

Minutes

September 23, 2021

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

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson and Mary Ann LaRoche.

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 September 16, 2021 were read and approved. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The minutes from September 21, 2021 meeting were read and approved. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #638-21 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation – Developmental Disabilities. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #639-21 – Transfer of funds from the General Fund to Juvenile Probate Bond Retirement. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Timothy Bechtol explained that he has not yet received the sales tax monthly report that he usually receives from the Auditor's Office. He discussed with Michael and William if they should table the motion until the information is received. They all concurred to wait for the sales tax numbers. William Bateson made the motion to table, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #640-21 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #641-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Capital Projects. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #642-21 – Transfer of funds from Indigent Defense to General Fund (August, 2021) - \$1,764.78. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #643-21 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's Certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Real Estate. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

William Bateson made the motion to approve the 2 Warrant Journals, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. William Bateson made the motion and Michael Pepple seconded for the Chair, Timothy Bechtol to sign the Amendment Form/Fiscal Accountability for Juvenile Court. Motion passed 3-0. The Payroll for the Commissioner's Office and JFS was approved. Timothy Bechtol asked Cindy Land if Resolution #639-21 could be approved later if the Auditor's Office

sends him the sales tax information and Cindy stated that yes, a motion can be made to remove the resolution from a tabled status. Timothy acknowledged.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #644-21 – Resolution authorizing a notice letter of Hancock County as a member of the MEBC consortium to terminate the current Life & ADD insurance plan contract with Lincoln Financial. Cindy stated that we were contacted by Gallagher that the life insurance contract with Lincoln Financial will be terminated on 12/31/2021. They will contract with a new carrier. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #645-21 – Resolution authorizing a letter, pursuant to Article III of the Agreement and By-Laws – Midwest Employee Benefit Consortium, giving notices of Hancock County's intent to withdraw as a member of the MEBC Consortium effective December 31, 2022. Cindy stated that Hancock County joined the consortium back in 1993 with 4 other counties. One joined later making it a group of 5 counties. Currently, they are down to 3 counties in the consortium. The current Board of Commissioners would like to shop around for a different pool and notice needs to be sent to the current members of the consortium prior to October 1, 2021. The current insurance contract will expire 12-31-22 and the new insurance would become effective 1-1-2023. This resolution authorizes a letter to be sent indicating notice of shopping around. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Cindy requested a certified letter to be sent to John Bergman and an email sent to him as well.

Resolution #646-21 – Authorizing a 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 #HS390032-003-2020-30. Cindy stated that an email was received from the EPA this morning regarding clarifications of 2020 funds being used for 2021 projects. William Bateson made the motion to approve, Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential personal property acquisition and potential real estate acquisition.

Meetings/Reports

William Bateson stated that he attended the Economic Development meeting this morning. The CR 99 Diverging Diamond was discussed and they are hoping it will bring some new development.

Michael Pepple stated that he attended a webinar for the Regional Growth Partnership. The topic of employment issues was discussed relating to retaining and hiring employees.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he attended the HHWP monthly board meeting held virtually. They are in the process of mandating their employees to be vaccinated. They also expressed appreciation for the CARES money they received in 2020. It is being put to good use.

At 9:55 a.m., Timothy Bechtol requested an executive session in regards to potential personal property acquisition and potential real estate acquisition. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call

vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes. At 10:30 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 meeting with Maggie Neeley was rescheduled to September 30, 2021.

At 1:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Engineer Doug Cade. Lynn Taylor, Kyle Parker and Dave Devore were also in attendance. Doug began by stating that Dalzell is ready to go. He did discuss timing as an issue. It typically takes 2 months to “move dirt” once the bid process and contract process is complete. We are now approaching fall/winter weather and if the complete project goes to bid now with a completion date of 12/31/2021, the final price will increase. Another option would be to bid in early spring with a completion date of 5/31/2022. Doug stated that he was unable to predict what damage would be caused if a delay in the project happens. Bill Bateson stated he would like to prevent further damage and do something now and not next May. Tim Bechtol concurred. Doug said it could be an issue to deal with the soft spots ex; parking lot. Bill Bateson stated that he wants to do something to stop the erosion. Doug stated that he can prepare a bid package with an interim date completion for certain projects. Doug understands the rip rap areas are a priority. The Commissioners acknowledged. Kyle Parker discussed the option of requiring ODOT pre-qualified workers and the Commissioners agreed. Doug talked about the McComb-Schroll petition and recommended another meeting with the Commissioners to further discuss the updated ditch petition process. This process has changed from a 68-step process to a 75-step process. In addition, Doug stated that when this petition was filed, it was with the prior board. Now that there are new Commissioners, Doug would like to provide the new board with his summary. The Commissioners acknowledged that idea and agreed. Kyle provided an update on the following ditch projects:

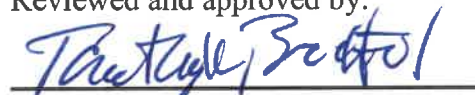
- Western Meadows Outlet: Waiting on Prosecutor’s Office to access Kidd property
- Oil Ditch: Working on plans currently
- Liberty Reed: Working on plans currently- should be done next few weeks
- Wells Tri County: 1999 petition. Pending contract design- not hearing much.
- Options to include dismissing the petition or holding a hearing to continue.
- Conrad Hill Shafer: 2007 petition. Not hearing much.
- Pleasant Rader: Just started- currently gathering signatures.


At 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners held a meeting with the 7-member panel regarding the Juvenile Probate Building. The attendance sign in sheets are attached. In addition, Steve Freidman was present via phone. Tim stated that the purpose of this meeting was to seek approval of the current floor plan to relocate the Juvenile Probate Court and approval of the \$7 million project. Mike Pepple discussed the financial report which was included in the binder provided to the 7-member committee. In addition, Mike went over the Pro-Forma statement. Mike also discussed the current tenants at the mall and the possibility of a new bridal store coming to the mall. Bill Bateson went over the renovation areas. Bill also stated that the overall general description of the condition of the mall is fair-good. Bill is proposing that the roof undergo inspections twice a year. Maintenance on the roof and air condition handlers were discussed as well as maintenance from the current mall staff joining the current Hancock County maintenance staff. Security issues were discussed as to the number of deputies needed and where they would be placed. A discussion was held regarding the absence of Garmann Miller at this meeting when they have been present at the prior meetings. Bill stated that the need for more space is being addressed through this proposal and also addressed the issues in the Strategic Plan. Other topics included

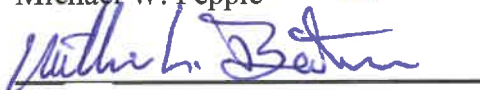
the cost of this transaction, the cost of maintenance, the location, the retail components of a mall, the communication between elected officials and the Commissioners and security. Sheriff Heldman stated that the Juvenile Probate Court does not belong in a mall. Sheriff also stated that the current jail renovations were started 5 years ago and just recently the roof leaked onto the newly painted area. Renovating a mall sounds difficult. Clerk Cathy Wilcox had no comment. Judge Johnson stated that she disagrees with the moving to the mall. Judge Routson stated that he prefers for everyone to take a step back and is not in favor of moving a judicial system out to the mall. Bill Bateson stated that it will be difficult to get 400,000 square foot of space downtown to serve the County's needs. Mike stated that they explored opportunities and that this serves the space needs for the county for 20 years. This is the best use for taxpayer money. William Bateson made the motion to approve plans to move the Juvenile Probate Court to the 1800 Tiffin Avenue location. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Timothy Bechtol, yes; Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Sheriff Heldman, no; Clerk Wilcox, no; Judge Routson, no; Judge Johnson, no. Motion failed 4-3.


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Michael W. Pepple


William L. Bateson

