

## Minutes

November 3, 2022

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

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Steve Wilson and Lizzy Essinger.

Commissioner Pepple 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 November 1, 2022, meeting was read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #744-22 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #745-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #746-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to HUD Fund 2062. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #747-22 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to HUD Fund 2062. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #748-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – MV&GT. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made the motion and William Bateson seconded to approve the Warrant Journal. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved payroll for Job & Family Services and their staff. In addition, the Commissioners approved a travel request for the Treasurer's office and the October 31, 2022 Hancock County Auditor Fund Report.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #749-22 – Authorization for acceptance of a Conditional Award of the PY 2022 CHIP Grant. Cindy stated this will authorize Commissioner Pepple to provide the necessary responses to the Ohio Department of Development via email to accept a conditional award grant. Lizzy stated this happens every cycle of the CHIP grant. For each CHIP application they are awarded approximately fifty percent of the grant award. Once any missing documents are submitted and they show they can properly administer the grant, they will release the remainder of the award. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #750-22 – Authorizing signature to and submission of a “first amendment to Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement” document to the Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Grant Program. Phil stated this is an amendment to the original agreement reducing the amount included in the grant program to \$340,588.00. Farm properties and barns are not included in the program. Therefore, seven of the properties originally included in the program have been invalidated. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Steve Wilson stated that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be holding an open public meeting on November 29, 2022 in the County Engineer assembly room to discuss the reconfiguration of the US Interchange 68 to connect Township Rd. 80.

Lizzy gave the Commissioners an update on the grants they are currently working on for Jenera and Arcadia. She stated the Allocation grant will be continuing for another few years. Therefore, they will be reaching out to townships and villages for projects to use these grant dollars on.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Timothy Bechtol attended the kick off meeting for the design development phase of the new Judicial Center. The Commissioners need to give RCM and Alvada a written approval of the packet that was received last week for them to move forward with the design-build phase. Discussion took place regarding the exterior elevations that was included in the plan. Commissioner Pepple inquired on the cost of this next phase. Commissioner Bechtol will provide the cost information to Commissioner Pepple. Commissioner Bechtol along with Commissioner Pepple and Commissioner Bateson attended the Township Trustee Association Meeting.

William Bateson stated during the Township Trustees meeting the Access Management Plan was discussed. All three Commissioners stated they would like to take the plan back over. Cindy will move forward with a resolution.

Michael Pepple attended the ARPA committee meeting. They are working on a list of recommendations for the Commissioners to consider.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners met with Lynn Child, Lonnie Pedersen and Martin White to discuss the Findlay Fiber Network. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg and Tim Stuart were also in attendance. Martin White, Information Officer for Findlay City Schools provided some background information on The Findlay Fiber Network (FinLink). A fiber map was shared showing the current Findlay Fiber Network and the current Hancock County Fiber. Discussion took place on Hancock County's fiber connectivity needs. Commissioner Bateson inquired if there were cost share opportunities. He also inquired if the county schools have shown any interest. Lynn Child from Centracomm will reach out to the Hancock County Schools Superintendent and explore opportunities for cost share. Commissioner Pepple inquired on the timeline to have the new fiber installed. Lonnie from TSC stated it takes about 90 days for design and 3-4 months for construction. In addition, Lonnie shared the government will be offering some broad band grant funding in the future. Tim is currently working with

CIGMA for an estimated cost for Hancock County's fiber installation. Commissioner Pepple thanked the group for the information. The team will provide another update as more information is gathered.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioner's held a bid opening for two WPCLF projects. Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Jessica Sells and Michele Robles from Kershner Excavating were also in attendance. The Assistant clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no additional bid packages have been received. One bid was received for each project. Kershner Excavating provided a bid of \$3,580.00 for the HS390032-0007-3032-21 WPCLF Project. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Kershner Excavating provided a bid of \$15,870.00 for the HS390032-0003-3021-11 WPCLF Project. The addendum was received and bid bond received. Cindy stated that the bids will be considered by the Commissioners and reviewed by Regional Planning. A recommendation will come from their office.

At 11:15 a.m., the Commissioners met with Paula Krugh from the Hancock County Humane Society. Christine Carrigan and Cindy Land were also in attendance. Paula came to discuss the renewal of the Dog Warden contract that will be expiring the end of November. Cindy is currently waiting for information from the Auditor's office regarding the renewal contract amount. Cindy explained to the Commissioners how the excess funds from the Dog & Kennel Fund can be given to a qualified Humane Society. Paula informed the Commissioners of the obstacles the Humane Society has been dealing with the last couple of years.

At 12:12 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Christine Carrigan and Mike Thompson were also in attendance.

At 12:14 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to personnel hiring. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 12:42 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to personnel hiring, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners held the bid opening for the JFS roof project via Bid Express. Also present was Alec Helms, Phil Johnson, Kyle Parker and Mike Thompson. The Assistant Clerk verified that one bid was received. The Delventhal Company provided a bid of \$214,257.00 with a bid bond. Commissioner Pepple stated the bid would be reviewed and a decision would be made next week.

At 1:16 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

At 1:56 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate lease, with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 1:56 p.m., the Commissioners met with Mike Thompson regarding maintenance updates. Christine Carrigan and Phil Johnson were also in attendance. Mike Thompson stated the roof coating above the chiller pit at the Hancock County Justice Center needs replaced. He received a quote from Howard Shuck for \$18,000. Phil will work on a resolution for next week.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commissioners reconvened. Christine Carrigan, Cindy land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Phil Riegle, and Doug Cade were also in attendance. Please see attendance sheet for additional attendees.


At 2:15 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to consider confidential information related to an applicant's economic development assistance and negotiations with other political subdivisions. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

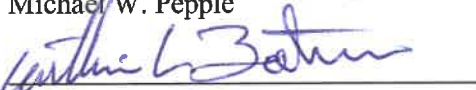
At 3:31 p.m., William Bateson made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to consider confidential information related to an applicant's economic development assistance and negotiations with other political subdivisions, with no action taken. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
Michael W. Pepple

  
William L. Bateson

  
Timothy K. Bechtol

