

Minutes
October 1, 2019

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and Brian Robertson

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Maryann LaRoche Kelli Grisham, Rob Verhoff, Nate Kloepfer, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Wanda I.W. Fruth and Jim Maurer.

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 September 26, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #632-19 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #633-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #634-19 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Job & Family – General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #635-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff-Jail. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #636-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #637-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Sheriff. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #638-19 – Resolution to reappoint Bruce Showalter to Facilities Governing Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners signed the Explosive Gas Monitoring Report for the Sanitary Landfill. They initialed approval on the 10th pay request from Helms & Sons Excavating for work performed on the Blanchard River Hydraulic Improvements Project in the amount of \$416,188.90. Brian stated, due to delays with AEP, this project may not be complete until the Spring.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #639-19 – Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a Renewal Tax In Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation pursuant to ORC §5705.03, ORC §5705.222, ORC §5126 for Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This is a 1.9 mill 5 year renewal levy. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Charity Rauschenberg reported the Auditor's office will be hosting a meeting to discuss CAUV on October 8, 2019 at Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. They will announce the values by soil type. Her office is also working on their 2020 budget estimates. Brian stated he would like to schedule a strategic financial planning meeting with the Auditor's office within the next few days. Charity also reported a tentative schedule of October 10 to approve bond legislation.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson thanked Nate Kloepfer for introducing them to Soloman at their last meeting. Brian drove in the Homecoming parade for Findlay High School.

Timothy Bechtol attended Fresh Brewed Business.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners held the Treasurer's Investment Meeting. Barbara Marquart, Eileen Stanic, and Adam Witteman were also present.

Eileen stated interests rates continue to decrease and the labor market shows economic growth is slowing down. Global bonds are pushing investors toward the United States due to a negative interest rate environment elsewhere. Eileen then provided the Commissioners with a review of the Hancock County Investment portfolio.

At 1:05 p.m. the Commissioners met with Garmann Miller for an update on the design of the Juvenile/Probate Court Building. Attendance sheet is attached.

Garmann Miller presented two options: a Juvenile/Probate Court building connected to the historic courthouse that includes Domestic Relations Court and a Juvenile/Probate Court building connected to the historic courthouse that does not include Domestic Relations Court. The building including Domestic Relations Court would be approximately 27,000 square foot with a cost of approximately \$9,000,000. The building that does not include Domestic Relations Court would be approximately 22,319 square foot with a cost of approximately \$7,812,000. The cost estimates do not include the cost of demolition, moving, any lease expenses, etc. Brian asked Judge Johnson about her thoughts on the design. She stated the flow and space accommodates the needs of her Courts. She also stated it is a workable design. Judge Starn concurred from a Domestic Relations Court perspective. The training room on the first floor would be for County use, which would help eliminate some complaints about limited meeting spaces. Also, the holding space created in the new designs would eliminate prisoners being escorted to the historic courthouse from Main Street. Brian added that he would like public input on this project. He also stated they need to build a building that would serve 100 years of growth. Timothy Bechtol thanked Garmann Miller for their work thus far. The Commissioners will have a decision on which option they would like to move forward with in 7-10 days. The next step is to release Garmann Miller to do the construction drawings on the option chosen. Timothy also asked if Bruce Miller could provide a timeline.

At 6:00 p.m. the Commissioners held the first hearing on the Howard Run Single County Ditch. Attendance sheets are attached.

Timothy Bechtol opened the meeting by introducing the Commissioners, Engineer Doug Cade, and Mayor Muryn. He then read the history for the Howard Run Single County Ditch project. Doug presented his preliminary Engineer's report. His estimated cost for the project is

\$1,218,375.00. His recommendation is to proceed with the project. Mayor Muryn also gave a presentation on the project in order to explain why she feels the work proposed is necessary. She stated the water flow is being impeded. There is high vegetation along the ditch. It is important to get Howard Run on permanent maintenance in order to avoid larger issues; and the longer we wait, the worse the ditch will be. Timothy Bechtol swore in the members of the audience that would like to provide testimony or ask questions.

Joseph Dorman stated he felt the people on community service should be forced to clean the ditch. The public can't afford to clean the ditch.

Danny Delong asked several questions including: When was maintenance last done on the ditch, why should the public pay for something that hasn't been maintained, how much is the City of Findlay going to pay, why can't a portion of the \$15million grant for flood mitigation be used for this project or a portion of the flood mitigation sales tax. He also stated there is 1 major blockage in Howard Run and he suggested the City use their funds to remove it. Doug Cade clarified the Howard Run Ditch was originally petitioned in 1894, but is not on permanent maintenance. Brian Robertson also stated that they can not use the flood mitigation sales tax money or the \$15million grant because they are earmarked for specific projects. Mayor Muryn said there is an opportunity for the City to contribute, but that would be a decision made by City Council. Mark Gazarek clarified, the \$15million grant was not given to the Commissioners, nor do they control it.

Dan Rayle reported the bridge at the end of Santee Ave. needs repair/replacement and until that happens, there will still be flooding along Howard Run.

Jessie King brought attention to a logjam in the Howard Run ditch that has been there for approximately 2 years. Doug Cade informed Jessie that neither the City or County can remove the logjam at this point because the project is not on maintenance, and there is no right of access.

Cheryl Bendele asked why Howard Run would be addressed before the Blanchard River flooding is resolved. She also asked why there were no drone pictures. Brian Robertson said there have been 3 maintenance projects on the Blanchard River over the past 6 years and the Hydraulic Improvements Project is currently underway. The Mayor added that there were no drone pictures included because a public entity can't fly a drone over private property.

Edna Gossard asked how Glenwood Gardens is included in the watershed. Doug Cade explained that the water from Glenwood Gardens eventually drains into Howard Run.

John Nichols stated the University of Findlay should pay a bigger portion of the project costs. Karen Dennie agreed with Jon Nichols and stated she would like to see a radius of everyone involved.

David Heistand said he should not be assessed the \$15,000 to clean and inspect storm sewers because he has no storm sewers near him. He also asked if the Commissioners had looked into possible state grants for this project. Doug Cade clarified that estimate is for the storm sewer that empties out directly at Howard Run and does not include the residential storm sewers throughout the area of the project.

Miranda Lobdell asked how the list of participants was generated, and how the Vorhees ditch will be incorporated into this project. Doug Cade explained the program used is Streamstats which then creates a shape file that is sent to the Auditor's office and they generate the spreadsheet of participants. He also said that the Voorhees ditch will be absorbed into Howard Run.

Barb Elsea informed the Commissioners her basement has had sludge back-up for 30 years. She asked if this project would resolve that issue. Doug Cade replied that he is unaware of the sludge issue and he can't promise this project would completely solve flooding issues.

Ashley Little also stated she has had flooding at her home at least 3 times over the past 3 years.

Barb DeLong expressed concern over how much Swale Park has been filled in. She also expressed her disappointment in the Mayor.

Cathy Ricard was disappointed by the response letter she received from the Commissioners regarding the questions she submitted, but praised them for at least sending a response. She asked if everyone within the City of Findlay gets assessed for being part of a watershed. Doug explained that everyone lives in a watershed, but not every watershed is on maintenance, therefore not everyone gets an assessment. Everyone in attendance is currently in the Howard Run watershed and if the project would move forward, would then get assessed.

Sandra Arnold stated that the community could force the property owners to clean out the ditch, since the County/City have no authority to do so.

William Williams thanked the Commissioners for allowing the public to speak and express their opinion.

Kelton Smith feels the people should share the burden of the cost to clean the ditch.

Marcos Pecma asked for clarification of the process, if the Commissioners would vote to proceed with the project. Doug Cade stated he would then bid for the design phase. This could cost up to the \$135,375 that was included in the estimate. Marcos asked if that meant it would definitely go through at the next meeting and Doug told him no. Marcos asked about an ordinance for accountability, like mowing your lawn. Doug informed Marcos that these steps are outlined by Ohio Law.

Barb Lemmon asked if the people worked together to clean areas of the ditch on their own, would that affect cost. Doug said this would lower the cost of the project, because the scope would not be as extensive but everyone in the watershed would still get assessed.

Rodney Seek has property located at the mouth of Howard Run. He was concerned that if the ditch is cleaned and the ditch improved, the water would flow faster to his property and flood. Doug Cade said they will go to great lengths in order to avoid flooding properties.

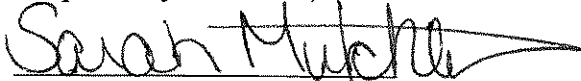
Monica Fairbanks reported watching properties being torn down and the debris being thrown into Howard Run. She asked why the City is not being held accountable for that. Mayor Muryn asked that Monica send her pictures.

Sue Williams asked why this project is necessary now. Mayor Muryn replied this is a long process and the longer we wait, the worse the ditch will get.

Nate Shoop asked what the County plans are for maintenance. Doug Cade informed Nate that Hancock Soil & Water is in charge of maintenance on ditch projects. They evaluate the ditch each year.

Mark Gazarek made a motion to approve Resolution #640-19 – Resolution-Commissioners' Finding For the Improvement, Brian Robertson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes; Brian Robertson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

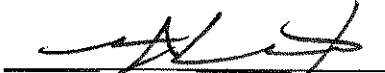
Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson

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Gene Maurer	232 Hillshaven
Ed Schey	3307 Ridgeway Dr -
Stella Burkman	1324 Cantigny Dr
Bedie Boden	3200 TERRACE LANE
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George FUTH	" " "
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Cheryl Bendele	627 Swing Ave
Barbara Hill	627 Swing Ave
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Robyn Stauffer	1926 Candlewick Dr.
Sharon & August Stenderock	132 19th St.
Paul Kreinbrink	13107 County Rd 215
Clara Pargeon	4804 Twp Rd 228
Kristine Greer	145 Springsbrook Dr
Terry Kindig	125 Wadlie St
Abby Witt	2117 Larch Dr
Natalie & Phil Fetto	529 Monroe Ave.
Orly & Rocky Storio	625 College St
Wm Frey	515 East Melrose Ave
Ben Taylor	1845 Bishop Ln.
Dkt Cook	832 Fox Run Rd
John Wheeler	211 14th St.
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