

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 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.

19-330

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$1,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Capital Projects (021-00557)

Professional Business Systems	Record storage shelves (Clerk of Courts)	\$14,640.91 now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above; 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 said these were for Ms. Hazel’s storage area located under the Treasurer’s office.

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

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

19-331

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND #560

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustment:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	560	00260	560	\$360,000.00		560	00500	560	\$360,000.00
		Expenditures					CEBCO Expense		and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; and further

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

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

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***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated this is due to the change in billing for CEBCO and stems from the discussion in June. It was paid out of a line used when the County was self-funded, it is not additional funding. It is just moving from one line item to the other for health insurance.

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

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

19-332

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE MEDICAL SERVICE AT THE HURON COUNTY JAIL

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 19-279 the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorized seeking bids for the Huron County Jail Medical Service; and

WHEREAS, notice was given in accord with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on October 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. from the following:

Fisher Titus Medical Center \$200,000 per year for 3 years and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Sheriff's Office reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to Fisher Titus Medical Center; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Huron County Jail Medical Service to Fisher Titus Medical Center 272 Benedict Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857; 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 this has increased from what it had been. The Sheriff's office had explained the reasons when they were in on Tuesday - jail costs continue to go up. Mr. Hintz stated a lot of the increase is related to drugs and alcohol.

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

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

19-333

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19(Y) AND REQUESTING THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE LEVY OF SAID ADDITIONAL TAX.

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Huron County Board of Commissioners to provide and maintain senior citizens services or facilities; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of an additional tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Huron County in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional tax. now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that the Board determines that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(F); and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the question of such additional tax shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the County at the election to be held therein on March 17, 2020; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that such additional tax levy shall be at an annual rate not exceeding .055 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.055 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, upon the entire territory of Huron County, for a period of five years; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that such additional tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the 2020 tax year (commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021) for a period of five years, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Huron County. This Board hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to this Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy if approved by the voters of the County; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Strickler stated this is for the operating budget. Mr. Boose said that there had been discussion about combining the two levies into one. Mr. Strickler had done some research and found out only school districts can combine two levies. Mr. Seward said their Board did vote 13-0 in favor of doing the two levies.

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

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

At 9:10 a.m. Public Comment - none

19-334

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A COUNTY BUILDING TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES.

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Huron County has determined that there is a necessity of submitting to the electors of Huron County, Ohio the question of issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, equipping, furnishing and otherwise improving a county building to provide facilities for senior citizens services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, that is hereby declared to be necessary to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") of this County in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, equipping, furnishing, and otherwise improving a county building to provide facilities for senior citizens services and to levy a tax outside of the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities. Pursuant to section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the question of the issuance of the Bonds and the levy of the tax shall be submitted to the electors of this county at an election to be held in the entire territory of Huron County on March 17, 2019. The approximate issue date of the Bonds will be July 2020 with an approximate maturity date of December 2040. The maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid is twenty (20), and the Bonds will bear interest at a rate now estimated at 4.00% per year, payable semiannually; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk of this Board is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Huron County for the certification of the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation and in mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, that the County Auditor estimates to be required throughout the stated maturity of the Bonds to pay debt charges on the Bonds, assuming that they are all issued in one series bearing interest and maturing in substantially equal principal amounts each year over the maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid, both as stated in Section 1, and that the amount of the tax valuation of the entire territory of Huron County for the current year remains that same throughout the maturity of the Bonds; 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; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Strickler said this was statutory language that is required to be in there.

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

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

Mr. Boose told Mr. Seward that Mr. Strickler would be getting the agreements out to him soon. Mr. Strickler explained to Mr. Seward that, after discussion, they had agreed that the price for the 3.5 acre option parcel would be decided at the time of purchase. This would leave that decision up to whatever Board is in office at that time. Mr. Seward didn't see any problems with this, but he would inform his board. Mr. Strickler also told Mr. Seward that the lease terms would include their agreement regarding utility payments. Discussion regarding signature provisions.

19-335

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE COUNTY
BOND RETIREMENT FUND #205**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the County Bond Retirement Fund #205 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$51,481.00 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 205.205.00275 (Bond & Interest Payment) \$51,481.00 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained the cash is there, we are just appropriating it to make the payment.

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

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

At 9:15 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 10:03 am. 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 10:05 a.m. Cecilia Blevins, Ben Kline, and Harry Brady Board of Elections to discuss office space. Steve Minor and Pete Welch present. Mr. Kline stated they would like to work with the board in a collaborative effort to find permanent space for the Board of Elections. He reviewed the letter the BOE submitted to the Board on October 28, 2019. With regard to Homeland Security, the Secretary of State has come up with security directives that they have to abide by – some are suggestions, some mandated. They would like to have as many of the suggestions in place as they can. When Beck Security was in one of the things Mr. Beck talked about was that the basement would perfectly meet their needs. He can make their office secure, but the basement would be what is best.

Mr. Kline's second main concern was early voting. Mr. Kline presented percentages and numbers for early voting. Those numbers are growing and they anticipate next year's presidential election to be huge. In 2016 they had anywhere from 7,000 to 8,000 absentee voters. He thinks 2020 will be well over that, probably around 10,000. Mr. Wilde understood 2019 was an off year and asked how many they had – he thought it was approximately 1,700. Mr. Kline said they had 901 come into the office. Ms. Blevins said they had about 200 "hand carries". Mr. Wilde thought the rest came in the mail. Mr. Boose clarified there were not 1,700 people that came to the building to vote. Mr. Kline said they had 901 that came in and put the ballot through the scanner. In addition, they had about 200 that came in and requested a ballot to take home. So there were about 1,100 people that came through building for an odd year election. Mr. Welch asked if they thought it would actually increase tenfold for the next election. Ms. Blevins explained they get a lot more people in for early voting in the even year elections. The off years there is not a lot of traffic. The last presidential election was very busy, she expects this one to be even busier. Mr. Hintz asked if the 10,000 estimate was the actual number they expected to come in, or was it the total? Ms. Blevins thought it was the total. For 2016 they had 8,294 total, probably about 6,000 that came in. Mr. Welch thought they were predicting a 40% increase from the last presidential election. Mr. Boose thought it was more than that. Mr. Brady pointed out next year's election was the entire House, part of the Senate and obviously a highly contested presidential election. Mr. Boose said just about every presidential election has that, this is nothing new. Mr. Brady agreed it wasn't totally new, but thought there was an increased interest in the presidential elections, especially by younger voters. People are becoming more and more engaged – even the Secretary of State has said it is going to be one of the biggest, most contentious elections we have had in this country in a long time.

Mr. Brady wanted to talk about construction. He felt the Commissioners own the building and are going to have to do maintenance on it one way or another. The space the Board of Elections is in right now is going

to have to be redesigned to make it more usable. The first floor is easier for voters, although he acknowledged they were not using it every day of the year. But if they vacate the space on the second floor and move to the first floor, the space on the second floor could be used for other purposes.

As a board member, Mr. Brady said he would like to at least engage in conversation to either move downstairs or rehab where they are currently located. During this past election they had people going through the tabulation room to get to the storage area. Mr. Welch asked if they were requesting a new floor plan for their office. Mr. Brady said they really need at least a new floor plan. Mr. Welch pointed out they just did one not long ago. He said that was the problem – we continually put money into things and then people want to change them. Mr. Brady thought that was why they need to get a group together and look at a long term solution. Ms. Blevins thought when the last changes were made, early voting had not been an issue. She was aware of the possibility of the elevator upgrades. She said that would be great, but they would still have to reconfigure their whole office to make it work. They are looking at ways to fix what they have now if they don't move downstairs. However, going downstairs would be a lot easier. They would even be happy with a portion of downstairs. She explained the day before the election they went up and down the elevator 22 times. On Wednesday, 22 times up and down. 15 times on election night. For the training classes, they went up and down over 40 times. They utilize the elevator a lot, and Ms. Blevins was afraid they would wear it out. Mr. Boose did not think they would wear it out. He said things like that statement were the reason he gets upset. They come in here and state "facts" about what is going on when they are not facts.

Ms. Blevins continued. They came up with an idea to utilize the elevator. Voters would come right off the elevator into their office. However, the flow doesn't work as it is now. Also, if they are staying where they are they will need more room. They are already planning to move the tabulation room into the current storage area in the back – it already has double locks. They need the big area for supplies. Their current area will need to be reconfigured. This will include moving the voting machines to another room for early voting. Mr. Boose said the board offered that specific suggestion to them previously and they turned it down. She agreed, but the suggestion had been to move to a separate floor. Mr. Brady said the board discussed it as a whole, and decided it was not what was best. Mr. Kline said that reconfiguring the current space would be a solution for some of their needs, but it still did not address the needs of the voters. He has had conversations with the staff and has done his own research. He has determined that at least one out of every four voters had a difficult time getting to the Board of Elections offices. They either couldn't find it or were physically exhausted when they got there. Mr. Wilde pointed out they could always file an absentee ballot. Ms. Blevins said people don't want to do that. Mr. Kline said there is also curbside. There are a lot of different ways people can vote, but people want to come in, they want to put their ballot through the scanners.

Mr. Boose asked what they were trying to accomplish right now. Ms. Blevins said they want to know what is going on downstairs and why they aren't able to move down there. They have a floor plan to take half the space. Mr. Boose asked if there was a directive that requires the Board of Elections to notify the Secretary of State a year before moving. Ms. Blevins said there was, they had already sent a letter informing them they wanted to move when they first approached the Commissioners. Mr. Wilde said the basement for now is probably not going to be their big move. He explained that they have offered some things, but that they didn't work. Mr. Boose said they had offered other suggestions of things that could be done down there. The Board of Elections said it wouldn't work, but never explained why it wouldn't work. Ms. Blevins said she contacted the Secretary of State and asked if there were any small Board of Elections that had stuff on two different floors. They said not normally. Big counties have a warehouse where they hold all their equipment. But they said normally everybody holds early voting in their offices. Mr. Boose explained we are working on a plan for the building. We are trying to figure out how the elevator can be fixed and whether it is worthwhile to upgrade it. At this time, the Health Department is not completely moved out, there are some legal issues that are being settled. There are issues with security and we are working with RJ Beck to figure out what we can do. We are working with Ohio Department of Health and the local Health Department. Based on that, we are working on a major plan and do not want to rush into anything.

Mr. Boose thought, if they wanted to put a subcommittee together, the first thing they should do is sit down and figure out a backup plan if there is large voter turnout in 2020. He did not think it was wise to build a whole space around something that may or may not happen. He thought they should be looking at Meeting Room A as a backup. Ms. Blevins said that had been one of their suggestions. Mr. Boose pointed out that, even if they did have a plan and were to hire contractors, it is not likely they would be able to finish any remodel by March 18. Mr. Brady thought otherwise. Mr. Boose said regardless, we still do not even have authority to go in and remodel at this point. Also, he noted that there are all kinds of discussions going on about changing early voting.

Mr. Brady said he understands they haven't decided what they want to do with the building yet. However, he thinks they will still have to do maintenance and spend money at some point. Mr. Hintz agreed, but said

we want to spend it wisely and not rush into anything. Ms. Blevins asked if Meeting Room A was an option for them as a backup plan for 2020. Mr. Boose explained that every time the Commissioners made a suggestion the Board of Elections came back and said it wouldn't work. Mr. Boose would like to work with them to come up with a backup plan that is in the best interest of the taxpayers. He went on to express his concerns about the information he receives from the Board of Elections, and noted that some of his comments had been taken out of context. He specifically said waiting four hours to vote was not acceptable, yet in the letter they prepared they made it sound like he thought it was okay.

Mr. Boose pointed out their letter also indicated that they believe a new set of directives will come out in 2020. Yet they still wanted to remodel everything knowing that it may all change. He did not understand why anybody would do that.

Ms. Blevins said they don't want to spend any more money than they have to either. They have grant money to spend, and she wants to spend it wisely. RJ Beck is way out of our league for all the things they need to do for the directive. She and Mr. Kline are doing their best trying to save money and trying to be frugal. She thinks they have a solution. They would like to build a small room inside the storeroom of Meeting Room A. Mr. Boose mentioned the changes to the elevator, but expressed his concern that the hallways may not be ADA compliant. He would like to form a subcommittee to do a backup plan so that if what we are doing will not work, we can move forward with the backup plan. Mr. Wilde thought we could reevaluate the whole thing after next year's election. Ms. Blevins said that was fine, but she needs to know if they are allowed to use Meeting Room A. She will need to purchase a few more computers for use down there with the grant money. Mr. Kline said Meeting Room A would have to be secure. Mr. Boose said right now we already have other people signed up to use it. He did not want to design it so that it would only be usable twice a year. Ms. Blevins said she did not want it redesigned. What she wanted was a smaller room built into the storage room that could be secured for their computers and voting machine. She said there will be two voting machines and at least four computers for the 2020 election. Mr. Boose pointed out Meeting Room A was going to be under construction soon. Ms. Blevins asked if it would be done by February. Mr. Boose pointed out he thought the Courthouse elevator was going to be done six months earlier than it was done – we just don't know.

Mr. Brady did not think they were going to settle a whole lot today. He suggested possibly meeting with Mr. Welch and one of the Commissioners to go over what could work temporarily. He wanted to see what could be done and look at some diagrams. Mr. Welch clarified he wanted to discuss their existing office space. Mr. Brady wanted to discuss Meeting Room A and the use of the elevator to access the second floor. Mr. Boose said they needed to include dates as to when that room would be needed. Everyone agreed there would be an increase in early voting. But Mr. Boose did not want to overspend and overreact. He wanted to ensure there was a backup plan. Mr. Brady said the Board of Elections doesn't want to overreact or overspend either. But he would like to sit down with Mr. Welch and work on a plan. They will meet after the Commissioner's meeting. Mr. Boose told Mr. Welch to keep an open mind, as we could possibly do a change order for Meeting Room A if necessary.

At 10:53 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

- Terry Boose, Commissioner, to Columbus, Ohio for Agricultural Policy & Outlook Conference on November 12, 2019.
- Rachel Sotora & Stacey Rader, JFS, to Wood County for Best Practices/CSEA on November 15, 2019.

SIGNINGS

Send a letter to Tacy for her work on the 911 levy and congratulation on the win.

Joe Hintz made a motion to release the payment to Medallic Specialty, Inc. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

No – Terry Boose
Aye – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Old Business

Ms. Ziembra said they would be beginning the install of our shelving units in the basement of 22 E. Main Street on Monday.

No changes on the elevator since Tuesday.

Budget. Mr. Boose said we have a 2019 final budget and a 2020 requested budget. We know whether the requested budget is increased or decreased over the 2019. To move forward Mr. Boose would like a third column indicating what the Commissioners think the 2020 interim budget should be, not what had been requested. Ms. Ziembra said she has a column for 2019 Final Budget and a column for 2020 Requested Interim budget. She will add a third column – 11/07/19 budget work session.

Mr. Boose stated that the changes he made were based on looking at past budgets. He does not want to tell them how to put that into their budget, with the exception of a contract. For instance – the Prosecutor’s budget. Based on their history and what they have told us, he is a firm believer they can cut that budget by \$50,000. But he will not say which line to cut. Mr. Boose acknowledged that making them change their budget will increase the time the budget process is going to take. Now they will have to review and make changes. However, looking at things that were purchased this year, one-time items, and where they are with expenses, he believes the budget can be cut. Mr. Boose said that, if they did decide to raise the Public Defender budget to make it more like the Prosecutor’s budget, it would be necessary to get the budgets in order and finalize. Mr. Boose thought if we put any money into Public Defender’s budget it should come from the Prosecutor’s budget to make them more in line. Mr. Wilde said he would like to see some kind of increase in the Public Defender’s budget, just because it appears he does not have enough help. Mr. Hintz agreed.

Ms. Ziembra clarified that if any department needed changes, she was to return their budget with a note telling them the amount the Commissioners have allocated for the interim budget. Ask them to make adjustments and return by next Friday.

Department	2019 Final Budget	2020 Requested interim budget	11/07/19 budget work session
001 Commiss.	486,498.80	486,499.00	486,499.00
002 Microfilm	81,238.00	84,688.00	84,688.00
003 Data Proc.	160,452.00	160,452.00	160,452.00
004 Auditor	244,180.00	250,505.00	250,505.00
005 Treasurer	184,351.44	188,308.00	188,308.00
006 Prosecutor	765,297.00	767,639.43	717,639.43
007 Revision	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
008 Common Pleas	486,419.00	486,419.00	486,419.00
009 C.P. Jury	1,260.54	1,260.54	1,260.54
010 C.P. Adult Pro.	9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
011 C.P. Appeals	300.00	300.00	300.00
012 Human Resources	152,350.00	153,069.00	152,350.00
013 Juvenile	411,681.79	411,681.79	414,633.00
014 Juv. Probation	390,077.00	390,077.00	393,645.00
015 Juv. Detention	155,000.00	155,000.00	155,000.00
016 Probate	188,136.00	188,136.00	189,505.00
017 Clerk of Courts	442,888.00	443,388.00	442,888.00
018 Coroner	121,960.29	121,960.29	121,960.29
019 Muni Court	230,000.00	239,000.00	239,000.00
020 Bd. Of Elections	480,936.00	503,316.00	500,000.00
021 Capital Improv.	450,000.00	152,055.00	152,055.00
022 B & G	1,091,949.00	1,091,949.00	1,091,949.00
023 Sheriff	2,170,727.00	2,452,299.00	2,207,934.00
024 Recorder	135,240.00	136,529.00	136,529.00
025 HCDC	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
026 EMA	168,369.00	102,616.00	102,616.00
027 Public Defender	340,611.00	520,000.00	340,611.00

***Discussion:**

- **Juvenile:** Mr. Boose wanted to include the other half Juvenile needs in their budget to bring salaries in line with everyone else. We only gave them half last year, he would like to give them the other half this year.
- **Board of Elections:** Mr. Boose based this on the 2016 election. \$500,000 would have worked fine.
- **Sheriff:** Mr. Boose provided some suggestions on the Sheriff's budget. He reduced salary expenses to the 2.5% increase that is required in the contract. He decreased both OPERS and Medicare by 2.5% as well. They had increased supplies by \$5,000 – he decreased this. This reduced the budget by a total of \$244,365. Mr. Boose was okay with sending his calculations to the Sheriff so the Sheriff would know how he came up with those numbers. The Sheriff does not have to make those same changes. He can decide which changes he can make that will work for his office.
- **025 HCDC:** Mr. Boose would like to leave the interim budget at zero. He wants \$47,000 to go to economic development, but he is not sure who it should go to. Mr. Wilde agreed he did not want three separate organizations. Mr. Boose thought we need to do what is best for our taxpayers and would like to put the money where it will do the most good. He does not want to budget this until a decision is made as to which direction to go with workforce development. If the Commissioners decide the money is better spent somewhere else, then HCDC is going to have to decide if they want to keep going and how they are going to do it. Mr. Boose does not want to eliminate HCDC, he wants to determine where the County's money is best spent. He also doesn't want HCDC to think they are guaranteed that money. He has talked to Norwalk Economic Development to find out how their money is being spent. Mr. Wilde thought we should put zero in the budget and possibly try to get the different groups to work together. Mr. Boose thought before we give it to anybody there should be a Memorandum of Understanding as to what we expect Huron County residents to receive on the investment. He suggested they earmark \$50,000 in 099 and transfer it when a decision is made.
- **EMA:** Ms. Ziemba noted the EMA budget went down. They had moved the salary lines to the 9-1-1 budget. She reminded them that was separate from the levy. The levy will be a completely different fund, it will not have salaries in it. Mr. Boose said the \$120,000 we receive from the state has never had salaries taken out of it. We are changing that and will now take salary out of that line item, not the General Fund. Mr. Boose was concerned because that money had been used for other things before; now we are telling them they had to use it for the salary.
- **Public Defender:** Mr. Wilde thought he needed help. He doesn't care what we are being reimbursed, he thought we needed to give him something. Mr. Boose noted that at \$60/\$60, Richland County had said they can get all the legal services they need. He thought it would be easier to try that for a year and see how things work out rather than hire someone now and have to eliminate them later. Mr. Wilde was still concerned about the salary differential. They agreed to leave it where it was until more research was done.

At 12:26 p.m. the board recessed.

At 12:30 a.m. the board resumed regular session

028 OSU/4-H	187,400.00	192,000.00	187,900.00
029 Health/Welfare	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
030 Health/Vital St.	115,052.00	120,415.00	120,415.00
031 Children Service	475,000.00	465,000.00	465,000.00
032 Mechanic	68,050.00	68,050.00	68,050.00
033 Veterans	573,580.00	594,573.00	594,573.00
034 Soldiers Relief	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
035 Public Assist.	160,779.00	147,530.00	147,530.00
036 Jail	3,495,490.00	3,680,501.00	3,610,501.00

***Discussion:**

- **OSU/4H:** Add \$500 to cover camp fees.
- **Jail:** Discussion on possible areas to decrease the jail budget. Send the sheet to the Sheriff with suggested reductions. He can use it as a guide but does not necessarily need to make those changes.

037 Soil & Water	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
038 Fair Board	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
039 Insurance/Tax	1,915,500.00	1,896,428.00	1,896,428.00
040 Miscellaneous	380,000.00	380,000.00	380,000.00

REGULAR SESSION**THURSDAY****NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

041 Contingencies	446,635.71	0.00	435,131.74
042 Inspection	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
043 Ditches	850.00	850.00	850.00
044 Airport	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
045 County Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00
051 Real Assessment	89,701.00	89,701.00	89,701.00
052 Jail Housing	125,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
099 Transfer	1,400,000.00	1,250,000.00	1,400,000.00
TOTALS	19,149,059.57	18,823,295.05	18,816,926.00

Revenue Estimate	\$19,149,059.57	\$18,816,926.00	\$18,816,926.00
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Available	\$0.00	-\$6,369.05	\$0.00
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Increased 099 to the 2019 final budget amount. The remaining \$435,131.74 will be added to contingencies. Budgeted amounts will balance the revenue and expenses.

At 12:52 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 November 7, 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 12:52 p.m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board