

Minutes  
May 23, 2017

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

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Philip Johnson, Chris Long, Charity Rauschenberg, Sharon Dunbar, Doug Jenkins, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the May 18, 2017 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #260-17 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #261-17 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Special Improvement Ditch (H.C. Beach Tile Single Co. Ditch). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #262-17 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Special Improvement Bond Retirement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #263-17 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Children Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #264-17 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Job & Family Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #265-17 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Developmental Disabilities. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #266-17 - Transfer of funds from Job & Family Services to Children Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests from the Auditor and Engineer and a "Request for Payment and Status of Funds" report from HRPC. They did ask that Regional Planning also submit an explanation with their requests.

The clerk stated that an annexation was filed on April 18, 2017, petitioned by Kristen Hoffman. We received a letter from the attorney to withdraw that annexation.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #267-17 – Modifying and updating the Local Community Corrections Planning Board for Hancock County. Lucinda stated this is to update the change in personnel. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #268-17 – Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hancock County Job and Family Services and the Board of Hancock County Commissioners regarding the Hancock County Family First Council (FFC) and Help Me grow (HMG) administrative agent duties. This is the last month before switching fiscal responsibility from the Commissioners to JFS and this MOU will help with transition. Brian Robertson met with Diana Hoover regarding this and said he appreciates their cooperation. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land said she was contacted by bond counsel for PedCorp. A long time ago we did conduit debt and the bonds are still outstanding. PedCorp is making changes in their bond structure and will need action by the Commissioners. Lucinda contacted the County Bond Counsel to review and give us a recommendation.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #269-17 – Approving Change Order #1 to the contract with Heyne Construction, Inc., for the Hancock County Courthouse Foundation Repair Project. The change order amount is \$7,022.00 for a total contract amount of \$324,322.00. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation.

Charity Rauschenberg asked how much the advance was that we passed for H.C. Beach Tile Single County Ditch Tile and if it was the full amount of the project. The advance was for \$24,562.90 and that's just for the contractor, not the whole project. Charity also stated that she has been contacted several times about JFS personnel needing access to the FFC and HMG funds. Brian Robertson said Stacy Shaw is still working part-time to help train so that is why JFS employees need access. They have hired Rebecca Coward to replace Stacy Shaw but she will not be doing the fiscal portion of the job. Heather Pendleton said Rebecca Coward will be working with and using the JFS staff for purchase orders and to help with the budget. The Commissioner's office will be processing the payroll through the end of June.

Chris Long reported he has crews working on CR 26 drainage, CR 2 road repair and mowing. The vector is also out in the County working.

Steve Wilson had nothing to report.

### **Reports**

Brian Robertson attended the elected officials meeting on Friday and last night he attended the Hancock County Board of DD meeting where he facilitated the swearing in for Lisa Baer, the new board member.

Timothy Bechtol also attended the elected officials meeting Friday and Saturday he went to Armed Forces Day at the fairgrounds. Yesterday he attended a round table discussion with Robert Sprague and last night he attended the Village Council meetings for McComb and Bluffton.

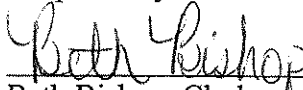
Mark Gazarek said the Commissioners are speaking today at the Women's Republican meeting at 11:30 a.m. and stated they only have 15 minutes on their agenda, so each Commissioner has 5 minutes to speak.

At 9:57 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition and potential litigation, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:50 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

1:45 p.m. - Convention & Visitors Bureau. Those present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol, Heather Pendleton, John Haywood, Danielle Wilkin, Alissa Preston, Jim Maurer, Alex Parker and Beth Bishop. CVB met with the Commissioners for their annual update. Alissa passed out an informational booklet and gave an overview of 2016. There are 17 hotels in Hancock County (1300 rooms).


2:00 p.m. - Michael Gaynor – GoRail. Those present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol, Heather Pendleton, Jim Maurer, Alex Parker and Beth Bishop. Michael Gaynor said GoRail is headquartered in Washington, D.C. They try to keep everyone informed about issues that would impact services and apprised of new initiatives within the industry. 2016 was the safest one on record for freight railroads. One new safety initiatives is the AskRail app. This app allows fire departments and/or the emergency response manager for the county to enter the ID of the railcar to identify what the contents are of that car. Local departments can go to the website to sign up for the app. Michael talked about regulations the federal government is proposing for the railroads and said there is a support letter attached to the information he gave the Commissioners and asked them to consider sending a support letter.

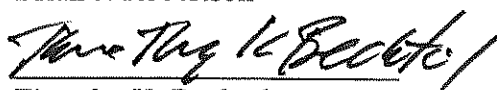
Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Mark D. Gazarek

  
Brian J. Robertson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol