

Minutes

March 26, 2020

Commissioners present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Bill Bateson, Mike Recker, Miranda Lobdell, David Spahr, Charity Rauschenberg, Lizzy Hile and Jim Maurer.

Brian Robertson 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 24, 2020 meeting were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners signed a letter accepting a recommendation from a county supervisor to terminate an employee. They also signed a letter regarding Governor DeWine's State at Home Order stating that the Board of Hancock County Commissioners is an "Essential Governmental Function" for employees to place in their vehicles.

Lucinda Land presented the following Resolutions for consideration:

#174-20 – Authorizing a revised IV-D Agreement between the Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) and the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas – Juvenile Division. Lucinda Land explained that the state did not approve the one done back in January and they sent a revised one. The only difference she could see was the numbers were different; the other one was \$89,000 and this one is \$74,000. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

#175-20 – Amendment to Resolution #28-20 regarding entering into an agreement with WellPath L.L.C., for Medical Services at the Hancock County Justice Center. Ms. Land stated that in the previous resolution, they did not authorize just one commissioner to sign, and that is how they already had it set up and executed, so this just authorizes either Mr. Gazarek or Mr. Robertson to sign on behalf of the County Commissioners. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

#176-20 – Authorization of an amendment to the 1992 Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Joint Juvenile Rehabilitation District (JRD) for the operation of the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC). Lucinda stated that over time there have been some administrative code changes that made some not fit right and some normal changes so this just updates it. It was Judge Johnson's recommendation to make those changes. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

#177-20 – Authorizing entry into contract with Campbell, Inc. for replacement of parts and other elements in the operation of the Hancock County Justice Center Air Conditioning unit. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Lucinda stated that yesterday, the Legislature General Assembly passed some emergency legislation. The one most important to the commissioners is that they can now have closed meetings and be “live streamed.” Timothy Bechtol asked if IT needed to be involved in that and also if all the commissioners needed to be present in person. Lucinda stated that they could teleconference in, but there has to be a two-way option so that you can speak with each other so that anyone watching can hear and understand. Charity Rauschenberg stated that they had just been discussing it yesterday. They haven’t had time to look at it but they are aware of it. Further discussion continued regarding how and where to set up the “live streamed” meeting whether it would be through Facebook or YouTube. Charity stated that you would have to be very careful doing it through Facebook. Miranda Lobdell stated that you can do a “live stream” on YouTube and shutting off the comments. Lizzy Hile stated that you can still see it on Facebook even if you do not have an account by making the “live stream” public. Bill Bateson asked if the commissioners have ever considered going “live stream” before and how many hits do you get on the webpage for the minutes? Timothy Bechtol stated that he doesn’t know if that was ever counted. Bill stated that the expense should be considered. If no one is going to the webpage to read the minutes, then they probably wouldn’t be going there to watch the “live stream” and it would be a big expense with no one using it. Brian Robertson stated the good news is that there will be a meeting next Thursday, however it will not be “live streamed” as they are not set up for that yet. Lucinda Land reminded everyone that this is an emergency situation due to COVID-19 and you will not be able to “live stream” after December 1st.

Brian Robertson addressed the Board of Elections update. Brian stated that he reached out to Phil Johnson and asked if they were to move forward with supporting the lease, could they do it with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Elections so that we could understand the alternating years, which was discussed yesterday. Mr. Johnson thought that would be a good approach so that way it would be more clearly defined and he is willing to prepare. Timothy Bechtol wanted to know if there were any more discussions with the current lessor as far as extending the current lease. Brian Robertson stated that there is no point in contacting the lessor until there is an agreement that the commissioners were going to provide funding. Timothy Bechtol stated that he is ok going with the every other year as discussed on Tuesday. Brian Robertson asked Lucinda Land if she could pass that information on to Phil Johnson and she stated that she could. Brian asked David Spahr if he had anything to add to that, David Spahr stated that he is here as citizen Spahr only and cannot speak for the board. He can only speak for himself. Brian stated that they would move forward and ask for a two month lease with the lessor and move forward. Timothy Bechtol commented to David Spahr that it appears we will not be using the machines for this primary election since everything will have to be mailed in. David Spahr responded that his understanding of the legislature’s action, they are extending the

absentee voting. He stated that is the reason that they will need 20,000 envelopes and have to hire some printing to be done for ballots. The new machines were used for early voting and Mr. Spahr stated that all the machines were out and ready for Election Day.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol has been following CCAO updates out of Columbus and also there was another local community information update on Tuesday and then another one today at 3:30 p.m. He will reserve some questions for Senator McColley during the conference call shortly.

Brian Robertson was in communication with the Prosecutor's office yesterday regarding the Board of Elections and was glad they were able to reach an agreement. He gave an update on the Census. The Ohio self-response rate is 28.5% and Hancock County's self-response rate is 30.3% which is 1.8% above what the state average is. Everyone is receiving their Census and entering their code, using the internet. Brian stated that in 2010, our self-response rate was only 71% in Hancock County so we under-reported our population, and what that means is we don't get the eligibility for funding for many different programs, resources and infrastructure needs. This is a good time to do the Census since so many people are home bound right now.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioners Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson had a conference call with Senator McColley and Representative Jon Cross. The call was made to check in with Hancock County to see how things were going. Brian Robertson gave some updates regarding the industrial side and restaurants, small businesses and local government. He stated that a lot of the small businesses are not going to come out of this the same way. In terms of local government, there has been good collaboration between city and county. We have all taken steps to risk manage and mitigate our staffs, having alternating shifts with the landfill staffing, alternating employees in and out of offices, and certain people assigned to work from home remotely so if something should happen with exposure in the office, we still have people that can keep the county government operating. Senator McColley asked how the sentiment is in the business community and are we starting to see things change in the last few days? Brian Robertson stated that the automotive sector has felt frustrated, as the number of cases in our county has been low, there are some sentiments that it has been overkill. Senator McColley's hope is that there will be medical breakthroughs for treatment and to have that up and running soon. Keeping them treated earlier and out of the hospital. Senator McColley stated that it is helpful to know what the feelings are at the local level and people want to know what the long term plan is. Most people are doing what needs to be done right now and state that they are willing to do what they can or what they have to do but are asking us, is this going to be 2 weeks, 3 weeks, or a month so that they can plan accordingly. The Senator updated the Commissioners with the voting situation and the newest legislature with absentee voting and new tax filing deadlines. Representative Jon Cross talked about access to county offices. He stated that in the bill that was passed, it requires the office of County Recorder, Auditor, Title Office and Engineer to stay open so that transactions can continue to happen and that those offices are not completely closed down.

Anything with licensures, under the Ohio Revised Code if it expires between today and December 1st, it will be valid until December 1st giving plenty of opportunity to get renewals completed. Representative Cross stated that a lot of members of the House want facts and need conversation on how to get things back to getting businesses open at these 2:00 p.m. meetings. It has been 3 weeks and there are a lot of people feeling the pressure to get people back to work. There was a discussion regarding the Board of Elections and Timothy Bechtol asked if something that could be done regarding how they handled the election the night before the election was supposed to happen. Brian Robertson stated that he would have the Clerk touch base with the Board of Elections when they are done with their total costs after impact. Senator McColley stated that he talked with Scott Malaney a few days ago and Scott thinks Blanchard Valley Health System is in good shape at this time being as far as inventory of PPE and its capacity to deal with this issue but obviously could change over time. His primary concern is the toll that eliminating elective procedures is going to have on the bottom line of many of these health systems. Scott feels that Blanchard Valley can weather this for a time, as they are in much better shape than most other places, but his concern long term is what it is going to do to other health avenues that others are using. Senator McColley suggested working through your local EMA office for stockpiles of PPE. Representative Cross stated that he wanted to share some guidance that became effective on March 24th. If there is a positive case, they can inform first responders. If a first responder does not know, and you have a small community fire department, it can wipe out that fire department very quickly. Representative Cross thanked the Commissioners for their leadership and for how quickly Hancock County has stepped in and pulled together and believes that has played a part in our low numbers.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met for the CDBG Allocation Bid Opening. There were a total of 9 bids that were received. The Bidders list is currently being reviewed.

At 11:34 a.m., Brian Robertson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Roll call resulted in: Brian Robertson; yes, Timothy Bechtol; yes. At 12:33 a.m., Brian Robertson made a motion to come out of Executive Session, having discussed potential litigation with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Erwin

Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

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Sidewalk Project – Villages of Jenera & McComb
 Parking Lot Resurfacing Project – Village of McComb
Bidding Documents
 Hancock Regional Planning Commission
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Contractor	Sidewalk Project Bid	Parking Lot Resurfacing Project Bid	Combined Total
Henry Bergman Inc. Genoa, OH	None	\$ 33,872.20 \$ 3,540 Alternate	
Schoen, Inc. Toledo OH	None	\$ 32,604.50 \$ 3,605.00 Alternate	
Helms & Son	\$ 41,040.00	\$ 30,095.00 \$ 8,400.00 Alternate	\$ 71,135.00 + Alternate
A & N Construction Inc., Napoleon	\$ 42,956.00	NONE	
Morlock Asphalt Partage, OH	None	\$ 26,552.00 \$ 3,600.00 Alternate	
NUVO Property Services LLC, Lima	\$ 36,457.20	\$ 36,457.20	\$ 72,914.40 + Alternate
Quinn Concrete Const., Toledo	\$ 34,200.00	None	
Rowing & Smith Excav, Norwalk	\$ 28,215.00	None	
Ward Construction Leipsic	\$ 39,757.50	\$ 33,911.00 \$ 4,200.00 Alternate	\$ 73,668.50 + Alternate