

Minutes

March 15, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman and Lou Wilin from the Courier. Please see attendance sheet for additional attendees.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the March 10th 2022, meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #160-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #161-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #162-22 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee to Litter Landing. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #163-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #164-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2241. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #165-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Common Pleas Court – Specialized Docket. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioner's signed a travel request for the Sheriff department, Job & Family Services updated position description for a Social Service Worker 2 and the Hancock County employee COVID-19 appreciation bonus pay. In addition, the Commissioner's approved one warrant journal. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #166-22 – Resolution 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 Hancock County WPCLF Grant Project #H390032-003-2021-10. Cindy stated this project is for a sewer line tap on Bittersweet Drive. The cost of the project is \$3,760.00. The owner has already paid his 50% portion. The other 50% will be paid by the WPCLF Grant. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #167-22 – Resolution to set date, time and place for public meeting regarding declaring portions of the unincorporated areas of Hancock County, Ohio to be redistricted, prohibiting construction of economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and large solar facilities pursuant to R.C. 303.57, et. seq. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-1. Cindy stated Senate Bill 52 gave the ability to have exclusionary zones in the county. The board must hold a public meeting to consider a resolution designating restricted areas. The meeting will be held April 19, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Commissioners 1st floor conference room. There is a required 30-day notice period.

Charity Rauschenberg requested an executive session in regards to personnel - compensation.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Rob Kalbous from Leeward Energy shared three anecdotes with the Commissioner's on why he chooses to support renewable energy. Hancock County resident Rachelle Harmon shared with the Commissioner's information she gathered from the solar project in Madison County.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol along with William Bateson and Michael Pepple attended the Farm Bureau – Hancock Ag Center breakfast. Commissioner Bechtol also attended the Hancock County Beef Banquet.

William Bateson attended the Hancock County Beef Banquet. In addition, he attended intersystem conference call discussing the shortage of mental health workers in Hancock County.

Michael Pepple attended the Hancock County ARP committee meeting and the Alliance Board meeting.

Timothy Bechtol requested executive session in regards to pending litigation.

At 9:52 a.m. Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to personnel – compensation and pending litigation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 10:00 a.m. the Commissioner's continued their executive session with Don Moses and Chad Warnimont in regards to personnel - compensation.

At 10:49 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to personnel – compensation and pending litigation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Carrigan
Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Michael W. Pepple
Michael W. Pepple

William L. Bateson
William L. Bateson

Absent
Timothy K. Bechtol