

Minutes

March 31, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, and Auditor Rauschenberg

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 29, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motions to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #218-22 – Release of Permissive Tax – City of Fostoria to pay for resurfacing W. Tiffin St., Lunt St., Foster St., and College Ave. - \$76,274.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #219-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve the warrant journal. William Bateson seconded. Motions passed 3-0. The commissioners signed travel requests for JFS and the Engineer's office and the ARPA checklists for the Hancock County Park District project and the Engineer. Commissioner Bateson thanked the ARPA committee members for all of their hard work and Commissioner Pepple acknowledged that both Cindy Land and Auditor Rauschenberg are on the committee as well.

The Assistant Clerk read a Proclamation for Public Health Recognition Week and the Commissioners signed it.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #220-22 – Resolution authorizing the 2022 annual payment to the Financial Assurance Trust Fund for the Hancock County Sanitary Landfill. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land explained this is an annual payment into a trust fund for the post closure needs at the landfill and you must pay in until they believe the trust fund is fully funded. The amount to be paid is given to us in a letter from the EPA and this year it is \$541,712.00. Last year was around \$565,000.00. Cindy stated that Steve Wilson believes we are almost fully funded but it will depend on if there are any expansion needed.

Resolution #221-22 – Resolution authorizing the Hancock County Commissioners, in their capacity as the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District to enter into a contract with Rader Environmental Services, Inc. for collection of household

hazardous waste at Litter Landing. (Weekly Collection). Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated that Radar Environmental will come on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning April 4th and ending August 29th with the exclusions of Memorial Day and July 4th for a total of 20 times. This is a per unit contract with a price of \$85,000 per Courtney's request.

Resolution #222-22 – Resolution Authorizing establishing a new fund entitled “BOE-SOS Fund”. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy Land stated this fund is for money being sent from the Secretary of State for the changes that are being made to the May election. These changes are causing a lot of extra work and costing a lot of money. This fund is set this up similar to a grant to keep the funds separate and to be used exclusively for those purposes. Auditor Rauschenberg stated they have already received 2 payments for this. One was around \$1,006 for mailing ballots to veterans overseas and the other is around \$60,000 for assistance with possible overtime pay for poll workers.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to pending litigation.

Cindy Land stated that the PMP quotes for the ARPA funding should be in soon and the landfill project has received all of their quotes. She provided a reminder that the Border Basin meeting is tonight at 6:00 p.m. Cindy provided an update on the armored vehicle. Lenco has sent back the agreement that was sent to them with a change. The agreement stated that we would keep the vehicle for 10 days to test it and then let them know if everything is okay. Lenco has requested that all testing be done at their facility and once we take possession of the vehicle it would be all done. The Sheriff's office does not have a problem with this. Commissioner Pepple stated when they originally approved this they were anticipating the City to pay half of the cost but the City has decided not to do that. The ARPA committee has agreed to pay the portion that the City is not. Commissioner Bechtol enquired about what would be done with any donations the Sheriff office might collect. Those would be put into a maintenance fund for the Bearcat. Commissioner Pepple would work with Mark Price to see about training and things that would be needed. The Commissioners approved the change to the agreement and to move forward with the purchase.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to pending litigation, potential real estate acquisitions and potential real estate sale.

Auditor Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that the RFP has been sent out to all design/build firms for the Justice Center building.

William Bateson had nothing to report.

Michael Pepple attended the ARPA committee meeting yesterday. He provided an update on the process for non-profits who are applying for funds. The State of County presentation is now up on the Commissioners website. Commissioner Pepple met with James Sammet yesterday in

regards to employee parking and the heating/cooling system at the Probate/Juvenile court. There was a discussion about the parking issues for county employees around the courthouse. Commissioner Pepple and Phil Johnson are going to look into past agreements with the city and see what can be done moving forward. Bower's Heating & Cooling has come in and completed Judge Johnson request for a report on the heating/cooling system. They concluded that someone had turned the system to heat instead of cool. James has placed a cover and lock over the thermostat so it doesn't happen again. Bower's did take a look at the system and they can complete an upgrade to the current system that would cost about \$6,700.00. The Commissioners decided they would not like to act on this at this time due to the fact the building will most likely be torn down soon.

Michael Pepple requested executive session in regards to personnel hiring.

At 10:13 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigations, potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate sale and personnel hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; William Bateson, yes; Michael Pepple, yes.

At 11:42 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigations, potential real estate acquisition, potential real estate sale and personnel hiring with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

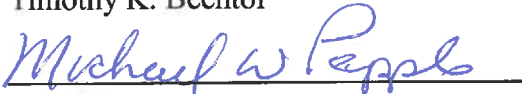


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson