

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 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 October 24, 2017 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Wilde clarified the discussion on the Peer Support need to have the names corrected as Kalen Baker and Roger Smith.

Voting was as follows:

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

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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT #018

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the #018 Coroner account; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 041-00572-001 contingencies in the amount of \$ 20,000.00 to the Coroner account #018-00525-001 contract services; 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 # 018 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

Mr. Boose asked if they did autopsies on overdoses. Ms. Ziembra stated she was told it was up to the coroner or the doctor attending whether or not an autopsy is performed.

Mr. Hintz spoke with the Sheriff, Michael and Stephanie, this was a very good meeting. Mr. Hintz stated the Sheriff is on board and wants to help out anyway he can. Mr. Hintz loves the fact that everything is coming together. He is very encouraged about this.

**HOLIDAY NOTICE
NOTICE**

ALL HURON COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017 TO OBSERVE VETERANS DAY THE HURON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN

**HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose, Joe Hintz, Bruce Wilde**

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Terry Boose moved to approve the following travel request this day. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

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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

Jennifer Slone, Auditor to Columbus, Ohio on November 14, 2017 for Training with Paula Webb.
Roland Tkach, Auditor to Columbus, Ohio on November 14, 2017 – November 17, 2017 for CAAO Winter Conference.

Administrator/Clerk's Report

Kathy from Second Harvest Food Bank called to invite Commissioners to their Elected Officials Service Event on November 17, 2017 at 10:30 am. – Noon at the Lorain County Distribution Center. No Commissioners available to attend.

Received a call from John Luetz, CCAO, requesting to have lunch with the board on either December 5th or 6th. Since the Board meets on the 5th they would like to schedule for noon on December 5th.

Mrs. Ziembra reminded Mr. Boose he wanted to discuss the bed tax. Mr. Boose stated the City is wanting to increase the bed tax and believes they use it for the general fund. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler who can put a bed tax on. His thought is our economic development may want to put one on to help with funding. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler to look into it to see who can put it on and how.

At 9:30 Public Comment - No Comment

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Hintz if he had contact information with the group in Greenwich concerned with the windfarms. Would like them to be notified of the upcoming meeting with APEX Energy on November 7th at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Wilde will make contact with Mr. Kevin Ledet. Mr. Boose has a question regarding what APEX wants us to set up, can this be done for part of the county, or does it need to be done as a whole.

Mr. Boose stated the Alternate Energy Zones, he is leaning towards this for Bellevue, and however he is unsure they can do it that way. Mr. Boose stated he is not sure what his decision will be if he has to go to the whole county. Mr. Boose stated that the Chamber of Commerce is supporting this.

Discussion was had on the resolution prepared by Randal Strickler for a capital project fund for the jail. Mr. Boose stated it is too restrictive, all Mr. Boose would like to do is ask Mr. Tkach, to set up a 310 account for Permanent improvement and use it for the maintenance, upkeep and expansion for the Jail/Sheriff's Office. Mr. Strickler stated the problem is that the statute states you must list specific projects of what you're spending your money on. Mr. Boose stated that they don't have to under their permanent improvement fund. Mr. Strickler stated yes he believes they do. Mr. Strickler stated the language needs to state "and what's necessary". Mr. Strickler misunderstood what the Commissioners wanted, Mr. Boose stated that they want a fund that can be used by both the Jail/Sheriff's office to upkeep, maintain and expand. Ms. Ziembra stated she spoke to the Auditor and it's ready to go. Mr. Wilde stated for the record they want a permanent improvement fund.

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Akron, Ohio – Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison, FirstEnergy's (NYSE: FE) Ohio utilities, remind customers having difficulty paying their utility bills that they may be eligible for special financial assistance programs.

In Ohio, customer assistance programs include:

- **Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus)**
The Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus) is an extended payment arrangement that allows Ohio customers meeting program guidelines to pay a percentage of their income or \$10.00 per month, whichever is greater, instead of their usual electricity bill. Eligible customers must have a household income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. For more information, call (800) 282-0880.
- **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**
HEAP is a federally funded grant program administered by the State of Ohio Department of Development through a network of local community action agencies. HEAP provides customers help with paying winter heating bills, and occasionally summer cooling bills. For more information, call (800) 633-4766 (Ohio Edison and Toledo Edison customers); or (800) 589-3101 (Illuminating Company customers).

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• **Salvation Army Emergency Hardship Programs**

The Salvation Army organizations across the Ohio utility territories offer emergency assistance programs for those who have suffered a recent financial hardship and need temporary help to pay their electricity bill. Program funding is provided by FirstEnergy's Ohio employees and customers. The distribution of funds is administered by Salvation Army agencies located throughout Ohio. Contact your local Salvation Army agency to learn more.

• **Emergency Assistance**

Additional help in paying utility bills may also be available to low-income residents through local county departments of human services, community action agencies, soldier's relief commissions or veteran's services offices. Listings for these resources can be found in the blue pages at the front of your local telephone directory, or you can call your county government or visit them online to learn more.

Ohio residential customers of FirstEnergy's utilities looking for a convenient way to manage their electric bills also can sign up for the FirstEnergy Installment Plan, which allows customers to make consistent monthly payments to avoid the impact of seasonal highs and lows in their electricity bills. To apply or learn more about programs to help keep electricity bills affordable, visit www.firstenergycorp.com or call Ohio Edison customer service at (800) 633-4766; The Illuminating Company customer service at (800) 589-3101; and Toledo Edison customer service at (800) 447-3333.

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Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde stated the sales tax money coming in that is replacing the Medicaid for one year.

Was this money included in the general fund? This could be one time money and probably will be. If we use it we need to use it wisely

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose stated he discussed our budgets with Mrs. Ziembra. Advised her to keep it the same as last year. Mr. Boose stated that Ms. Ziembra would like the interim budget passed in December.

Commissioner Hintz report

Mr. Hintz stated he spoke to the Dog Warden regarding the hours, Mr. Ousley will try to adjust the hours. Mr. Hintz also spoke to Ms. Ketchum and explained it to her as well. Mr. Hintz stated he spoke to both Mr. Ousley and Ms. Ketchum regarding the concerns if they pull that carpet up regarding slipping and falling. Mr. Hintz explained that it is Mr. Ousley's decision regarding removing the carpet. Mr. Boose asked are they taking hours away during the week to clean cages and adding them to Saturday, Mr. Hintz stated that is what he thinks Mr. Ousley wants to do, and Mr. Hintz is unsure on what Mr. Ousley will do. Mr. Wilde asked if they are changing the carpet, Mr. Hintz stated he doesn't think so. Mr. Boose asked if the Commissioners need to contact the people regarding the carpet, Mr. Wilde stated he would like Mr. Ousley to contact them.

At 10:00 a.m. Sharon Locke, Cecilia Blevins, Tom Gerrity, Sue Lesch, Reese Wineman

Ms. Locke explained that they are asking for more money next year, which is not unusual for an even numbered year, they are facing two large elections next year. Ms. Locke stated there is a new annual cost regarding the E-books. Ms. Locke stated the only things they can charge back in even numbered years are ballots and advertising. Ms. Locke explained that the Board of Commissioners need to think about a new voting server for 2019. Ms. Locke stated she will be retiring January 2019 and there will be a payout for sick and vacation.

At 10:13 a.m. Judge Conway & Linda Stower, Common Pleas Court budget hearing

Judge Conway explained that they did receive the T-cap funding. Judge Conway explained that if they have enough funds they would like to hire someone to assist them on a pre-trial basis to direct those defendants into treatment. Judge Conway stated unfortunately they are at the mercy of the state as to the amount of funding they will receive. Judge Conway stated that they can spend this money over 3 years.

At 10:30 a.m. Mike Gastier, OSU Extension semiannual report.

Mr. Gastier started with discussion the Ag side, he stated that they spent their time helping farmers get to a point where they could accommodate the new regulations. Mr. Gastier stated last year they had 700 new applications for fertilizer, this should wrap up the first go around. Mr. Boose asked those renewable licenses, do they have to come back and take classed to renew these. Mr. Gastier stated they do it usually only lasts an hour every 3 years and most farmers who have a fertilizer license also have a pesticide license.

Mr. Gastier discussed 4-H, they currently have 50 4-H clubs with 202 adult advisories. They all have been finger printed. They have 1065 members, they had 96% of these members complete their membership for the year. Over 2000 projects with 95% completion.

Mr. Gastier stated that his budget will be level or down a little bit (around \$1,000.00).

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At 10:45 a.m. Jill Eversole Nolan and Amy Liebold, DJFS budget hearing.

Ms. Liebold explained the mandated shares and how it is calculated. Ms. Liebold stated that last year it was \$160,000.00 in the public assistance fund, calculations for next year they are asking for \$153,000.00, Ms. Liebold stated it mandated and is what it is.

Ms. Liebold explained the children's services budget, this is General Fund money, Ms. Liebold stated that back in 2005 they use to get \$265,000.00, 2008 \$218,000.00, it slowly started to go down. Ms. Liebold stated that the cash balance has been higher therefore less they have asked from the General Fund, over the years the cash balance has declined. The reason for decline could be more children in placement and if the judge is asking for something it gets paid out this fund. Ms. Liebold is requesting for 2018 \$75,000.00 this will be a \$25,000.00 increase from last year. Mr. Boose asked if he could get the information in regards to what was spent last year, Ms. Liebold stated she would have to get him that information.

Ms. Nolan stated that they are not asking for anything extra, they would like the Commissioners to give them money to have the carpet replaced.

At 10:53 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:00 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 11:01 a.m. Dave Longo, Public Defender budget.

Mr. Longo explained that the workers comp line that he was given the number based on a 2016 payroll, therefore he adjusted the number to the 2017 payroll. Mr. Longo stated the one number he would have to guess at is the indirect costs, the reason for this is because the State of Ohio sends that number and it is usually sent around late December to early January. Mr. Longo explained the indirect cost are the monies that are presumed to be spent regarding the office space they are in, maintenance, repairs, utilities and etc. Mr. Longo stated in the 9 years he's being doing this it always go up, he always adds 10% to the previous year's amount.

At 11:15 a.m. Sheriff Corbin, Tammy Schaffer, Shawn Newton, Sheriff's Office budget hearing.

Sheriff Corbin stated that two different budget sheets, Option A is 100% completely funding by the General Fund, and Option B is funded by Special Revenue Funds that the Sheriff's Office has at his discretion. Sheriff Corbin stated that if they start with 023, there are several more employees than they had last year, therefore this line item has increased by \$133,000.00. Mr. Boose asked Sheriff Corbin is this where he would like his staffing to be or is he still trying to get there, Sheriff Corbin stated they are still trying to get there. Sheriff Corbin stated he would like to hire another dispatcher and process server. Sheriff Corbin explained that this also includes a 2% raise for the employees.

Mr. Boose explained that he was at Western Reserves School Board meeting and they discussed sharing an officer between the three schools in which the schools will pay for. Sheriff Corbin stated that the last conversation he had with Western Reserve is the numbers are there to have an office stationed there, the Sheriff's Department has been to Western 104 more times than Norwalk PD has been to Norwalk High School. Sheriff Corbin stated there are some problems there, he is not sure if the school board president wants them there, however there are issues there. Mr. Boose stated he told the school board that he would have Mr. Brown look into if there is any other grants out there that is possible to help pick up some of this. Mr. Boose asked is the state grant a permanent grant or year by year, Sheriff Corbin stated year by year.

Sheriff Corbin stated the budget is by needs not wants. Sheriff Corbin explained they have add another road deputy. Mr. Boose asked in regards to the road budget will they be looking to purchase any cruisers, Sheriff Corbin stated they will be looking to purchase 4 more. Sheriff Corbin stated with these purchases they should be in good shape. Mr. Boose asked if they budget the same amount for cruisers as last year, they should be alright, Sheriff Corbin stated they purchased 6 this year, next year will be only 4 new cruisers. Sheriff Corbin stated that Mr. Zurcher's wages and benefits utilizing special funds were also added in to take that burden off the Commissioners because he is at the jail full time.

Sheriff Corbin stated the jail contract repairs at a request contains \$115,000.00. The showers were refurbished, the remaining \$65,000.00 to take care of the remaining costs for uniforms, etc. Sheriff Corbin stated he also placed in his budget preventative maintenance. Ms. Ziemba asked if Sheriff Corbin is expecting any retirements, Sheriff Corbin stated that Ms. Schaffer is talking about it, she needs to check somethings out before she decides. Sheriff Corbin doesn't know of anyone else who will be retiring.

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At 11:57 a.m. the board recessed

At 1:02 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 1:03 p.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. 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 2:22 p.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. 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*

**no action taken*

Mr. Boose brought up Mr. Cawrse is a resource officer currently at New London schools and South Central schools and Western Reserve would like to pick him up. But they would like the Commissioners to pay for it. \$21,000 total for the 3 schools (\$7,000 for each school). Mr. Brown thinks there should be a sharing of cost. Mr. Boose is wondering if it would be okay to go the MHAS board since resource officers are supposed to help with the drug epidemic. Mr. Brown will look into possible grants. Mr. Boose will go to the MHAS board to ask with a letter written by Mr. Brown. Veteran of the year. Saturday December 2nd. All three commissioners are planning on going. Governing- 2017 Ohio Leadership form. December 14th in Columbus. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde planning on attending. Mr. Wilde updated the board on the Peer House meeting. Cabinets are in and so is laminate. Carpet samples are out there, and funds are available for the carpet. Nov 18th is the open house. Mr. Wilde would like the trees near the house to be trimmed before the open house. Mr. Boose is continuing to work with Senior Services. He is going to recommend 2 things. Put a committee together and proceed with another option to make sure that whatever they are doing is the best option.

At 2:46 p.m. Mr. Boose moved to adjourn. Mr. Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 2, 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 2:46 p. m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board