

Minutes

May 6, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson, Adam Witteman, and Mary Ann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting were read and approved. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #265-21 – Transfer of funds from the Hotel/Motel Fund to the General Fund (1st Quarter 2021 Fees)- \$12,549.81. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #266-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Litter Landing. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #267-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #268-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #269-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – MV & GT. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #270-21 – Transfer of funds from MV & GT to MV & GT Bond Retirement Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #271-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #272-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Prosecutor. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Payroll for JFS was approved. A travel request for the Auditor's Office was also approved. A letter expressing support of the MWCD intentions to fund the Eagle Creek Storage Basin Project was signed by the Commissioners. Tim Bechtol requested a copy of the letter emailed to Lynn Army and Tim Mayle. Mary Ann LaRoche and Steve Wilson also requested a copy of the letter.

Phil Johnson stated that the resolution for the mowing contract is not ready to be presented. He may have additional information later in the day and would present it at that time. Timothy Bechtol acknowledged.

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

Steve Wilson stated that he participated in a pre-construction meeting regarding the US 224 project. This is scheduled to start on Monday and will last 7 days. The Shelly Company is the local contractor and has notified all businesses affected by this closure. Timothy Bechtol inquired about a detour. Steve stated that the State will make the detour on state routes, while local traffic will be able to maneuver around the closure on local roads. Once resurfacing begins, they will resurface one lane at a time and that will take longer.

Adam Witteman had nothing to report.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he attended the Economic Development meeting.

Michael Pepple stated that he was at the Board of Elections on Tuesday night viewing the process of election night. Mike attended the United Way office grand opening on West Main Cross Street. Mike also attended the Black Swamp Scouting celebration. Mike did attend the Habitat for Humanity Executive meeting via Zoom.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he also attended the Board of Elections on Tuesday evening. Tim spoke with Sheriff Heldman and the sheriff was inquiring about the status of the E911 employee. The sheriff would like to combine 3 jobs into 1 full time position. Bill Bateson stated that he will get with Cindy as she is reviewing the details.

At 9:45 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:41 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners held a hearing regarding the CAT Investment Properties, LTD annexation. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land and Phil Rooney were also in attendance. Tim Bechtol introduced the Board and Phil Rooney. The Assistant Clerk read the history. Phil Rooney stated that one statutory requirement has not been met. The Village of Van Buren meets monthly and the next scheduled meeting is May 18, 2021. Therefore, a resolution from the village is not available. Cindy Land suggested to take the annexation under advisement until the documentation is received from the village. William Bateson made the motion to take this

annexation under advisement, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Michael Pepple abstained. Motion passed 2-0.

At 11:16 a.m., the Commissioners went on the Record to call Sheriff Heldman. The Sheriff was in a meeting and unable to talk.

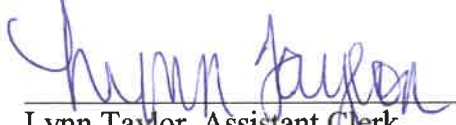
At 11:20 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in regards to compensation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 11:52 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #273-21 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner’s Resolution #267-21 dated May 6, 2021 (Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioner’s to appropriate to Severance Sheriff). William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

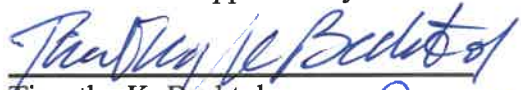
At 2:56 p.m., the Commissioners spoke to Sheriff Heldman via telephone conference call. Tim Bechtol stated that they wanted to talk about the E911 position and the combination of duties. Tim stated that Cindy Land is reviewing the job description of duties for advertisement. Sheriff Heldman inquired as to why the Commissioners are advertising for the job. The Sheriff stated that he would like to post for the job in house and there is no need for the Commissioners to post. Once Cindy approves, they will let the Sheriff know. Bill Bateson stated that they spoke to James Sammet today and on Wednesday, they will be meeting an applicant for the open 2nd shift maintenance position. There is a possibility that this person could clean the common areas in the Sheriff’s office, 1st floor. Bill stated that this person would have to be willing to do the cleaning. The Sheriff stated that if someone would sweep about 3 or 4 offices once a week, they could manage the rest of it. Tim stated that current housekeepers clean the common areas and individual offices are cleaned individually. The Sheriff said they can take their trash out. Most of their paper documents are shredded, so trash is trash. Furthermore, Tim stated that this person will be on a rotating schedule between offices to use the UV cleaning robot. Tim suggested that the Sheriff contact Sarah to schedule a meeting to go over information regarding the mall purchase and jail study. Bill inquired that if enough space is available at the mall, would the Sheriff want to abandon any space at the current Western Avenue building. The Sheriff said that they have been discussing that option. They do not have many files left yet, as most documents have been scanned. The Sheriff did mention that the training room and some small office areas currently on Western Avenue, could be planned for the mall area. The Sheriff mentioned that he would need to take the Comm truck, the ERT van and trailers to the mall area (currently at the Engineer’s Office). He would also need 3-4 overhead doors and a climate-controlled area for the ERT van. Tim stated that they are waiting on Phil Riegle to finish the review of the purchase agreement before they sign it. Once they sign it, the 75-day process begins. Sheriff Heldman inquired if there has been any discussion with the City of Findlay regarding the Alternative Sentencing Center. The Sheriff has been told that the County is giving the City the old Elder Beerman building for this center. The Commissioners stated that is not true. The Sheriff said he won’t run it. It’s up to the City and the Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

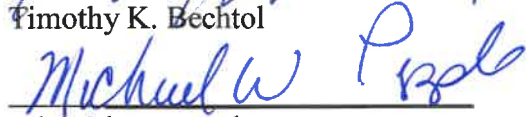


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

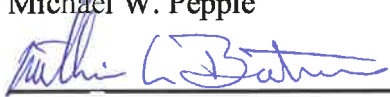
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson