf Moss False Cypress	x		44.99	44.99
2	Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper	x		35.99	71.98
3	Salvia 'May Night'	x		12.99	38.97
6	Sedum Autumn Joy	x		0	0
Sub Total					465.86
NORTH EXTERIOR WALL					
11	Stella D'oro Day Lily	x		0	0
1	Slow Mound Mugo Pine	x		39.99	39.99
6	Danica Dwarf Arborvitae	x		39.99	239.94
1	Miniature Hinoki False Cypress	x		34.99	34.99
1	Vintage Gold Dwarf Moss False Cypress	x		44.99	44.99
2	Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper	x		35.99	71.98
5	Hydrangea 'Bobo'	x		43.99	219.95
11	Heuchera 'Black Pearl' or 'Mahogany Monster'	x		14.99	164.89
9	Purple Coneflower 'Magnus'	x		0	0
8	Salvia 'May Night'	x		12.99	103.92
6	Sedum Autumn Joy	x		0	0
6	Rudbeckia	x		0	0
Sub Total					926.66

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May-21 Ag Service Center Plant Cost Proposal

Qty.	Common Plant Name	Need	Have	Retail \$ Ea.	Total
CENTER WEST ISLAND GARDEN					
11	Geranium 'Rozanne' or Nepeta 'Catmint'	x		12.99	142.89
7	Purple Coneflower 'Magnus' (12 total)	x (7)	x (5)	11.99	83.93
2	Rudbeckia		x	0	0
6	Globe Arborvitae (Hetz Midget Arb.)	x		39.99	239.94
1	Ornamental Grass 'Karl Foerster'	x		27.99	27.99
3	Salvia 'May Night'	x		12.99	38.97
				Sub Total	533.72
CENTER EAST ISLAND GARDEN					
3	Rudbeckia		x	0	0
7	Sedum Autumn Joy		x	0	0
4	Shasta Daisy		x	0	0
4	New England Aster or Woods Pink Aster	x		12.99	51.96
3	Narrow Hybrid 'Summer Pastels'		x	0	0
12	Hosta 'Patriot'	x		13.99	167.88
9	Heuchera 'Black Pearl' or Mahogany Monster'	x		14.99	134.91
				Sub Total	354.75
Total \$ All Plants from North Branch Nursery					\$ 2,274.98

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Proposed Plants for Ag Service Center

Qty.	Plant List	\$ Ea.	Price
1	New Hampshire Gold Forsythia	34.99	34.99
3	Slow Mound Mugo Pine	39.99	119.97
10	Densha Dwarf Arborvitae	39.99	399.9
6	Globe Arborvitae (Hetz Midget Arb.)	39.99	239.94
2	Miniature Hinoki False Cypress	34.99	69.98
2	Vintage Gold Dwarf Moss False Cypress	44.99	89.98
4	Japanese Garden Juniper	35.99	143.96
5	Hydrangea 'Bobos'	43.99	219.95
19	Stella D'Oro Daylily	0	0
14	Salvia 'May Night'	12.99	181.86
20	Heuchera 'Black Pearl' or 'Mahogany Monster'	14.99	299.8
7	Purple Coneflower 'Magnus' (12 total)	11.99	83.93
13	Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	0	0
11	Rudbeckia 'Mira' or 'Goldstrum'	0	0
11	Geranium 'Rozanne' or Nepeta Catmint	12.99	142.89
1	Ornamental Grass 'Karl Foerster'	27.99	27.99
4	New England Aster or Woods Pink Aster	12.99	51.96
3	Narrow Hybrid 'Summer Pastels'	0	0
12	Hosta 'Patriot'	13.99	167.88
4	Shasta Daisy	0	0
			\$ 2,274.98

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Result

- By working together we can create a beautiful, updated and welcome entrance to Hancock County Agricultural Service Center.
- Garden landscape will be maintained in the future by Master Gardener Volunteers in cooperation with Hancock County Maintenance Staff.
- Will be used for training purposes.

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To Proceed

- What is the process for us to proceed?
- Ready to plant now.
- County Commissioners accept/approve design?
- Any county funds available for project?

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