

## Minutes

October 11, 2022

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

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson

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 October 6, 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 #673-22 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #674-22 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #675-22 – Repayment of advance from the Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion for Commissioner Pepple's signature on the City of Findlay Event Permit Application for use of Dorney Plaza for the Hancock County Employee Vaccine Clinic. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved travel requests for the Sheriff and the Recorder's office.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #676-22 – Hancock County EMA/LEPC Annual Chemical Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan No Change Checklist for the period of October 18, 2022 to October 17, 2023. Cindy Land stated this resolution is done every year. This checklist is completed to determine if anything has been altered or changed and this checklist shows that it has not. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #677 -22 – Resolution authorizing a change order to WPCLF contract HS#390032-003-2021-007. Cindy Land stated this is for one of the sewer taps on Bittersweet Drive. There was a scope issue with the original contract. It has been determined there are 2 lines coming in not just one. The original price was \$2,915.00 and this change order is for \$3,390.00. This brings the total cost to \$6,305.00. This is an 85% grant and 15% homeowner funded project and the homeowner has already paid their portion. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution:

Resolution #678-22 – Authorizing execution and submission of documents relating to FY2020 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project FEMA-DR-4507-OH, in Findlay. Phil Johnson stated this is an intermediate step in a grant process to purchase the old bus garage by Eagle Creek and the adjoining parcels. This will move the grant process forward to have the properties appraised and agreeing the county will match up to \$74,000.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Phil Johnson confirmed the match would be from the Flood Mitigation funds and the properties are owned by Findlay City Schools.

Phil Johnson stated he will not be presenting the last resolution on the agenda at this time. He is still in talks with the other party's attorney to finalize the details.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to pending litigation.

### **Meetings/Reports**

Timothy Bechtol stated he and Commissioner Pepple attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association meeting last Friday in Defiance. There was a presentation on beekeeping and he was able to speak with other Commissioners on incentive programs for county employees.

William Bateson attended the Republican First Friday lunch where Bob Latta spoke.

Michael Pepple confirmed he attended the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association meeting last Friday.

Commissioner Bechtol stated that Engineer Doug Cade was also at the meeting on Friday.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to personal – discipline.

At 9:47 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to pending litigation and personal – discipline. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:07 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to pending litigation and personal – discipline with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith for an update on Job & Family Services. Also present was Alec Helms. Randall stated that his employees that compile his monthly CSEA statics and his financials are at a conference so they were not able to get that information around for him. He will send that over to the Commissioners once he has it. JFS and the Findlay Municipal Court held the Driving Under Suspension Amnesty Day on October 6<sup>th</sup>. They were able to help 32 people get their drivers licenses back. Randall stated that it is expected the Federal Government will send notice to the state for the end of the Pandemic Emergency Assistance soon. Once that happens there will be 60 days for his employees to make determination on all current SNAP and Medicaid eligible households on if they will retain their

benefits or not. Randall stated he has been speaking with reporters from the area to get the word out about the possible change to benefits for households.

Randall Galbraith requested executive session in regards to personal – discipline.

At 10:43 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to personal – discipline. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:58 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to personal – discipline with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Pepple and Commissioner Bechtol held the bid opening for Regional Planning’s County Road 313 Demolition project. Commissioner Bateson was absent. Also present was Alec Helms, Lizzy Essinger and Beth Cogley of All Excavating and Demolition. The assistant clerk verified that the mailroom was checked and no additional bid packages have been received. Three bids were received. Advanced Demolition Services provided a bid of \$63,750.00. All Excavating and Demolition, Ltd provided a bid of \$25,600.00. Baumann Enterprises, Inc. provided a bid of \$75,767.00. All bidders provided bid bonds. Commissioner Pepple stated all bid will be reviewed and a decision will be made next week.

Respectfully submitted,

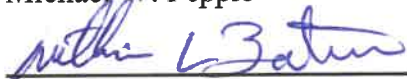


Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



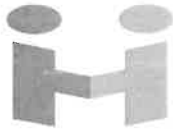
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**Commissioner's Report – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**1) Driving Under Suspension Amnesty Day 10/6/2022**

- Partnership with Municipal Court
- Work together with DMV to help people resolve their DL issues
- Helped 32 people regain their DL

**2) Medicaid/SNAP Unwinding**

**3) Executive Session – Employee Discipline**

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