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Claims Register for Payment Batches					
Vendor Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
02/27/2019	Uniform Equipment & Supplies-Store #1	273032	2018-001301	Gloves	\$29.80
	Account 525-525.000000 (Contract Services) Total:				\$29.80
	Department Landfill Total:				\$29.80
	Fund 500 - Landfill Total:				\$29.80
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District				\$174.36
	Department Landfill Solid Waste	273032	2018-005641	Travel-Nov 2018	\$127.11
	Account 525-525.000000 (Travel) Total:				\$127.11
	02/27/2019 Fee / Wash	273032	2018-005531	Travel-Dec 18	\$150.00
	Account 525-525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$150.00
	Department Landfill Solid Waste Total:				\$246.11
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$246.11
	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust				
	Department: Commissary Trust				
	02/27/2019 Samples Maintenance King Jamborial	273032	2018-001901	Beach, Gloves, Dish Soap & Glass Cleaner	\$176.67
	Account 635-635.000000 (Expenses) Total:				\$176.67
	02/27/2019 Samples Maintenance King Jamborial	273032	2018-001901	Lobby Angle Broom	\$30.38
	Expenses & Services Inc				
	Account 635-635.000000 (Expenses) Total:				\$207.05
	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$207.05
	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$207.05
	Grand Total:				\$125,417.26
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Joe Hintz moved to release payment to Custom Metal Works Inc. for Steel Angle in the amount of \$29.80 from Fund #500. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Abstain – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

19-062

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE HURON COUNTY HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2018 has been submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2018, and has found that to the best of their knowledge the data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2018; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for 2018 be made a part of this resolution hereof the same as if fully written herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

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**Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said that, between June and December of 2018, there were pay-ins for the CHIP program income of \$10,501, bringing the balance to \$49,998.02.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

19-063

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE HURON COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2018 has been prepared by WSOS Community Action, Inc. and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2018 and has found that to the best of their knowledge the data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2018; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for 2018 be made a part of this resolution hereof the same as if fully written herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the only thing paid into the RLF fund was interest. The total on the account is \$76,011.42.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

19-064

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR THE 2019 NEW STATE AND PERU OLENA ROADS RESURFACING (HUR-164-01-18)**

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the 2019 New State and Peru Olena Roads Resurfacing (HUR-164-01-18); and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the 2019 New State and Peru Olena Roads Resurfacing (HUR-164-01-18); and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) until the bid is opened on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10:11 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this will be the last asphalt project of the year. Ohio Public Works is partially funding this project.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of March 15, 2019 until 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: New State and Peru Olena Roads (HUR-164-01-18). Bids shall be opened and publically read aloud at 10:11 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$25.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$15.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than October 11, 2019.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

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19-065

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR THE 2019 BUTLER ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (HUR-063-04.95)**

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the 2019 Butler Road Bridge Replacement (HUR-063-04.95); and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the 2019 Butler Road Bridge Replacement (HUR-063-04.95); and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) until the bid is opened on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10:01 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this is another Ohio Public Works partially funded project.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

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Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than August 23, 2019.

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All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

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Advertise: February 21, 2019

19-066

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE  
PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, amendments have been made to the Huron County Commissioners' Office Public Records Policy regarding *Section 1. Public records; Section 2.7 Record requests; and Section 3. Costs for Public Records*; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the amendments to the sections noted above in the Huron County Commissioners' Office Public Records Policy as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained the major change to this is because the audio will not fit on a CD, it has to be put on a flash drive. Mr. Boose clarified that it stated it must be a new, unopened flash drive.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**At 9:10 a.m. Public Comment**

**Kevin Ledet** – Mr. Ledet passed out a document from Apex he felt was misleading. It outlined benefits associated with PILOTs that might not otherwise be guaranteed, including road repairs. However, he referenced Staff Reports from the Ohio Power Siting Board that indicate a RUMA is a condition of construction and is not dependent on a PILOT. He referenced Logan County, which had not granted a PILOT for the wind project. He said that, as of right now, they are in negotiations to enter into a RUMA before the project can begin. He indicated that he has documentation, and it was also available on the website. He said his contention is that the document from Apex is at least highly misleading, if not in grievous error and is deceptive. It is not true.



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Roger Hunker – Mr. Hunker was present as a Lyme Township Trustee. Mr. Hunker's concern is with the PILOT and the approval of that PILOT. He said as a Township Trustee his biggest concern is the roads and the repair of those roads. The thing he thinks needs to be understood is that the approval of a PILOT is not an approval of the project. He indicated that having the PILOT is all dependent on the protection of our community and for the protection of our roads. He said his major concern is that we have that road use agreement already in place with a PILOT. He noted this had been discussed last March and at that time the schools and townships were in place, and Lyme Township at that point was still of the understanding and agreement that we wanted the PILOT and it is all for the protection of the roads.

Sally Norman - Ms. Norman was here to ask the Commissioners to please not approve a PILOT. She did not think we really needed that money, as the tax payers of Huron County and the surrounding Counties have always stepped up when money was needed to take care of the expenses of our communities. She explained she did not want the area where she had built her dream home 25 years ago to be ruined by these huge industrial wind turbines. With over 40+ homes in the area, she does not consider this sparsely populated for a rural area. She begged the Board to not consider a PILOT in Huron County for Apex.

Patricia Didion – Ms. Didion built her house 50 years ago and does not want to look out the windows of her home and see the turbines. She believes the turbines will delay the expansion of Route 20. She understands others have a right to put turbines on their property, but she doesn't believe it should infringe on her property, or her rights. She said our taxes and government subsidies are paying Apex, yet they come to us and ask for a PILOT, with reduced taxes. She referenced a book by Warren Buffet that says the only reason to pursue and build a wind tower is for the tax credit. She said that is what they are doing this for – the tax credit. She indicated that Ohio is not in the top 20 for windy states, so why would they build them here? She feels if Apex is making money, then our schools should be making money as well. Ms. Didion said the area is destined to grow, she feels that a lot of people would want to come to our area due to the proximity to the lake, and the wind turbines are not necessary to this location.

Walt Poffenbaugh – Mr. Poffenbaugh stated that he always seems to be in a position to refute what Apex has to say. He explained that, a few weeks ago, Mr. Boose asked Ms. Moser a question, to which she had given a half answer. Last week, when Mr. Poffenbaugh tried to bring attention to the number of public agencies and entities that had changed their position on this project, Ms. Moser had indicated it was all political. He agreed it was all political, and outlined numerous other evens he felt were all politically motivated. He went on to say the whole wind farm debate was political. He felt the homeowners had been kept in the dark. He understood the Commissioners had done what they were supposed to do by posting meetings in the newspapers. However, very few people still receive the newspaper, and therefore had not received notice. Mr. Poffenbaugh felt the Commissioners had acted in good faith, and followed the law. He stated this is a democratic republic and asked, on behalf of the people that are here, and the vast majority of the people that they are representing, that the Commissioners represent the majority of the people, the wishes of people. He asked them to vote no on any PILOT, as there are facts available to refute the facts from Apex about the PILOT. He asked that they please consider officially intervening with the Power Siting Board in opposition to this project.

Sharon Schreiner – Ms. Schreiner stated that a RUMA was only guaranteed when a PILOT is passed. However, she wanted to point out that does not mean you cannot enter into a RUMA without a PILOT. She said there are many examples on the internet, and she has spoken to many officials that have indicated we do not need a PILOT to move forward with this. A PILOT is simply a tax abatement. When you get beyond that, and you start getting into the RUMA – a Road Use Maintenance Agreement. This is between Apex and the community, and it will cover road repairs. Apex will be held responsible.

Ms. Didion spoke up and wanted to clarify that she was a resident of Lyme Township, her husband and his brothers own 500 acres of farm land. She wanted it known that they did not sign up for the towers or wind turbines at all, and that not all the farmers are signing up.

19-067

**IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-080 RELATIVE TO APEX CLEAN ENERGY'S APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE EMERSON CREEK WIND ENERGY PROJECT.**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, in Resolution Number 2018-080, has previously expressed its support relative to the application to be submitted by Apex Clean Energy (“Applicant”) to the Ohio Development Services Agency (“ODSA”) for the wind-powered electric generation facility known as Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project to be located in Huron County (“Application”); and

**WHEREAS**, has been informed that the scope of the project has been significantly reduced from the date Resolution 2018-080 was adopted, which thereby reduces the amount of taxes to be received by Huron County and the other political subdivisions within the footprint of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is also aware that there is a lot of uncertainty about the scope and course of the project and there is conflicting information regarding Resolution Number 2018-080; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the reduction in the scope of the project, conflicting information being provided, and other unknown factors relative to the Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to repeal Resolution Number 2018-080, thereby withdrawing its support for the Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project to be located in Huron County; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of Huron County Commissioners that:

**SECTION 1.** For the reasons set forth in the preamble above this Board hereby repeals Resolution Number 2018-080 relative to its support of the Application submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency by Apex Clean Energy for the Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project to be located in Huron County.

**SECTION 2.** This Board, by repealing Resolution Number 2018-080, expressly withdraws its support of the Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project as proposed by Apex Clean Energy to be located in Huron County. The Board will determine whether or not to grant a payment in lieu of taxes after the Emerson Creek Wind Energy Project is ruled upon by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

**SECTION 3.** This Board, hereby authorizes and directs the Administrator/Clerk of this board to immediately send a certified copy of the within resolution to Apex Clean Energy, Ohio Department of Administrative Services; and the Ohio Power Siting Board. now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Hintz clarified this is to repeal the resolution of support.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

**At 9:33 a.m.** the board recessed.

**At 9:38 a.m.** the board resumed regular session. Mr. Wilde stated we need to go into executive session.

***Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or***

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*regulated individual and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Joe Hintz seconded the motion.*

*\*Discussion: for employment, job description and pending litigation.  
The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

*At 10:23 a.m. Joe Hintz moved to end Executive Session ORC121.22 (G) (1) & (3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

*\*No Action Taken*

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

Joe Hintz moved to approve the following travel request this day. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Roland Tkach & Paula Webb, Auditor, to Bowling Green, Ohio for CAAO District Meeting on February 22, 2019.

Amy Leibold & Lenora Minor, JFS, to Ottawa County JFS for Region 2 BCFTA Fiscal Meeting on March 14, 2019.

Warren Brown, HR/LP/RE, to Columbus, Ohio for State Employment Relations Board Seminar on April 16, 2019.

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Enrichment Centers for Huron County  
Attn: Roxanne Sandles  
130 Shady Lane Drive, Building D  
Norwalk, OH 44857

RE: Adventurers Travel Club parking

Dear Ms. Sandles:

We wish to thank you and Deanie Berry for attending the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 to discuss the parking arrangements for the Adventurers Travel Club. We believe these

trips are a great benefit to our seniors and continue to support the program. However, the overwhelming success of the program has led to recent parking issues at the Administration Building. As you are aware, there are departments in the Administration Building that need to continue to conduct business on a daily basis. Therefore, we need to supply adequate parking for employees and citizens utilizing these services.

It is the Board's understanding that there is an arrangement with the Huron County Fairgrounds to accommodate parking for the Adventurers Travel Club. Should circumstances arise where alternate parking is needed, the Board asks for your cooperation and adhere to the following arrangements:

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- Notify the County Administrator/Clerk, in writing, of the date, length of trip, and approximate number of cars ([vziemba@hccommissioners.com](mailto:vziemba@hccommissioners.com))
- All cars are to be parked in the far rear of the back parking lot, behind the drive and adjacent to the recycling bins
  - There are 32 marked parking spots. You can park vehicles however you choose within this allotted area to allow for additional vehicles.
  - Please have a Senior Enrichment/Adventure Travel Club employee monitor parking as individuals arrive to assure they are adhering to these parking arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Terry Boose, Joe Hintz, Bruce Wilde

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Board of Huron County Public Health  
180 Milan Avenue  
Norwalk, OH 44857

RE: Impending move

Dear Mr. Hollinger:

Congratulations on the recent purchase of a new building to house the Huron County Public Health Department. We understand the impending move is expected to take place sometime this spring or early summer. Please submit a timeline or a tentative timeline if you do not have firm dates. The timeline will allow this Board an opportunity to plan for the future use of space.

Additionally, it's this Board's expectation that all items attached to the building, walls, and electrical system are considered fixtures of the building and should be left in place. This includes, but is not limited to, cabinets, shelves, security system, generators, etc. If you do not agree due to how these items were purchased (i.e. utilizing Homeland Security Grant, State Grants, etc.), please supply the supporting documentation as to why these items should not be considered part of the building.

Sincerely,  
THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Terry Boose, Joe Hintz, Bruce Wilde

Cc: Tim Hollinger  
file

**Discussion:** Mr. Boose mentioned Senior Enrichment has moved their Board meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.

***Joe Hintz moved to approve signing the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project. Terry Boose seconded.***

**Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was for CDBG projects – exempting them from having to have environmental review.

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Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

*Terry Boose moved to approve signing the Application for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission for 22 East Main St. Joe Hintz seconded.*

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

*Terry Boose moved to approve allowing Bruce Wilde, the Board President, to sign the Airport Board FY 2019 Improvement Program pre-application. Joe Hintz seconded.*

**Discussion:** Mr. Boose pointed out that, even though he would vote to allow Mr. Wilde to sign the application, it does not mean that he will support the grant. He has not made his decision yet whether to support the grant.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**Administrator/Clerk report**

Ms. Ziemba mentioned that Mr. Boose had brought back a copy of the MHAS Guidelines for Public Comment. Ms. Ziemba thought they were great, and asked Ms. Cardone if we could also adopt these. Ms. Cardone consented and, if the Board was okay with it, Ms. Ziemba would modify them to be more appropriate for the Commissioners. Mr. Strickler has already reviewed them. Ms. Ziemba suggested posting them outside door, just so everyone is aware of them.

Ms. Ziemba scheduled an Executive Session to interview Steven Fawcett for the MHAS position at the February 26, 2019 meeting. She still has not received any other recommendations for that Board. This leaves one open position on the Board.

Ms. Ziemba stated she has scheduled a representative from Watch Communications to come in regarding the internet.

Amy Hoffman is coming in later today. She will be bringing the contracts with her for the electric program. They already have the bids in and First Energy Solutions won the contract.

**Assistant Prosecutor's report** – none.

**Commissioner Hintz report** – none.

**Commissioner Wilde report**

Mr. Wilde attended last week's Manufacturer's meeting. Discussions about the fact that businesses are losing employees to retirement and quitting and are not able to replace them. The manufacturing industry has changed over the years, and in an effort to try to get kids interested, they are planning to put together a summer manufacturing camp.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> is BRASS (Bellevue Recovery Housing). That is the same day as Master Gardener's. Mr. Wilde will attend BRASS. Mr. Boose indicated he would too, as he already has his tickets

Huron County Family Dependency Treatment Court will have their first person graduate this week. Mr. Wilde is going to try to attend if his schedule allows

Friday is a Land Bank meeting at 1:00.

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February 26<sup>th</sup> wind farm meeting put on by Erie County Commissioners. Mr. Wilde plans to attend.

**Commissioner Boose report**

Mr. Boose asked about the next step for the wind project. It has been filed but the Commissioners have not received anything from the Ohio Development Services Agency. Mr. Strickler indicated that the triggering event would be receipt of notice from the Ohio Development Services Agency. We have not received that yet. Mr. Wilde clarified that they would have 30 days from that date, with a possible 30 day extension from that point.

After much discussion, it was decided to hold a meeting for those who may receive funding from the project, including MHAS, Christie Lane, Senior Center, Bellevue Schools, Seneca Schools, Monroeville Schools, Willard Schools, Ehope School, Vanguard School, Pioneer School, Norwich Township, Lyme Township, Sherman Township, Richfield Township, Richmond Township, Health Department, Huron River Fire District, Bellevue Library, Huron County Library District. Mr. Boose would like to ask them if they are for/against/neutral on the PILOT project and suggested they provide an official response before or at the meeting. This meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Mr. Boose suggested reserving spots for media and local government officials that may plan on attending.

It was also decided that a public meeting should be held. This is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be informational only, and while the public is welcome to speak, they will have a time limit. Also, it will be asked that, if someone has already spoken to the Commissioners and/or provided letters, that they allow someone new to speak.

Mr. Boose said he had been out to Senior Services and had attended the Board meeting. They were going to stay with what had been agreed to last week – close the bathrooms and the downstairs, but allow them to use the one hallway on the second floor. The bathroom upstairs next to Transportation will be closed, along with anything else in that area. He said the door should be closed on the second floor just past Transportation. He clarified that it should always be closed, but not locked. Mr. Minor pointed out that there was no handle on the “pull” side of that door. Mr. Boose thought we should figure out some way to open it without spending a lot of money. Mr. Boose said that the meeting with the Board President had been cancelled, she did not feel it was necessary.

Mr. Boose went on to say that they have been put on notice – there is still a problem with the outside lighting. A Board member fell getting into their car. Because of this, Mr. Boose wants to make it a high priority to get something out there. Mr. Welch asked if the fall had been ice related. Mr. Boose said no, because it was dark. There was discussion on different options to light the area. Mr. Boose suggested it be something we could reuse somewhere else if necessary.

Mr. Boose indicated he found out at their Board meeting that Senior Enrichment had signed a contract with Fisher Titus for space in the same building as Anytime Fitness. There had been no money exchanged for this contract, and to the best of his knowledge they have not raised the money to do this. He thought they were going to or had hired a professional firm to do fundraising for this purpose. Mr. Boose said they are scheduled to begin removing the asbestos from the building this week. It was his understanding that if Senior Enrichment did not move into the building then Fisher Titus would pay for the asbestos removal.

Mr. Wilde understands that Fisher Titus is financing the building for them on a 7-year loan. Mr. Boose indicated he has asked Senior Enrichment for a timeline of their plans, but he does not know when he will receive it. He was aware that they were already working with Janotta & Herner on renovations. Mr. Boose said that he believed the plan was to use whatever funding they receive for this building to also upgrade Willard as well.

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if he would have a conflict going forward with anything associated with Senior Enrichment because of the business he has at the same location. Mr. Strickler suggested he abstain from voting. Mr. Boose said there is nothing to vote on. However, Mr. Boose explained that at one of the meetings Senior Enrichment asked how much the Commissioners would pay towards their new building now and/or in the future. Mr. Strickler thought that, as it relates to that building, Mr. Wilde should abstain. If it was anywhere else it would be fine, but because Mr. Wilde is a tenant there this will avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

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Mr. Boose brought up his meeting with Judge Conway. He is still asking for the extension of the wall. Mr. Minor verified that it was the one in the basement. Discussion on how to proceed and it was decided they would be able to do something to create a private space. Mr. Boose understands the project had been put off, since it wasn't as easy as anticipated.

**At 11:37 a.m. the board recessed.**

**At 11:56 a.m. the board resumed regular session.**

**Commissioner Boose report cont.**

Mr. Boose reported on the meeting with Kevin Conger and OSU Extension regarding the Health Department fees they are being charged this year. Everyone agrees they are outrageous. Camp Conger went before the Health Department, but the Health Department would not change anything. Mr. Boose believes the Health Department is making enemies. They are trying to blame everything on the State government. He brought this to Mr. Stein's attention. However, the State government does not set fees, they establish rules and regulations. Mr. Boose decided he would ask them where it says they have to charge what they are charging. He feels certain the septic issue is going to blow up. He thinks if the same fee increases experienced by Camp Conger are going to happen to the private industry, it is just a matter of time before they hear about it. Mr. Boose believes they have the ability to make exceptions as to what their fees are, similar to how the Board of Commissioners charged them an extremely low rate of rent for the last 20 years. Mr. Boose will attend the next Board of Health meeting if no one else wants to.

Mr. Boose discussed the ODOT roundabout issue with Dick Stein. Mr. Boose does not think the Reflector story was accurate – that is not the feeling of the people. He believes the people are counting on the Commissioners to speak for them. He encouraged Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz to talk to the farmers, the businesses in the area, and the people who live in the area. Mr. Boose explained that it is not necessarily about not having a roundabout but more about what type they are looking to put in and it is about the intersection.

Mr. Boose again mentioned that Senior Services had specifically asked if they would be willing to give money, either towards the building or operation of the new building.

Regarding the roundabout, Mr. Boose had a discussion with a trucking company and he had heard from another contractor/public industry that also has worries about the roundabout. Mr. Boose stated he has heard there may be a group of businesses that are coming out in opposition of the roundabout.

Mr. Boose met with the Mayor of Wakeman regarding 911. The Mayor brought up some of the issues they have with current 911 system. The Mayor feels there is some frustration amongst the County that nothing has been done. The feeling is the Commissioners, whether previous or current, are not moving quickly enough with the 911 issue. Mr. Boose believes there is a difference of opinion as to whether we need a centralized dispatch or whether we continue with what is in existence now.

Mr. Boose suggested setting up a meeting, although he wasn't sure if it should be with the decision makers or the first responders themselves. He isn't sure how to move as quickly on a levy as the 911 committee would like without having some issues resolved beforehand. Mr. Boose did not want to run into the same issues they had when they hired Ms. Bond, having received a positive response from the first responders and then finding out that the decision makers were not as enthusiastic or had even been informed.

Mr. Boose and Mr. Strickler discussed the various ways the fire departments are set up and how they pay for these services. This discussion included levies and the time frame time to have a levy put on the ballot. Mr. Strickler explained that the paperwork for a levy needed to be to the Auditor/Board of Elections in early August.

Mr. Boose didn't think this issue should wait until the April meeting, and asked the Board how they want to move forward with 911. Mr. Wilde thought they should meet with Ms. Bond first, let her know what was going on and have her help establish a plan to quickly take care of this issue. Mr. Boose asked that, during the meeting with Ms. Bond, they find out what the 911 Executive Committee is and what their authority is. Mr. Boose said they never met last year when he was President of the Board.

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Mr. Boose met with Jan Tkach about her budget issues. The \$5,000 that Ms. Hazel said she was going to provide is already included in Ms. Tkach's budget. Mr. Boose did have a long talk with her about her employees and what they are being paid. Mr. Boose pointed out that the Juvenile Judge was asking for more for his employees. Everyone agreed that Ms. Tkach should receive more for her employees.

Mr. Boose also met with Summit Motor Sports. Mr. Boose is not sure where Mr. Mead is coming from when he said Summit doesn't have a problem with the roundabout. Mr. Boose said that is not true.

Mr. Boose attended the MHAS board meeting and commented about how it has grown. They had a Lorain County nonprofit group give a presentation about Alpha House, a men's recovery facility. They want to come to Huron County but won't without MHAS support. Mr. Boose's concern is how MHAS will respond, since they are in the process of working with another recovery center that will need their support/funds as well. Mr. Boose is concerned that someone may lose money building something that is no longer necessary because there is another one. He doesn't know what the MHAS plan is with that. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Cardone had emailed her this morning and asked to be put on the agenda. She wanted to share what they are working on and get the Board's input regarding what they identify as primary need of the community is. They were working on coordinating a date.

Mr. Boose also attended the Fire Fighters Association meeting where they discussed two interesting topics. First, Mr. Boose brought up that they will be making a decision on the PILOT project soon. This is an issue because, if there is a PILOT project, there are rules and Ohio Revised Code states that Apex has to provide training and equipment to first responders. One of the fire departments mentioned that they had asked Apex how much this would be and who it would go to, but had not received a response. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to ask Mr. Pedder the same question. Mr. Pedder responded, but as Mr. Hintz said, the response was pretty vague. Mr. Boose said those are the kind of questions we need answered. If they decide to go forward with the wind project, and we don't give them the PILOT, who will train our first responders, and who is going to pay for it.

Second, the firefighters have been trying for a long time to get more coverage, more protection for hazardous materials because they go into hazardous material issues all the time – asbestos, toxic gases, whatever. Worker's comp has pretty much come out and agreed to cover them on the hazardous material issues, assuming they have taken every precaution possible going into it. Mr. Strickler said this translates to being required to have the most up to date equipment. Mr. Boose said there is the possibility that every firefighter may have to be decontaminated at the site. Mr. Wilde said you would have to have a portable station. If they don't do it, then they are not covered. Mr. Boose explained there have been all kinds of changes to coverage for first responders working with hazardous materials. Mr. Boose pointed out that the fire community had not anticipated all the things they now have to do to be covered.

Mr. Boose again mentioned the Enrichment Services meeting, they are moving their meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, and they signed a contract with FTMC. They also have a new board member – Ben Kenney.

Mr. Boose attended the CCAO board meeting. CCAO strongly recommends attending the Ohio Council of Elected Officials meeting on April 9, 2019. There is already a Board meeting that day, so Mr. Boose will be able to attend. It was also recommended someone attend the Worker's Comp Service Committee annual meeting on February 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Boose thought we should check with Mr. Brown and see if he is going and suggested one of the other Commissioners attend as well. Mr. Wilde said he already had another meeting scheduled out of town that day and asked Mr. Hintz to check into it.

Mr. Boose said the CORSA meeting is on March 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Also, the CEBCO meeting is April 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Wilde stated he would be able to attend this meeting. Mr. Boose thought Ms. Ziemba should check with Mr. Brown and see if he was going to attend the meetings, and see if our health insurance advisor, Ashley Group, was planning to attend to the CEBCO meeting.

Mr. Boose wanted to try to get a hold of the Reconnect program. Everyone is talking about how they want their hands on that money. Ms. Ziemba said they are on the schedule for the 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Integrated Network Concepts.

Mr. Boose had talked to some people who thought having a County Apiarist was a good idea, as long as we had a good person to do the job. Mr. Hintz was not had a chance to talk to Ashland County about this.



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Mr. Boose asked about the Architect/Engineer. Ms. Ziemba said they would be in on the 26<sup>th</sup> also.

Budget meeting on February 21. Mr. Wilde indicated the Budget Commission is meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. No one knew why they were meeting twice.

**At 12:40 p.m.** the board recessed.

**At 1:00 p.m.** the board resumed regular session with

*Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy.* Ms. Hoffman has done a “refresh” price and First Energy Solutions had the best rate. The fixed rate for all the residents in the County that are participating is .0491 for 24 months. That rate will not change. This pricing will go into effect in May when the current contract ends. First Energy Solutions will provide an opt out letter for those that do not wish to participate. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify – this is the energy company that everybody in those townships will have that aren’t shopping on their own. Ms. Hoffman indicated it was, and said the opt out letter is going to go to everyone that is directly with the utility. The letter will indicate that if they do nothing, they will stay in the program and receive the fixed rate. If they choose not to be in the program they can call the 800 number or mail in the notice at the bottom of the letter. They may do this at any time. Also, they can enroll by calling or going online to First Energy Solutions.

Ms. Hoffman provided a First Amendment to the contract, as the original contract has been in place for 10 years.

***Terry Boose moved to approve the amendment to the First Energy Solutions contract for electrical Ohio governmental aggregation for the term 2019-2021. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

***Aye – Terry Boose***

***Aye – Joe Hintz***

***Aye – Bruce Wilde***

**At 1:12 p.m.** Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on February 19, 2019.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p. m.

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	Terry Boose
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	Joe Hintz
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	Bruce Wilde

**ATTEST**

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Clerk to the Board