

Minutes
March 18, 2021

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

Also Present: Sarah Mutchler, Lucinda Land, Steve Wilson, Philip Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from March 16, 2021 were read with William Bateson making the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #158-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-CTCL Grant. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed a draw request from HRPC for the Mitigation Grant Program. William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #159-21 – Hancock County authorization to participate in the ODOT 2021 road salt contract. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #160-21 – Authorizing a IV-D agreement between the Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division for 2021. Total is \$75,532.60 with \$49,854.52 coming from Federal reimbursement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda requested an executive session to discuss threatened litigation.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #161-21 – Authorizing second entry into and execution of a contract with Clouse Construction Corp. for work involving removal of sections of the ceiling of the County-owned property located at 7814 County Road 140 for the purpose of inspection for damage and repair. Total is \$2,320.00. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #162-21 – Authorizing payment of invoice from Midwest Appraisal, Inc. for preparation of appraisals related to property located South of 750 Bolton Street. Total due is \$2,000.00. This property will be part of the benching project. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report. Timothy Bechtol asked when the pre-construction meeting for MLK Jr. Parkway will be. Steve stated the meeting is this afternoon.

Charity Rauschenberg said the sales tax comparison was sent this morning. Last year at the end of the first quarter Hancock County was way ahead. This year, the first quarter is down approximately 10%. Preliminary numbers show April being a strong month, so there may be light at the end of the tunnel. Timothy Bechtol asked if she had any clarification on the American Relief Act money. She stated they are still waiting on guidance.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the CVB meeting by Zoom this morning. The February Restaurant week went well. They are planning Art Walk and a Mother's Day event. Also, the second Saturday of each month will now be Shop Small Saturday.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol attended the HRPC meeting Wednesday evening. He asked Charity about the exclusion of Townships from the American Relief Act money. She said they are waiting for clarification on definitions, so townships may get money.

At 9:46 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, pending litigation, and threatened litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:29 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 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Maggie Neely from Gallagher Benefits. Sarah Mutchler and Lucinda Land were also present. Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Nancy Hiatt, and Christine Carrigan attended by Zoom.

Maggie apologized for the late reporting on behalf of UMR. She also asked Charity for possible dates to meet with the Wellness Coordinator from Gallagher Benefits to discuss possible wellness benefits. Hancock County is still running high for stop loss ratio for January 2021, but Maggie assured the Commissioners this will change. There were plan design changes made for 2021 that will affect the stop loss ratio. The high stop loss ratio for January is because those are December 2020 claims being paid. Maggie then gave an overview of the stop loss ratio for all lines of coverage. According to UMR reports, there are less claims being submitted in the first two months of 2021 for Hancock County versus the first two months of 2020. She stated this is a nice start. She reported the Compliance Attorney will be visiting Hancock County this year to give an overview for compliance and when to provide all of the different notices to employees. For January 1, 2022 the employees will receive new ID cards and EOBs will look different because of Mental Health reporting.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson