

Minutes

March 22, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Steve Wilson and Adam Witteman

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Commissioner's did not approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meets due to the Timothy Bechtol not being present for that meeting and William Bateson being absent from this meeting.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #175-22 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's resolution 152-22 dated March 10, 2022 (Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to ADAMHS). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #176-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to ADAMHS. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #177-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Real Estate Tax Equivalent Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #178-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #174-22 – Authorizing the payment of listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #179-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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Resolution #181-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #182-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #183-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #184-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Ditch Maintenance. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #185-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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Resolution #193-22 – Repayment of advance from Ditch Maintenance to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #194-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Board of Revision. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #195-22 – Repayment of advance from Special Improvement to General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #196-22 – Repayment of advance from Special Improvement to General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #197-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #198-22 – Repayment of advance from Special Improvement to General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #199-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion for the chair's signature on the county's AIR response letter to the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation relating to the removal of underground tanks at 136 North Main Street. Michael Pepple Seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Steve Wilson stated that they hope this is the last piece of documentation needed on this project but they are working with a new person at B.U.S.T.R. who is being brought up to speed on everything. The commissioners signed four travel requests for the Sheriff and two for Treasurer.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #200-22 – Authorization of the third amendment to the terms of the MOA adopted pursuant to Resolution Number 101-21, dated February 18, 2021 and authorization of purchase order authorizing payment of \$43,442.28 for the reimbursement to The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District of a bill from Charter Operating System, LLC, pursuant to a certain memorandum of agreement between the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Phil Johnson stated that both this resolution and the next one are of the same background, as they both are dealing with utility lines being moved from AEP owned poles to the new poles that are being moved in relation to the 2nd phase of the benching project. Steve Wilson clarified these are for the Commissioners to pay the Conservancy and then the Conservancy will pay both Charter and Buckeye to begin the work.

Resolution #201-22 – Authorization of the fourth amendment to the terms of the MOA adopted pursuant to Resolution Number 101-21, dated February 18, 2021 and authorization of purchase order authorizing payment of \$22,914.06 for the reimbursement to The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District of a bill from Buckeye Cablevision, INC., dba Buckeye Telesystem, pursuant to a certain memorandum of agreement between the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Steve Wilson stated that they are still waiting on the price from AT&T to move their lines and AEP will provide the price of moving the poles and their lines once all of the other information is received. The tentative completion for this work is set for June 30th.

Resolution #202-22 – Hancock county authorization to participate in the ODOT 2022 Road Salt contract. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Phil Johnson explained this resolution authorizes Doug Cade to act on the county's behalf in agreeing to enter into contracts with suppliers for road salt for 2022. The county must designate how much salt it wants by April 29th to be matched with suppliers.

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

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

Cindy Land stated that the final adjudication hearing with the Ohio Siting Board for the Border Basin project has been set for April 19th in the morning. This is the same day the Commissioners have set their meeting in regards to the resolution for the renewable energy exclusion zone. The possibility of changing the meeting was discussed. The Commissioners stated they would consult their attorney to see if they are needed at the hearing and make their decision on moving the meeting for the exclusion zone.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated she attended the TIF meetings yesterday and the Distribution Drive TIF was discussed. The TIF is a 10 year TIF and has service payments of \$99,000 coming in. The bonds are \$85,000 and \$14,000 in interest. When phase 2 was done there were notes taken out for around \$700,000. There was another TIF that paid out early and some of those proceeds were used towards the Distribution Drive notes, but this TIF has been falling short for years. The notes are being charged interest so even though there are still years left on the TIF we are still paying down the note. The bonds are fully funded based on the PILOT program payments. Home Depot has completed their obligation and are now on the tax roll. Commissioner Pepple asked if there was any action needed by the board. Auditor Rauschenberg responded not at this time. She went on to explain the sales tax has fallen 7% since last month but that we are still 7% above this time last year.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the HRPC meeting and the CCAO Deferred Comp Updated last week and the Tax Incentive meeting yesterday. There were 3 statements received from the RFQ and they have all been placed on the shortlist for the RFP. Commissioner Bechtol announced that both Commissioners will meet with Judge Johnson this afternoon to discuss a 3rd floor option to incorporate the Domestic Relations for the new court building.

William Bateson was absent.

Michael Pepple attended the OneOhio Region 17 Opioid meeting Friday with Phil Johnson and Commissioner Bateson where the bylaws were discussed, then met with Judy Chester in Mount Blanchard to discuss the flooding issues at the Island Park. He plans to discuss the issue further with Steve Wilson. Commissioners Bateson and Pepple attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioner and Engineer Association meeting yesterday in Lima.

At 10:21 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael

Pepple, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:33 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:33 a.m. the Commissioners met with Mary Gregory and Don Majchrowski from Nooter and Michael Coonfare from CEC in regards to solar panels being installed at the landfill. Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Don Moses and Steve Wilson were also present. Mary Gregory stated that the economical life span of an installation like this would be about 20-30 years and they would be looking to put them in the northeast quadrant at the landfill. This could power the landfill operations. Steve Wilson and Don Moses stated there would be about 25-30 acres available that is currently being used as hunting grounds. Don Moses stated the current agreement with ODNR for hunting use of this land can be terminated by either party at any time. Cindy Land asked if this would cause any problems with the current Solid Waste Plan. Steve Wilson did not think this would have any effect with that. This area is in the area of the landfill that is covered by Hancock-Wood Electric. Currently the landfill gets all electric from AEP as they properties sit on areas covered by both companies. Michael Coonfare explained the process of what the engineering side would do to determine if the area would be suitable for the panels and if it could be used for landfill operations based on their current usage. Cindy Landy and Steve Wilson stated they believe an RFP process would need to be done for something like this but they will look into that further since the county would possibly not be putting in the capital money for this project, as well as checking in to verify this would not affect the Solid Waste Plan. Don Majchrowski explained he would contact Hancock-Wood Electric to see if they would be interested. They would lease the land and use the energy from it and it could be worked out that the landfill would receive the renewable energy from the panels as well. The Commissioners expressed their interest and stated they would like to meet with them again after they are able to discuss things further and Don Majchrowski is able to speak with Hancock-Wood Electric about the possibility of the project.

At 11:04 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to a potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 11:24 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to a potential real estate acquisition and pending litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners met with Judge Johnson in regards to the new Juvenile/Probate court building. Alec Helms and Shawn Carpenter were also present. Commissioner Bechtol went over the plans of a 3rd floor option for the new court building. This would allow DR to be incorporated without increasing the foot print of the building and would move Adult Probation to the 1st floor of the new building. Shawn asked about the High Definition Filing System being on the second floor as it had previously been indicated that it would need to be on the first. Commissioner Bechtol explained it could have the proper support to be on the second floor but

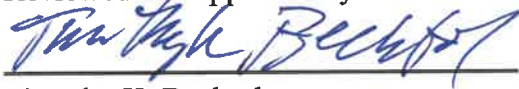
that is something that could be discussed further with the design/build teams. Judge Johnson expressed concern about all of the courts being corner benches and stated she feels this should be a decision made by the judges not the design team. Commissioner Bechtol stated there is the ability for things to be moved around and the hearing rooms are the same size as previous plans. The next step is to set up meetings with the shortlist design/build firms and the judges can be involved in those meeting if they would like. A copy of the plans was given to Judge Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

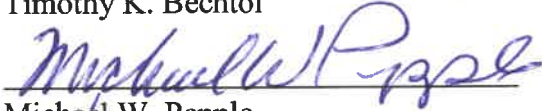


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

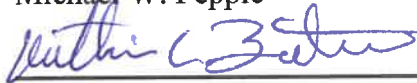
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson