

Minutes

September 2, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson and Steve Wilson.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the August 31, 2021 meeting were read and approved. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #576-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Developmental Disabilities. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #577-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Capital Projects. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #578-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Buildings & Grounds – Maintenance. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #579-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Veterans Services – Soldiers Relief. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #580-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Agency on Aging. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #581-21 – Transfer of Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Tier Disposal Fees to the Tiered Disposal Fee Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #582-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to MV & GT. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the Warrant Journal, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. William Bateson made the motion and Michael Pepple seconded for Timothy Bechtol to sign the OPWC County/Township Resurfacing 2021 disbursement request. Motion passed 3-0. The August Fund Report was signed. A Proclamation was read and signed declaring Constitution Week.

Lucinda Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #583-21 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Robin Kershner, D/B/A Kershner Excavating for the design and installation of a new home sewage treatment system as part of the Hancock County WPCLF Grant WPCLF Project #HS390032-003-2020-15. Cindy stated that this is due to the contractor having a difficult time getting supplies. The deadline will be November 15th for all system projects. Hopefully, the contractors will hustle and get done in time. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #584-21 – Authorizing sale of real property at 107 Shinkle Street in Findlay at auction and authorizing advertisement of that auction in The Courier pursuant to O.R.C. Section 307.09 et seq. Phil stated that this property was purchased years ago for \$4,500 and demolished. Tim Bechtol inquired if there are any restrictions placed on the property and Phil stated that there aren't any. Steve Wilson stated that a new building would have to be compliant with the code for flood properties. Phil stated that recent improvements in that area have reduced the flooding. Tim inquired as to why would we allow a building to be on that property after we tore one down. Phil stated that several neighbors have expressed interest in the land only. Steve stated that there is nothing preventing someone from putting a building on that land. Tim stated that once this is sold, Feasel's will have to be contacted to be removed from the mowing and snow plowing list. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #585-21 – Authorizing sale of real property on Township Road 244 at auction and authorizing advertisement of that auction in The Courier pursuant to O.R.C. Section 307.09 et seq. Phil stated that this was discussed prior to COVID and is now resurfacing. One parcel of land will be sold and the river does run through it. Tim stated that Feasel's has been unable to mow this property and was hoping that someone could mow this before the auction. Phil was unsure who has a bush hog mower. Tim was going to check with the Engineer's Office. Tim stated that once this property is sold, Feasel's will have to be contacted. Tim thanked Phil for getting these 2 properties around and stated that the funds from the sale will be placed back in the Flood Mitigation Fund. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #586-21 – Authorizing payment of invoice from Montgomery Johnson LLP as outside counsel. Phil stated that this is for about \$3,889.00 and for 20 hours of work, which is reasonable. A motion to dismiss has been filed, however, a decision has not been filed. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil stated that the next 2 resolutions on the agenda will not be presented today due to unresolved issues.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session regarding potential real estate acquisition.

Steve Wilson provided the following updates:

- All Excavating is having difficulty getting trucks for the demolition of their Fostoria project. Therefore, the demolition of the Oxley and the Nichols buildings will not start until the middle of next week.

- The traffic light poles are delayed until mid- October on the MLK Project. Steve spoke with the City and they are in the process of coming up with an alternate plan. The curbs are to be installed next week.
- The contract for the gas collecting system at the Landfill, EDL, stated that in the event of an expansion project, the County is responsible for the reimbursement costs. This amount has not been determined, however, Steve indicated it will be a large amount of money. Steve stated that a conference call is being arranged for next week and requested consultation with the Prosecutor's Office.
- Steve anticipates that in January of 2022, a conditional letter of map revision will need to be sent to FEMA regarding the improvements from the Eagle Creek Basin Project. This needs to be done to make FEMA aware that a formal letter of map revision will be forthcoming, once the project is complete in 2023.

Tim inquired as to what happens to the gas that the Landfill collects now. Steve stated that it is used to generate electricity.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he and the other Commissioners attended the opening ceremony at the Fair on Tuesday evening. Bill also attended the dedication of the new Youth Building.

Michael Pepple stated that he attended the opening ceremony at the Fair and the dedication of the Youth Building. Michael also participated in the CCAO webinar regarding Solar Projects. Mike attended the Veterans Service Dinner Thursday night. In addition, Mike attended the Downtown Findlay Improvement District meeting. Bill inquired if any new information was revealed during the CCAO webinar. Cindy stated that she has the slides from the webinar if he would like to review. The information discussed included the topic of grandfathered projects, otherwise, it was a review. A meeting for September 15th has been scheduled and that appears to be a meeting where new information will be learned.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he also attended the opening ceremony at the Fair. Tim attended the Veterans gathering and the Marching Band Show.

At 10:05 a.m., Timothy Bechtol requested an executive session in regards to potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:29 a.m., Timothy Bechtol made the motion to come out of executive session, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.


At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners met with Maggie Neely, a representative of Gallagher Benefits to discuss renewal rates for Hancock County. Lucinda Land and Sarah Mutchler were also present.

Maggie gave a brief overview of the loss ratio for the consortium as a whole, and each of the counties separately. Hancock County is currently at a 117.7% loss ratio for claims in 2021. Maggie stated this is largely due to Hancock County having three high claimants and a lasered claimant. Maggie stated the plan design changes implemented 1/1/2021 did create a cost savings for Hancock County, but the high claimants have eaten into that cost savings. According to Gallagher's calculation, Hancock County should have a 17.8% increase, but the consortium

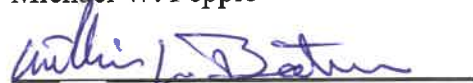
bought down rates. Hancock County's renewal rate will be 13.1%. Maggie did not suggest making plan design changes. She felt the increase to rates, and the change to stop loss carrier should help Hancock County. She was going to ask underwriters to look at a second High Deductible Health Plan option and return with that information to present on Thursday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m.


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson