

Minutes
May 14, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Also Present: Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, Doug Cade, Kim Switzer, Julie Smith, Tom Davis, Doug Jenkins, Jim Maurer and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol 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 9, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #275-19 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #276-19 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioners' Resolution #268-19 dated May 9, 2019 (Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #277-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #278-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Landfill Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #279-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Sexual Offender Registration. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #280-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to ADAMHS. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #281-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #282-19 – Transfer of funds from MV & GT to MV & GT Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Robertson and Commissioner Gazarek signed the travel request for Commissioner Bechtol to attend the CCAO quarterly meeting. All Commissioners signed the travel request for Tom Davis. The Commissioners also signed the MWCD invoice from Helms & Sons for \$930,045.02, the 6th payment request. Steve Wilson stated the project is about 50% complete and that this is a routine pay estimate.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #283-19 – 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 All Excavating & Demolition, of McComb, Ohio, for services to crush concrete at the Hancock County Sanitary Landfill. Cindy Land stated this is for an estimate of 3,000 to 4,000 tons of concrete at a cost of \$28,000.00. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Tom Davis stated that he wanted to discuss the recent safety awards given to Hancock County. Tom indicated that he and Commissioner Bechtol attended the 73rd annual Hancock County Safety Council Awards Luncheon held at the Country Club. Hancock County received the following awards: 100 Percent Award- an entire year without a lost time illness or injury claim, Achievement Award- decreasing our incident/claim rate by at least 25% from the previous year, Group Award- for having the lowest incident rate in the Public Employer Group, and the Special Award- which is given to businesses accumulating at least 500,000 work hours and at least six months without a lost time claim. Hancock County has 1,248,334 hours worked with no lost time claims. Tom was appreciative of the Commissioners' focus on safety. Brian Robertson was complimentary of Tom for his work. Mark stated his thanks to Doug Cade for his work in the safety arena and Tim Bechtol concurred.

Kim Switzer stated that her office is working on grants coming in and keeping the ones they have.

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Brian Robertson stated that he would like Adam to get with Charity and work on the information to get the resolution in place for the sales tax dollars being transferred to the Construction fund. Cindy stated that she can turn the resolution around pretty quickly once she gets the information. Adam acknowledged. Brian also stated that the parking lot will be discussed at a later point in the meeting.

Mark Gazarek reported that he continues to work on the budget.

Timothy Bechtol reported that he attended the Ag Council meeting at 50 North. In addition, Tim brought up the parking lot that is currently included in the proposal of a new development project at the Argyle site. Tim stated that several employees of the Prosecutor's Office and the Commissioner's Office have researched documents as far back as 2013. Information was gathered on the communication with the City as it pertains to the city/county parking lots south of the funeral home, north of the jail and the lot currently affected by the Argyle development. Tim referenced Resolution #253-13, from May 2, 2013 of which a MOU was presented to the City of Findlay addressing 37 parking lots to be used by the City, north of the jail. Kim Switzer stated that she is grateful for the lots behind the funeral home because that is where her

employees park to allow for probation clients to utilize the closer parking lot. Tim stated that the 2nd floor of the Commissioners building needs 23 spaces and that the Adult Probation office needs 20 spaces, for a total of 43 spaces, without addressing any public use of the spaces. Kim stated that she has about 200 people come in her office per day for treatment groups and stay for a couple of hours. Furthermore, Tim stated that in the MOU a price tag was addressed and he believed no money was exchanged, but it was stated as \$230,000.00. Brian Robertson stated that last Thursday it was discussed publicly by others and it was decided to hold an executive session to get all information shared between the Commissioners' Office and the Prosecutor's Office. Therefore, it was agreed to publicly discuss the information gathered to show transparency to the public on behalf of the Commissioner's Office. Brian also stated there is an illusion that no serious offer/purchase price discussion with the County on behalf of the City happened, however Brian referenced city ordinance #2013-017 as amended authorizing the Safety Director of the City of Findlay, Ohio to negotiate with Hancock County Commissioners on the potential sale of the City of Findlay's Hardin Street and South Cory Street parking lots and declaring an emergency. This is signed by Council President Jim Slough and Mayor Lydia Mihalik. Brian stated that it appears that this was never brought back to City Council to make a decision. Collectively it was decided to bring this information to the public today. Brian also recommended to send this information to Kathy at the Mayor's office and City Council prior to today's 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole meeting. Tim stated that he will be attending the meeting as should the public who is affected by this discussion. Brian estimated that the City is using about 60 spots versus 37 that was originally agreed upon at the lot north of the jail. Brian referenced the buildings along Dorney Plaza of which discussions were held for a possible swap with the City. Brian stated that the City asked the County to sell the buildings and use that money to purchase the City owned parking lot. Brian stated that this was done in good faith and the City did not execute the sale of the City parking lots, hence causing a frustrating point with the County Officials. Kim inquired from the Board if tonight's meeting will be a negotiation discussion. Tim stated that he thinks tonight's meeting is a Committee of the Whole meeting and not a second reading, therefore public comments are welcome. Cindy asked if the Board was renewing the MOU with the price tag, and for clarification as to the Board's position. Brian stated that his stance is to continue to have an interest in the parking lot, although the County doesn't have \$31 million to invest in the project, we do have a speculative interest. Tim stated that the County's interest in the parking lot is not working against the development of the Argyle site. Kim stated that it's important to continue this discussion. Tim referenced a document provided by the City and the developer to the public in which one parking space would be given in the proposed parking garage to the County in paragraph 6.1.4.2. Brian stated that this will create a domino effect as County employees will be displaced and City employees will be displaced. Brian stated that in 2013 he was involved in discussions with the Mayor, Paul Schmelzer, and Phil Riegle. Brian stated that this project must be beneficial for the City and County. Kim stated that the number of people she serves is around 700-800 per month, and that this is a lot of clients who will be affected by the parking relocation as well. Mark Gazarek stated he has spoken with several City Council members 6 weeks ago and that they are aware of his position.

At 10:01 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; and Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:20 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

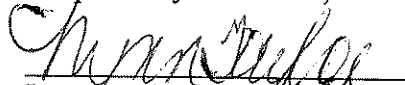
At 11:00 A.M., the Commissioners met with Precia Stuby, and Rosalie King from ADAMHS. Jim Maurer was also in attendance. Precia stated that there is currently 1 open seat on the Board, and they are recommending Brandon Daniels as her replacement. Tim stated that the board position has been posted in The Courier and applicants are to contact the Commissioner's Office. Precia also stated that 2 additional board positions will be available on July 1, 2019. Precia would like to work with the Commissioner's Office in labeling each County Board appointment as a mental health representative or addiction representative. Precia discussed the System of Care Grant and things are progressing nicely. Precia is working with several community departments such as DD, Juvenile Court and Child Welfare agencies and not just Mental Health agencies to exchange resources. Precia also provided an update on the criminal justice initiatives. Each time someone is booked at the jail, a questionnaire is completed and provided to Precia and her staff for analysis to determine if any mental health services can be offered while incarcerated. According to Precia, this program started in February 2019, and has already produced some benefits. The Grant ends in September 2019 and at that time, ADAMHS will apply for the Implementation Grant and it appears will be a likely recipient since they received the prior grant. The Implementation Grant is for \$750,000.00. Precia stated that recent changes in the billing of Medicaid and the Managed Care centers has caused a delay in accounts receivable for many areas. For example, this delay in receiving funds is causing a cash flow issue and Marion ADAMHS has had to lay 25% of its staff off. Precia indicated our ADAMHS is doing currently doing ok and is hoping for some changes at the State level to accommodate everyone. Precia also stated that bids were received for the Level 2 Moms Recovery House and a contract will be awarded to Alvada Construction for \$536,000.00. Precia stated this home will have 4 separate one bedroom apartments with separate kitchens, bedrooms and living spaces. Brian appreciated the clarification as he has received several comments about the cost of a home with 4 bedrooms. Precia encourage any comments be directed to her office for clarification. Rosalie King stated that funding for this home will come from the state in 75% of the cost and ADAMHS will fund the remaining 25%. The outside maintenance of the home will be provided by the staff of ADAMHS and is relatively small due to the location and limited green space. Precia stated that she is currently working on networking through various resources for early intervention.

At 11:30 A.M., the Commissioners met with Director Randall Galbraith and Janet Beall from JFS. Adam Witteman and Jim Maurer was also in attendance. Randy began the meeting by stating at the beginning of 2019, there were 65 kids in protective services. Currently, there are 72 children with a projection of 82 children needing services by year end. Based on those numbers, JFS is requesting an additional \$703,000.00 for 2019, which is a conservative figure per Randy. JFS has already received most of the \$525,000.00 that was budgeted for 2019, however, more funds are needed to avoid operating in the red. Mark Gazarek stated these children are in danger and need protective services. Randy agreed and said he can't rob Peter to pay Paul. Timothy Bechtol suggested that in lieu of one disbursement of funds, is it possible to request funds on a month to month basis? Randy indicated that would cause some issues with the Then and Now process and he would prefer the appropriation in a lump sum. Janet indicated that she is unable to encumber funds in a reasonable time frame. Tim inquired about the 30 Day to Family program status and Randy indicated they are in the middle of that implementation. Randy expects the position to be filled mid-June and he projected that it will take a year to reap the benefits. Randy is continuing to work with the courts, schools, and law enforcement to work on methods and ideas to reduce the number of children needing their services. Randy inquired about the CPSU Levy PAC and the process he needs to follow in regards to the status of a new

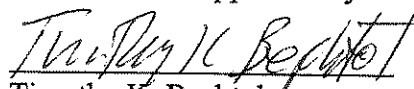
treasurer or closing the PAC and distributing the funds of \$2,900.00. Tim suggested getting a legal opinion from Cindy Land.

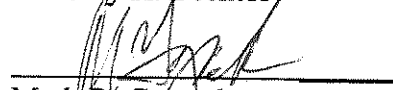
At 2:30 P.M., the Commissioners met with Dave Spahr, Jody O'Brian, Lori Miller, Elizabeth Candler, Sean Crossman from the Board of Elections. Jacob Huner was also present from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office. Jim Maurer and Alex Parker were also in attendance. Dave stated that there is a sense of urgency regarding the aging voting equipment and suggested to make a decision quickly. Brian stated that there is no question whether new machines are needed, but further clarification was needed after the last meeting in regards to poll books. Elizabeth stated that per a conversation with Auditor Rauschenberg after the last meeting, there is \$117,000.00 available in FEMA money that could be used towards the purchase of these machines. Elizabeth also stated that \$95,125.00 is the estimated cost of new poll books, however it is not yet determined if new poll books will be needed. The cost for the new machines is \$200,037.77 and must be purchased and used for the November 2019 election in order to be operating for the 2020 Presidential election. Elizabeth indicated that per the direction of the Secretary of State, if not using new machines, the Board must be certain the older machines will not be dysfunctional in 2020 and will not cause any voting problems for the Presidential election. Dave inquired from the Board of Commissioners if they can sign and forward an acceptance letter to the State to proceed with the purchase of the voting machines. All Commissioners concurred to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek

Absent

Brian J. Robertson