

## Minutes

March 28, 2024

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Matt Cordonnier, Kenzi Tucker, Denise Timberman, Bob Wisner and Cindy Wisner.

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 the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made a motion to approve two Warrant Journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Michael Pepple made a motion for the Chair's signature on the CHIP Grant home rehab assistance application. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Next CHIP grant form – do resolution for them to sign as they come in

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #182-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund - Prosecutor #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #183-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to COPS Universal Hiring Grant # 2160. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #184-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #185-24 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification - Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance #2136 (Public Defender). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #186-24 – Authorization by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners on behalf of the Joint Board of Commissioners of Allen, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Seneca and Wyandot Counties, Ohio of Change Order No. 1 to an agreement with NWO Property Services LLC for maintenance of the Blanchard River pursuant to the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project. Cindy stated the board was approached by Soil & Water about change order that was needed and a zoom meeting was held with the other counties. The change order is for an increase of \$30,350.00 due to finding additional leaning trees and logjams that were not originally anticipated. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #187-24 – Contract for lease of one (1) 2018 Mack GU813 truck from BTS Truck Leasing LLC. Cindy stated this is for a short-term lease of a roll off truck for Litter Landing. There were some questions over the contract and we received a response from the company that we could go ahead and add the verbiage we needed. Cindy stated the changes have been added to the agreement and the Commissioners will just need to initial them. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #188-24 – Authorizing execution and submission of applications to the Ohio Department of Development for grants under the 2024 State of Ohio Brownfield Remediation Grant Program related to Phase 2 of the River Benching Remediation, and the 428 W. Main Cross St. property assessment. Phil stated this is for further projects that regional planning has in mind. The Ra-Nik property was addressed last week and that is the first property on the list. This resolution authorizes someone from the board or Mr. Cordonnier to complete the online application. Matt provided the estimated costs for the properties they are submitting the grant application for and explained the timeline of the work in correlation with the benching if the grant is approved. Commissioner Bechtol confirmed with Phil Johnson and Matt that the county is under no obligation to fund any work at the Hostettler property if we do not receive the grant due to that property being owned by the City. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #189-24 – Authorizing execution of certain “Consent to Access” document regarding numerous parcels owned by Hancock County with relation to the Ohio Department of Development for grants under the 2024 State of Ohio Brownfield Remediation Grant Program within or near Phase 2 of the River Benching Project. Phil stated this is related to the previous resolutions and topics of discussion. This will grant access to county owned properties in the benching area for testing and other things that will need done in relation to grant. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bechtol congratulated Auditor Rauschenberg on being with the county for 30 years today.

Denise Timberman stated she wants to inquire if the Commissioners have been able to follow-up with the Ohio Power Siting Board or any state representatives about the information she provided on Tuesday. The Commissioners stated they have not been able to yet. She provided some more information from the Nordex safety manual. Nordex is a company that installs and maintains wind turbines. She provided the information about how far to be away during storms and stated that is not feasible in Allen Township as it is their homes that are not far enough away in the case of a storm. She stated that she understands the Commissioners hands are tied but she would just like them to provide a voice to the Allen Township residents in hopes of getting their concerns to a higher level.

### **Meetings/Reports**

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Tim Bechtol attended the last solar eclipse preparation meeting yesterday. If you do not have your solar eclipse glasses we have a stack here.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held the bid opening for the County Road 140 Radio Tower project. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Sheriff Heldman, Engineer Doug Cade, Eric Barnes and Mike Thompson. The bid opening was done through bid express. Doug Cade stated the estimated cost of this project was \$750,000.00. There were 4 bids received.

The following bids were received:

1. Spealman Electric, Inc – \$899,367.00
2. Telecom Construction – \$994,159.00
3. Tri-county Tower LLC – \$769,885.41
4. Pyramid Network Solutions LLC – \$1,159,643.00

Commissioner Bechtol confirmed we can enter into a contract that is up to 20% over the estimated cost so there are bids within the range. Doug stated they will review the bids and provide a recommendation to the Commissioners early next week. Eric explained the requirements that were dictated in this bid package. Engineer Doug Cade explained the information that the bidders are now able to see once the bid is open. There was a discussion on the projected start date of the project and the specifications of what is being done. Cindy Land and Doug Cade discussed the contract that will be awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

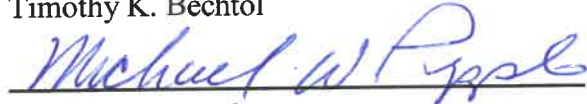


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson