

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.

At 9:03 a.m. Public Comment.

Matt Roche and Joe Centers from Norwalk Reflector. They wished to do an independent story separate from the Sandusky Register and wanted to make sure they had facts. Mr. Roche began by asking if the county could still charge the same tonnage fee if there was not a transfer station. Mr. Boose indicated it had nothing to do with the transfer station, but with bonding. He also indicated the question of collecting fees was related to the lawsuit, which he could not discuss. He said what can and cannot be done with trash is a very complicated matter. Different lawyers have different opinions.

Mr. Boose clarified that the County would still get some money if the residents did not take their trash to the transfer station. He noted where people take their trash is a matter of preference. When a facility accepts any solid waste, they are supposed to ask what county it came from. That facility then pays a certain amount back to the county where the waste was generated. Mr. Boose said the issues they are asking about are very complicated in the Courts. The county has hired a very educated law firm that has been handling these types of matters for many years. We are using them for advice.

Mr. Roche asked if the County would save \$1.1 million by eliminating the transfer station. Mr. Boose said no. Mr. Roche asked if the County would be financially better off without the transfer station. Mr. Boose explained it was not all about finances. For instance, right now many townships have programs that allow their residents to take trash to the transfer station. If the transfer station closes those programs will have to stop. Mr. Boose did not think most township residents would be happy if they had to drive to Rumpke or Erie County. Mr. Roche noted it is a nice service for the County residents.

Mr. Boose continued by saying that it was still necessary to pay out the bonds and maintain the landfill. The landfill will need to be maintained forever. He noted that no one had asked about it, but the transfer station is not running at a deficit. The fund Mr. Westerhold had referred to was the Solid Waste District fund, of which the transfer station is a part of. Last year there was a major expenditure for the landfill, not the transfer station. Therefore, the Solid Waste District spent more than they brought in. However, they have a reserve for those occurrences, which they dipped into to pay for the upkeep of the landfill. It had nothing to do with the transfer station.

Mr. Centers clarified that expenditure will not be there this year. Mr. Boose said that, as of right now, Mr. Welch has indicated we are running in the positive for this year. Mr. Hintz noted it wasn't a big moneymaker for the county, nor was it intended to be. However, the County would like it to be self-sufficient so as not to tap into General Fund money.

Mr. Boose said the other thing to remember is that it is a solid waste *district*, not necessarily just the County. They must get together every five years, have discussions and prepare a plan. This plan affects the whole district, including the Cities of Norwalk and Willard. The Ohio Revised Code has rules established for solid waste districts. Also, the EPA still requires recycling, which Mr. Hintz informed them has become very, very difficult.

Mr. Wilde pointed out that because of flow control we can't just split the County. Mr. Boose explained this was because of the way the solid waste district plan has been set up. He said people have rights as to where they want to take their garbage – we can't demand they take it to a specific location. Mr. Wilde explained the whole district plan would have to be changed. Mr. Boose noted that the process of updating the plan every five years usually takes at least a year. Mr. Roche asked when it was last done; Mr. Boose thought it had been done two years ago.

Mr. Roche wanted to clarify – the Sandusky Register story said that the cost to transport trash from the transfer station averaged \$16 per ton. He thought the cost was the fee that was being paid to Rumpke. He thought they were referring to what money was left over after the gate rate, the fee to Rumpke and other fees. Mr. Boose informed him that when we go out to bid, that bid includes transportation. He asked if that answered the question and Mr. Roche indicated he thought it did. He explained that, by looking at the chart Mr. Welch had provided, the \$16 balance was used to pay the bills. However, the Sandusky Register indicated this was transportation costs. Mr. Boose said it was not, transportation costs were in the bid.

Mr. Boose explained the idea behind the transfer station was to pay off the bonds, prepare the landfill for closure and pay operating costs. Mr. Roche asked what would happen once the bonds were paid off. Mr. Boose's opinion was the Commissioners would have a big decision to make in the mid-2020's. This would be whether to continue to operate the transfer station or whether they feel they have enough money to maintain the landfill without it.

Mr. Roche said that the Register story said that Huron County would "eliminate most of the \$449,000" transfer station employee payroll by closing it". He thought a previous story the Reflector published indicated at least two employees would have to be retained. Mr. Boose said it was a big facility, there has to be someone present to maintain it. Mr. Roche clarified that even if it closes, they would keep at least two of the five employees, if not more. Mr. Boose thought so.

Mr. Roche then asked if there had been any inaccuracies or anything they should be aware of in the stories published by the Reflector. Mr. Wilde said none. Mr. Boose said no, we very much appreciated that article and thought everything in it had been accurate. Mr. Roche said their readers deserve to know the facts.

19-154

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) AND HURON COUNTY SHERIFF (CONTRACTOR)

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 and rule 5101:12 -10-45.2 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Huron County Child Support Enforcement Agency is authorized to enter into this contract with Huron County Sheriff hereinafter referred to as "Contractor" for the purchase of services on the first day of April, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be effective from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 unless terminated according to the terms of paragraph 23 of the attached contract; and

WHEREAS, Huron County CSEA desires to enter into agreement with the Contractor, and agrees to purchase for, and Contractor agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in attachment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the above mentioned agreement 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 said this is the Title IV-D contract between Job & Family Services and the Sheriff's office. Mr. Hintz said they cover everything.

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

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

19-155

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE HURON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Juvenile Court has submitted the Grant Agreement and Funding Application as attached herein to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval;
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Grant Agreement and Funding Application and approves as submitted; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, T Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services, on behalf of the Huron County Juvenile Court as attached herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Juvenile Court will be the responsible reporting party as to complying with the eligibility terms and conditions, the program performance, the fiscal accountability; and audits and monitoring as required by this grant; 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 this was the Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application. They have received this for about 28 years. She explained it is for the Department of Youth Services. The amount of their budget for the year will be \$956,758. It is a little less than before, they will have to cut one program. It seems to dwindle down a little each time, but they are almost guaranteed the money.

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

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

SIGNINGS

DYS:

Amendment Form / Fiscal Accountability
(To Replace Attachment A Page 1 of the Grant Agreement)

ATTACHMENT A
Page 2

Table with columns for Allocation, Exemption, Withholding, Available Program Funds, Estimated Program Costs, and Unallocated Funds. Includes subtotals for various categories like Subsidy Grant, JAM, and Y/E EVB.

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Table with columns for Funding Category, Activity Purpose, Local Program Name, Current Budget, Adjustment (2/1), and Program Funding. Includes a signature block for Christopher Mushett, dated 19 May 19.

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Staff Positions Budget Form

Table for Staff Positions Budget Form with columns for Name, Title, Hourly Rate, Number of Hours, and Fringe Benefits. Includes a summary section for TOTAL STAFF POSITIONS and TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS.

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Addendum to Schedule A to the Retail Electric Supplier Agreement between MidAmerican and the County of Huron. When Amy Hoffman was in she spoke about these four accounts that would be coming due. She wanted to put them on with the main account. They just need to sign for that. Mr. Hintz said that would save us some money.

Terry Boose made the motion to accept the Addendum to Schedule A. Joe Hintz seconded.

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL
ADDENDUM TO SCHEDULE A
TO THE RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN MIDAMERICAN AND COUNTY OF HURON OH

DATE: May 03, 2019

This Addendum to Schedule A is being entered into pursuant to and in accordance with the Retail Electric Supplier Agreement between Customer and MidAmerican dated July 18, 2017 (the "Retail Electric Supplier Agreement"), identified as contract number 36422 and is a supplement to the properties table listed in Customer's current Retail Electric Supplier Agreement with MidAmerican effective upon the successful enrollment of the additional account numbers listed below. The pricing listed in the Pricing Period below is indicative until signed by both parties and shall be valid after 5 p.m. Central Time on May 03, 2019 only at MidAmerican's sole discretion.

LIST OF CUSTOMER'S PROPERTIES

Table with 6 columns: Customer Name Appearing on Bill, Customer Number, Service Address, Delivery Company, Account Estimated Start Date, Account Estimated End Date. Contains 4 rows of property data.

Customer agrees to add the 4 (four) account number(s) noted above. Customer understands that the accounts must be eligible based on Delivery Company eligibility requirements. The addition of these accounts will not change the term of Customer's existing Agreement. The additional accounts will be added to Customer's existing Agreement and be subject to the terms and conditions of that Agreement. The additional accounts will be billed an amount corresponding to the time period set forth below ("Pricing Period").

Table with 3 columns: Pricing Period, On-Peak/Off-Peak Fixed Price (\$/kWh), Fixed Price (\$/kWh). Shows pricing for Jun 2019 - May 2021.

Terms of Addendum: Customer's Term will begin on or after the account estimated start date listed above, and unless earlier terminated as provided in the Agreement, will end on or after the account estimated end date listed above.

The pricing and terms on any existing Schedule B shall remain in effect for all properties listed in the properties table in Customer's current Retail Electric Supplier Agreement. Both parties shall fulfill their obligations through the Term of any executed Schedule B.

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ADDENDUM TO SCHEDULE A
TO THE RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN MIDAMERICAN AND COUNTY OF HURON OH

DATE: May 03, 2019

This Addendum to Schedule A, the Retail Electric Supplier Agreement, together with any written supplements thereto and all other Schedules shall form a single integrated agreement (the "Agreement") between MidAmerican and Customer. The parties, by the signatures of their authorized representatives, agree to be bound by all provisions of this Agreement.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

In accordance with federal law, Customer may execute this Agreement electronically, binding the parties to the same degree as a handwritten signature, by using the following process to create an electronic symbol signifying an intent to be legally bound. Customer shall submit electronic signature into signature block with designation of the person's name, date and time of signing. This Agreement shall not be binding on either party until both parties have executed versions of the Agreement, either electronically or via wet signature, that are identical (apart from the electronic execution) and delivered the same to the other party by electronic mail as an attachment.

MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC
County of Huron OH
By: [Signature]
Printed Name: Bruce Wilde
Title: President
Date: 5/16/19

Commissioner Boose report

Spoke about 9-1-1 meeting. He appreciated what Mr. Wilde and Mr. Strickler did at that meeting. There was good discussion, but he wished there had been more participation. He thought it was a wise decision to go back to 1989 when the committee been created and restructure it. Mr. Boose reminded Mr. Wilde to make sure to have next week's meeting officially called and put in the paper. He noted that, according to the bylaws, there was a seven day requirement for review of information. This had nothing to do with ORC requirements. Mr. Boose clarified that if they want to make changes to the bylaws, that information must be given out seven days prior to the meeting. If is just a regular meeting then 24-hours notice is all that is required.

Mr. Wilde said had hoped to get someone to acknowledge that the Planning Committee is the answer and the Commissioners just advise. Mr. Boose said that is why he wished there had been more feedback. However, Mr. Boose didn't know what more Mr. Wilde could have done. He thought the Planning Committee members will help. Mr. Boose will also try to get more answers tomorrow when he goes to Columbus.

Mr. Wilde questioned if the millage amount should be reduced. Mr. Boose would like to bring the levy amount down. Mr. Hintz asked what level he wanted to bring it down to. Mr. Wilde did not think it should go lower than what Ms. Bond said she needed. After discussion everyone agreed it should be brought down to whatever millage would bring in between \$858,000 and \$860,000.

Mr. Boose noted a concern regarding correspondence received from someone at Wakeman Fire Department. It had mentioned purchasing equipment for fire and police departments. Mr. Boose pointed out we are not buying equipment for fire and police departments. Any levy funds would be for communication equipment for fire and police departments. They weren't sure if that was what was intended in the correspondence or not.

Family Children First Council held a lengthy meeting yesterday. The only two employees they had quit last year, and no one is really sure where the money went. They don't suspect the money was taken illegally, but they are going to do an audit. They are trying to figure out where they stand at the moment. They had really good discussions at the meeting and are working on restructuring the organization.

At 10:02 a.m. Kristen Cardone & Ashley Morrow, MHAS Overview of QRT Program as well as the ALERT program.

Ms. Cardone told the Board that FI attended the MHAS Board meeting and informed them they will be leaving Huron County as of June 30 this year. Discussion regarding what procedures would need to be followed. Ms. Cardone said this information obviously lead into a discussion about the need for peer support. The current programs available are the QRT Program and the ALERT program. She had some statistics from the last three months of the QRT Program. They have a lot of resources tied into this program and she is questioning if there is a better way to do it. She mentioned the possibility of merging it with the ALERT Program.

Ms. Cardone spoke about the ALERT Program. This is expanding largely due to requests from the Sheriff for more services in the jail. They have received some calls through the hotline. Ms. Cardone would like to expand this into other areas outside law enforcement. Mr. Boose asked if she meant providing the same services, but they would not have to go the police station for help. Ms. Cardone said that was her long term goal. However, right now they don't have the capacity to build it to what it needs to be. She is currently looking at different options to make this possible. She has talked to both Erie County and Lorain County about possibilities. The other possible option was a 501(c)(3) organization Mr. Pack has developed. He will be applying for OMHAS certification in September. Once he receives that certification he would be able to bill and the program could be housed under his 501(c)(3). However, they would like to expand before September if possible.

Mr. Pack explained that the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Governor are hosting trainings for new businesses, similar to trainings they host for the Mental Health Board. He had provided Ms. Morrow and Ms. Cardone with a copy of the paperwork necessary to have your Board of Directors and staff trained professionally through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Mr. Pack outlined some of the things ALERT and the local peer supporters had accomplished. They have assisted jail inmates in applying for Medicaid so they can get needed medication upon release, as well as enrolling them in job training through WIOA. Also, because of the availability of funds through the PRC Grant and Job & Family Services, they were able to assist mothers with up to \$1,400 for first month rent and utilities. They also have access to job vouchers through Job & Family Services.

Since they began driving people to detox, they have seen the death toll in Huron County go from 27.6 in 2017 down to 19 in 2018. The numbers have dropped 33% by everyone working together.

Mr. Pack continued by saying the 501(c)(3) designation will allow the ALERT program to grow. For example, peer supporters will be able to take a Passenger Assistance Course, get their vehicle inspected and get insurance. This will allow ALERT to bill for medical transport. He is in the process of drawing up a business plan. Once that is drawn up he is going to talk to Fisher Titus to see if they can help with billable services. He is hoping the nonprofit will be self-sustaining in 18 months.

Mr. Boose brought up the issue of other organizations moving in and wanting to provide services that similar to those ALERT provides. He thought that MHAS may have to decide if they want to fund several organizations or just one. Ms. Cardone said that there are some areas where duplication of services is necessary. However, she did not necessarily think peer support was one of those areas. Ms. Cardone said the Board's process with everything will be to examine what is needed, see what is available, and then put in place things are needed. The goal is to make sure the decisions they are making the best decision for the people of the community. She thought that hopefully by following that process they will be meeting the needs of the community.

Mr. Wilde verified that Ms. Cardone and her Board make the decision on ALERT. Ms. Cardone clarified the Board makes the sole decisions on this. Mr. Wilde told her they support what they are doing. Mr. Boose asked how the Commissioner could help. Ms. Cardone said right now they don't need anything. Until they have a better plan in place she won't know what they need. Mr. Wilde said these are everybody's issues and Mr. Boose indicated we would work with them any way we can.

At 10:35 a.m. Tim Hollinger, Health Department, The Health Department would like to put a .25 mill levy on the ballot in November. This is a replacement that would generate an extra \$75,000

Mr. Hollinger explained they want to put the .25 mill levy back on the ballot in November. Its duration is up, every ten years it must go back on. They want to put it on this November so if it fails they can try again in November 2020. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if we needed anything. She has forwarded it to Mr. Strickler.

At 10:37 a.m. Pete Welch, Director of Operations and Solid Waste Management District. Solid Waste 101.

Mr. Welch presented diagrams he had prepared. The first diagram outlined how revenue was generated. The waste tipping fees, \$54 per ton, goes into the landfill. The sale of recyclables – cardboard, metal paper - is brokered and sold. This market is down. He explained the transfer station pays Rumpke or BFI to take comingled materials. They separate what they can and broker that material. He noted that we used to do that when the recycling center was actually ran as a recycling center. In addition, the transfer station charges drop off fees. For example, if there is a box located in a township, they will take a truck out, pick up the box, bring it to the transfer station, dump it, then return the box to the township. That fee has been the same since 1998. The transfer station also takes compost material, which goes to a compost facility. He thought we charged \$18.50 a ton for compost. They also accept miscellaneous items, such as Freon and batteries. If they have to pump Freon out it is \$21 charge, if they have to dig out on vehicle it is a \$30 charge. He noted that in winter time there may be waste frozen in trucks – sometimes they need to be dug out with a backhoe. Also, there are boxes for scrap metal, which goes to Sandusky Steel or Norwalk Waste who pays us back.

The next diagram explained how the money is utilized. Out of the \$54 taken in as a tipping fee at the landfill, \$52 goes into Fund 500-501. That is the main account that operates the transfer station and also maintains the landfill. Any expenditures for those two operations get spent out of that fund. \$2 goes into equipment reserve. Equipment reserve is for future equipment, motors, and similar items that may be needed. However, that fund was originally set up when the landfill did operate. The need for equipment is not as great as it had been previously. Because of this, when Attorney Leffler was prosecutor, he provided a legal opinion indicating that money could be moved in the 500-501 fund. Every year a little bit is moved if necessary. Mr. Welch noted that fund was very healthy. He continued and said, out of the 500-501 fund they pay a Solid Waste District fee of \$4.50; an EPA fee of \$4.75/ton; and Greenfield Township receives 25¢ a ton. He noted the current rate to dispose of waste is \$28. Operating revenue based on all that is \$14/ton. He explained those are the operating expenses for the transfer station. This pays for the monitoring of the landfill, ground water, and methane. This also paid for the Methane collection system a few years ago, which had been very costly. Mr. Welch noted it also supports the recycling program. He said a lot of people fail to realize that the costs of the recycling program is being paid out of the 500-501 fund, not the District. He said the transfer station could submit a bill back to the District to pay for those things.

Mr. Welch said the State requires that the Solid Waste District write a new plan every five years. This has to be approved by the entire district, including the Norwalk Council. However, he explained the District prepares their financial projections out for 25 years. What is nice is the district plan comingles the District, the transfer station, and the landfill activities. This is key importance to flow control and if you were going to change your plan. He pointed out the 2019 projected carryover balance was \$854,424. Mr. Wilde clarified from 2018 to 2019. Mr. Welch said that was correct. The actual current balance is \$759,734. So we pretty much on target where we expect to be with our finances.

Mr. Boose noted that Mr. Welch had no control over revenue – there was no way of knowing how much trash would be coming in. However, the goal is to bring in enough to cover expenses. Mr. Welch explained when the landfill was originally set up it was set up as a government enterprise fund, not a business. It was not meant to make money. Mr. Wilde asked how much they expected to make. Mr. Welch informed him they were expecting a carryover of between \$50,000 and \$70,000 per year when the transfer station had originally been set up in 1998. Not the landfill. They wanted to pay their bills and put money away in case there were some landfill expenses down the line. The original plan was to retire that and close the landfill in 30 years. He explained 30 years is key with the EPA as far as monitoring. Mr. Hintz asked what that date was. Mr. Welch replied 2028. Mr. Welch was not sure if this was a realistic date or not. However, that was the original plans - to have everything shut down by 2028. They wouldn't be operating the transfer station, and they wouldn't have to monitor a landfill. He said they were hoping to pay the expenses out that long. Mr. Welch thought one of the smartest things the Board of Commissioners had ever done was closing the landfill. It had become a political football and was losing money. Mr. Boose noted that, in addition, there had findings and orders against the County from the EPA – hundreds of thousands of dollars'

worth. Mr. Welch said since that time, we have been able to take care of our waste, which we are required to do by law. We will also be paying off our bonds. After that, the County would be done. He noted that a lot of government landfills have shut down throughout the state, he thought as many as 17. The ones that stayed in business went tremendously in debt.

Mr. Welch continued by noting that funds, 500, 505 and 525 contained the cash carryover. This is the money available for use, with restriction. He also pointed out that the Solid Waste District money can be used to pay for all the recycling activities at the transfer station. They have never tapped into that because they have never had to. Mr. Boose said, referencing the first chart, this money is used for more than just the transfer station. He clarified he was looking at funds 500 and 505 and wanted to know if that was our operating money. Mr. Welch verified that was correct. Mr. Boose said the expenses are not just for operating the transfer station, it is for everything. Mr. Welch agreed and said there is probably almost a quarter of a mill required maintain the landfill under normal conditions. He pointed out that the landfill is 20 years old and things happen. There have been number of wells in the past go into assessment because of some statistical anomaly that causes us to have to resample and resample for a time period, which costs money.

Mr. Wilde asked if there was anywhere on the charts that showed where we are losing money. Mr. Boose said we did in 2018. Mr. Welch clarified in 2018 we spent more than we took in but we still had a cash balance carryover. When you throw in the district funds, they are sitting with about \$700,000 cash. Mr. Wilde said that doesn't sound like we are losing money to him. Mr. Welch said as costs go up and inflation rates go up, there may be the possibility of a rate increase in the future. If we were losing money then Mr. Welch indicated he would be asking for a rate change. He's not. Mr. Welch said one of his biggest fears throughout the years is they would make too much and have the taxpayers question the rates. Mr. Boose noted that the townships, cities and villages keep an eye on those things. They don't want the County sitting on money. But on the other hand, they don't want their constituents to pay any more than they have to either. Mr. Wilde thought we were being responsible with the funds and are not overcharging or undercharging. Mr. Welch agreed. He noted that the financial projections are run by an independent company, who does these things day in and day out. As of right now, we are in good shape financially. He said if they did have issues, they could back charge the District for recycling – if they were looking strictly at the one fund. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Welch what kind of income he had thought we made to date. Mr. Welch said he looked at Fund 500 strictly, he did not look at the District. The one fund was ahead about \$25,000 at the end of April. Revenue outweighed expenses. Mr. Wilde thought that was great.

Mr. Welch had some other things he wanted to bring to their attention. He presented a copy of the Solid Waste District plan. He asked Mr. Wilde to read "*The District has designated the Huron County Transfer Station as the only facility to which municipal solid waste generated in the district may be taken per §343.013 and the resolution contained in Appendix I*". Mr. Wilde stated this was our plan. Mr. Welch confirmed that is their flow control. This is the plan that went through the approval process – it was approved by the Board of Directors, approved by all the townships, approved by the State, the EPA.

Mr. Welch went on and explained that what that means is they have flow control under §343.013. Someone has suggested that they implement flow control under §343.014. He said they do not have the ability to do that under the current plan. Mr. Welch said what they could do, when they rewrite the plan in three years, you could rewrite the plan and establish flow control under 343.014. That would give them the ability to designate facilities to receive waste from our District for a set fee.

He said they would send out correspondence asking these places if they want to be a designated facility for our waste and then have a contract with them that they would charge a certain amount and they would send a certain amount back to you. Mr. Wilde said then we would have revenue to continue to monitor our facility. Mr. Welch said they talk about if the transfer station is closed and the County lays off the five employees. Mr. Welch noted you can't do that. There has to be someone to take care of the recycling programs and maintain the landfill. Mr. Welch thought just as rough number they would need to maintain a least three employees. Right now he has a guy in a truck 30 hours a week just running recyclables. It can change, but it is something that can't happen overnight or in 30 days

Mr. Wilde asked if it was possible to change in the middle of the plan. Mr. Welch said the problem is the plan is built around the transfer station. That is the key component of how we manage our waste and recyclables. If they were to close the transfer station, that would constitute a material change of circumstance. Because there a material change in circumstance, the plan has to be rewritten. Past

experience, it takes 18 months. He thought it could probably be streamlined, but the State has to approve it, and there is no control how long that can take. There is also a cost associated with it as well – our last plan cost about \$30,000. Mr. Boose pointed out that it had taken 18 months in the past, but that was without making any major changes to the plan. Mr. Welch explained 18 months is the timeframe the State sets. He said recently there have been problems with the largest municipalities approving plans. So, the State has

ended up having to write the plans. Because they now have so many, they are having to hire contractors. Mr. Boose was afraid if you were making a major change and asked the State to write it, it may not come out the way you want it. Mr. Welch said of course there will be a lot of legal opinions about it. He thought it could lead to a lot of complaints.

Mr. Boose asked if you would have to go out to bid. Mr. Welch said their outside legal counsel told him it did not have to go out to bid. Mr. Welch said on the other hand, if someone is offering a price, regardless if its private or government, they have to hold three public hearings. He was pretty sure in 2008 when Erie came to us asking us for help with their issues and we agreed to it, they did have the three hearings on the rates that they gave us at that time.

Mr. Wilde noted that it was a very complicated subject. Mr. Welch said it is not as simple as you think. He noted that every district has a Solid Waste District Coordinator so you would think they would be on top of things. Apparently that is not always the case

Mr. Boose noted that twenty years ago when they did this it had not been an easy task. You didn't just close the landfill and start up a transfer station. They had discussions with the EPA and outside legal counsel. Twenty year ago, flow control was being heavily challenged. Mr. Welch agreed. He again stated we don't operate like a business, we are a government enterprise – there are a lot of regulations that have to be followed. Landfills and solid waste is one the last standing utility functions of government. Mr. Welch again stated he thought the Commissioners did a great job in 1998, it was a smart move to shut the landfill down and operate the transfer station.

At 11:03 a.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 May 16, 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 11:03 a. m.

	Terry Boose
	Joe Hintz
	Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board