

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

AUGUST 17, 2017

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 August 3, 2017 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

17-253

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AUTO TAX FUND #125

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the Auto Tax Fund #125 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$12,500.00 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 125-00275-125 (Contract/Repairs - Administration) \$10,000.00
125-00275-128 (Contract/Repairs - Engineering) \$ 2,500.00 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.

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

17-254

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE SENIOR SERVICES FUND #189

Terry Boose moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Senior Services Fund #189 in the amount of \$31,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds to the Senior Services Fund #189; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation as follows:

TO: 189-189-00260 \$31,000.00 Expenditures and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the departments requesting the appropriation; and further

BE IT RESOLVED 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

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public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

17-255

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #099 RETIREMENTS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT #004 AUDITOR

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the #004 Auditor fund; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 099-00650-001 retirements in the amount of \$5,209.00 to the Auditor's fund #004-00125-001 salaries and \$76.00 to 004-00460-001 Medicare; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor's office will make the journal entry to the # 004 account; 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.

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 9:17 a.m. Commissioner Reports

Mr. Hintz talked to Mr. Welch about removing the tree in front of the sign at this building. They wanted to do the work in house but it's out of their scope. He got a price for it but wanted to see if the Engineer's office could help. The engineer said he will check into it. It would be later this fall.

Mr. Wilde updated the board on the Peer Support Center meeting he attended. He went over a list of who all was in attendance. Mr. Wilde and the group went to look at the building on Shady Lane, and while there comments were made about plans for the second floor. Mr. Wilde would like to sit down with them to let them know that using more than the first floor is a little too aggressive than the commissioners are thinking. First floor peer support center is what they would like to keep it at. Mr. Boose said if they are willing to put more money into the other floors in the future they can do that. Mr. Wilde's next step is to be in touch with Michael and James and Mr. Boose get with Denny Wilson to get him updated on the Erie County project.

At 9:33 a.m. Public Comment

Pete Welch, Director of Operations, got costs for shelving under the Antique Mall. Metal shelving in room 1, which is the bigger room, is a little over \$27,000. Room 2 is about \$23,000. So the project is a little over \$50,000 if they go with metal shelving. He doesn't want to get into having to go out to bid. Wooden shelves would be very time consuming and he doesn't have the manpower to do it, but it would be half the cost. Mr. Boose asked if we could go to EHOVE about making the shelving. It might be a project for them. Mr. Welch will look into it. Mr. Boose stated there may be a combination of metal and wood if they want to get started on the project now. The commissioners agreed they want to get moving on the project. Mr. Welch will find out the two separate schedules. Mr. Hintz also suggested contracting out the wooden shelves.

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Mr. Welch continued with a discussion on the courthouse clock tower. The original quote was \$57,000, and the new quote is around \$49,768. Water comes into the tower when it rains and leaks down. They have repaired the hatch which helps but they still have some block work to do to stop the leaks. Mr. Boose wants Mr. Welch to make sure we have enough money to do room 1 of the shelving and the courthouse tower. He thinks the tower is a higher priority than the shelving. As it stands, the project is under \$50,000, but Mr. Welch predicts there will be change orders. The commissioners discussed if this could be declared an emergency. They determined that because water is getting into the courthouse and the integrity of the bell tower is at risk that the project is an emergency.

Mr. Welch received a cost for the handrails in the front of this building. The concrete work can be done in house, but to replace the handrails is almost \$2,000. Mr. Welch will call Custom Metal. They are also getting a cost to replace and repair all of the rails around the courthouse.

Mr. Welch is not sure where the roof on this building stands. He wants to know if the commissioners are directing the project or if the Health Department is. Mr. Welch doesn't think it's an immediate concern. Mr. Boose thinks that any project on this building falls to Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch wants to hold off on the roof until next year, but the Health Department uses these projects to subsidize their rent. Mr. Boose wants Randy Strickler, assistant prosecutor, to look into the rental agreement with the Health Department. It looks like the commissioners negotiate the improvements that are made to the building not less than \$10,000 and can't just collect the \$10,000 each year. Mr. Strickler thinks we can go back and re-negotiate and make an addendum to the lease. Mr. Boose would like a commissioner and someone from the Prosecutor's office to sit down with Tim Hollinger and figure out what their intentions were when the contract was signed.

It was decided the board is not replacing the air conditioning unit on top of the Antique Mall until there is a new tenant. The cost would be \$12,000. It would take about a month to get it up and running.

Mr. Welch got one cost to replace the roof on top of the MHAS board. It would be about \$22,000. It needs to be done in the near future, but it can wait until next year. It can be managed by patching the leaks until then.

Mr. Welch informed the board of a problem he had with Senior Enrichment. Blake's Sanitation comes out and does the preventative maintenance 4 times a year. Senior Enrichment says they were not notified about the preventative maintenance and does not want to pay for it. Mr. Boose wants to offer them a preventative maintenance contract paid by them, or next time there's an emergency they have the authority to do what they need to do to take care of it and pay for it.

Mr. Welch got a preventative maintenance contract on the new jail chiller, which is \$3,300 a year. It's not in Mr. Welch's budget to pay for it. Mr. Boose thinks that should be part of the jail's budget like it has been in the past, but the board decided this year that we would be paying all of the preventative maintenance contracts. So we will be paying it.

Tim Bettac wants to put a chemical feed system on the cooling tower at this building. There is a huge buildup of scale in it because of Norwalk's water. The buildup reduces the life of the equipment. Tim explained this building has 8 chillers that uses water to cool. The commissioners agree it's worth the investment and Mr. Welch will go ahead and process the paperwork for it. It's not in Mr. Welch's budget this year. GLA's quote is \$6,993 and Sharden's is \$6,787. But with GLA we are buying chemicals in bulk and storing them, as well as eventually taking over the monthly testing, therefore Tim would like to go with GLA. They are the higher cost initially, but they are more beneficial and cheaper in the long run.

The board discussed the option of moving the Veterans into the JFS building. It was asked if something would need to be done with the heating and air if a wall is put up. Mr. Welch stated he doesn't have the man power to build the wall so it would need to be contracted out. He then asked if the board is willing to hire an architect. They explained that the plans are not fully developed yet, and they would decide later. Mr. Welch wants to make sure they keep Tim Bettac in the loop while plans are made.

Mr. Welch brought up Ron Ackerman's last day and if the commissioners had spoken to MHAS board, Senior Enrichment and Veterans about not having anyone out there to clean. He stated if the commissioners want to continue to clean those offices then we need to hire a replacement. Mr. Wilde believes if we have to clean Veterans then we will continue to do so, but if we do not have to clean the MHAS board and Senior Enrichment buildings than we shouldn't. The outside of the buildings will still

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be taken care of at each location. It was asked if we can clean the Veterans office without hiring a new person. Further discussion is needed.

Mr. Wilde questioned why we are taking care of the Gerken building. Mr. Boose thinks that is a good start to a discussion in the future. He thinks if we are going to be putting money into it we need to get some use out of the building. Mr. Wilde then brought up the air gap on the kitchen sink, which he thinks is our responsibility based on how he read the contract. Mr. Welch disagrees because he thinks it is specialized equipment. The question is whether it falls under plumbing on the agreement. The commissioners agree that it should not be our expense.

Mr. Boose brought up the side wall of the Antique Mall. There is leftover hardware on the wall from some sort of sign. Mr. Boose asked why we wouldn't put the piece back on the wall. Mr. Welch said it's very heavy and could be a safety issue. They may need a lift to put it back on the wall. There is a mural going on the wall that may cover it up. Mr. Boose thinks that it looks bad and wants to have it fixed after the mural is taken down.

Mr. Boose said it looks like there is a window broken out at the old jail. Mr. Welch said they will look into it.

Mr. Hintz talked to Dick Sutherland about the tree in memory of his mother that is at the jail. Mr. Hintz thinks it is too close to the foundation. Mr. Sutherland is agreeable to removing it and planting a new one elsewhere. Mr. Hintz will be contacting Mr. Sutherland to let him know that the tree is going to be cut down and he can choose the type of tree to replace it within the \$150.00 price range. The board would like this done in the fall.

Mr. Wilde brought up the maintenance crew pulling up the bushes on the west side of the jail and how it looks nice. Mr. Welch asked if the board wants the other 4 bushes at the front of the jail removed. Mr. Boose thinks the call should be made by the buildings and grounds staff because they take care of them.

Mr. Welch brought up that he recently found out we insure the Senior Enrichment complex in Willard. It is not owned by the county. It is insured for \$2 million. Mr. Welch is asking why we are insuring property that isn't ours. The commissioners are not sure why. Mr. Boose said to check with Warren Brown to see if they are paying us anything for insuring it. Mr. Welch will contact Warren Brown to look into it.

Mr. Boose thinks it's time to go to the Veterans to see if they prefer the title office or JFS to move in to. Mr. Hintz will contact Veterans and set up a walk through with them at the JFS building to see what they think.

Mr. Wilde called Mr. Barnett concerning the railroad tracks on Boughtonville Road. Mr. Barnett called the number at the railroad crossing and it goes to the Sheriff's office and he was told they cannot do anything. He is concerned about the trains constantly stopping at the crossing for long periods of time. Mr. Wilde is going to talk to the Sheriff about it.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Terry Boose moved to approve the following travel request this day. 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

Terry Boose, Skip Wilde, Joe Hintz, Commissioners to Put In Bay, Ohio on September 11, 2017 for the Northwest Ohio Commissioners' Quarterly Meeting.

Terry Boose, Skip Wilde, Joe Hintz, Commissioners to Bowling Green, Ohio on September 18, 2017 for the CCAO Budget Briefing.

John McClaflin, Weights and Measures, to Bowling Green, Ohio on August 22, 2017 for ODA Training.

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OTHER BUSINESS continued:

The board received an email from a citizen about the parking lot behind the courthouse. She had the understanding that employees should not be using it. Mr. Boose suggested putting up signs that specify that any unmarked spots are for public use, not employees. Mr. Hintz is going to follow up with her.

Mr. Boose informed the board that he received two complaints about not enough handicap parking at the fairgrounds. They questioned why there is a spot for motorcycles up front when there's not enough handicap spots. They think it was due to kickstands not working well in dirt. The board agreed they have been doing a good job of accommodating handicap with adding more spaces and also having the carts pick people up who park farther away.

Mr. Boose thinks the list of highest delinquent tax payers should be published. Mr. Hintz doesn't know that he agrees with that because some people are under extenuating circumstances. Mr. Wilde thinks they need to ask the Treasurer for an opinion.

On August 24th there are the following meetings: Kiwanis, 9-1-1 meeting, and also the Senior meeting in Ontario.

At 12:00 p.m. The board recessed.

At 1:17 p.m. The board resumed regular session.

Mr. Boose wanted to go over how to proceed with the 5 to 10 year plan. He thinks we can proceed by doing it building by building or system by system. He would like the end result to be a binder, tagged by building, with all of the items and subcategories listed with what needs to be done and possibly a cost estimate. He also wants marked what offices are in each building. The hard part is going to be prioritizing all of the items, so there needs to be some sort of a rating system for the items. Mr. Boose suggested doing a plan per building first, and then put the 5 to 10 year plan together using the ratings, and then figure out how to pay for it. The leg work of this plan should be done by the end of the year. Mr. Boose also wants to sit down and go through all of the leases the county has. He wants to double check the ORC to see what departments the board is required to provide space.

The board discussed the two Opioids Class Action Lawsuits with Randy Strickler. Mr. Strickler talked to an attorney out of Rocky River about the first lawsuit. They are filing suites all around the state and plan to consolidate them. This lawsuit is going after the distributors of the opioids for damages that the government has paid to fight the opioid epidemic. The damages they're looking for are money for education, law enforcement and treatment. The county wouldn't have to put any money down, it was just be a 30% fee of whatever the county receives. If they lose they aren't asking for any reimbursement for litigation expenses. The lawsuit is fighting that the distributors violated the FDA regulations of the distribution of the drugs and it has contributed to the opioid crisis.

The second lawsuit is suing the manufacturers for how the firms marketed the drugs. It is similar to the other with no money up front, no money for litigation if they don't recover, and 25% fee of what is recovered.

In both the suits the board is going to have to pass 2 resolutions. The first declaring that we have an opioid crisis in Huron County and that we want to join the lawsuit. The second gives authority to join the lawsuit and apply to the common pleas court to get separate council for this. Mr. Strickler pointed out that if they win the county may not see any money for years or at all. Mr. Boose explained that even if they lose it can still be beneficial by leading to some sort of legislation or voluntary agreement to change the practices. The commissioners are for moving forward on this. Randy has the paperwork for the first lawsuit ready to go. They would like to have the paperwork for the first lawsuit prepared for Tuesday.

The board discussed the list of people they would like to invite to a session to come and talk about the opioid crisis. There is still a question of who is hosting the event and if MHAS board can help. They would like it to be a group meeting as opposed to it being a commissioners' meeting. The tentative date is now October 4th. The board thinks 6:30 p.m. is a good start time for the event. Mr. Boose thinks the name of the event should be more on the negative side to get people's attention and let people know that it is a serious issue. The board discussed possibly having a directory handout with different resources related to the drug problem for people. Mr. Boose would also like a technical person.

At 2:48 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood

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adjourned.

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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 August 17, 2017.

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 2:48 p. m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board