

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2020

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

20-099

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to continue its participation in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program; and

WHEREAS, the CCAO has invited Huron County to participate in its Group Retrospective Rating Program, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this agreement signifies a continuation of Huron County's participation in the Program, initial participation having been previously discussed and approved; and

WHEREAS, this Retrospective Group Rating Program continues to be the best option for savings in the cost of Workers' Compensation premiums for Huron County; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County wishes to continue its participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan per the invitation of the CCAO; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and enters into the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement to continue participation for the 2021 calendar year and certifies for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation the Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective Rating Program; and further

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

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde stated targeted refund is 23% or \$31,574.00.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

20-100

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING MASS FATALITIES DURING THE HURON COUNTY COVID-19 OPERATION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Huron County EMA and the Huron County Airport Authority desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of managing mass fatalities during the Huron County COVID-19 operation; and

WHEREAS, The Huron County Airport Authority will allow the Huron County EMA to use designated buildings and area to conduct mass fatality operations under the direction of Huron County Board of Public Health and/or its designee, i.e. the Health Commissioner as outlined in the MOU; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Huron County Emergency Management Agency and the Huron County Airport Authority 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. Boose stated that writing an MOU to yourself is absurd and we should be only operating under essential things, this was a waste of time. Mr. Wilde stated when he spoke to Ms. Ziemba she stated that this has to do with tracking.

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

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

*MOU on file

***Discussion:** Pete Welch stated he would like the Solid Waste to suspend the recycling grant. There will be no consequences with the EPA if they do suspend the grant per the consultant. Mr. Hintz stated the EPA may frown upon it, but we have the authority to do it.

Bruce Wilde moved to suspend the recycling grant for 2020. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Valerie Stebel updated the board on the internet project. Ms. Stebel stated she contacted Frontier on Monday when our internet service went down, Frontier sent a tech out and it was determined a piece of equipment was bad it is the hub that connects to the home office that supplies us internet service. Frontier is looking to replace this piece of equipment this piece of equipment was originally installed in 2015 and has never been serviced since, it is a ticking time bomb and we could lose service at any time. Ms. Stebel then contacted Spectrum immediately after the paperwork was signed by the Commissioners. Spectrum has pushed our service through with the COVID-19 our service will be installed on April 16, 2020. Ms. Stebel stated they are currently testing the fiber lines outside the building to make sure we are getting internet and that testing will be completed on Friday, April, 3, 2020. Spectrum will then be here on April 16, 2020 that is the earliest they can get to us to install service. Ms. Stebel explained that the original date was April 20, 2020 she was able to work with them to get service pushed up earlier. Mr. Boose stated he would like a letter coming from the Prosecutor's office stating this is an emergency and we need service before April 16, 2020 and we would like to see this get installed as soon as possible next week.

Mr. Hintz wanted to make sure that we do not automatically renew with Frontier, however we are unsure of the date it renews. Ms. Stebel stated she received all but one contract from Frontier giving the dates that it automatically renews, she forwarded this information to Mr. Strickler. Mr. Boose stated that we are chasing something that doesn't need to be chased, at this time we don't care what the date is. Mr. Strickler stated he has already drafted the letter to Frontier to terminate the service. Mr. Strickler stated that he sent the letter to Ms. Ziemba with three options. Mr. Strickler doesn't want to sent this letter until Spectrum is up and running because he doesn't want us to be without internet service. Ms. Ziemba read a little of the letter that Mr. Strickler drafted, "due to the numerous interruptions and inconsistent lack of internet service and lack of response from Frontier the Huron County Board of Commissioners has terminated service at its 180 Milan Ave location effective immediately. Please send final billing to the undersigning for service up to the date of cancellation of service.

Ms. Ziemba stated that they can sign this now or wait until Spectrum is completely up and running and then they can sign this letter. The board is in agreement to wait and sign this once Spectrum service is up and running.

Ms. Stebel explained that she was able to get pricing from Frontier for a hardline for a conference phone in Meeting Room A, cost is \$1,110.86 for the equipment and software. Additional cost for wiring would be \$75.00 hr., with additional \$75.00 every half hour. Ms. Stebel stated she spoke to Mr. Boose and he suggested that they approve the wiring not to exceed \$300.00.

Terry Boose moved to purchase the line and phone equipment. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 9:19 a.m. Public comment – *Pete Welch*, the transfer facility with the employees they put a plexiglass window for Danielle, so they do not have contact with her. Mr. Welch stated a lot of transfer stations have gone to not sign; this will be ok if he can get Rumpke to agree to this. Mr. Boose asked if there is faxing ability at the transfer station, Mr. Welch stated that they do. Mr. Boose explained that at Norwalk Concrete they are faxing the bills to the client they sign and fax back. Mr. Welch stated they are trying to limit the contact with customers.

Mr. Welch explained that the other employees are not wearing clothes or boots home anymore, at the end of the shift they change into a new uniform. They are wearing protective gloves however the missing piece of protection is the masks. Mr. Welch stated he was told if he bought the 3m furnace filters, you place these between the fabrics. Mr. Welch stated that he was given a supplier who makes the n95 masks he needs to make some phone calls to see if they are available, because he was under the assumption all masks are being sent to the health care facilities. Mr. Welch explained that solution that they sprayed in all the county offices are now being sprayed inside the cabs of the trucks at the transfer station.

Mr. Welch stated he has a backup plan in case someone gets sick, he has an informal agreement with AJ Riley, they will supply us two individuals to run the equipment. They quoted us \$60 hr.

Mr. Welch is working with Rich Marrett right now because AJ stated he could only fill in for April. He is working with Mr. Marrett to possibly fill in during May and June if needed. Mr. Welch stated the biggest thing he is working on is the masks. Norwalk is a co-mingled program and we use to pull the cardboard out, Mr. Welch stated we are no longer doing that. They are pushing everything down the line trying to eliminate as much contact as possible. Mr. Hintz asked if Mr. Welch has cut any hours, Mr. Welch stated no.

Mr. Wilde asked how many masks would you need? Mr. Welch stated talking to Erie County they issue their guys 3 masks a day. Mr. Welch would have 3 guys working daily because it takes at least 2 guys to turn the trucks. Mr. Wilde stated that if Mr. Welch could get together how many he needs; he can get at least 15 right away. Mr. Welch asked if the masks can be washed Mr. Wilde stated he doesn't know.

Mr. Welch stated depending on where this goes in the next couple of weeks, suspending the townships recycling program. Mr. Welch doesn't think these people need to be out picking this stuff up. Mr. Welch stated that Oberlin has suspended their recycling program curbside. BFI has implemented that residential people; you have to bag your trash. All trash that is going out must be bagged BFI will not pick up anything that is loose.

Mr. Welch stated that they will start to get busy because people are home and are bored, cleaning out their homes.

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde discussed the trailer for temporary morgue. Mr. Wilde would like to do the \$195 a day, nothing happens until they start to use it. Mr. Boose stated based on the numbers from Mr. Hollinger gave yesterday we would need those trailers for 90 days. Mr. Wilde stated that if they think it will be 90 days that is a totally different aspect. Mr. Wilde asked if we have a trailer can we sell it, Mr. Boose stated yes. Mr. Wilde stated for \$850 you can get the trailer sanitized. Mr. Wilde stated if they are going 90 days, he doesn't have a problem buying them. Mr. Boose stated that if they are servicing these trailers themselves why not buy. Mr. Wilde asked will this qualify for the 75% back, Mr. Boose stated this is not guaranteed he would not buy anything depending on that.

Mr. Wilde asked if the board wanted to buy 1 or 2 trailers? Mr. Boose stated that if they check with them and they have 2 trailers and they are dependable he sees no reason why they don't purchase 2 trailers. Mr. Boose stated that if the trailers are not used, they can be sold. Mr. Wilde stated plan for the worse hope for the best.

Bruce Wilde moved to purchase two refrigerated trailers from Dutch Maid. Terry Boose seconded the motion as long as they are good units and can be maintained.

Discussion: Mr. Hintz stated it was discussed that these were going to be housed in a hanger, but he doesn't know how that could be done without electric. Mr. Boose stated he did not hear that. Mr. Welch stated that Mr. Hohman can go down and look at these trucks to make sure these are in good shape. Mr. Welch asked if they can get a 30-day warranty on these trucks in case something goes wrong. Mr. Boose stated they can ask for one, but he doesn't feel they would.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Ms. Ziembra stated that Mr. Silcox called regarding the Airport grant, the grant was already approved by the Board of Commissioners, this paperwork was asking for the match for ODOT Air. Ms. Ziembra stated that until she receives something from the airport explaining all this, she will not bring it before the board. Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Strickler had reviewed this, Mr. Strickler stated he had and they reason they didn't sign this was because of the 20-year clause that they can not seize operations and they would have to pay back the State of Ohio \$14,000.00. Mr. Boose asked just because they approved the grant they don't have to move forward, Mr. Strickler stated no, that funding would go to someone else.

At 9:44 a.m. the board recessed.

At 4:43 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

Ms. Ziembra stated she received a message from Ms. Bond asking for approval to place a large purchase for PPE's for all the municipalities and first responders. She explained the difficulty they were having with placing smaller orders is their orders were being cancelled in order to fill the larger orders. Ms. Bond will place the order from the same vendor FTMC uses. She is receiving letters from the entities that want to be included in the order and their commitment to pay. She would purchase using Fund 177. After she receives the 75% reimbursement, she will bill the entities for their 25% share. The board is okay with the purchase as long as the entities pay the full 100% up front for the order. If we do receive the 75% reimbursement, Ms. Bond can refund those entities 75% of the cost of their order.

At 4:55 p.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual and ORC 121.22(G)(6): details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office relative to Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 5:23 p.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and (G)(6). Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

****Action taken:*** Mr. Hintz stated the board will continue paid administrative leave for an additional week.

Mr. Boose stated to forward Veterans press release to Mr. Strickler to verify it's legal and open to the public.

At 5:25 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on April 2, 2020.

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 5:25 p. m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board