

Minutes
October 20, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek, Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Steve Wilson, Mary Ann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, Mike Pepple, Melissa Kritzell and Bill Bateson.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the October 15, 2020 minutes were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #814-20 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #815-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Treasurer. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #816-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – ADAMHS. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #817-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #818-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to MV & GT. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #819-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Hancock County Law Library. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian Robertson made the motion for Commissioner Gazarek to sign the LGA Payment Instruction Form, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Robertson and Commissioner Bechtol signed the FMA FY 2015 drawdown request in the amount of \$37,104.88 for HRPC. Brian Robertson made the motion and Timothy Bechtol seconded for Commissioner Bechtol to sign the 2019 Loan Closeout for the WPCLF projects. Motion passed 3-0. Timothy Bechtol made the motion and Brian Robertson seconded for Commissioner Gazarek to sign the certification for the CHIP 2020 Exempt Projects. Motion passed 3-0. The 43rd payment request for MWCD and the Upper Blanchard Flood Mitigation Project in the amount of \$82,659.15 was approved. Travel requests were approved for the Auditor's Office and the Sheriff's Office. In addition, payroll for the Commissioner's Office was approved.

Steve Wilson reported that the final plans for the Martin Luther King Parkway project are complete from DGL. Brian Robertson inquired if the height issues were addressed and Steve Wilson stated that they were addressed. Steve has a call into Brian Thomas from the City of Findlay regarding when a bid date will be established. Steve also stated that he drove by the Vanlue project and grass is growing.

Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson had nothing to report.

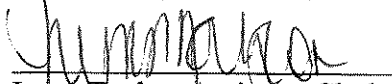
Timothy Bechtol stated that he would like to give some guidance to the Elected Officials regarding travel requests. Originally, due to COVID, travel was not encouraged. Brian Robertson stated that it appears the departments are using some discretion on whether or not to send employees to training. Mark Gazarek and Timothy Bechtol concurred. Tim also attended remotely the MEBC and the MPRMA insurance meeting. Tim did state that the executive committee for the MPRMA will need to meet prior to December and requested Commissioner Gazarek to attend.

Mark Gazarek stated that he attended the Court of Appeals session today at the Courthouse.

At 2:30 p.m., the Commissioners met with Precia Stuby and Ann Woolum from ADAMHS. Mark Rimelspach joined via speaker phone. Lynn Taylor, Jim Maurer, Melissa Kritzell, Bill Bateson and Mike Pepple were also in attendance. Precia Stuby began by expressing her thanks to Commissioner Gazarek and Commissioner Robertson for their support to ADAMHS as they approach the end of their terms. Precia encouraged the Board to let her know at any time if there are any suggestions or ideas for improving services. Especially during this COVID situation, she wants to do all she can. Mark Gazarek suggested to Precia that she contact the County Auditor to go over the COVID reimbursement guidelines for some of her expenses. Precia acknowledged. Precia stated that the ADAMHS office is closed to the public, however the office is staffed every day and meetings are held by zoom and are trying to be accommodating to the community in delivering their message and services. Brian Robertson also encouraged Precia to follow up with the County Auditor as there is a window for COVID reimbursement. Precia indicated that they are continually looking at the trends of suicide and overdose deaths during this COVID crisis. Locally, the number of overdose deaths have decreased due to the increased availability of Narcan. Timothy Bechtol inquired if ADAMHS has information detailing the number of accidental overdose deaths compared to the number of planned overdose deaths, especially during COVID. Precia indicated that since 2015 they have data collected to attempt to identify this analysis. A lot of times a significant event in life triggers an overdose. Precia stated that the Family Resource Center was one of two recipients of an \$800,000 grant from the State of Ohio to aid in suicide prevention. This will be a resource used to aid in reaching out to individuals who may suffer from social isolation, job loss, death of a loved one, etc. In addition, the FRC also received a \$750,000 grant which will allow Tree-Line to reopen. Tree-Line is a stabilization center for individuals to receive mental health services and regain stabilization techniques to re-enter the community. Precia stated that during this COVID time, they are also focusing on making youth services more available. Brian Robertson stated that it's nice to see more resources via grant dollars coming allowing more community services. Mark Gazarek concurred and stated that these are troubled times and these resources will be used greatly.


At 3:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Tricia Valasek from Raise The Bar. Lynn Taylor, Duane Jebbett, Kimberly Bash, Jim Maurer, Mike Pepple and Bill Bateson were also in attendance. Tricia expressed her gratitude for the time and dedication Mark Gazarek has given Raise The Bar Board during his time as Commissioner. Tricia stated that Raise The Bar continues to use wisely the resources given to them by Hancock County. For example, the Leader In Me program for school aged children is doing remarkable and the FAME program for adults is also successful. During this time of COVID, the skills learned are constantly being reinforced to garner a positive attitude during challenging times. Kim Bash stated that they don't want to put a band-aid over problems, instead they want to be impactful. Duane Jebbett stated that benefits of leadership and discipline are vital to the success of all companies in Hancock County. Mark Gazarek stated that the skilled labor workforce is very beneficial to many people and the benefits are numerous to those kids not wanting a lot of college debt. Brian Robertson assured the members that the contribution from Hancock County is included in the budget for 2021 and stated his appreciation for all the work that Raise The Bar does in the Community. Timothy Bechtol inquired how they aid in the career transition for adults as they deal with job elimination. Tricia stated that the core skills acquired in their programs are even more vital during situations of job loss.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol



Return on Investment for Hancock County

Supporting the Commission's Mission

FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

RTB encourages community collaboration to improve dialogue and reduce duplication of effort. RTB interacts continuously with businesses, education providers, nonprofit leaders, and the general public to drive economic growth.

Working to Improve Quality of Life for All Citizens

MAINTAINING AN ENGAGED, HIGH-QUALITY WORKFORCE

Engaged employees are passionate about their work and committed to their field/industry. RTB engages Hancock County's workforce by offering training, involving employees, and helping individuals identify their purpose.

Developing the Youngest Workforce

EQUIPPING 10,000 YOUTH WHOSE JOB IS TO LEARN

RTB coordinates and champions the Leader in Me for schools in the county. Nearly 6,000 Hancock County youth engage with Leader in Me to develop professional mannerisms and transferrable skills.

Igniting Career Possibilities

ENABLING MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SEE POTENTIAL

Each year 1,000 middle school students traverse Hancock County manufacturers to experience the industry. All high school seniors participate in a career day to learn about local companies they can work for after graduation.

Advocating for the Adult Workforce

STRATEGIZING HOW TO TRAIN, EQUIP, AND ENGAGE 45,000 EMPLOYEES

RTB meets with employers from a multitude of industries to better understand their needs for current and future employees. RTB then devises methods to offer skill training and engagement opportunities.