

Minutes
October 6, 2017

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Heather Pendleton, Lucinda Land, Chris Long, Sheriff Heldman, Phillip Riegle, Charity Rauschenberg, Steve Welton, Jim Maurer, Alex Parker and members of the BRWS and HUBB (See attached attendance sheet).

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting in the Commissioner's Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Robertson stated that on Thursday, October 5, 2017 the Commissioners tabled a resolution to rescind resolution #413-17. Commissioner Robertson made the motion to take that resolution off the table, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. He stated that they tabled the resolution to allow Commissioner Bechtol time to speak with the other elected officials. Commissioner Bechtol said that he spoke to everyone he wanted to and it was a consensus among all of them to pull it from the ballot.

Commissioner Robertson stated that the clerk received a call from Commissioner Gazarek who requested the clerk read his statement on the record. Commissioner Gazarek's statement was as follows:

"I do not believe the ¼% flood mitigation tax should be pulled from the November ballot. We have \$17.8 million to do downtown improvements with an estimated project cost of \$20 million. Currently we are a little over \$2 million short. I believe taking this off the ballot could jeopardize future flood mitigation funding."

Commissioner Robertson said the flood mitigation path has been called the most important issue for generations. Today, I am prayerful that after a decade of letting a problem divide us, that our community will win a victory in choosing a path of synergy to better define flood mitigation, flood reduction and flood prevention projects together.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #576-17 – Rescinding Resolution #413-17, dated August 8, 2017 levying additional sales and use tax of one-quarter of one percent (1/4%) pursuant to section 5739.021 and 5741.021 of the Ohio Revised Code for a period of ten (10) years; as a non-emergency and directing such measure be submitted to the Board of Elections to be placed upon the November 7, 2017 ballot. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The clerk will certify a copy to the Board of Elections.

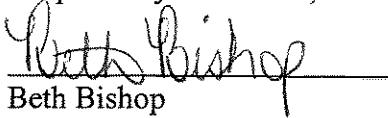
Commissioner Robertson asked the BRWS and HUBB to reconsider the campaign materials they have circulated since the County still has a sales tax they want to pass.

Lucinda Land stated that she had another resolution to present for consideration:


Resolution #577-17 – Rescinding Resolution #565-17, dated October 3, 2017 regarding 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-quarter of one percent (.25%) for the benefit of the general fund for a period of ten (10) years identified as Issue 3. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Phillip Riegle pointed out that since the ballots are already printed, Issue 3 will still be on the ballot. The Board of Elections will post signs that the votes for Issue 3 will not be considered. A notice will also be put in with the absentee ballots.

Respectfully Submitted,


Beth Bishop

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following persons were in attendance at a public meeting/hearing of the Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County, Ohio, on the 6th day of October, 2017.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	DEPARTMENT/ADDRESS
Charley Kauschenberg	County Auditor
JOHN HAYWOOD	THE ALLIANCE
Tim Mayle	ED ; BRWS
Richard KIRK	BRWS
S. David Devore	603 ER86 Findlay Ohio
DAVID BARNER	BRWS WPC
Mary Ann LaRode	Farmer
Steven Cramer	HUBB
Scott Buchanan	HUBA
Deb Cook	
Alex Parkers	WFIN
Micron Clyburn	411 Huron Rd Findlay
Arthur Nelson	PO Box 534 Findlay
Chris Janson	COUNTY CITIZEN
CHRIS LONG	ENGINEER
Phil Riegle	Co. Prosecutor
Michael Huffman	Sheriff
Lyndee L. Blackburn	County
Paul L...	ACE 601 LEWIS DR. FINDLAY OH