

## Minutes

May 31, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol

Also Present: Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Kyle Parker and Lou Wilin from the Courier.

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 May 26, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #323-22 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Resolution #324-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services – Soldier Relief. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #325-22 – Authorizing entry into a contract with Clouse Construction Corp. for performance of removal, repair and replacement of two windows on the Hancock County Courthouse. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson stated this is for work on 2 windows on the west side of the 3rd floor of the courthouse. The contract total is \$4,850.00. Commissioner Bateson stated he was able to inspect these windows with James about a year ago and he is glad we have found a company willing to tackle this project.

Resolution #326-22 – Resolution Authorizing change order no. 2 to contract with Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC for the Hancock County road striping project. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson stated this is to reduce the overall price of the contract from \$99,477.54 to \$98,343.98. The materials have come in lower than expected.

Resolution #327-22 – Resolution authorizing contract with The Shelly Company for the widening of County Road 9 from State Route 12 to Early Drive in Liberty Benton. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson stated this is for widening County Road 9 around the new Liberty Benton school. The total cost is \$834,676.10 and will come from the MVGT fund. This was the only bid received. Kyle Parker stated this will widen the road to add a third lane for turning in front of the school. They are planning to start the project in early July with an expected completion date of August 24th. The

Engineers office will work with Gilbane on the construction traffic from the new school during the project.

Resolution #328-22 – Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2022-2023. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson stated this is renewed every other year and the last time it was done was in 2019. This authorizes Doug Cade to act as representative on behalf of Hancock County for the cooperative. This is not buying anything at this point but the authorization is there if needed. Kyle Parker stated they last used this to purchase furniture when they redid the office and it can be used for equipment, truck parts and things like that. This would allow them to start the process and bring information back to the Commissioners if a purchase is needed.

Resolution #329-22 – Resolution approving a design-build agreement with ACI Construct Co., Inc. in connection with the construction of a new judicial center. Phil Johnson stated this has gone through the RFQ process and the result is this design/build contract with a price to eventually erect the complete Judicial Center of \$12,000,000. Commissioner Bechtol stated at this time they are not signing for the entire \$12 million just the soft costs. There was a discussion on the contract draft attached. Phil Johnson and Auditor Rauschenberg stated the contract states an estimated project cost of \$12,000,000. There was discussion on the preconstruction costs and additional costs that were mentioned during the original ACI proposal. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to table this resolution until the final contract has been received and they are able to speak with Matthew Sagone for further explanation. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bechtol stated he received an email from Judge Johnson this weekend stating she agreed with the selection of ACI for the project.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

Commissioner Bechtol requested executive session in regards to personnel in regards to hiring.

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

Kyle Parker stated most of the paving work should be done this week.

William Bateson attended the Arlington Memorial Day celebration. Commissioner Bateson stated he has been notified by county residents about a problem where GPS is sending trucks west on County Road 313 and having them turn north on County Road 10. The trucks are getting stuck in the ditch. Commissioner Bateson and the Engineer's office are working on a solution to this problem.

Commissioner Bateson stated that he wanted to give the Auditor's office a heads up that they have been in talks with Soil and Water and the Engineer's office about who will handle ditch maintenance. Both offices have provided proposals on what their offices would need to properly handle the ditch maintenance and the Commissioners have decided to go with Soil and Water's

proposal so there will need to be an increase to their budget. They will look to hire 2 new people with an increase to the salary for Greg Burk's replacement. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that with the assessments on ditch maintenance projects and how the funds are advanced this could affect multiple offices such as the fiscal side and the real estate side. Kyle Parker stated the Engineer's office will still be helping with the assessments for now. Commissioner Bateson stated they were trying to get this going while the General Fund is higher in hopes to get the assessments coming before the General Fund goes down.

Michael Pepple attended the Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony at the bridge. It was a very nice ceremony. Commissioner Pepple congratulated Commissioner Bechtol on his son Matthew's graduation and him being Valedictorian of his class.

At 9:59 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and personnel in regards to hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 11:01 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition and personnel in regards to hiring with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 12:17 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened to discuss resolution 329-22. In attendance was Michael Pepple, William Bateson, Timothy Bechtol and Alec Helms. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to take Resolution #329-22 off of the table, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #329-22 – Resolution approving a design-build agreement with ACI Construct Co., Inc. in connection with the construction of a new judicial center. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Bechtol stated they spoke to Matt Sagone, their outside attorney. Matt explained they are only doing preconstruction services at this time and they have forward that on to the Auditor for her records.

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol