

Minutes

October 8, 2020

Commissioners Present: Mark Gazarek and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Philip Johnson, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Mary Ann LaRoche, Jim Maurer, Mike Pepple, Melissa Kritzell and Bill Bateson.

Commissioner Gazarek opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #772-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Local Coronavirus Relief Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #773-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Hancock County Victim Assistance VOCA Grant. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #774-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Arson Offender Registry Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #775-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance (Sheriff). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #776-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Children's Services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #777-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Job & Family Services. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #778-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Common Pleas Court General Office. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #779-20 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Capital Projects. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #780-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #781-20 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Fostoria Municipal Court. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #782-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Hancock County Metrich Law Enforcement Trust. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #783-20 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification – Commissioners to appropriate to MV & GT. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The payroll for JFS was approved. The offer letter was signed for the replacement of Tom Davis. The sales quote from BCE (Boilers, Controls & Equip., Inc.) for \$3,678.00 for the repair of the pump at the Juvenile Court building was approved.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #784-20 – Authorizing the designation agreement between the board of Hancock County Commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District on behalf of the Hancock County Sanitary Landfill and the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #785-20 – Authorizing entry into contract with Midwest Appraisal, Inc., for preparation of appraisals related to FEMA DR-4424-OH project. Phil Johnson stated that this relates to the property at 339 Wilson Street. This property is part of the Flood Mitigation Grant Program. The \$1,650.00 will be reimbursed as part of the grant program. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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

Adam Witteman reported that the revenue budget is almost complete and he hopes to have final numbers next week.

Steve Wilson reported that the new cell construction at the Landfill is complete at a cost of \$1,669,000.00 which was about \$10,000 less than the contract amount. Steve also said Mannik & Smith has approved the new cell. The only remaining item is the final EPA inspection.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol stated that he continues to meet to review the expenses related to the coronavirus. All checks have been sent to the local business grant recipients. Tim also met with James from the Maintenance Department regarding the continuing repairs to the jail.

Mark Gazarek had nothing to report.

At 9:45 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to enter 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. At 10:25 a.m., Mark Gazarek made the motion to come out of executive session with no action taken, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Auditor Rauschenberg. Lynn Taylor, Adam Witteman, Cindy Land, Steve Wilson, Bill Bateson, Mike Pepple, Melissa Kritzell and Jim Maurer were also in attendance.

Cindy Land stated that all 4 resolutions are rolling notes of which money was already borrowed. We need to either payback and/or re-borrow some of them.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #786-20 - A resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,040,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving a new building to house the functions of the County Probate, Juvenile and other courts and clearing, improving and equipping its site. Mark Gazarek stated that he did not vote to borrow the money to begin with. Therefore Mark will not be making a motion. Timothy Bechtol voiced his desire to make a motion, but did not for the apparent lack of second. Mark stated that there should be 3 Commissioners present for something of this magnitude. Cindy stated that through the end of December, a Commissioner can attend the meetings remotely. Cindy indicated that it is possible to contact a 3rd Commissioner remotely to allow participation. Cindy stated that tabling the resolution isn't really an option due to the tight time frame. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that the investors need to know if we are borrowing \$2,040,000 on top of the amount we already have. Auditor Rauschenberg offered to call the Municipal Advisor and get clarification. Mark suggested the Clerk call Brian Robertson and have him participate remotely. The Clerk attempted to call Commissioner Robertson and no answer was received. Cindy Land stated that if this is paid off, the County could re-borrow at a later date, however financing costs will apply. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that she is a little leery of what the investors will think of the back and forth. Mark suggested to put this resolution on Tuesday's agenda. Due to the urgency of this situation, Auditor Rauschenberg left the conference room to place a call to Mike Sudsina. Mark Gazarek requested to proceed with the next resolutions.

Resolution #787-20 - A resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$1,307,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of remodeling, renovating, enlarging, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the County jail. Cindy Land stated that this does not pertain to a new jail, however it relates to the improvements such as the doors, painting and roof project. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

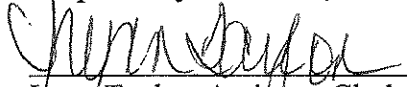
Resolution #788-20 - A resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$440,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring a trash compactor for use by the County landfill. Cindy stated that half of this has already been paid off already and the purchase was in 2019. This is the balance remaining. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #789-20 - A resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$180,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of public infrastructure

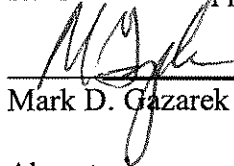
Improvements consisting of improving, grading, draining, paving and curbing Distribution Drive and County Road 212 and the intersection thereof and related road and surface areas and constructing turn lanes. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:40 a.m., the Commissioners meeting was reconvened and Auditor Rauschenberg had Mike Sudsina on her cell phone. Mike was able to participate in the conversation regarding Resolution #786-20. Mike stated that all resources have been lined up to act quickly and that Tuesday is the drop dead date for action. Commissioner Gazarek and Commissioner Bechtol acknowledged. Timothy Bechtol stated that Monday, October 12, 2020 most county offices will be open. The Columbus Day Holiday will be observed on Christmas Eve this year. Cindy Land stated that some county offices will be closed on Monday: Adult Probation, Common Pleas Court and Domestic Relations. The meeting was adjourned.

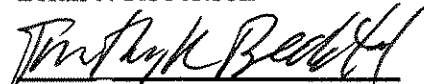
Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Mark D. Gazarek

Absent
Brian J. Robertson


Timothy K. Bechtol