

Minutes
September 3, 2019

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

Also Present: Cindy Land, Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Maryann Laroche, and Jim Maurer.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 2nd floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 29, 2019 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #563-19 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #564-19 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #565-19 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation- Common Pleas Court. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Brian Robertson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Charity Rauschenberg discussed the urgency to finalize fall borrowing options. The end of September is the deadline for note borrowing. Charity has been in conversation with Bond Counsel about the possibility of paying down debt since the bids for the jail doors came in lower than expected. Those funds saved would be the source of the principle reduction. Brian Robertson was in agreement and so was Timothy Bechtol. Charity also discussed the status of the Probate/Juvenile Building project and the likelihood of getting project information before the end of September. Brian stated that he has been in conversation with Garmann Miller and has informed them financing is now in place for the project. Cindy Land inquired if it's possible to borrow additional funds now just in case the project estimates exceed the anticipated amount, however Charity said she will need to determine if this is a possible option as occasionally a payback of 12-24 months may be required. Tim indicated that the architect could possibly have a time restraint due to getting the plans completed in a timely fashion for the project to be bid in time for the borrowing requirements. Tim inquired if spring borrowing would be a better option for the Probate/Juvenile project. Charity stated she has been informed by counsel that rates are good now and since she is not a financial advisor, she couldn't really state what rates could be like in 2020 as there are many variables. Brian stated that he has no worries that Garmann Miller will be able to present a design that is acceptable to our standards in the 2nd half of September.

Meetings/Reports

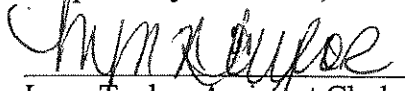
Brian Robertson reported that he continues to work on the yearend review for strategic planning. Brian also referenced his earlier communication with Garmann Miller regarding the Probate/Juvenile project.

Mark Gazarek stated that until final numbers are provided by Garmann Miller on the project cost, financial/borrowing decisions should be delayed. Mark also attended the Raise The Bar meeting and the Hancock County Fair on Saturday and Monday.


Timothy Bechtol stated that he also attended the fair on several days.

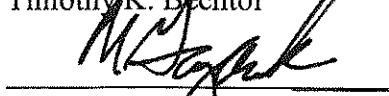
At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Randall Galbraith. Jim Maurer was also in attendance. Randy stated that soon the Commissioner's will receive a resolution request to purchase 3 new vehicles. The DAS came out with lower costs recently for new vehicles, and Randy feels the costs are good and is hoping to get approval. Randy stated that these new vehicles will lower transportation costs with more efficiency. Randy also stated that currently there are 50 participants (ages 14-24) in a workforce program that encourages transitions from high school to the workforce. Due to the increase of participants, a second caseworker position is being sought. Randy stated that an invitation has been offered to the Hancock County JFS office to participate in a program with Northwest Community College. The college would offer certificates in career fields to the participants, with a minimum wage potential of \$17.00/hr. Randy stated that Allen and Wood counties currently are involved with this program. Randy, however, was not too familiar with this program as they did not offer it where he came from. Randy stated that he would prefer to reach out to several community members and even Owens Community College to determine if opportunities exist locally. Mark Gazarek encouraged Randy to reach out to Owens and Brian Robertson concurred. Randy stated that he will inform Northwest Community College that the JFS office will delay their response for a year and in that year more research will be done. Brian also encouraged Randy to speak with members of Raise The Bar. Randy also stated that a request has been received from the Allen County Ohio Means Job office for a financial contribution towards the GROB Incumbent Worker Training initiative. After Randy's review of their budget, Randy would like to give \$5,000.00 towards this initiative. Brian Robertson stated his agreement as GROB reaches out to residents in Hancock and Allen Counties. Randy also stated that prior administrations have also given this amount and expressed his thanks.

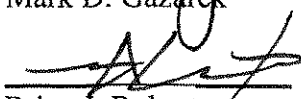
Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Taylor, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:


Timothy K. Bechtol


Mark D. Gazarek


Brian J. Robertson