

## Minutes

May 12, 2022

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Charity Rauschenberg, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson.

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the May 10, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #297-22 – Transfer of funds from contingencies to Sheriff for travel for expenses. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve the two Warrant Journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #298-22 – Authorization to solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform repairs to the roof on the Hancock County JFS building located at 7814 County Road 140, Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio for the JFS roof truss repair/reinforcement project. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Tim explained the timeline based upon the legal notice being published on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, he would like the Engineer's Office to review the bid documents as this is the first-time using Bid Express. Tim stated that all bid documents will be on line, no paper documents will be available. The quality of bids should be good as the program has a lot of accuracy checkpoints built in the program. Bill Bateson inquired if the system will automatically reject a bid exceeding the 10% maximum and Tim was unsure. He will inquire from Kyle Parker. Tim did state that he may have to push back the publication date, but it shouldn't be a problem.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #299-22 – Resolution authorizing change order No.1 to contract with Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC for the Hancock County Road Striping Project. Phil stated that there is no cost to this change order, instead it's adding the contract completion date of July 3, 2022. Mike Pepple asked if Engineer Cade was ok with this change order and Phil indicated that he was. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #300-22 – Authorizing solicitation of responses to request for qualifications from qualified engineering firms for design of repairs, updates, or replacements of systems within structures owned by Hancock County. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #301-22 – Resolution authorizing the expenditure of Eighty Thousand and 00/100 (\$80,000) in funds for the repair replacement or relocation of the dam at Riverside Park. Phil inquired if funds for this is to come from the ¼% former Flood Mitigation Tax and the Commissioners acknowledged that it should come from the Flood Mitigation Fund. Phil stated that the city has already spent \$80,000 on this project. Tim Bechtol inquired if this is for the engineering and Phil stated that this is for the pre-construction work. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session relating to potential real estate acquisition.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to personnel and hiring.

Charity Rauschenberg stated her appreciation to the Commissioners for the Maintenance Staff recently helping with the temperature control at the Courthouse.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the Deferred Comp meeting at Columbus.

Bill Bateson stated that he attended the Board of Development Disabilities Strategic Planning meeting and the Public Defender meeting.

Mike Pepple stated that he attended the Hidden Heroes Event and encouraged anyone who knows of someone taking care of a veteran to reach out. Mike also attended the Region 17 Board meeting for One Ohio. It appears that there are more questions than answers and they will be sending a representative to the upcoming Foundation meeting to learn more. Mike did attend the Habitat for Humanity Finance meeting and the Board of Developmental Disabilities Strategic Meeting. Mike did announce that the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 will be held at 10:30 a.m., instead of the 9:30 a.m. time.

Lynn Taylor reported that the Wellness kickoff is next week. The walking challenge will start and last for 8 weeks. About 66 employees have signed up so far. Lynn encouraged everyone to look for the Hancock County Public Health Mobile Clinic Van around town next week. Several County locations will have the van in their parking lot for employees to get screened. One of the benefits of getting screened in the Spring is that the van will also be used in the Fall. The employee will be able to get tested in the Fall and compare results. All employees are welcome to be screened.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with the Auditor of State, Keith Faber. Lori Brodie, Ty Walker, Adam Witteman, Cindy Land and Lynn Taylor were also in attendance. A discussion between Auditor Faber and the Board of Commissioners was held. Bill Bateson explained the proposed Probate and Juvenile Court Building and that the Board is doing this as a design/build. Tim Bechtol stated that he is the design architect and that construction should be started by year end. Auditor Faber inquired about parking and Tim stated that they are still working on the details, however they do intend to talk to the Marathon Performing Arts Center for possible daytime usage of some of their parking spots. Tim also talked about the Benching project and the Norfolk Southern Railroad project. Tim stated that the funds from the ¼% sales tax for flood mitigation purposes are being used. Auditor Faber inquired if any State funds are being used and Tim talked about the \$30 million grant that the State awarded. Tim stated that the goal for flooding in Findlay is to be a part of the past and not a part of the future. Mike Pepple stated that the ARPA funds are being used for County needs and will also be distributed to local non-


profits. Auditor Faber reminded that the Board follow federal standards for audit purposes. Mike also informed the Auditor that there is a meeting today with some local non-profits to discuss the procedure. Cindy Land stated that there will be no sub grant recipients. Mike updated Auditor Faber about the One Ohio Region 17 meetings and Auditor Faber suggested to reach out to the Ethics Commission with any questions. Auditor Faber also encouraged the Board to reach out to Lori Brodie if they need any information. He also stated that it's important to encourage people that if they see something to say something. The 1-866-FRAUD-OH is a resource to share for any fraud concerns. Auditor Faber discussed the importance of recognizing good people when they do good work. Lori stated that she recently met with the Hancock County Auditor's staff and presented them with the Distinguished Award. Tim expressed the great relationship that the Board has with the Auditor's Office. Auditor Faber stated that he enjoys coming to Hancock County and experiencing hard work.

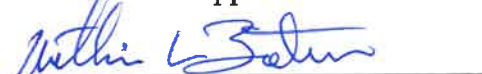
At 11:05 a.m., Mike Pepple made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and personnel regarding hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mike Pepple, yes; Bill Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 12:05 p.m., Mike Pepple made the motion to come out of executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition and personnel regarding hiring with no action taken, Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 12:05 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Phil Johnson and Lynn Taylor were also in attendance. Phil provided a map of the parking lot south of the Hancock County Public Library for review. Phil spoke to Roger Darnell and Phil was inquiring how many spots would need to be numbered. There are about 46 spots in this area. Some are bigger than other.

  
Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Michael W. Pepple

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol