TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose, Joe Hintz, Bruce Wilde.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 17, 2019 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Joe Hintz made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz stated they had.

Voting was as follows:

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

19-047

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor's Office for payment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Schedule 02/05/19 and authorizes the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrants; 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*: Mr. Wilde brought up the tuition payment for Celeryville. Ms. Minor had sent an email indicating the Agency was paying for a child who is delayed social and developmentally to attend preschool. She feels this is a more proactive approach that will hopefully avoid future expenditures.

Mr. Boose questioned the gas bills – there are two for Columbia Gas and one for Constellation Energy. Ms. Ziemba explained that Constellation supplies the jail, Columbia Gas supplies the other properties. The jail uses a higher volume so they are eligible for a better rate.

Mr. Boose asked about the status of travel requests. Mr. Strickler advised that we continue this practice based on the statute. Mr. Boose suggested we send a notice to the Sheriff indicating travel requests are required and need to be approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Boose questioned tuition reimbursement for JFS and if there was a requirement on how long someone has to stay. Ms. Ziemba said tuition reimbursement is part of the union contract, so they would have to review that contract.

Mr. Boose brought up that the County is buying groceries four weeks in a row for the same person. Mr. Boose has never seen this, and wondered if this was going to continue.

Mr. Boose asked if there had been any discussion about the 911 budget at the meeting, and specifically who decides how the 911 budget is distributed throughout the County. Mr. Wilde verified with Ms. Ziemba that they hadn't gone into detail about the budget at the meeting. Mr. Boose would like to know who makes the decisions.

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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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At 9:10 a.m. Public comment.

<u>Chris Bauer</u> – Mr. Bauer explained that the wind turbines are expected to be built 1,270 feet from his home. He feels the turbines will intrude upon the life he and his wife have built. He indicated they don't want this, it is not needed, there are better ways to handle this and asked that the Commissioners hear the people.

<u>Tim Wren</u> - Mr. Wren called upon the good senses and responsible commitment to the citizens that he feels will be adversely affected by the wind turbines. He explained that, as rural and open as these townships may seem, they are still residential. Mr. Wren feels the wind turbines will decimate the rural residential landscape. They will devaluate property up to 40%, which will eventually have a negative financial impact on government and schools. Mr. Wren feels the Commissioners should reject approving a PILOT.

<u>Joe Fritz</u> – Mr. Fritz feels the wind companies have lied to him and his family and that these turbines are not necessary. He believes that the only ones in favor of them have been bought out by the wind companies. Mr. Fritz indicated that this issue has divided his family and the community. Mr. Fritz is afraid they are going to break up the family farm and ruin the neighborhood. He asked that the Commissioner not let the wind turbines come into the area.

<u>Jim Colvin</u> – Mr. Colvin explained he has followed the wind turbines throughout the country for three years. They have devastated communities. They depreciate property values and schools have reported a decrease in enrollment by as much as 30%. Mr. Colvin explained that every child that leaves takes over \$8,000 with him. He compared the promises of the wind companies to take care of the schools to those made by the lottery. Mr. Colvin feels there may be a few farmers that will make a lot of money, but felt that everyone else was going to take a serious hit if the wind turbines are approved.

<u>Mary Musko</u> – Ms. Musko was present from Erie County. She explained she comes from a long line of farmers and has a farm north of Bellevue were they plan to put a wind turbine. She thinks it is a good thing for the community. She previously lived close to Davis Besse and feels the wind turbines are much safer. She is for the wind turbines, believes they are a good thing and the community should embrace them.

At 9:23 a.m. the board recessed.

At 9:30 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

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<u>Martha Shample & John Heston, Erie/Huron Branch of SCORE</u>. Ms. Shample explained that SCORE works with small businesses and they were there to thank the Commissioners for their support and update them on what they do. They meet with potential business owners to go over the steps of starting a business and do what they can to ensure that business will work.

Mr. Heston explained that their branch has been in business for 18 years. He said they mentor those that want to start a small business, or sometimes those who wish to expand their business. They have about 100 sessions a year and serve about 40 people, about 40% are Huron County residents. In addition to mentoring, they also do workshops, including one at the NASA facility at Plumbrook were they discussed government contracting. He explained he retired from the Federal government in business of contract management. Mr. Heston outlined other presentations and activities SCORE was involved in, including working with inmates at the Grafton Correctional facility.

Mr. Heston said they planned to move into this building. Ms. Shample explained they work with Ms. Knapp on a regular basis and believes that having so many resources available in the same area will be a benefit for everyone. She indicated that they have been successful and they keep track of the businesses they help.

Mr. Wilde wanted to make sure everyone knew that everything SCORE does is free. Mr. Heston explained that all mentoring is free and they are all unpaid volunteers. He mentioned they were looking for new mentors. Ms. Shample said that those that use their services can come to the office as many times as they want, they are always welcome.

Ms. Knapp spoke briefly on SCORE. She is very enthused about future collaborations and them being next door neighbors. She explained that, with them being a hub zone, SCORE's assistance with government contacting is critical. Ms. Knapp said that she had informed Mr. Heston about the Erie Basin RC&D revolving loan fund as a gap financing opportunity. This shows that with Erie Basin, SCORE and Huron County Development Council all in the same location, it will be very advantageous for the citizens and businesses of Huron County.

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IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MELISSA JAMES FROM THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter of resignation of Melissa James from the Huron County Airport Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of Melissa James effective immediately; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to thank Ms. James for her services on the Board; 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:** Mr. Boose said they officially received it in writing, they are now ready to move.

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

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Melissa James resigned from the Huron County Airport Board leaving a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Colvin has expressed interest in fulfilling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mr. John Colvin to fulfill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. John Colvin to the Huron County Airport Board to the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019; 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:** Mr. Boose stated they had followed policy on this and sent all applications they had received to the Airport Board. The Board came back with their recommendation and this was their recommendation.

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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IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL FOR HURON COUNTY

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners are seeking bids for solid waste transportation and disposal for Huron County; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on February 7, 2019 and on the County's website <u>www.hccommissioners.com</u> until the bid is opened on February 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.; and further

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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:** Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if we had received any comment back from the letter we sent. Mr. Strickler indicated there had been no response. Mr. Welch wanted to be certain the documents contained language that would allow them to disqualify any bidders. Ms. Ziemba read the language he requested. Mr. Welch indicated the documents would be in final form by Thursday.

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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received for Solid Waste Disposal by the Board of County Commissioners, Huron County (OWNER), Address, 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio,44857 until 10:00 a.m. Local Time on February 22, 2019 and will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of provisions for:

- Hauling all Solid Waste received at the Huron County Transfer Station,
- Disposing of all Solid Waste hauled from the facility to a CONTRACTOR-selected landfill approved by the OWNER.

The Project Manual consists of the Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Bid Bond, Contract Agreement, General Conditions and other Contract Documents. It may be examined at the following locations:

Board of County Commissioners Huron County Administrative Building 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7 Norwalk, Ohio 44857

The Project Manual may be obtained from Huron County Commissioners, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 (telephone 419-668-3092), during regular business hours.

Bidders shall provide proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in Article 5 of the Instructions to Bidders. Each Bidder must deposit a security in the amount of \$10,000.00 with its bid.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements regarding safety regulations and conditions of employment to be observed under the Contract.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Contract time will be in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement.

The Board of County Commissioners, Huron County, Ohio, reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding process or in any bid or to reject any or all bids.

This advertisement may also be found on the Huron County Commissioners website at <u>http://www.hccommissioners.com</u> and can be accessed by clicking on Legal Notices.

BY ORDER OF THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk

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<u>At 9:45 a.m.</u> Pete Welch, Director of Operations, Steve Minor, Tim Bettac to discuss how to proceed with the Veterans old area. Mr. Boose said that one of the reason he pushed the veterans to move out was because of how expensive the utilities were for the building. Mr. Boose stated he had done a walk-through of the building and felt there were some issues that need to be addressed. First, he thinks we need to lock the front door. He asked if it could be locked and still be used as an exit. Mr. Welch explained there was a push bar on the door, but they were considering taking that off and putting on a regular door lock. He thought the push bar could be used elsewhere. He thought that if they were going to seal the inside and that section of the building the exit was not necessary since no one would be in there. Mr. Boose said he wasn't sure it could be sealed after walking through it yesterday. Mr. Welch thought it might be okay to do so.

Mr. Boose said the other area he wanted to address was utilities, locks and items left by the veterans. The veterans had left behind flags, computer equipment, pictures and other items. Mr. Boose thought everything should be put in one room, locked up and allow them so many days to come get it. Mr. Welch agreed that was a good idea so we aren't responsible for anything. Mr. Boose asked about the box locked to front porch that was used to dispose of flags. Mr. Minor said the bannister would be changed. Mr. Welch asked about the plaque. Mr. Minor said he had taken it down and put it in one of the rooms. Mr. Welch said he contacted Mr. Huffman about whether they wanted to send the sign to the Historical Society and was waiting for a response.

Mr. Welch said the second floor was the issue with getting the heat turned off in the facility. He explained those rooms had been occupied by Parents as Teachers. When they moved out Senior Services took over the rooms, although no one could remember them asking to do so. Mr. Bettac explained they used one for storage, one was a sewing room, and they may be using one other room. Mr. Welch said if we can move them out of there, then you could seal the whole place and turn the heat off in that area. Mr. Boose thought this would probably be an issue. Mr. Welch said they could seal both sides and questioned Mr. Bettac about what could be done if they had to keep the second floor open. Mr. Bettac said that all they could do was disconnect the water. He said the veteran's water meter also does the upstairs transit bathroom upstairs. Mr. Welch said other than that they could close the heating vents. Mr. Boose asked if he, Mr. Welch, Mr. Minor and Mr. Bettac, should go to one of their Board meetings. Mr. Wilde thought they should explain the situation and see if they had another possible solution. Mr. Welch did not know how often those rooms were used. Mr. Boose thought attending one of the Board meetings to discuss the building, how much it is costing us, and find out a little bit more about what they plan to do.

Mr. Wilde asked about the transit bathroom upstairs and if there was another nearby. Mr. Minor indicated there was another one. Mr. Wilde suggested we talk to the Board and explain we are trying to shut the water off. Mr Boose asked if it would help to shut the door between Transportation and the hallway. Mr. Bettac explained that the heat and air could be turned off both upstairs and down at that end of the building if those three rooms were moved. Mr. Bettac explained the heat wasn't needed on the first floor, because there was separate furnace for the area upstairs that Senior Enrichment was occupying, although the stairway would still be open. Mr. Bettac said if they shut the heat off on the first floor, he would like to disconnect the waterlines into the veteran's kitchen area, as they have a tendency to freeze. He explained the hot water tank is in their basement for the Transit bathroom. Mr. Boose asked about shutting the Transit bathroom off and Mr. Bettac said we shouldn't have to worry about it. Mr. Boose though the might have a pre-meeting with Ms. Sandles. Mr. Welch suggested Mr. Bettac attend since he would be able to explain it the best.

Mr. Boose asked again about putting all the stuff in one room and locking the door. Mr. Wilde thought that made complete sense. Mr. Welch suggested they take pictures of what they had. He would send an email and was hoping they would respond that it is just junk, do whatever you want with it. Realistically he didn't expect to get a response. There was discussion regarding what email address to use. The only email available was a general email everyone thought went to Mr. Raymond. Mr. Boose recommended we could put a sentence in the email asking that it please be passed on to the Board members.

<u>At 10:00 a.m.</u> Joe Hintz moved to enter into 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 <u>pending or imminent</u> <u>court action</u>. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

<u>At 10:30 a.m.</u> Terry Boose moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). Joe Hintz 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

At 10:30 a.m. Sarah Moser, APEX

Ms. Moser was present to give an official update of the Apex wind project. She said the final application package had been filed with the Power Siting Board late Thursday afternoon. She had some final numbers available for the first phase. She indicated setbacks had not changed with the State, so they had to make things work with the current setbacks. She said that Apex is still planning a second phase of the project, but is not sure about the size. They will need keep fighting that battle with the State - they are continuing to work on setbacks and not giving up.

Ms. Moser explained that, for the first phase of the project Huron County is looking at 61 turbines at the most, 52 at the least. This will produce anywhere from 255 megawatts to 217 megawatts. Mr. Wilde thought that initially there would be two 300 megawatt phases. Ms. Moser said that was correct, originally the first phase had an estimated 150 to 160 megawatts. She explained that the megawattage is actually larger than estimated, because the generators are bigger, so the turbines will produce 4.2 to 4.5 megawatts apiece. She said this means less towers, more money.

Ms. Moser said that with the PILOT, the County would receive \$1,000 for each megawatt straight to the County General Fund, which would total either \$255,000 or \$217,000 a year. She said the County tax base increase would be between \$2.04 million to \$1.736 million a year for the next 30 years. Ms. Moser said that Apex is working to get the numbers to Mr. Tkach.

Ms. Moser continued by saying she was here to answer questions about the next step. She explained the process with the Power Siting Board will take from 9 to 11 months. She said it began with the public information meetings and the submission of the application. The Board is now reviewing their application for completeness. Once they decide it is complete, they will start reviewing the studies. She explained the difference in the number of turbines is because they planned about 24 spares. This is so, if the Power Siting Board says one doesn't work and won't give a permit for it, they eliminate that one and use what is left. She explained it is a difficult process with Ohio because you have to predict so far in advance where things will go and how technology might work out.

Ms. Moser said the second phase will likely be 150 to 200 megawatts, which is how much room they have left. She explained they will probably have to come back and re-approach the PILOT in the second phase because they will have to pick up more ground and will have to see where the setbacks go. This will depend on what the State decides to do. They will let us know when they do that, but right now the first phase is pretty solid.

Mr. Wilde wanted to verify that the amount of money to our County was larger than what they first looked at. Ms. Moser said yes, for the first phase, it was. He then asked about the process and if it went to the Ohio Development Services Agency after the Power Siting Board. Ms. Moser explained that the Power Siting Board process will determine the permit. The Development Services Agency comes in when we apply for the PILOT. She said this could be done as soon as tomorrow. They would submit the application with the DSA, the DSA will send it to the Commissioners and the Commissioners will have 30 days to approve. She said they are working on it, getting Mr. Tkach the numbers so he can figure out the information they need on that and it will be coming this way.

Mr. Wilde thought that we could not do anything with the PILOT until we received something from the Ohio Development Services Agency. Mr. Strickler said that was his understanding in reading the statute -

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until we get some type of notification from the Power Siting Board we cannot officially approve a PILOT. Ms. Moser said that was correct. Mr. Strickler said that, as we stated previously, the prior resolution adopted doesn't mean anything to the Power Siting Board. It has no effect

Mr. Boose mentioned a question that had come up regarding PILOT money versus taxable money. This was, in 20 years if it became necessary to repower them, would the tax base increase, or would it stay at the original tax base of the original equipment.

Ms. Moser explained that there are no projects that are that far along. It is her understanding that the PILOT will continue for the life of the project, so if the project is extended and keeps going, Huron County would keep getting that \$2,000,000 payment. Mr. Boose wanted to know if that meant it would go for more than 30 years or for a maximum of 30 years. Ms. Moser thought more than the 30 years. She said as long as turbines are operating the County will be getting the PILOT payment. She said she assumes they will adjust for inflation and will reevaluate where the PILOT is at the time they are repowered. She reminded everyone that when they started the project they needed the PILOT to build the project because there was huge gap between full taxes and PILOT. It was an incentive to get people to come to the State. She indicated that the pricing for wind has come down so much in the last 2 or 3 years that the gap is now very small. It is not really that good of a deal anymore when you look at the numbers, and it is about the same amount or a little bit more with the PILOT. She believes the wind companies are going to come back and want to lower the PILOT amount, but the Counties will want to make it higher. She believe there will be some negotiating going on as the project progresses, but feels that, as long as the project is there, the County will keep getting paid per the PILOT. Mr. Boose stated, because this has never happened, the best answer is we don't know what would happen. Ms. Moser stated it was political, as well, and there are a lot of unknowns, but right now the PILOT is set the way it is for the life of it.

Ms. Moser went on to explain that the project will depreciate, such that if you did the full tax rate and it depreciates, when it is repowered the new investment will become taxable. Anything that has been depreciated, such as the bases and towers, will not be taxed a second time. Ms. Moser explained this works the same as property taxes. She compared it to a new addition on a building, where the addition would taxable but the old portion is not. Mr. Boose said it can be even a little bit more complicated because new costs versus repair is totally different and a repair rarely adds to the value of something. Ms. Moser speculated that the County would say it was worth more and the wind company would say it is worth less when it comes to this scenario.

Mr. Wilde questioned the provisions of ORC 5727.75(E)(1)(b) and read the statute. He felt this was in conflict with the representations of Ms. Moser that they could do a PILOT right now. Ms. Moser clarified that she said they could submit the application to the DSA now that the project has been submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board. She said the DSA application could be filed any time from now until construction. Ms. Moser said that if the Commissioners are ready for the application now, she can send it. She indicated that they had been waiting on Erie County to see where they were, since Huron County passed a Resolutions saying we were ready. Ms. Moser explained that if Huron and Erie Counties were put together as one application, then everything would get monitored together. This means that all of the jobs created, all the money, everything is monitored together. However, if two applications were submitted, one for Erie County and one for Huron County application to go in, it would take about a week to a week and a half to prepare it. From there it would come to the Commissioners and they would have 30 days, or up to 60 days with an extension, to approve or deny the PILOT. Mr. Wilde said he was not ready for that. Ms. Moser said, so don't send it yet? Mr. Wilde said correct. Ms. Moser said that was fine.

Mr. Wilde clarified that we don't have all the numbers because the Auditor doesn't have them yet. Ms. Moser said the numbers for the second phase will all fall in Huron County, as of now they were looking at a total of about 405 megawatts. She said they originally talked about 450 megawatts, so it was about 9% less than what they had projected. She specified that \$405,000 would go directly to the County and then the tax base would increase accordingly.

Mr. Boose asked if the project name had changed. Ms. Moser said it was still Emerson Creek Wind.

Mr. Wilde said he had no other questions, but there was a lot of discussion he just wanted to find out exactly what was going on. Ms. Moser said that Mr. Hunker had been coming to the meetings, if there were any questions at any time, please email or call Mr. Hunker.

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Ms. Moser pointed out that this project had been very lucrative so far and mentioned the Budweiser commercial during the Super Bowl. She said this was a 300 megawatt windfarm, Thunder Ranch, in Oklahoma, comparable to what they were planning here. She said this is a pretty high visibility wind farm – a lot of people are looking at it and are excited by what they are seeing. As far as the community sponsorship, Apex is looking forward to actually building because then we can really be a part of what we are giving back to the Fairs and continuing to do all that. She thought the schools seem pretty good and indicated she had met with the Willard School Board. She knows some of the schools are confused with the intervention language and a lot of them are voting to just intervene not for or against, just to be informed of the process. She explained that intervention means that, through this Power Siting Board process, they will keep you versed to what is going on and extend invitations to everything Apex will do the same. There has been a lot going on, but Apex didn't have anything actual to present until the application came together. It was all hypothetical up until then.

Mr. Boose wanted to be clear and asked Ms. Moser what the total megawatts for the first phase for both Counties. Ms. Moser said the first phase - high end 255, low end 217 for Huron. Mr. Boose wanted to know the total. Ms. Moser said it was 300 total, so Erie would get 109 to 79 and Huron would get 255 to 217, so it would equal 300 total in the first phase between the two. Mr. Boose questioned Ms. Moser about how the process worked when applying to the Power Siting Board. He asked if you apply for a 300 phase project and then work the details out later. Ms. Moser explained that when they apply the project is a year out. The Power Siting Board allows you to apply for different models of turbines. The issue that they have is that different models have different sound ratings, different setbacks because they are taller, smaller, those kinds of things. She said that Apex couldn't decide – should they color code it and indicate certain ones are for Model One, certain ones for Model Two, or should they design a hybrid turbine, which they call the Frankenturbine, so it can be approve all the sites. If all the sites are permitted for the worst case scenario, which means they have been studied for wildlife, wetlands, karst, then you can put whichever turbine you decide to go with in which ever spots you choose. She indicated it looks kind of scary on the map because, there are 90 turbines on the map, even though they only plan to build 71. She indicated that, in the end, it is still only going to be 300 megawatts. This allows Apex the option to pick which ones are the most efficient, which ones work the best for the homeowners and the landowners, so the more communication that is involved through the process, the better project you get. Mr. Boose said basically you apply for a certain size project, and then the details get worked out. Ms. Moser said the was correct, depending on what they say.

Ms. Moser said that a lot of times the Power Siting Board will take one out here or there. She said that in Van Wert they took one out because they didn't like the location so they removed it from the project. Mr Boose verified it was the Power Siting Board that did this. Ms. Moser, said yes, if they don't like it, they can take it out. That is why they have their public comment – people can email to the Power Siting Board at any time and let them know they don't want a turbine in a certain area. The Board will then look at it and see if it's obeying the rules or if it is going to be an issue.

Mr. Boose reminded Ms. Moser that they had 3 hearings, and also had a meeting with local government entities. He asked Ms. Moser if Apex had heard from any of those government entities that they had changed their mind. Ms. Moser said that Bellevue City School withdrew their letter of support, but she knew that was a political issue. She indicated they didn't feel the schools should be for or against, so they decided to stay neutral. She thought they were asking Willard to do the same. She said the schools see it is as revenue, not a political or emotional thing issue. She said that, other than the Norwich Trustee that everyone was aware of already, none of the townships seemed to have changed their mind. In fact, she thought there has been more support on the township level. Mr. Boose then asked if any economic development organizations had indicated they had changed their mind. Ms. Moser wasn't aware of any and said that they are working with the Bellevue City Economic Development, who is very supportive. They have had more involvement with the Chambers and the Economic Development offices. Mr. Boose thought the Norwalk or Huron County Chamber had been out. She thought everybody had been pretty much on board. Mr. Boose was just curious if anybody had contacted them. Ms. Moser said she hadn't been contacted, but the Seneca Anti Wind Union is spreading this way. She indicated Apex was going to have another public information meeting, probably on the 26th of February, at Bellevue Elementary. This was going to be primarily for Erie County, Groton and Oxford Townships, as they still haven't made their decision. Ms. Moser explained that Erie County was just starting the process that Huron County had gone through last year. She said the meeting on the 26th was to educate people. Mr. Boose asked if that was something Apex was having, or if it was the Erie County Commissioners. Ms. Moser thought the Commissioners were going to be in charge of it, but they had asked Apex to set it up. She clarified that it was not sponsored by Apex.

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Ms. Moser asked if Mr. Boose felt there needed to be another meeting in Huron County. Mr. Boose thought there should be another meeting sometime before actual approving through the DSA. He said he would like to at least get the group that met at that time – townships, the economic development, and schools. Ms. Moser clarified that he wished to hold the meeting before the DSA application went in. Mr. Boose said yes, and both Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz agreed.

Ms. Moser said they were going to have what they were calling a Vendor Open House, she thought during the second week in March. It was possibly going to be held at Kalahari, but it hadn't been confirmed yet. She stated this was for all the local vendors – restaurants, hotels, landscaping people, excavating, tile work, engineers, anyone that might be in that strain of construction. We are going to open that up to get all their names on the list, have them meet, what they can do, how they can be a part of the project, so we can hire as many local operations as possible.

Mr. Boose asked about hiring concrete contractors to get an idea of how the building process would work. Ms. Moser said they will typically have a General Contractor for the project, who will hire subcontractors for all the different jobs. She said Apex would provide a vendor list to the General of their preferred choices for the subcontractors. She said specifically with concrete, anything local is going to be used, since it would be cheaper. She said it was possible there might be subcontractors coming in from out of state, but there are so many manufacturers in Ohio. Also, part of the PILOT is to hire at least 50% Ohio domiciled workers, which is monitored. She explained that was part of the measurement that they were talking about as two applications, so anything Ohio is going to have preference as the General goes through and selects the subs for the jobs.

Mr. Boose said that one of the things that came up in the hearings and meetings earlier was the RUMA. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure he understands that the RUMA, if we have a PILOT project, is a mandatory process. If we don't have a PILOT project, it is not a mandatory process. Ms. Moser said that was correct, it was recommended. Mr. Strickler said that was the way the statute reads.

Mr. Bauer then requested that, since it has been determined that Huron County has not granted the PILOT, nor commitment to the PILOT, that Apex cease and desist in marketing communications indicating that they do have a PILOT with Huron County.

Mr. Boose had one final question – do we have all the data to send to the Auditor so the Auditor can provide updated figures. Mr. Hunker indicated they were going to finalize that – they have it by townships but we need to get it broken down by school district. Ms. Moser said she had some PILOT handouts available with the information on it. Mr. Boose said he had looked at the application online, and asked if it was possible to get a larger version of the maps, as they were very small. Ms. Moser suggested they take it offline and enlarge it. Mr. Boose said he tried. Ms. Moser said she would try to get them bigger copies.

At 11:00 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:15 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Terry Boose moved to approve the following travel request this day. Joe Hintz 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 and Mary Jo, BMV, to Columbus, Ohio for Ohio Deputy Registrar Association (ODRA) seminar on February 7, 2019.

Roland Tkach, Auditor, to Westerville, Ohio for CAAO State Executive & Legislative meeting on February 14, 2019.

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Alexis Salas, DJFS/CSEA, to Columbus, Ohio for Ohio CSEA Director's Association meeting on February 14, 2019.

Lara Hozalski & Kara Vandersommen, DJFS, to Hancock County, Ohio for Attorney Networking on February 21, 2019.

Warren Brown, HR/LP/RE, to Columbus, Ohio for Ohio Safety Congress on March 6 – March 8, 2019.

Art Mead, EMA, to Columbus, Ohio for Ohio Spring Director's Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2019.

Peter Welch, HCC, to Columbus, Ohio for OEPA Workshop on February 7, 2019.

SIGNINGS

User Role & Assignment form. Form from the State that outlines the roles and responsibilities of WSOS employees in the processing of CHIP grants.

Statement of Request for Consultant Qualifications and Proposal to have consultant email us their qualifications to administer grant.

Terry Boose moved to approve signing the RFP from WSOS. Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose questioned whether WSOS employees needed the federal background checks and fingerprinting. Mr. Strickler will check into it.

With respect to the RFP, Ms. Ziemba said this would be to ask them for their information. We are not actually approving them yet.

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 said that Mr. Boose had asked her to send an email to Sheriff regarding the annual jail inspection. There was a section in the back that discussed maintenance and cleanliness issues that needed to be addressed. The Sheriff replied that these issues had been taken care of. They were painting the walls inside the jail, along with each holding cell, and each employees had been asked to spend time cleaning their work space. He indicated in the future he would have an outside company come in and wax the lobby floors, and that he was making every effort to improve and maintain the Huron County Sheriff's office. Mr. Boose thought that all of the items should have been preventable and were basically maintenance issues. Mr. Hintz questioned how you keep up on something like that. Mr. Boose was concerned that maintenance issues were the only thing that they had been written up for, and thought that the deputies when in a few times a day to check on these things. Mr. Wilde was surprised, but it appears it has been addressed.

Prosecutor report

Mr. Strickler said he is working on numerous things as they have discussed. He said he was trying to finish up the bid documents for the Transfer Station. Mr. Strickler also said he has a telephone hearing on Thursday morning for unemployment at JFS. He will need to spend some time preparing for this.

Commissioner Hintz

Mr. Hintz had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wilde

Mr. Wilde indicated he and Ms. Ziemba spent considerable time out at EMA going over things with all three members. He feels they have a better understanding of things. Mr. Boose asked if EMA had a better understanding. Mr. Wilde and Ms. Ziemba both believe they do.

Mr. Boose asked about their plans to go to the Data Board. Ms. Ziemba said they had discussed possibly having it all in one meeting. Mr. Wilde said that rather than have the Data Board hear it and then present

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it to us, everyone would hear it at the same time. Mr. Boose did not think this should be done in the middle of a Commissioner's meeting. Mr. Wilde said it was only for information and was afraid they would have a lot of questions, so doing it this way would save time. Mr. Boose said that was not how it was done and Mr. Wilde asked for clarification on how the process works.

Mr. Boose explained that the presenter would come to the Commissioners and explain what they need. At that time the Commissioners can ask questions and gain as much information as they require. If the Commissioners approve the project then they can take it to the Data Processing Board. There was discussion on the way things had been handled in the past and the changes that have taken place since that time. Mr. Wilde clarified that first the Commissioners need the presentation. Mr. Boose then explained that if the Commissioner's approve the project, the Data Processing Board will review their recommendation. Mr. Boose wanted EMA to have the project defined, a dollar amount, the timeline established before they came to the Commissioners. Ms. Ziemba said that they were supposed to have most of that ready for the meeting tomorrow. She said if they were ready she would schedule them for next Tuesday's meeting, depending on the schedule.

Commissioner Wilde reiterated that there was a 911/TAC meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Wilde and Ms. Ziemba would attend.

Mr. Wilde reminded everyone of the Willard Chamber Banquet on Thursday.

Mr. Hintz brought up the President's Day Brunch on February 18, 2019 at the Wakeman Elevator. All the Commissioners plan to attend.

Mr. Wilde presented a bill and said that someone had asked him who paid it. Mr. Boose said that he thought we agreed to pay it. Ms. Ziemba clarified it was the Transfer Station bill from the Airport.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose reported that he attended a meeting of the Huron County Men's Recovery Action Committee called by Family Life Counseling to discuss recovery housing in Huron County. Everyone in attendance agreed there is a need for this. Family Life Counseling is trying to determine the best way to proceed. One of the things that was identified is that you shouldn't have treatment in the same location as the recovery housing. It is not illegal but the perception is bad and the State frowns on it. Discussion regarding Erie County's recovery housing and how that worked.

There was question as to whether Family Life Counseling should be operating the recovery housing, or if they should hold the lease and bring someone else in to manage. They discussed how much control you lose and other issues involved if you hire a State company. There is a subcommittee that is going to try to determine the best approach to this situation, possibly through the use of a local Advisory Board. Mr. Wilde liked that idea. Mr. Boose thought this may be some sort of a pilot project, since they usually get approved without having to be evidenced based.

Mr. Boose said it was a long meeting and they discussed many things, including funding, the use of the current Peer House, concerns about the area where it is now, and the number of facilities that may be necessary, The committee is going to continue to meet every two weeks, although the next meeting has been moved out to February 21.

Mr. Boose brought up the large number of emails about the Land Bank and indicated there is a lot that needs to be reviewed. He acknowledged this was new to everyone and feels everyone should be working together to determine the best way to move forward. Ms. Ziemba informed them that Mr. Tkach would be willing to come to a meeting, and has informed Ms. Knapp of this. Ms. Ziemba will follow up with Ms. Knapp to see if she had spoken to Mr. Tkach. Mr. Boose thought maybe Ms. Knapp was waiting on answers to the emails she had sent out before she invited Mr. Tkach. He encouraged everyone to respond. There was a review of conveyance and DTAC figures.

Mr. Boose mentioned that Governor DeWine spoke at the Township Association meeting last week. Mr. DeWine's message was basically that he knows local governments need money, but he didn't know where it would come from.

County Commissioners Association hosting biannual regional legislative briefings. Mr. Boose asked if anyone saw Huron County on there. Mr. Boose said we were Senate District 13. No one saw it on there and Mr. Hintz said it indicated it wasn't complete yet.

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CCAO webinar on February 13 is on Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance obligations. Mr. Boose thinks we ought to set it up and invite Mr. Welch, particularly given the discussion for the Board of Elections.

Mr. Boose asked if we needed to discuss the email received on wind energy, the PILOT and what the process was. Mr. Wilde did not think so and apologized he had not understood, there was just such a large volume of information. Mr. Boose said that, based on the information that Apex presented today and the email, our Resolution has not approved it as a PILOT. Mr. Hintz clarified it was just to show support. Mr. Boose confirmed there was a process to go through if we are going to do that.

Mr. Boose reminded the Commissioners there was a Conflicts of Interest policy for Land Bank that needs to be reviewed before the next meeting.

Mr. Boose provided information on the first annual dinner and fundraising event for Farm to Table to be held on Thursday February 28, 2019. Mr. Wilde said that was the same night as the Master Gardner's dinner.

Mr. Boose brought up the Norwalk Area Manufacturing Group meeting on Thursday. Mr. Wilde said it is same time as Land Bank. Mr. Wilde acknowledged that they were both important, but he wanted to attend the Manufacturing meeting.

Mr. Boose asked where things stand with the ditch petition. Mr. Strickler said that he had reviewed the statute and he did not believe they were in a position to make a decision until they obtain what the cost is going to be. In order to grant the petition the cost would have to be less than the benefit. Mr. Strickler thought that either the Engineer or Soil & Water needed to get them the numbers. Ms. Ziemba indicated that she had sent an email to the Engineer and both Mr. Stang and Mr. Robinson at Soil & Water and indicated she wasn't sure which of them were supposed to be supplying the numbers. She asked them to let her know who would be supplying the number and when to expect them. She received read receipts from everyone, but no response. Mr. Boose suggested she resend it Friday if we haven't heard anything back.

Mr Boose mentioned he spoke to one of the Rails to Trails Board members about his concerns with black topping the trail. This board member informed Mr. Boose that the black topping would be done to ODOT standards because they are applying for ODOT funds to do it. He said he was almost positive that anything they did would be able to accommodate both a cruiser for patrol and a fire truck. Mr. Boose said this had not been brought forward in the meeting – they talked about 2"-3" of asphalt without a base. Ms. Ziemba asked how they got around the poles and it was determined they are removable.

Mr. Boose had another person come to him with concerns for people downstream, and reminded everyone that there had been discussion about tiles that weren't working. He was concerned that one of the reasons they want that drain upgraded is to make sure it can handle water if those tiles are fixed. This person said it could be as simple as the tile is broke right before it gets to the railroad. At the meeting it had been indicated that the ditch is big enough for a lot more water except for downstream. Mr. Boose questioned what that would do downstream, what would that do to the properties that already have problems because the water is backed up downstream. Mr. Boose said that the Engineer's office reviewed the ditch based on what they saw. Mr. Boose didn't think there had been an evaluation on what would happen if everything that truly could drain into it, did drain into it. Mr. Boose said he thought Rails to Trails said there was a couple different tiles come out from underneath it but none of them were running water. Mr. Boose said this is something to think about.

Mr. Boose met with Dick Stein, who is meeting with ODOT today to discuss three issues - the St. Alphonses issue, the light at five points, and the roundabout at Routes 20 and 601. One of the questions Mr. Boose brought up to Mr. Stein about the roundabout was what were they going to apply for money - have they done all the engineering for this particular project or are they just saying a roundabout costs so much and that is what they are applying for?

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Wilde if they had asked 911 about using warning messages for snow level emergencies. Ms. Ziemba said she had initially asked Ms. Norton about it and she said they absolutely could do that, but they didn't actually discuss it. Apparently Willard uses it quite a bit for things like that.

Mr. Boose asked about a bomb threat follow up meeting. Mr. Boose understands Mr. Brown is having meetings with individuals, but he feels there needs to be group meeting to go over proper protocol. Ms.

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Ziemba said the Sheriff, EMA, HR would all attend, but asked who was putting it together. Mr. Boose said the Sheriff and Mr. Brown, maybe even Mr. Mead.

Mr. Boose asked about the Health Department move. It was discussed that a letter would be sent indicating they need to leave everything that is attached to the building unless they can show where in the grant it states that they have to take it or sell it. Mr. Boose thought Ms. Ziemba should work with Mr. Hintz and Mr. Welch on that letter.

Workshop schedule for the Ohio Auditor of State on March 7 and 8. Mr. Boose believes they need to keep going to these meetings even though they are out of the County.

At 12:32 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Joe Hintz 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 5, 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 12:32 p. m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board

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The following bids for the 2019 Asphalt Repairs and Resurfacing on Ridge, New State and Hasbrock Roads were opened on February 1, 2019 @ 10:01 a.m.

The Office of the Huron County Engineer Lee E. Tansey, P.E., P.S. Plan Holders List for 2019 Asphalt Repairs and Resurfacing on Ridge, New State and Hasbrock Roads Bid Opening: Friday, February 1st, 2019, 10:01 a.m. Huron County Commissioners Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, OH Project Contact: Mark Fridenstine Addenda: None Engineer's Setimate: \$736,000.00 Completion Date: August 2rd, 2019 PU/F/Mail Contractor Name Address Estimate (32) 1.7 Estimate (B) 671,979,93 (BA)704,391,43 (B)715,447.00 (BA)752,248,75 Address 4507 Tiffin Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870 PU Erie Blacktop 151 Akron Road Norwaik, OH 44857 A.J. Riley, Inc. PU 5555 Airport Hwy., Suite 140 Toledo, OH 43615 Mail Builders Exchange, Inc (3) 671,385.00 (6) 708,184.00 (8) 685,131.75 (8) 714,985.75 2020 CR 66 Gibsonburg, OH 30 Technology Parkway, Ste. 100 Norcross, GA 30092 Gerken Paving, Inc. PU Mail ConstructConnect, Inc. 3414 St. Rt. 113 E. Milan, OH 44846 PU Precision Paving, Inc. B)671,899.50 1539 Lowell St. Elyria, OH 44035 Kokosing Construction ₽U (BIA)703,218.07

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