

## Minutes

September 26, 2019

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

Also Present: Phil Johnson, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jim Maurer, Steve Wilson, Nate Kloepfer, Solomon Jackson, Miranda Lobdell and Maryann LaRoche.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 24, 2019 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution #624-19 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Severance – Sheriff. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #625-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Juvenile Court and Family and Children's First Council – General Office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #626-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Auditor General Office. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #627-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Real Estate. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #628-19 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Capital Projects. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioners approved payroll for their office and JFS. Commissioner Bechtol signed the service contract quote for Rapiscan Systems and a travel request was approved for JFS.

The assistant clerk presented the following resolutions from the Prosecutor's office for consideration:

Resolution #629-19 – Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$10,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the property owners' portion, in anticipation of the levy and collection of special assessments, of the cost of constructing a drainage improvement project known as the Tall Timber's Ditch. Charity stated that Tall

Timbers is a project that the Commissioners have had on the books and this is to pay down from the assessments and then refinance the remainder. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #630-19 – Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,281,000 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. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #631-19 – Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$373,000 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. Brian Robertson made a motion to approve, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Nate Kloepfer brought a representative to the meeting from Norfolk Southern Railroad. His name is Solomon Jackson and he is the Director of real estate sales, land leases and acquisitions for Norfolk Southern Corp. Solomon stated they are located in 22 states across the eastern half of the United States and he manages the Northern Region and is based in Atlanta but has a regional office in Cincinnati. One of Solomon's responsibilities is anything that involves a waterway that connects with their railroad. He manages a group in Atlanta called Property Services and they deal with all of the DOTs, County Commissioners, and any political subdivisions. They also have a public improvement group in Atlanta that looks at all engineering plans, drawings, anything where a bridge, a railroad bridge, or railroad right of way, anything that touches public whether it is water or public utilities, his group is involved. Timothy Bechtol introduced Steve Wilson to Solomon and Steve gave an update on the local situation with the benching project and flood control. Steve stated that he has had an initial conversation with E. W. Chambers with Norfolk Southern out of Atlanta a few years ago. Steve said they finally received a preliminary agreement with Norfolk Southern and will be having a kick off meeting with E. W. and his staff and have hired Stantec Consulting Services to do the preliminary engineering. Solomon stated that being around trains can be very dangerous and especially doing projects that interface with the rail operations with no coordination. People do all kinds of construction, do their project without any permission, don't have the proper insurance or any flagging protection and a lot of times they will have serious injuries and they didn't even know that there was anyone out there working. His message this morning to the Commissioners is to make sure that you are working with the proper people and please communicate with the railway on altercations, projects, changes and get a sign off from Solomon or his team or the project will not move forward. So communicate with him and your timeline, don't do anything without their permission and things will work out just fine.

## Meetings/Reports

Brian Robertson – no report given

Mark Gazarek – no report given

Timothy Bechtol – reported that the Commissioners made their first monthly transfer of \$100,000 from Resolution #628-19 dedicating that ¼% sales tax money toward the Juvenile Probate Capital Project and will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss with the architects of Garmann Miller for the construction and will be doing that on a monthly basis throughout the remainder of the year. Also, Tim stated that they received a request from Kelda Heitcamp from the Marathon Center for several singing groups from different high schools to sing on the front steps of the courthouse during the hours of the Art Walk. Tim asked if anyone was opposed to this. He already informed them that they have to stay on the paved areas and stay off of the grass areas. Everyone was fine with them doing that. Phil Johnson asked if there should be a waiver done and Commissioners agreed that yes, there should be one sent out to all of the singing groups.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation. Steve Wilson would like to add real estate acquisition to that request, Brian Robertson would like to add potential sale of real estate to the executive session. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:56 a.m. to discuss potential litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential real estate sale, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol yes; Mark Gazarek yes; Brian Robertson yes. At 10:35 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made a motion to come out of executive session having discussed potential litigation, potential real estate acquisition and potential sale of real estate with no action taken. Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

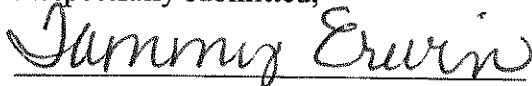
At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Laurie Zydonik for a Raise the Bar presentation and started the meeting with introductions. Those present included: Laurie Zydonik, Tim Mayle, Ed Kurt, Taylor Stanforth, Amanda Wiseman, Justin Bennett, Timothy Bechtol, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson.

Laurie began the presentation thanking the Commissioners for allowing them to come in and thanked Mr. Gazarek for his service on the board. The presentation started with a packet of information about the workforce development organization. Laurie went over the initiatives that they are working on and the K-12 experience, to the post-secondary and then to and through their career. Leader and Me is one of the largest initiatives to date. With this initiative they are looking to answer the call from business about the lack of professional skills or life skills in our current work force. They still hear that and are working hard to make sure that they get that started at an early age. 60% of our youth will be getting this Leader and Me. Laurie expects that number to be even higher over the next 12 months as several schools start launching their programs in the next few months. Leader and Me districts are showing higher attendance levels and lower

discipline and office referrals. Laurie invited the Commissioners to attend a Veterans Presentation on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Chamberlain Hill. She stated that it is amazing to see what these children are doing.

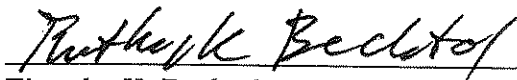
Another part of this is manufacturing and the perception. They work closely with the economic development partners and Tim Mayle and communicate a lot to make sure we are using the right language and what do we need to do to get that perception changed. Next week, they will present the manufacturing experience. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year and will occur on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week and includes every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in the county to have their own manufacturing experience. Every day they will go through a tour of Rowmark, Cooper Tire, and then they stop at Owens Community College where GSW, Valfilm and Whirlpool will have interactive exhibits to show what manufacturing is and be able to talk to people who really do it. They expect this to grow every year. Laurie talked about F.A.M.E. (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) developed by Toyota and is the only one in Ohio. They began this in August and have a total of 11 in this cohort and are sponsored by 7 manufacturing companies here in Hancock County. They have partnered with Owens Community College on this program, the students work 3 days a week and are hired by the company, and 2 days a week they go to Owens Community College for the training that is required. All students walk out with an Associate Degree, an AMT (Advanced Manufacturing Technician) certificate, 1800 hours of on the job training, and a network of people who have that skill set that they can reach out to. There were 2 students at the presentation to give their personal experience and how this program has helped them. Amanda Wiseman, from GSW was also present and serves on the board of FAME and is very passionate about it. She states that this program is building leaders and is changing the image of manufacturing. She is very thankful for the program. Laurie thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to come in and hopes that the Commissioners can come out to a Safety Presentation performed by the AMTs at 7:30 a.m. any day of the week.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Erwin, Assistant Clerk


Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol

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Mark D. Gazarek



Brian J. Robertson