

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2019

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the September 19, 2019 and September 24, 2019 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

19-311

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

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Schedule 10/29/19 and authorizes the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrants; and further

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

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose will abstain from Norwalk Concrete on page 7. Mr. Boose also said he wanted to vote no on the line item on page 9, under Emergency Management, to Medallic Specialty, Inc. This was for challenge coins in the amount of \$1,000. He voted no on this last time and was pretty sure they were told we didn't want them to do this. Mr. Wilde thought we should hold that payment until we find out more.

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

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

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
10/31/2019	Great Lakes Community Action	286641	2019-003081	CHP-42 W. Walnut Ave	\$2,000.00
Account 190.190.00540 (Habitat for Humanity) Total:					\$2,000.00
Department Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$48,456.00
Fund 180 - Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$48,456.00
Fund 196 - Program Income					
Department Program Income					
10/31/2019	Huron Metropolitan Housing Authority	286641	2019-003121	CHP-Program Income	\$1,391.00
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Account 196.196.00300 (CHP Program) Total:					\$2,782.00
Department Program Income Total:					\$3,867.00
Fund 196 - Program Income Total:					\$3,867.00
Fund 500 - Landfill					
Department Landfill					
10/31/2019	Haltech North Shore Stone Quarry	286641	2019-001811	Limestone	\$26.39
Account 500.500.00250 (Materials) Total:					\$26.39
10/31/2019	Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc	286641	2019-001901	Soil Sampling	\$904.00
10/31/2019	Haltech North Shore Stone Quarry	286641	2019-001901	Limestone	\$904.00
Account 500.501.00280 (Contract Services) Total:					\$2,007.71
Department Landfill Total:					\$3,024.10
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					
Department Commissary Trust					
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	September Phone Time Use	\$1,679.26
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	Chry Paper Supply	\$32.00
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	Black Usher, Round Sides & Semi Spray	\$332.67
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	207 Road Pad & Strip Roll	\$81.21
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	September Brown Transation Fees	\$777.26
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	P&H & Pin Extruders	\$91.08
10/31/2019	Imate Calling Solutions	286641	2019-001801	September 2019 Commissary Stock Credit	\$1,403.85
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Account 500.505.00280 (Expenditures) Total:					\$10,674.70
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$10,674.70
Fund 505 - Commissary Trust Total:					
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund					
Department Canine Trust Fund					
10/31/2019	Canine Web Services US Inc	286641	2019-001911	Dog Food Reimbursement for Joe-Joe	\$55.36
Account 640.640.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$55.36
Department Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$55.36
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$55.36
Grand Total:					\$254,367.28
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At 9:10 a.m. Public Comment

Roger Hunker, Apex. Mr. Hunker said they received information from PSB that, since they put in a different turbine application for different generators, the staff has requested a 60 day extension. This will push back the hearing date until sometime in February 2020. They added three more generators they may possibly purchase. The generators are actually larger, but the turbines are still all the same size, so they are not sure why the delay. Mr. Strickler said the County is receiving notices now from the Power Siting Board and he saw this information come through last week. The PSB also approved everyone who filed to intervene, except for one person. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Hunker if this was the normal process as things move forward and they find out they can't use certain turbines. Mr. Hunker said it was. He said there were already four from the original application that weren't available, now there are three others. But with bigger generators they will need fewer turbines.

Mr. Boose told him about their trip to Paulding County last week. They had an opportunity to look at an existing wind farm and the construction site of another one. Mr. Hunker said he had just looked at one in Hardin County. Discussion regarding the two wind farm locations. Mr. Wilde said the Paulding County General Fund is \$6.5 million. The PILOT money is 7.5% of that budget. The estimates for the landowners for 2019 is a little over \$3 million. Mr. Wilde said this has been the greatest economic development that

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community has had. They have hired 22 new teachers, they redid the Courthouse, and since 2013 received over \$12 million. Mr. Boose said the wind companies have spent a half a billion dollars in their county so far. Ms. Hazel asked how many turbines there were. Mr. Wilde said there are currently 182 turbines. However, they are on their fifth project and are adding an additional 31. Mr. Boose said there will be over 200 total. They had 380 megawatts, they are adding 125 in the fifth phase. Mr. Hunker explained the first four phases were much smaller generators, which is why there were more turbines.

19-312

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND #112

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the Community Corrections Fund #112 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$1,397.50 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 112-112-00530 (Reimbursement) \$1,397.50 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 this was for the Community Corrections Fund. It is a two year grant cycle, this is the amount they did not expend, so it needs to be returned to the State.

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

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

19-313

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY T-CAP GRANT FUND #142, SPECIAL PROJECTS CP FUND #129, LANDFILL SOLID WASTE FUND #525, and EMA FUND #177

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
	142	00475	142	\$1,193.89		142	00125	142	\$898.56
		T-CAP Other Expenses					T-CAP Salaries		
						142	00400	142	\$282.26
							T-CAP OPERS		
						142	00460	142	\$13.07
							T-CAP Medicare		
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	129	00475	129	\$4,485.41		129	00125	129	\$3,794.66
		Special Projects CP Other Expenses					Special Projects CP Salaries		
						129	00400	129	\$647.45
							Special Projects CP OPERS		

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				129	00460	129	\$43.30
					Special Projects CP Medicare		
525	00175	525	\$3,000.00	525	00475	525	\$3,000.00
	Landfill Solid Waste Supplies				Landfill Solid Waste Other Expenses		
177	00475	177	\$2,800.00	177	00500	177	\$2,800.00
	EMA Other Expenses				EMA Hospitalization		
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.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said TCAP and Special Projects were due to the salary increases last year. They had not been put into the final budget so they are transferring to make up for that. Solid Waste - Ms. Ziemba read: *office overhead, including phone, computer and services by CT Environmental were over their initial estimates.* She said they are moving money from Supplies in order to pay the bills for the rest of the year. EMA – Ms. Ziemba explained Ms. Norton changed from single coverage to employee/spouse coverage, which changed the amount coming out. They shortage was \$2,800. She worked with the Auditor’s office to make sure that number was correct. Mr. Boose clarified this was just an appropriation adjustment – it is not a transfer.

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

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

19-314

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00

SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 29, 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:

<u>Capital Improvements #021</u>			
Wilhelm Construction	Admin. Bldg. Meeting Room A	\$45,100.00	
Leaders Industrial Surfaces	Admin. Bldg. Meeting Room A floor	\$11,849.00	now therefore

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. Boose said this will hopefully get the room done by the end of the year. Mr. Wilde thought the room needed updated, we have a lot of meetings there.

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

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

19-315

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE
GENERAL FUND

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustments; 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 adjustments:

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	012	00475	001	\$200.00		012	00175	001	\$200.00
		HR Other Expenses					HR Supplies		
	026	00200	001	\$1,000.00		026	00125	001	\$1,000.00
		EMA Equipment					EMA Salaries		
	026	00200	001	\$550.00		026	00400	001	\$550.00
		EMA Equipment					EMA OPERS		
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.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the one for HR was for printer supplies to get them through the end of the year. EMA said they were unaware of the \$1,300 stipend for the insurance. Also, the 3% raise made their account short in OPERS. They did not have those numbers until after the budget was turned in and they will work with the Auditor’s office to make sure this doesn’t happen in the future. Mr. Boose said he had no idea, as small as their budget is, how OPERS can be off by \$550.

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

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

19-317

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS
REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND
PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-17-1BJ-1 (DRAW #27) SUBMITTED TO THE
BOARD OCTOBER 29, 2019

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for payment and status of funds requests have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board’s certification; and

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

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the airport has a 7' wide mower that will cost more to repair than what the value is; also, we are getting rid of broken chairs and three Laserjet color printers.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**List on file*

At 9:30 a.m. Trisha Summers, and Chris Hipp, Mayor, Village of Wakeman regarding Permissive Tax streets in Wakeman. Ms. Summers reviewed the map sent out in August. She was in to request Pleasant, Abbott and Railroad all be added back onto the permissive tax map. The map they received in August only had the State Routes listed. In 1999, 2003 and 2015 they requested permissive tax money for these street, and the Commissioners approved. She would like to add those back on the map. They are all through streets. Mr. Wilde asked if they had been on the map previously. Mr. Strickler said we never really had maps. Mr. Tansey said the roads he put on the maps are the same ones that every engineer before him had used. As she said, the Commissioner's office had previously approved use of the funds. The Engineer's office hadn't said yes or no. He explained the Village had sent a letters to the Engineer's office in 1999 and again in 2007 requesting use of permissive tax funds. They had forwarded the request to the Commissioners, since they cannot give approval. In 2008 the Village made an official request to add these three streets. Mr. Tansey said there was no indication the Engineer's office ever responded. However, there was a past precedent of approving these roads. Mr. Boose clarified there had never been a map and we have now created a map. However, it doesn't match what was done in the past. They are bringing it before us to see if we will update the map to include what has been done before. He thought we should move forward and change the maps to include those three streets. Everyone agreed. Mr. Wilde asked if we could have a resolution for next Tuesday.

19-318

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATION CLASS CERTIFIED IN THE IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION, MDL 2804

Mr. Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has previously authorized and obtained counsel to pursue any and all claims for relief as a litigating plaintiff in civil litigation captioned In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804 against any and all defendants necessary;
and

WHEREAS, it continues to be the desire of the Huron County Board of Commissioners to pursue any and all claims for relief as a litigating plaintiff in civil litigation captioned In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804 against any and all defendants necessary;
and

WHEREAS, on or about the 23rd day of September, 2019, Huron County, Ohio, received a notice from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, advising Huron County officials how the County's rights are affected by a Negotiation Class seeking to settle claims against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of prescription opiate drugs for monies spent addressing the opioid crisis;
and

WHEREAS, If a potential Class Member intends to opt-out of the class certified in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804, an Exclusion Request Form must be returned either by email to info@OpioidsNegotiationClass.info or by first class mail to NPO Litigation, P.O. Box 6727 Portland, OR 97228-6727, no later than November 22, 2019;
and

WHEREAS, it is not necessary to complete the Exclusion Request Form if Huron County, Ohio, wants to remain a Class Member and wants to share in any potential negotiated Class Settlement; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Huron County, Ohio, Board of Commissioners, to remain a member in the proposed Negotiation Class and to share in any potential negotiated Class settlement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that no official or employee of Huron County, Ohio, shall be authorized to take any action on behalf of Huron County, Ohio, to exclude Huron County, Ohio, from and/or opt-out of the Negotiation Class certified by the United States District Court in the Northern District of Ohio in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804,
and further

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BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Huron County, Ohio, Board of Commissioners for Huron County, Ohio, to remain a member of the Negotiated Class certified in the In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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, that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law, as a statement of policy for Huron County, Ohio.

Mr. Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Strickler received this last week from our local contact. They want an official act from all their clients to remain a member of the negotiating class. They want their clients to opt in. Mr. Boose thought this was extremely important based on some things that are happening down in Columbus. He sees the state trying to get the local governments separate and divided. His concern is, if we do that, the money is not going to go where our original intention was for this lawsuit. The reason we did the lawsuit was because nobody was looking out for the local governments.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

19-319

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING VICTIMS OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR 2020

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, application as per ORC 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, application as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, located in the county of Erie, Ohio, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the contents of the applications, and find the eligibility criteria has been fulfilled as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.36; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to certify to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, that depending upon good service and performance to Huron County victims, all funds collected from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in the Special Marriage License and Divorce Fee Fund will be paid by July 15, 2020 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, and all funds collected from July 1, 2020 through the thirty-first day of December, 2020 shall be paid by January 15, 2021 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Total amount for the year is estimated to be approximately \$12,000.00; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, Norwalk, Ohio and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Sandusky, Ohio; 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. Wilde said the money we get in will be split evenly between those two organizations. We are estimating it to be about \$12,000.

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

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

19-320

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 004 WITH DAMSCHRODER ROOFING, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY COURTHOUSE RE-ROOF PROJECT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc., (Architect) recommends a change order for the Huron County Courthouse Re-Roof Project in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, which will first be credited from the General Construction Contingency Allowance; and

WHEREAS, additional work needs to be performed for the Courthouse Re-Roof due to the discovery of moisture in the void below the top of the black rubber and the concrete deck structure causing the gutter trough to rot from the bottom up; and

WHEREAS, the attached Change Order #004 details the scope of work to be performed; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order No. 004 as submitted by Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc. for Contractor, Damschroder Roofing, Inc., for the Huron County Courthouse Re-Roof Project 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:** Mr. Armstrong explained there is a gutter around the perimeter of the Courthouse roof. There was plywood in some areas, tongue & groove in others. When they opened it up they found out everything underneath the plywood was rotted. They are afraid moisture is running underneath the first layer of wood. It could be rotted around the whole perimeter. They will have to take it on a day by day basis. They will open about 20' or 25', see what is there, replace what is bad, cover, seal and move on. Mr. Wilde calculated that this could take as long as four weeks. Mr. Armstrong said weather was a big issues. If they are calling for rain they cannot open anything. Mr. Boose pointed out it was at the edge of the building, so it is pretty dangerous work.

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

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

**Change order on file*

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

- Linda Border, Victim's Assistance, to Mansfield, Ohio for Training/Meeting on October 30, 2019.
- Vickie Ziemba, Commissioners, & Tracy Konik, Engineers, to Columbus, Ohio for Clerk's Association Meeting on November 1, 2019.

At 9:58 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:04 a.m. the board resumed regular session with **Ralph Seward, Ellan Simmons and Ben Kenney, Enrichment Centers of Huron County.** Mr. Seward read a statement to reacquaint everyone with exactly what the Enrichment Center is doing. He was here to talk about building a new center on Shady Lane Drive. The statement he read explained all the benefits and services Senior Enrichment provides to the community. It also explained the research they did to determine the best course of action. He read: “. . . *The leadership has been aware of the need for a new center for several years and has done its due diligence in analyzing alternatives, including rehabilitation of several existing facilities, as well as new construction. It has concluded that a newly constructed center of a modest design, but with the capabilities for modification or expansion as the needs arise and programs and activities change, this is our preferred alternative to build a new building. The new Center represents a partnership of many entities to fill the Enrichment Center’s mission – to reach the lives of Huron County Seniors, as well as a broadened mission to blend senior based activities with opportunities for engagement with other age groups. The Huron County Commissioners have offered to donate the land required for the center, including space to accommodate parking for staff, participants, and the fleet of transit vehicles. Further, there is an option for additional acreage for future expansion. The site is located on Shady Lane Drive, it is in close proximity to Norwalk High School and undeveloped property owned by the Norwalk City Schools, presenting further opportunities for intergenerational activities. The location is easily and safely accessible to Huron County Seniors on a major connecting roadway on Norwalk’s south side. The Enrichment Center leadership is approaching this project with fiscal responsibility. Design requirements have been kept modest, multiple contractors are being approached to provide competitive cost estimates and bids, leadership is carefully pursuing the option of levying a modest property tax to service debt on construction bonds and ongoing operating costs will be factored into the budgeting, as well as initial construction. Additional state and federal funding sources as well as other potential local contributors are being approached as well. We would now ask that the Huron County Commissioners place on the March 2020 primary, a tax levy for 0.0185 mil construction bond levy that will raise \$3 million to cover the cost of construction of a new center to be located on 5-acres on Shady Lane Drive. In addition, after researching alternative methods to pay for the cost associated with the operating of the new facility once it is constructed, including utilities, maintenance, upkeep, insurance and other related costs, and after meeting with the Huron County Auditor Roland Tkach, the Building Committee has determined that the most effective way to cover the operating costs in the foreseeable future will be to place an additional 0.055 mil operating levy for five years on the March 2020 ballot along with the .0185 mil construction bond levy for 20 years. We are asking for your approval for these two issues*”.

Mr. Seward then went over the estimated construction costs. He had included an estimate for prevailing wage and a 5% contingency fund for unknowns. He put \$100,000 for bond counsel and administration costs. To determine maintenance costs, Mr. Seward contacted JFS to find out what the costs were for their facility. He knows the size of their facility, so he just did an equation of square footage costs. He came up with a little less than \$31,000 at \$2.15 a square foot. He put in \$2.25 per square foot and came up with \$33,750 for utilities – gas, sewer, water. He thought that may be why the Commissioners offered to pay \$40,000 up front for utilities. Outside maintenance was estimated at: yard mowing \$2,000; snow removal \$2,200. Insurance – his agent gave him a ballpark of \$7,000/year. That was close to another facility that he had checked with on a similar type situation. A trash dumpster came to \$1,800. The grand total for estimated maintenance costs - \$46,750. They are proposing a five-year current expense levy of 0.55 mil, which should raise \$65,400 per year. Mr. Seward feels that they are well protected and should have everything under control as far as construction costs. They expect costs to be under \$3 million. Mr. Wilde asked if the building included the parking lot. Mr. Seward said it did, which was in excess of \$300,000. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Tkach if \$100,000 would be enough for bond counsel. Mr. Tkach thought it would be – when they had borrowed \$1.8 million they had paid \$37,500 in fees. Mr. Boose asked if the \$3 million will cover the interest on the bonds as well. Mr. Seward said he had been told it would. Mr. Tkach explained when voters go to vote on a bond levy, it is actually for what it would take to make the payments, not necessarily the millage. He explained that rates are changing, but when voters vote on a loan bond type of levy, it is for debt service. Regardless of what happens with value, they have to come up with an amount that will pay that. Mr. Wilde said all that money comes to the Commissioners, Senior Enrichment won’t even see it because it is bond payment. Mr. Tkach agreed, it was the County’s debt.

Mr. Boose clarified there were two different levies. The bond levy is the big one for the \$3 million and there is a separate levy for operating expenses. He thought Mr. Tkach had done an excellent job explaining the difference between the bonds and what you can use them for at the meeting. Mr. Boose had been to most of the Board meetings and really thought they have done their due diligence at looking at everything that needed to be looked at, different options and how they are going to fund it.

Mr. Seward had one question – it is his understanding that the County Commissioners will own the building. Mr. Wilde said they would until it was paid off. Mr. Seward thought he could eliminate \$7,000 since they could insure it since they will own it. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler for clarification. Mr. Strickler said we own the building and we can lease it to Senior Services. There is a similar arrangement with Soil &

Water. We will lease it to Senior Enrichment, and when the bonds are paid off the building would go to them. Mr. Strickler thought we ought to talk to Mr. Brown about CORSA and whether or not they will insure the building. However, this expense would be included in any lease payment. Mr. Boose asked if there was an actual contract with Soil & Water. Mr. Strickler thought he had one somewhere. Mr. Boose would also like a purchase agreement with an option to purchase prepared, as well as a formal statement indicating this Board would pay up to \$40,000 of utilities for the first year. Mr. Seward asked if he could get a copy of that purchase agreement. Mr. Strickler said he would.

Mr. Tkach wanted to point out that in the November ballot, the New London Schools have a bond issue and a permanent improvement levy as one vote for both. He didn't know if they wanted to consider that for this – the current expense levy and the bond levy as one vote. Mr. Seward thought that would be great. Mr. Tkach said he would provide the language that was in their resolution.

At 10:30 a.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 and 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. Discussion: to discuss opioid lawsuit and possible discipline and compensation of an employee. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 11:38 a.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1) and (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

****Action taken from Executive Session – Attorney Strickler to contact local MDL (Multidistrict litigation) for the opioid lawsuit. Instructed Ms. Ziemba to discipline an employee.***

Dave Longo, Public Defender budget. Tim Young, State Public Defender in attendance. Mr. Longo said he realizes the budget request he submitted is atypical for him. He has been with the County for almost 22 years and has always been a team player. He has never asked for a major increase before. He has never pressed for pay equity with the Prosecutor's office, even though under the Ohio Administrative Code it is mandated. There are two reasons for this. Number one, he was aware of the fact that Huron County is not made of money. Number two, it was an unfunded mandate. The situation has changed in about three different respects. First, it is now a funded mandate. Two, he discussed it with Mr. Tkach in his capacity on the Budget Commission. Mr. Longo said he has seen the figures regarding the increased state reimbursement. He feels that basically, the revenue forecast with regard to his office can be raised and the budget he is suggesting is very doable.

The third reason is because he needs to get and keep qualified personnel in his office. He just lost his 5th Assistant Public Defender since becoming Chief. Mr. Enoch was only in the office for six months before taking a higher paying job. He was the second one to leave this year. There is a pretty huge disparity between the Prosecutor and Public Defender budgets in the 2019 budget figures. He said he is not asking, but if his budget were doubled his office would still trail the Prosecutor's office by more than he is paid in a year. Mr. Boose asked if he would agree the Prosecutor's office does more than the Public Defender's office. Mr. Longo admitted they do have a civil aspect that his office doesn't. However, he was not sure that justified the disparity.

Mr. Boose wanted to state for the record that he is not comparing apples to apples. Mr. Longo said, if you look at just the criminal situation, the Prosecutor has three people doing felony cases in the Common Pleas Court. His office has one. He knows there are private attorneys who take criminal cases. He takes more than all of them combined. He showed them a photograph of his trial calendar for the month of October. Yellow highlighted names were felony trials. There were 33 in the month of October alone. He was not saying all 33 of those cases will go forward. However, he has to have every one of them prepared as if it is going to trial.

Also, in terms of comparing apples to apples, Mr. Longo explained the County Prosecutor's office doesn't handle the municipal courts. He has one attorney for that. However, he was really more concerned with the difference in compensation between individuals and their opposite members in the Prosecutor's office.

He did not expect them to match his salary with that of the elected Prosecutor. He understood this was set by statute. However, he said the State Public Defender's office holds the official position that the Chief of the Public Defender's office should make a little more than the highest paid Assistant Prosecutor. Also, he compared the compensation received by his staff with essentially their opposite member in the Prosecutor's office. The highest paid Assistant Prosecutor is Miss Couch. His qualifications are essentially the same as hers, but he is making \$11,000 less a year. His Chief Assistant, who is now his only assistant, makes almost \$15,000 less than the Junior Assistant Criminal Prosecutor. However, she does have a few years on him. He compared the compensation of Mr. Enoch, who did his juvenile work, with that of Mr. Bell, who does the juvenile work for the Prosecutor's office. In this case, he believes Mr. Enoch had a little more experience, yet he was making over \$10,000 less a year.

Mr. Longo also compared the Clerical staff. His junior secretary makes considerably less than Ms. Wright, the Prosecutor's junior secretary. Mr. Strickler pointed out she was more in the middle than junior. Mr. Longo admitted his junior secretary was also in her first year. What really bothered him was his senior secretary, Mary Jackson. She has been with the County for over 20 years – five time longer than her opposite member in the Prosecutor's office. Yet she is making \$7,000 less a year. Now that her husband has become disabled, Ms. Jackson has taken on a second job just to make ends meet. Mr. Longo did not think that was fair at all. Mr. Boose asked who set the salary rates and who hires his people. Mr. Longo said he does but he has to do it within the limits of the budget. Mr. Boose said the Commissioner's weren't the ones that set any of these things. Mr. Longo agreed, but stated he really can't run the office with any less. He acknowledged they had given his office a nice little increase this past spring – he passed most of it on to Ms. Jackson.

Mr. Longo explained he needs to bring his office up to full strength. He has not replaced Mr. Enoch because he does not know what he can pay a replacement. He has one candidate who is interested, but she will only work for what Mr. Enoch was making until the end of the year. After that she will want pay equity. The other candidate is a new attorney – he just passed the bar and has not been sworn in yet.

Mr. Longo said he currently has two lawyers covering four courts with a pretty massive caseload. He explained they are not in compliance caseload wise. He looked at the felony load from January through the end of September of this year. They have had on average 125.5 felony cases pending. They have opened 171 felony cases, and that is still with a quarter to go. The limit is supposed to be 150 for any one lawyer. That is assuming that the lawyer in question is only doing those cases and doesn't have other duties, which he does. Mr. Boose asked who decides what cases his office handles versus cases that go to outside lawyers that the county reimburses. Mr. Longo guessed he had two or three felony cases for every one being handled by an outside lawyer. Pre-trials are held on Tuesdays. There are some Tuesdays he walks into Court and will have six or eight pre-trials scheduled. Most attorneys have one or two. Mr. Boose asked why some of these cases were not being assigned to Court appointed counsel. Mr. Longo thought paying outside counsel costs more. Mr. Boose did not agree, pointing out the county is not responsible for benefits, hospitalization, PERS, etc.

Mr. Longo handed out a list of all the clients and cases they had handled from January 1 through the end of September. Despite the font size and the fact that it is single spaced, the list was 52 pages long. He did not think the County would want private attorneys billing by the hour for all of those cases. Mr. Longo also thought there was a shortage of lawyers willing to take these case. Mr. Boose informed him he had talked to Richland County, who told him they were having no problem covering all their cases. Mr. Longo said they are covering them – so far. He pointed out that Huron County only has five or six attorneys that are willing to take court appointed cases. The other attorneys are from surrounding counties. Mr. Boose asked him if he ever takes cases because there aren't enough other attorneys to take them. Mr. Longo explained that was the opposite of how it worked – if his office can't take a case, it gets appointed to a private attorney.

Mr. Longo pointed out he was not actually asking for more money – it was more of a loan. He had prepared some rough calculations. For the first seven months of 2019, there would be a 42% reimbursement. For the next two months it would be 50%. It would be up to 70% through the end of the year. If you apply these percentages to the same amount of money every month, at the end of the year the County's reimbursement would be approximately \$174,711. That leaves raw spending at \$172,396. Mr. Boose asked if the money we are going to get back was guaranteed. He felt that was the key to the whole thing. He explained that about six years ago he had worked on a bill that would increase the amount of money that was given back to the Counties. What was given in the budget was more money. There is no guarantee that money will be enough. He would have liked them to say they were paying all indigent defense. They didn't. Instead, they put in a certain amount of money – he thought it was more than double – to go to indigent defense. There is never a guarantee as to what you will get back. He explained the more you use to increase expenses, the less percentage the county is going to get back. This is because it is not 100% funded. Any increase in expenses decreases the percentage that the counties are going to get back.

Mr. Young stepped in, as he thought these questions were better suited to him. He said that first and foremost, the credit is a shared credit. He explained the County Commissioners and the Public Defender

Commission lobbied for this money jointly, he thought for a dual purpose. It wasn't just meant to increase county budgets, it was meant to give an opportunity to improve indigent defense across the state. Governor DeWine was asked specifically about this line item, and why there was 100% increase in year one and 130% increase in year two in terms of what was available to the counties. His quote was "this will help insure that every Ohioan, no matter their means or lack of means, has a fair trial as is their Constitutional right". There was clearly an intent to both improve the system and improve reimbursement to the Counties. The counties been in an unfair position for years on an under-funded mandate. He said Mr. Boose was absolutely right, this money won't fund 100% of it. They are hoping this is a two stage process, that the Governor will take that question on. The real issue is that the State doesn't want to pay 100% without control – it doesn't see the benefit. The County Commissioners don't have a benefit either. If the State is paying 100%, they are only paying operating costs. If a county employee, and they are still county employees under the reimbursement deal, were to end up in a civil lawsuit, that is not their cost. He believes the Commissioner's interest and the State's interest in getting to 100% are aligned with a transition of authority as well.

Mr. Young continued, saying when this money was introduced into the budget, they took a look at where a lot of counties were. They knew that many systems were far below statutory standards and literally on the verge of potential lawsuits. As a result, when this money went into the budget they did calculations on what it would take, not just for improvements, but also to make sure they actually kept their word. All this money is GRF funds. So, assuming the Governor doesn't cut the GRF funds, they can pay the counties 70% for the rest of the year. Mr. Young gave his word on this, he didn't care how many increases there were across Ohio today. They calculated in a \$28 million system increase. From that about \$19 million comes out of the \$60 million. So we were reserving about \$41 million in terms of pure increased reimbursement to the counties and that smaller number improvement system wide across Ohio. He said some counties need more than others. Some just need to talk about whether a rate increase is needed or not. He explained when they did the math they built that in. Mr. Boose asked how they built that in. Mr. Young said they built in a \$28 million build out over \$140 million dollars. He wasn't sure what the percentage was, but that was what they did. Some places it was 50%. He said there was a lot of mix and match across the state as far as what and where costs were. Mr. Young was not advocating anybody needed to hire lawyers, or if they should spend money on the appointed counsel system. However, he did think Huron County had an issue that needed to be addressed. He thought Mr. Longo's caseload was outrageous for the lawyers he had. Whether the county wanted to push that off onto the appointed counsel budget, or they wanted to hire a new person, that was up to the county. However, he thought one of those two things needed to happen.

Mr. Young continued, explaining there is slightly over \$120 million in the budget for reimbursement. The Indigent Defense Support fund has continued to decline slightly – they are putting about \$1.5 million aside in case it keeps going down for the two year cycle. They are predicting 90% next year when they have \$155 million to reimburse the counties. That pays for a system improvement of almost \$29 million, without the \$1.5 million in the calculation, just in case. He thought 90% was harder to guarantee, because they have never been at these numbers and we don't know exactly where we are going to be. However, they are an incredibly fiscally accountable agency. He is thinking they are going to actually hit 75% this year, since the improvements that are being made probably won't kick in until January.

Mr. Young said they don't look at the office budget versus the appointed counsel budget when they examine county funding – they look at the whole number. He provided his fiscal year 2018 data for Huron County. According to their report, Huron County spent about \$381,500 total for fiscal year 2018 - \$304,000 for the Public Defender and \$77,000 for appointed counsel. His office reimbursed almost \$168,000. This was close to 42%. He said that if they were to reimburse at 70% the County would get a lot more money back and the system would stay where it is today. However, Mr. Longo is going to have to push cases off if he doesn't get more help, which will push that \$77,000 up. If he were to push off enough cases to get back to halfway reasonable caseload standards, that number could possibly go as high as \$125,000. His felonies are almost double of what national caseload standards recommend. His misdemeanors aren't quite double, but they were very, very close.

Mr. Young continue - if spending were in increased by \$75,000, the budget would increase about \$455,000. With a reimbursement rate of 70% you would spend \$318,000. This is \$31,000 less than what was spent. He thought the County could even go up more. If they wanted to go up \$100,000 in terms of what they were predictably setting aside, they would still be \$23,000 less. That jump to 70% makes a huge difference in terms of the ability to both pocket some of the money and use it for county funding elsewhere.

Despite rumors that the money isn't there – Mr. Young assured everyone the money *was* in the budget. The other concern that keeps coming up is – what is going to happen in two years? His response is – it is the same governor, he is going to be writing this next cycle budget. Governor DeWine met with CCAO and the Public Defender Commission and really listened to what they had to say. Mr. Boose commented that there was concern that this would just make government bigger. He thought a positive side may be, if costs go up enough the House and Senate may decide the State should take over 100% so they can control those

costs. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Boose thought the House and Senate would not want it at 100% because this would just keep increasing their costs. Mr. Young explained they met personally with every Senator, with the Finance Committee, and a large number of members of the House. The presentation to every single member, including the sponsors of these amendments, was this system is presently under funded by \$40 million statewide. Some of this money has to go to improvements, the system costs will go up under this budget. They have to. They all heard that. As of right now they have both the ACLU and the Americans for Prosperity supporting their efforts. There is not another issue in Ohio that those two groups agree on. They both support a state system, state funded.

Mr. Longo explained he has always been a team player. However, he is in a situation where he either has to get more help or he will have to cap his caseload. He thought capping my caseload would cost more for the County. His other concern is pay parity and caseload control. These are mandated now. He asked Mr. Young – if he can't get those under control, are we guaranteed to get the reimbursement that is set right now? Mr. Young said that was a very delicate question, and he did not have the authority to answer it. It would be up to the State Public Defender Commission. They have no authority to tell a county what it can and cannot do. Their authority is to tell you, if you don't meet the standards, they don't have to send you the money. It has only happened once, in Cincinnati. However, he feels the Commission may try to use some of this money to leverage improvements.

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Tkach for his input. Mr. Tkach said it really comes down to discussion on the revenue side. Basically, from what he has seen and heard the county is going to be receiving \$200,000. Our estimate was \$140,000. We are \$60,000 ahead going into next year. If we fulfill Mr. Longo's budget request at \$520,000, 75% of that is \$390,000. The Budget Commission put \$190,000 on that line item. So if you were to fulfill that line item the revenue side would go from \$190,000 to \$390,000, which would give you another \$200,000 in revenue estimate toward our revenue side of the budget. Short discussion regarding these figures.

Mr. Boose asked how much more the county would get each year. Mr. Tkach said based on what the revenue estimate is right now, it would be another 200,000. Mr. Boose said the budget proposal we have right now is \$173,000 more than it was last year, so that leaves us with a net \$27,000. Mr. Longo pointed out that it should go up again in July. Also, he has always given back 100% of indirect costs. Discussion regarding this. Mr. Boose thought we were the ones that spent that money anyway. Mr. Longo said his budget included \$20,000 for a part time investigator. He offered to take that out if they would let him get a fourth lawyer. He has survived all these years without an investigator. Call that a "wish list", but he really needed a fourth lawyer. Mr. Boose said we operate our budget different than most counties. When we are doing interim budget we don't ask for a wish list. We ask what you expect to have for exact expenses. We have made it very clear when we are doing budget, it is very close to a zero base budget. We want to see what your expenses are for this year, we don't care what you spent last year. Mr. Longo said forget the investigator. He needs the fourth lawyer or he is going to have to cap the caseload. He has never done it in 8 years, but he is way out of compliance with what is now a mandate.

Mr. Tkach said he was comfortable with 75%. According to the equation, at \$347,000 – they are not going to use every penny – so at that same amount it would be \$260,000 based on his current budget if that was in the final budget.

Administrator/Clerk Report

CDBG change order. Ms. Ziemba had received clarification. The original contract for the Motson Street CDBG project was \$177,758.35. There was an increase of \$5,570.71 for the milling, which increased the contract price to \$183,329.06. But, there was a cost deduction in a couple items totaling \$15,411.46, which makes the final contract price \$167,917.60. This does not affect the amount we would be paying from the CDBG grant. They received funding from three different sources, including their own. It affects those funding sources, but not our CDBG. Since we bid it for a CDBG project, we need to accept this change order, Change Order #1, for the record to show that we did know this was happening and it did not affect us. Mr. Wilde clarified there was no dollar change. Ms. Ziemba confirmed no dollar change.

Terry Boose moved to accept the change order, 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

Ms. Ziemba received a phone call from Bill Duncan at the Sheriff's office. He is looking for a place to do a training on how to clear a room you are unfamiliar with in the dark. He needs to train all the road deputies. It is about a two week training and will be held between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. He said there is no ammunition, nothing will be broken. He is looking for an unoccupied building. Mr. Boose thought the old veteran's

space may work. After discussion, it was decided to offer the use of the old veteran's space. Mr. Boose wanted to be sure we knew what was being used by Enrichment Services in that area. Ms. Ziemba said if there was space for Mr. Duncan he would like to walk through it ahead of time. Mr. Boose also thought he might check into the old Norwalk fire station.

Ms. Ziemba met with the Adult Parole representative. They are interested in one of the offices downstairs. She has a call in to Mr. Perrani to see if there any space downtown that they could possibly use. They did say the State has the final decision. They have three male agents, they do drug testing and they do swabs as well. Any female would be swabbed. Mr. Boose was concerned about having them on the second floor. He thought the basement might be better because no one uses it. He also thought we should check with the comfort level of the rest of the building occupants. He was concerned about disturbances. Ms. Ziemba said they could possibly have about 20 people through the building each week. Mr. Boose said we still need a dollar amount. Ms. Ziemba will reach out to Sandusky County to find out what kind of rent they charge. They are the only other county that has adult parole in a different location.

Ms. Ziemba sent out an email asking if anybody that heard the Ability Works presentation would contribute towards the County's match. She had not received any response.

Ms. Ziemba received a call from Mr. Mead regarding the news article that the State had money for 9-1-1. He asked if they should apply for projects they think they can get reimbursed, or for the full amount. Everyone agreed they should apply for the full amount.

Ms. Ziemba emailed the Health Department to see if they were going to do a County flu clinic. They said County employees are welcome to attend the remaining drive thru clinic scheduled Tuesday the 29th. They will be in New London from 12:30 to 1:30 at the First Baptist Church at 432 Park Avenue, New London; we will be at the Willard Alliance Church from 3 to 5. They will need to bring their ID and insurance cards. Also, employees are welcome to call the office and schedule a time that is convenient for them. They have offices in Norwalk, Bellevue, Willard, Greenwich, New London. Ms. Ziemba will send out an email informing the employees there will be no county flu shot day.

Ms. Ziemba had a meeting with Bob Beck and Mr. Minor. Mr. Beck is putting together a quote, but he has run into more issues because we do not know what the Health Department is taking. Mr. Strickler said he has not had a chance to send them that letter. He will call Attorney Gentzel. Mr. Boose said his concern is if they come in and take it there is no security in the building. Mr. Strickler thought they should try to coordinate the installation of the new system with the removal of the old system. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Beck is highly recommending that he be the person to remove it. He is okay if somebody from the Health Department wants to be here when he does it. Mr. Boose stressed we are not going to pay for it. Ms. Ziemba said he is not going to charge us for it. Mr. Beck said if somebody else comes in, they will just clip the lines which will end up costing more. Ms. Ziemba also pointed out that the county paid to replace certain parts of the system. She used the back entrance of Meeting Room A as an example – the county replaced that when the system failed. Mr. Strickler said we would need documentation to prove this. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Beck has documentation for everything he has done. Mr. Boose would like to get a quote from RJ Beck to remove the system and put the building back to its original condition. The Health Department can go to the State and explain the situation. Ms. Ziemba said that Mr. Beck had also informed her that, while the current system works for the building, it is antiquated enough that it may not work if it is reinstalled somewhere else. Mr. Boose would like to talk to their board. Mr. Boose stressed that the Health Department must remove all their belongings from the building – generators, sign and security system – or pay us rent.

Ms. Ziemba said Board of Elections came up and informed her the Health Department had tied the BOE into their generators. Mr. Boose asked if it was mandated. Ms. Ziemba said it was mandated for them to have a backup. Mr. Boose would like formal notice of this information.

Mr. Boose brought up the letter received from the Board of Elections. They are on the schedule for next Thursday to discuss.

Old Business

Ms. Ziemba said she spoke to Mr. Tkach about the BMV rent – he is supposed to drop it off today. There is no rush on it, he just needs it by the end of the year.

No elevator update. Mr. Wilde was told they needed parts and they also still need the variance. Mr. Boose asked if there was any way to get them in to talk to us. Mr. Strickler said to file a lawsuit against them. Mr. Strickler suggested someone put together a list of talking points and he will send a letter. Mr. Boose pointed out it had been quite some time since anybody actually spoke to them.

Sheriff sent a letter to John Leutz at CCAO regarding the vehicles that were ordered and copied Ms. Ziemba. She clarified to the Sheriff that the vehicles have not been paid for, but we do hold the purchase order.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2019

Regarding the Erie County lawsuit, Mr. Strickler said the Judge granted their extension of time for the Discovery. We sent them their Request for Admissions on Wednesday and the Interrogatory responses on Friday. He will get them their Request for Production of Documents on Wednesday. There is a phone conference scheduled for November 13 with the Court.

Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Wilde if he had any contact with South Central Schools. Mr. Wilde said he hasn't been able to get through. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba to take it off the list.

Cyclone settlement. Mr. Strickler still has not written that letter – he has been focused on the trash case.

Ms. Ziemba has not had any response back from Mr. Glassner regarding broadband for the County. She requested an update and has not received anything except a read receipt. Mr. Wilde will try to call him.

Ms. Ziemba had received an email from Ms. Knapp regarding the 4CG informational meeting. It will be held on November 6 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Wilde said the Courthouse Security meeting was at 2:00 p.m., so there shouldn't be a conflict.

Assistant Prosecutor report – none

Commissioner Hintz report

Michael Pack still has personal items at the Peer Center. Mr. Minor has the key, he can take Mr. Pack out there to get his things. We will need him to make a list of the things he takes so we have a record. There are computers that were donated by Fisher Titus – we need a letter from them informing us of what they would like to do with them.

Mr. Hintz will check with Mr. Brown about an insurance claim on the courthouse gutters.

Airport work done by the Engineers office. Mr. Boose said he had been told this had only partially been done. Also, they would like the ditch on Esker Road cleaned. Mr. Hintz will contact Mr. Tansey.

Commissioner Boose report - none

Commissioner Wilde report

Board of Revision – tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

At 1:22 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 October 29, 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 1:22 p.m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board