

Minutes
October 3, 2017

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

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Philip Johnson, Sheriff Heldman, Phillip Riegle, Dale Shaheen, Curt Smith, Charity Rauschenberg, Kim Boudrie, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Doug Jenkins and members of the BRWS and HUBB (See attached attendance sheet).

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from September 28, 2017 were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #554-17- Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control (Saum Project). Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #555-17- Advance of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Court IV-E. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #556-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Juvenile Court-General Office. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #557-17- Resolution to reappoint Rachel L. Franklin now known as Rachel L Jones to Facilities Governing Board. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #558-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Job and Family Services. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #559-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court General Special-Dispute Resolution. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #560-17- Release of permissive tax-City of Findlay to pay for debt service associated with improvements to County Road 236, \$136,952.32. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #561-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-General. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #562-17- Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #563-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Distribution Drive Bond Retirement. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #564-17- Transfer of funds within the appropriation-MV & GT Bridges. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed the fund report and the explosive gas monitoring report ending September 29, 2017. Brian Robertson made the motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant agreement for 2018-2019, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian Robertson made the motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the UMR insurance change, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #565-17 – Adoption of a Hancock County policy for distribution of additional sales & use taxes levied pursuant to the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.021 and 5741.021 at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (.25%) for the benefit of the General fund for a period of ten (10) years identified as Issue 3. The proceeds will go to flood mitigation. Timothy Bechtol made the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #566-17 - Adoption of a Hancock County policy for distribution of additional sales & use taxes levied pursuant to the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.026 and 5741.023 at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (.25%) for the benefit of the General fund for a period of twenty (20) years identified as Issue 4. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #567-17 – Authorizing construction change order #5 and 6 to the City of Findlay/Hancock County Fiber Loop Project. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #568-17 – Accepting the proposal from Van Horn Hoover & Associates, Inc. for engineering services for the Vanlue Topographic Survey. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #569-17 – Accepting the proposal from Van Horn Hoover & Associates, Inc. for engineering services for the County Road 180 and State Route 568 Improvement Project. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #570-17 – Accepting the proposal from DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC for engineering services for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway study. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long gave a report of where his crews are working.

Philip Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Mark Gazarek asked for public discussion.

David Blatnik, President of the Blanchard River Watershed Solutions, read a letter asking the Commissioners to remove Issue 3 (¼% sales tax for 10 years for flood mitigation and flood reduction purposes) from the ballot stating they feel it would be better supported with a defined

plan. Timothy Bechtol asked if the BRWS would support any plan that doesn't include dry basins. Mr. Blatnik responded they would consider looking at some better model somewhere. Commissioner Bechtol asked the opposite question to Steve Cramer, representative for HUBB. Mr Cramer stated they couldn't support dry basins. He said they are willing to look at options close to the river without flooding land that usually doesn't flood. Brian Robertson asked both groups if they agreed to support transportation, surface water drainage and continued cleaning of waterways (Blanchard River and ditches). Both parties agreed. Brian again encouraged forming a committee to keep the dialogue going with all involved. Tom Lause from the BRWS said they feel the tax as presented may not pass if it is not support by both of these groups. They feel it would be better placed on the ballot with a defined plan that everyone would agree on and support.

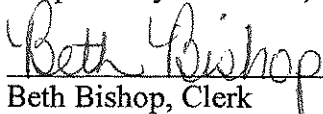
Brian Robertson made a motion to put Issue 3 on hold and remove it from the ballot and continue dialogue to work towards a consensus. The motion died for a lack of a second.

At 10:05 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition, Timothy Bechtol seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Mark Gazarek, yes, Timothy Bechtol, yes; Brian Robertson, yes. At 10:39 a.m. Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:39 a.m. the Commissioners met with Karim Baroudi, Tammy Erwin and Shannon Chamberlin, member of Hancock Public Health. Tammy Erwin gave a report of the amount of calls and referrals she still receives regarding Early Intervention. She is still doing basically everything she had done before the changeover of her duties went to a central coordination in Cleveland. People continue to contact Tammy for referrals and she assists as much as possible but there are still children that are not getting help and continue to fall through the cracks. Karim said this is a problem throughout the state, not just our county. He would like to send a letter to Columbus with the Commissioners blessing.

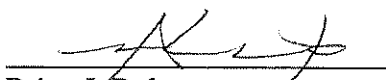
11:30 a.m. Telephone conference regarding extending the contract for the Ottawa River. Counties in attendance were Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin and Putnam. Bryant Kesler from Allen Soil and Water requested the contract date for completion be extended to April 27, 2018. The counties present approved the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol