

Minutes  
September 18, 2018

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Lucinda Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Doug Cade, Matt Cordonnier, Steve Wilson, Phillip Riegle, Doug Jenkins, Maryann LaRoche, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting were read with Brian Robertson making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0, Mark Gazarek abstained.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #553-18 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #554-18 – Transfer of funds from Job & Family-General Office to Child Support Enforcement Agency. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #555-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Probation Improvement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #556-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Developmental Disabilities. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #557-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Litter Landing. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #558-18 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control (HS390032-003-2018-1). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #559-18 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control (HS390032-003-2018-4). Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #560-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #561-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-General Office. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #562-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-Common Pleas Court-Jury Commission. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #563-18 – Transfer of funds from I75 Bond Retirement to the General Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #564-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to I75 Tall Timbers Connector Road Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #565-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #566-18 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Distribution Drive Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #567-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to Distribution Drive Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #568-18 – Transfer of funds from Special Improvement to Special Improvement Bond Retirement. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #569-18 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor’s certification-Commissioners to appropriate to ODOT State Grant Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #570-18 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to the General Fund (August, 2018)-\$1,617.66. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #571-18 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation-MV&GT. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #572-18 – Release of Permissive Tax-City of Findlay to pay for debt service associated with improvements to County Road 236-\$125,673.53. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners signed payroll for their staff and travel requests from JFS and the Commissioners office. They also signed a letter to ODAS regarding MARCS radio user fees. The Commissioners signed a joint proclamation for Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps Day.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #573-18 – Authorizing FEMA Form 90-83 Designation of Applicant’s Agent. Matt Cordonnier is named agent. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #574-18 – Sale of public property no longer needed by Hancock County. This is for a 1998 Ford Taurus with a value less than \$2,500. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #575-18 – Authorizing Change Order No. 3 to the contract with R.G. Zachrich Construction, Inc. for replacement over the Blanchard River in Findlay, Hancock County, OH. The Change order amount is \$35,755.76, of which, the County is responsible for \$1,787.79. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lucinda requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Charity Rauschenberg reported the Auditor’s office will be going out to bid for notes soon in order to get lower interest rates. She also reminded the Commissioners that she will need to have the money for the waterline projects discussed last year in the next few weeks. OPERS completed an Audit, and the County is in compliance. The Commissioners asked Charity to pass along their thanks to Nancy Hiatt for all the hard work she does in order to stay in compliance. Charity also stated they are trying to get final costs for the phone project and will be giving the Commissioners that information soon. She also stated that the Auditor’s office received the sales tax information, and we are up 1%.

Doug Cade had nothing to report.

Matt Cordonnier had nothing to report.

Steve Wilson requested an executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Phillip Riegle requested an executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation.

Brian Robertson stated the Commissioners office received a letter from the Blanchard Valley Port Authority regarding concerns with bonding. Brian would like to send a response to this letter. The two projects they referenced do not apply to the MOU in place. Brian would also like to include in the letter a request for information regarding allocation of fees.

#### **Meetings/Reports**

Mark Gazarek is continuing to work on budget. He has also been in contact with Sheriff Heldman regarding jail overcrowding.

Timothy Bechtol met with a Feasel’s Group representative to discuss the properties to be mowed. He also attended the Ag Day Tour with the Hancock Leadership class. Timothy met with representatives of CCAO and attended a roundtable discussion with Senator McColley. He attended the Economic Development council breakfast. Timothy stated he was in receipt of two emails regarding the hunting permission process. He suggests a lottery system for the future, but this year, Timothy would like to prepare a map showing restricted areas. Brian Robertson stated

he is in favor of a lottery system. Mark Gazarek suggested mirroring the policy of the Park District or ODNR.

Brian Robertson stated he is continuing to work on the budget.

At 10:17 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, pending litigation, and potential real estate acquisition, Mark Gazarek seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brian Robertson, yes; Mark Gazarek, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes. At 10:51 a.m. Brian Robertson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met to discuss the Humane Society contract for dog warden services. Paula Krugh, Dana Berger, Mark Goetz, Adam Wittman, Kim Boudrie and Lucinda Land were present. The Auditor's office has found a new dog license software that should resolve the issues that Dana was having with enforcement. There are 66 other Ohio counties that use this software, and Dana has been given the opportunity to try out the system. There is training offered with the purchase of the system. There will be no initial cost for the system as long as it is implemented by the end of September. If that deadline is not met there will be a \$1,000 charge. The maintenance cost for the system is \$2,400/year. Adam explained the General Fund is already subsidizing the Dog & Kennel Fund, therefore they can't absorb the \$2,400. Paula stated the Humane Society would pay the first year's maintenance costs with the stipulation that if they perform, the Humane Society will be reimbursed that cost. Paula stated she has some suggested changes for the contract. She would like the cutoff to be extended from October 31 to November 15. This would give Dana more time to enforce dog licenses. She would also like to be able to start enforcement by March 1 each year. The Auditor's office, in the past has sent a reminder to those that have not renewed dog licenses, and then the Humane Society would also send a reminder. Only one reminder notice will be sent out this year in order to streamline the process. Paula also requested that Pet Supplies Plus be removed from the satellite dog license locations. There was an issue in 2017 with payment. Kim Boudrie stated the issue has been resolved. Their office and the Humane Society would not be capable of absorbing the volume of customers that purchase their tags at Pet Supplies Plus. Pet Supplies Plus will remain a satellite location. Lucinda will prepare paperwork for review reflecting the changes discussed.

At 1:15 p.m. the Commissioners met with Josh Anderson from the Community Action Commission. Josh reported there will be a change in leadership for the HATS program. They are currently interviewing 3 viable prospects. The change in funding has affected employee morale. Josh has been working on reapplying for grant money for HATS. Brian Robertson asked for an update on the renovation work. Josh reported receiving a cost estimate, but it was more than expected.

At 2:05 p.m. the Commissioners met with Alex Hughes, a representative of Findlay Nights. They are a semi-pro football team that is moving to Findlay from Toledo. He is hoping to use Donnel Stadium for the games. They play in the spring. He asked the Commissioners for their support of the team. Mark Gazarek suggested a joint proclamation with the City of Findlay. Alex will contact the Mayor's office in order to start that process.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Mutchler, Clerk

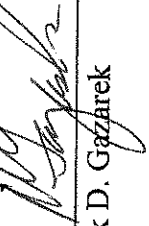
Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Timothy K. Bechtol



Mark D. Gazarek