

Minutes

March 5, 2024

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, Holly Frische, Bobbi Covington and Lou Wilin from the Courier

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 February 29th, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved the February Fund Report, the February invoice for the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District and a travel request for JFS.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #123-24 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #124-24 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District tier disposal fees to the tiered disposal fee fund 5109. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #125-24 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense Fund #8180 to General Fund #1001 (January 2024 \$1,439.86). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #126-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioner's to appropriate to General Fund #1001 (Prosecutor). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #127-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #128-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioner's to appropriate to General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #129-24 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund #1001 to Job & Family Services Capital Projects Fund #4072. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #130-24 – Appointment of Hancock County Engineer Douglas E. Cade, PE, PS, to represent the Board of County Commissioners on the 13th District Public Works Integrating Committee, and appointing Kyle Parker, Deputy County Engineer as alternate. Cindy Land

stated that Doug is the current representative. His current term will end April 30th and this reappoints him for another 3-year term that will expire on April 30th, 2027. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve and William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land stated that she wanted to discuss another topic in hopes of having a resolution prepared for the next meeting. Under the Sunshine Law we must have rules for how people are given notice of public meetings. The county's current one was done in 1993. Cindy would like to update the policy and present a resolution to the Board. Commissioner Pepple request Cindy provide them a copy of the currently policy and the new one with the changes. Commissioner Bateson stated this would be a good idea since everything has changed so much. Cindy stated this will bring it to current times.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended Fresh Brewed Business this morning. There was an update give on the District One road projects for this year.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Tim Bechtol attended the GOP gathering at the Moose for the House Seat debate last Friday between Representative Cross and Mr. Mathews. Last night he attended the GOP forum for the Commissioners candidates. Chris Oaks did a fantastic job with the questions. Before the forum he attended the design build bi-weekly meeting with the team for new Judicial center. Everything with the new building is going well and moving along both inside and outside. Last night he also attended the Hancock Public Health District Advisory Committee meeting. They gave their annual review and bid Karim a fond farewell for all he has done. Lindsay Summitt is acting as the interim director.

At 9:46 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote as follows: Michael Pepple: yes; William Bateson: yes; Timothy Bechtol: yes;

At 10:28 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners attended a Zoom meeting for the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project with Commissioners from Allen, Putnam, Seneca and Wyandot counties. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Christine Carrigan, Jason Althaus, Holly Frishe and Jeff Hunker. Jason Althaus stated as they have moved along with the project they have found more logjams which has caused us to need to add more money to the contract. It seems like we will roughly need an additional \$30,000. There is currently money in the fund to cover this change order so we will not need to go back and add an additional assessment amount. Jason provided an example of how the original per county cost has changed once getting into the project. Jason stated he feels it is a good thing we are finding these now and taking care of it since we are there and able to take care of it right away. Jason explained how the classifications for the logjam sizes are determined. Cindy Land stated the biggest reason for having this meeting

is to talk with everyone and keep them informed of the change order to the contract. Hancock County is able to approve the change order as they were approved to enter into the contract on behalf of the entire project. John Schlumbohn stated he wants to confirm in a nutshell what is being said is that the originally calculated assessment will cover the contract and the change order? Jason and Cindy both stated that is correct. All of the counties agreed they have no problem with the change order. There was a discussion on the status of the counties that have outstanding invoices sent at the end of last year. Christine Carrigan stated she will resend the invoice for them to be looked into.

At 11:15 a.m., the Commissioners met with Sheriff Heldman and Judge Starn. Also present was Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Holly Frische and Jeff Hunker. Sheriff Heldman stated they would like to talk about the west entrance but it should probably be done off the record due to it being security issues. Commissioner Bechtol asked if there was anything to discuss on the record before entering into executive session. Sheriff Heldman stated he had sent an email in regards to assistance getting the fiber optics for the radio tower so if the Board could help get that pushed along that would be greatly appreciated. The Commissioners stated they have been trying whenever they can and getting regular updates when available. Commissioner Bateson stated he believes they will divide the fiber expansion into two sections out in that area to prioritize getting it to the tower. Commissioner Bechtol stated the first priority will be getting it to the tower and the second will be closing the loop. Cindy Land stated she spoke with Doug last week and the only unknown for the current schedule prediction is how long it could take to get the steel in. There was a discussion on companies and other entities using the tower as well. Sheriff Heldman stated they have a meeting with Radio Hospital next week to discuss possibilities and what will be allowed to be put on the tower without interfering with its intended uses.

At 11:20 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to security issues at the courthouse. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote as follows: Michael Pepple: yes; William Bateson: yes; Timothy Bechtol: yes;

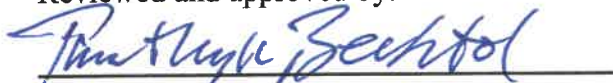
At 12:00 p.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session in regards to security issues at the courthouse with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

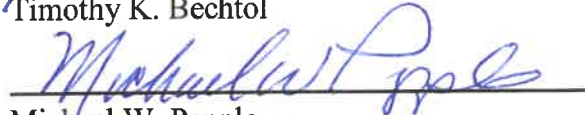


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

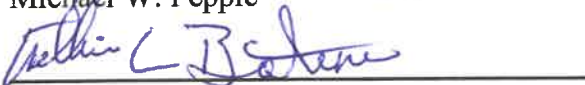
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson