

Minutes

October 5, 2021

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

Also Present: Tammy Erwin, Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Mary Ann LaRoche, Steve Wilson, James Sammet and Phil Johnson.

Commissioner Bechtol 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 September 30th, 2021 meeting were read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #669-21 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #670-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Clerk of Courts. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #671-21 – Rescinding Hancock County Commissioner's Resolution #661-21 dated September 30, 2021 (Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill) William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #672-21 - Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Sanitary Landfill. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #673-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Buildings & Grounds-Maintenance. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #674-21 – Transfer of funds from Juvenile Probate Capital Projects to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #675-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed payroll for their office, travel requests for Timothy Bechtol and the Recorder's office, and the Fund Report for September.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #676-21 – Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Hancock County Job and Family Services and Findlay Digital Academy. Lucinda Land stated that this is a very short MOU to state who has responsibility for the final say on grants and how the money is going to be spent. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution related to the purchase of personal property for use at Litter Landing was not presented at this time since they still have details to work out.

Resolution #677-21 – Authorizing the submission to the Ohio EMA of a request to permit the transfer of certain Flood Mitigation properties from Hancock County to the City of Findlay. Phil stated that this is about properties that have already been acquired and have had discussions previously about transferring those properties to the City of Findlay. Several of those properties include restrictions affecting the use and the type of structures that can be built on those properties. Extra steps need to be taken in regards to those properties including this step which authorizes the submission of a letter requesting the ability to transfer those properties to the City of Findlay and has to be presented to the Ohio EMA in order to authorize the transfer. The location of those properties previously listed as 130 N. Main St., 139 N. Main St. and 321 Clinton Ct. Lucinda Land asked if the Feasel contract would need altered and Phil stated no because this process will not be completed by the end of October which is when the mowing contract ends. William Bateson made a motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to pending litigation, potential litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential personal property acquisition.

Charity Rauschenberg asked if all the property acquisition is going to be cash and Phil stated yes. Lucinda Land asked if everything is in place to pay off the notes that we have. She asked if the Landfill equipment has been taken care of and Adam stated not yet. Charity asked about a general fund advance but is there an amount that the landfill can pay. Steve Wilson stated that they can pay the full amount based upon the unencumbered cash balance but we would need to increase the Certificate of Resources in order to do that. He stated that whatever the Auditor and Budget Commission are comfortable with as far as Certificate of Resources. There was further discussion regarding Certificate of Resources and Steve stated that he would get with Sarah to get things figured out then submit a letter to Budget Commission. Steve gave a brief update on the MLK Parkway, all the asphalt is gone and he stated that the traffic signal poles were delivered yesterday.

James Sammet, Maintenance Supervisor presented the Commissioners with a quote from Tom Hiatt for gas line repair for Litter Landing building. Estimate is not to exceed \$4,619.42 depending on the amount of time it will take to either repair the line or replace it. If they can

repair the leak, it could drop the cost. James stated that it must be done before they can turn on the heat.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson attended the Family and Child First Council meeting yesterday morning.

Michael Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

At 9:51 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, potential litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential personal property acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

At 10:29 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed pending litigation, potential litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential personal property acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Randy Galbraith for a JFS Update. Others present included Tammy Erwin, Charity Rauschenberg and Adam Witteman. Randy gave a monthly update of the number of kids in care, which is 76 for September and down from January 2019. He stated that they have been on a downward trend since March and their financial situation is looking good at this time. Earlier this year, the Kinship Program was put in place September 1st and as of today, no Kinship providers have requested to be foster placements so there have been no costs for that. Randy stated that last Thursday, they went to GROB Systems in Bluffton. Allen County JFS and Hancock County JFS partnered to present \$30,000 for training money for their apprentice program. Hancock gave \$20,000 and Allen County gave \$10,000 and they were able to tour the place. He stated that the jobs are good and GROB offers no cost health insurance for their employees. Lastly, Randy discussed the monitoring that they receive through ODJFS and audited through the Secretary of State. They have received 3 small continuous improvement plans and they have been able to fix those and wanted the Commissioners to know the outcome of that.


At 11:00 a.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

At 11:43 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed potential real estate acquisition with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 2:00 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel-discipline. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes.

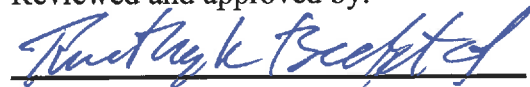
At 2:50 p.m. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session, having discussed personnel-discipline with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

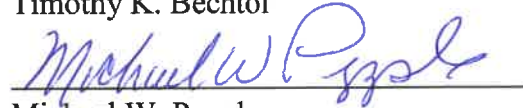


Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson