

Minutes

October 17, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Tim Stuart and Auditor Charity Rauschenberg.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the October 12, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

A travel request for the Sheriff's Office was approved.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #728-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #729-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Sanitary Landfill #5042. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #730-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Hancock Veterans General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #731-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections- SOS Fund # 2243. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #732-23 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Brownfield Coalition Grant Fund # 2195. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #733-23 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #650-23 dated September 21, 2023 (Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004). Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #734-23 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #677-23 dated September 28, 2023 (Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification- Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004). Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #735-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Child Services #2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #736-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001- Public Defender. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #737-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff) # 2136. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #738-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services General Office #2015. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land requested an executive session in regards to pending litigation and threatening litigation. Cindy stated that she would like the Auditor to attend the executive session for pending litigation.

Auditor Rauschenberg stated that HB 187 is currently being discussed with the Ohio Senate. The bill would change the manner in how revaluations are calculated. During this time of determination, it creates the uncertainty of how much and when this revenue would be received. Examples of entities that receive this revenue are schools and libraries. The general fund of the County also receives this revenue. Tim inquired that if a resolution is not reached in regards to the revaluation method of the affected Ohio counties, would the valuations default to the old rate. Charity indicated that they would not. A lot of discussions are happening about this bill due to the timing and the volume of counties that this affects (41).

Tim Stuart stated that he has provided information to Phil Johnson regarding the contract for \$74,000 for the design of the fiber loop project for CR 140. Phil stated that this will be presented at the Thursday meeting. Mike Pepple stated that no grant money was located. Cindy stated that she thought that ARPA funds could be used for this project. Charity concurred. Cindy and Charity also stated that the timing of the project would need to align with the ARPA encumbrment of end of 2024 and project completion of 2026.

Phil Johnson stated that a resolution will be also presented on Thursday for the boiler project at 514 S. Main and the JFS building.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple attended the flood mitigation call with the Mayor, Steve Wilson and others. Mike also attended the SWMD meeting and they are beginning the early stages of working on the next SWMD plan that is required. Charity inquired if there will be any financial changes and Mike said they are meeting in January to discuss the process more in-depth. Mike did attend the ADAMHS Community Coalition meeting and the MPRMA Insurance meeting.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the Alliance Board meeting and the MPRMA Insurance meeting. Tim also attended the bi-weekly construction meeting for the new Judicial Center. The last piece of steel is to be delivered on October 27, 2023. Further details will be provided about the opportunity for elected officials and others to sign this steel prior to installation at the building site.


At 3:00 p.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and threatened litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Michael Pepple, yes. At 4:00 p.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent _____
William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple