

Minutes

September 14, 2023

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Auditor Rauschenberg, Mary Ann LaRoche, Claire Bateson, Steve Roepke, and Prosecutor Phil Riegle.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 14, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Mike Pepple made the motion to approve the warrant journal for the week. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Two travel requests for the Public Defender's Office were approved. Mike Pepple made the motion for Tim Bechtol to sign the AIA document/pay application #919014 for \$995,935.13. for work done on the new Judicial Center. Bill Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #635-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Board of Elections – SOS Fund #2243. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #636-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2241. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #637-23 – Decreasing the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2241 appropriation by \$5,509.72. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #638-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Job & Family Services #2015. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #639-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Workforce Developmental Fund #2105. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #640-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001 Treasurer. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #641-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – General Fund #1001. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #642-23 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – CASA Fund 2246. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #643-23 – Re-appointment of Douglas West to the Hancock Metropolitan Housing Authority for a five-year term commencing November 11, 2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #644-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #645-23 – Resolution approving the Hancock County Job and Family Services Prevention, Retention, Contingency Plan (PRC) as revised September 2023. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution # 646-23 – Authorizing the payment of an invoice from Millstream Building Systems, Inc., related to the potential acquisition of real estate at 133 Meeks Avenue. Phil explained that this is necessary for the benching project. This was work done on a property that will be purchased with flood mitigation funds at a later date. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rauschenberg, Cindy Land and Phil Johnson discussed resolution #646-23 in further detail. Phil stated that this is necessary to finalize the purchase related to the Charlie David purchase. This invoice for the work performed is a new development and it should be authorized before the closing. Cindy inquired if this could be listed on the HUP-1 of the purchase and or as an addendum to the purchase agreement. Phil indicated that he could prepare an addendum. Auditor Rauschenberg stated that this is important information as it relates to booking the fixed asset.

Prosecutor Phil Riegle had nothing to report.

Meetings and Reports

Bill Bateson stated that he was very happy to be back. He appreciated all the support from his family and the well wishes for his recovery. He will need to attend some outpatient therapy for about 7 weeks, but is on the right track.

Mike Pepple reported that he attended the Visitors and Conventions Bureau meeting and the hotel travel revenue in Findlay is doing well.

Timothy Bechtol had nothing to report.

At 10:16 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential real estate sale and potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 10:50 a.m., Tim

Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners held a bid opening for the BRSEP project. Members of the Joint Board present via zoom call were as follows:

Allen County: Brian Winegardner, Cory Noonan, Beth Seibert
Hancock County: William Bateson, Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple
Hardin County: Timothy Striker,
Putnam County: John Schlumbohm
Wyandot County: Brad Batton, William Clinger, Dave Courtad

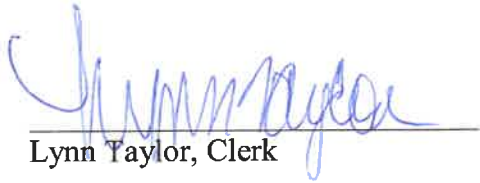
In addition, the following people from Hancock County were in attendance: Jason Althouse, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Jeff Hunker, Mary Ann Laroche, Lynn Taylor, Christine Carrigan and Alec Helms.

The mailroom was called and Christine verified that no additional bids have been received. Four bids were received and opened. The bid tab is attached. A discussion followed regarding how to fund the proposed project. In the past, Hancock County has upfronted the money for the Joint Board and then once tax assessments are received from the respected Counties, funds are reimbursed to Hancock County. Commissioner Schlumbohm indicated that Putnam County has no issue of paying for their share of the project upfront. However, Commissioner Noonan from Allen County indicated that could be a concern with their County. A discussion also followed regarding the authorization of the Joint Board of the \$4.00 assessment that was authorized at an earlier meeting. The Joint Board approved the maintenance assessment and it was up to each county to then authorize via resolution the \$4.00 assessment. It became apparent that some counties did not authorize the resolution for the \$4.00 assessment, therefore the funds in the maintenance fund could not be collected for use until 2025. Jason Althouse provided a breakdown of each county's percent of the watershed for guidance. All bids received and the watershed percentage spreadsheet will be also sent to the Joint Board for the information to be reviewed. Cindy Land advised that the bids will be reviewed and the Joint Board needs to meet within 30 days to determine how the project will be funded and if the bid will be accepted for the project to proceed.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Lori Brodie from Auditor Faber's Office. Also, in attendance was Lynn Taylor, Christine Carrigan, Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Auditor Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Rhonda Switzer, Kim Boudrie and Kristen Stover. Auditor Faber was running late and could not make the meeting. Lori presented Auditor Rauschenberg and her staff with Award of Distinction for a clean audit. This award demonstrates an extensive amount of accuracy and perfection. Lori was honored to present this award for another year to Auditor Rauschenberg. Furthermore, this shows that teamwork between offices is also valued.

At 2:53, the Commissioner's meeting was reconvened. In attendance was Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Sheriff Heldman and Lt. Ryan Kidwell.

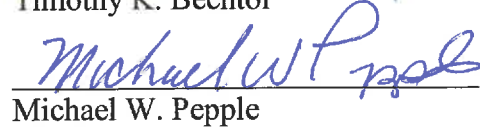
At 2:53 p.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 4:39 p.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent
William L. Bateson


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple

