

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 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, Bruce Wilde.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 28, 2020 and February 4, 2020 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 28, 2020 and February 4, 2020 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

20-045

**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 02/18/2020 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose mentioned the following items:

- He noted there were 22 payments for tech purchases.
- Page 2. He understands we were probably obligated to pay it, but Mr. Boose was curious why there was a payment under Probate Court - Other Expenses for transportation of a mentally ill patient. Ms. Ziemba was not sure what that was for.
- Page 4. The water bill for Shady Lane, Building C was high.
- \$510 for microphones for jail. If they are for the jail, they should be under Jail, not Sheriff.
- Page 6. Water for jail was over \$5,000. Mr. Boose would like to ask them to figure out what is going on. They keep telling us it will go down, but all it does is stay the same or go up.
- Page 7, Dog & Kennel. OSU Vet Medical Fund. Mr. Boose asked if this rang a bell for anybody. It was a lot of money
- Page 8, Public Assistance. Mr. Boose noted we are making a payment to Nickel Plate Plaza apartments and asked if anyone knew where that was. Ms. Ziemba said it was in Bellevue. Mr. Boose thought it might be near Nickel Plate railroad.
- Page 9. There were several charges for fingerprints, the lowest being \$400.
- Page 15, Juvenile Probation. \$18,327 for a biometric fingerprint system. Nobody was sure what that was.
- Mr. Boose stated he would abstain from the four payments to Norwalk Concrete Industry.
- On page 14 and 15 there were six huge payments – over \$5,000 each. Mr. Boose would like JFS to come in on Thursday and explain – do we have a lot of foster care out of county again?
- Mr. Boose also noted there was a payment in advance to FCFC. Mr. Wilde said there was a meeting tomorrow morning at 8:45 a.m.

Ms. Ziemba asked if any of these items were being held. Mr. Wilde did not think we needed to hold them, but he thought we needed answers.

Ms. Ziemba stated there was also a Then and Now from the Sheriff's office. At the end of December they had to register for trainings, but the trainings don't happen until 2020. Mr. Boose said he would like to send a note out to everyone next week. We have had a lot of Then and Nows at the beginning of the year. We need to be a little more careful.

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

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Warrant Date	Client/Inst	Batch ID	PQ #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-120 Shady Lane	\$360.00	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Credit for 300 Shady Lane-Denominator Oversight	(71.16)	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-120 Shady Lane	\$110.00	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-120 Shady Lane	(113.58)	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Credit for Water-21 Elm Street-Denominator Oversight	\$169.00	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-12 Elm Street	(169.00)	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Credit for Water-12 Elm Street-Denominator Oversight	(169.00)	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-120 Shady Lane	\$60.00	
02/26/2020	City of Newark	292548		Water-120 Shady Lane	(60.00)	
Account 001.022.002528 (Water & Sewer) Total					\$1,598.95	
Department Building and Grounds Total					\$14,915.99	
Department: Transit						
02/26/2020	Railroads & Related Inc.	292548	2020-001821	Dedpay Cellular Basis	\$69.94	
02/26/2020	Railroads & Related Inc.	292548	2020-001821	Uniforms for 7 Machine-Painting	\$64.00	
02/26/2020	V&H Communications Inc.	292548	2020-001821	Laboratory for Cell	\$61.00	
02/26/2020	V&H Communications Inc.	292548	2020-001821	2 Sets of Schedules for Cid	\$16.40	
02/26/2020	American Cable Services	292548	2020-001821	3 Tandy Court Budgets	\$80.00	
Account 001.022.002529 (Equipment) Total:					\$1,089.25	
02/26/2020	ES Consulting Inc.	292548	2020-001831	Office 365 Subscription	\$33.00	
02/26/2020	B & N Automotive LLC	292548	2020-001831	Alignment on Invoices Credit	\$60.00	
02/26/2020	ES Consulting Inc.	292548	2020-001831	Vehicle maintenance-start	\$41.00	
02/26/2020	ES Consulting Inc.	292548	2020-001831	Vehicle maintenance-end February	\$41.00	
02/26/2020	Newark Area Hardware	292548	2020-001831	Keys for Evidence Room	\$6.58	
02/26/2020	MT Business Technologies	292548	2020-001831	Depatch Closure & Change 2/19/2020/20	\$105.00	
02/26/2020	The New York City Department of Transportation	292548	2020-001831	Interest for Road 0096-030502	\$266.85	
Account 001.022.002530 (Supplies) Total:					\$686.25	
02/26/2020	Treasurer State of Ohio	292548	2020-001851	LEADS Monthly Access Fee 01/01-03/31/20	\$3,605.14	
Account 001.022.002475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$3,605.14	
Department: Disaster Service						
02/26/2020	Newark CommunityFCB	292548	2020-001191	Fallen Neighbors Coffee	\$26.16	
Account 001.020.001175 (Supplies) Total:					\$26.16	

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Then and Now Certificate

State the emergency reason(s) why a purchase order was not attainable at the time of the making of this contract or order: The deputies registered for this class in December, 2019. The class is not until 2/17/2020, so we had to wait until now to use 2020 funds.

It is hereby requested that a then and now certificate be issued for this expenditure.

Requesting Department: Sheriff

Date of purchase: December 10, 2019

Vendor name: Ohio School Resource Officers Association

Expense Account #: 001-023-00280

Amount of expense: \$78.00

[Signature] Date: 2/13/2020
Department's Official Signature

It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this contract or order was made and at the date of the execution of this certificate, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant.

[Signature] Date: 2/18/2020
Commissioner Approval
(If Signature is absent the approval is initiated through Then and Now Workflow)

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Auditor's Office Approval
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Then and Now Certificate

State the emergency reason(s) why a purchase order was not attainable at the time of the making of this contract or order: This was for drug toxicology reports - alcohol analysis that were cases in 2019. This is the first time I received two bill.

It is hereby requested that a then and now certificate be issued for this expenditure.

Requesting Department: Sheriff

Date of purchase: 10-02-2019

Vendor name: Treasurer State of Ohio OSHP

Expense Account #: 102-102-00260 & 103-103-00260

Amount of expense: \$214.00

[Signature] Date: 2/13/2020
Department's Official Signature

It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this contract or order was made and at the date of the execution of this certificate, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches									
Huron County									
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Payment Type All	Warrant Numbers: All	Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	
02/20/2020	001-023-00280	02/20/2020	001	001	001	Department Sheriff Training	\$78.00	001-023-00280	001-023-00280
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Grand Total:							\$282.00		

At 9:10 a.m. Public Comment:

Dwight Cherry. Mr. Cherry came to speak about the resolution relevant to the 2nd Amendment. He would encourage the Commissioners to delay a bit on the passage of this. He had comments on three specific areas. The first two he can explain rather quickly and they are fairly straightforward. The third for him is an open question he certainly can't answer. First, mental health care. If it is handled in any way other than some form of voluntary or involuntary commitment to a facility, it is totally a health issue. When we look at issues relating to drug addiction and drug enforcement, if those people are treated in any way other than some form of incarceration, that cost is a health cost. To try to look at mental health separate from that is just not getting the whole conversation. Ironically, the second issue strongly supports the initial statement of declaring opposition to restrictions on the second amendment. Mr. Cherry believes the Commissioners should very strongly state, if something necessitates removal of guns from someone, and it is done within the existing law, that seizure is not only a matter of public safety but actually avoids further pressure to restrict second amendment rights.

Karen Prelipp. Ms. Prelipp was here to speak to the letter she submitted to the editor about her concerns of the process involved in presenting this resolution. She explained, for those who hadn't seen her letter, that it had to do with the number of people who were contacted and what their positions were. She has not seen anything other than a no comment, or comments in support. Ms. Prelipp wanted to know if they had

spoken to anyone who was opposed? A functioning democracy gives a voice to the minority. She asked if evening meetings had been scheduled, so those who work daytime jobs had an opportunity to make their positions known? According to the February 15 article in the Norwalk Reflector, only two of the eight law enforcement agencies contacted had responded. She did not see Plymouth on the list. Had they been contacted? Ms. Ziemba thought they had been. Ms. Prelipp questioned if less than three weeks was adequate time for elected officials to poll their constituents to get a consensus on the position? She said Mr. Boose had remarked he did not know why people were afraid to state their opposition to the resolution. Ms. Prelipp told him about the negative remarks that had been made to her for voicing her opposition.

Tim Adam. Mr. Adam wanted to speak about the Second Amendment resolution also. He had a question about what he thought was the core of the resolution that was printed in the paper, which was the pledge. He read “be it resolved that the Board does hereby pledge not to appropriate funds, resources, employees. .”. Mr. Boose stopped him, saying that was not part of our resolution. That was the resolution passed by Clermont County, which has been published in the local paper. Mr. Adam had been concerned, because he felt this would require the Commissioners to judge whether a law was constitutional. Mr. Boose said they do not judge, that is up to the Judges. Mr. Adam thought if the resolution were passed it would lump Huron County in with a number of jurisdictions across the nation that said they will bypass the Courts and take the law into their own hands. He did not think this was a good image for Huron County when we are trying to bring businesses, tourism and families into the county.

JoAnn Cherry. No comment.

Jeremy Norris. Mr. Norris was here to speak on behalf of the 2nd Amendment. The Constitution of the United States was written to protect our rights as individuals and Americans. The 2nd Amendment was written to limit the government limiting our rights. “Shall not be infringed” means what it means – shall not be infringed, it is not open to interpretation. Mr. Norris said he agreed 100% with the mental health that the gentleman spoke earlier. Mental health should be addressed, however it has nothing to do with the 2nd amendment. We want to be able to protect our rights because it is our God given right to be able to defend ourselves, defend our families and defend those around us. When red flag laws are passed with no due process, that does not give anyone any rights, that takes away their rights. That takes away their guns without going through the Court system. They are guilty until proven innocent. That is what we are here to protect, and that is why we want this resolution passed. Mental health – if politicians focused more on mental health, we would not be where we are at today with violence in general. Violence is a human problem, it is not a gun problem.

Helen Wheeler. No comment.

20-046

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, THE LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT (hereinafter referred to Lakewood) AND COUNTY OF HURON, OHIO BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter called Huron County) FOR HOUSING PRISONERS

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lakewood has inadequate facilities for confining and supporting all prisoners which Lakewood is required by law to confine and support by reason of sentence imposed upon them as a result of convictions or guilty pleas to charges of violations of any state or local law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Huron County owns and operates a full-service jail and presently is in a position to enter into contractual arrangements for confining and support prisoners; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Huron County to enter into an agreement with Lakewood to house prisoners as recommended by the Huron County Sheriff; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County approves of the agreement with Lakewood as approved by the Huron County Sheriff 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

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***Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked if we could turn people away if we were full. Mr. Strickler said that was at the Sheriff's discretion. Mr. Boose then asked about the contract amount. Mr. Strickler told him it was \$70/day. Mr. Boose calculated the numbers and noted that what we spent on Jail last year was more than \$70/day. Mr. Strickler explained they would also be responsible for any medical costs they incur beyond the initial exam. There was discussion on how this would work with the jail nursing contract that is in place.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

20-047

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Julia Armstrong has asked for approval to hold membership in the County Loss Control Coordinators Association and Vickie Ziemba as an Associate Member in the amount of \$175.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes that membership in this organization would be beneficial; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Julia Armstrong is hereby endorsed for membership and Vickie Ziemba as an associate member in the above listed association; 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. Boose said 20 years ago CORSA asked us to become part of the County Loss Control group. That was when we first hired a Loss Control person. He thought this was money well spent.

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

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

20-048

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO, DECLARING HURON COUNTY TO BE A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Ohio Constitution: Article 1, Section 4 states that "The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; and

WHEREAS, The 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America states "'A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, The 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified in 1791, and is still the Law of the Land; and

WHEREAS, Article 6 of the Constitution of the United States of America states "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which

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shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding”;
and

WHEREAS, Article 15, Section 7 of the Ohio Constitution states: “Every person chosen or appointed to any office under this state, before entering upon the discharge of its duties, shall take an oath or affirmation, to support the Constitution of the United States, and of this state, and also an oath of office;
and

WHEREAS, County Commissioner Terry Boose, County Commissioner Joe Hintz, and County Commissioner Bruce Wilde have all taken such oath and believe it to be binding on them morally, ethically, and legally;
and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Commissioners fully affirm their support of the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms and stand firm against any law or ordinance on any level of government to remove that right from any law-abiding citizen without due process;
and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners believe the best way to prevent gun violence is to address the growing mental health crisis, hold those accountable who use a political agenda to disarm law abiding citizens, and the enforcement of already existing criminal laws that aim to stop violence and not to limit the inalienable rights of law-abiding citizens;
and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Huron County Ohio derive economic benefit from lawful use of firearms, including hunting, recreation and shooting sports;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County Ohio by the authority granted the Board by the laws of the State of Ohio and the people of Huron County, Ohio to stand and defend their rights and liberties, which are guaranteed by the United States and Ohio Constitutions, we hereby declare this Resolution to be a Second Amendment Preservation Resolution and declare Huron County Ohio to be a “2nd Amendment Sanctuary County;
and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board demands that the state and national legislature cease and desist any further actions restricting the Second Amendment rights of citizens and instead address the real and fundamental challenges in our communities;
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 said he talked to a lot of people. When they saw sanctuary they immediately thought illegal immigration. They just didn’t understand. The other thing is, the Commissioners don’t make law, but they took an oath to uphold the 2nd Amendment. He said the other key for him was to make sure there was due process. That is simply what we are doing, upholding the 2nd Amendment and making sure we have due process.

Ms. Prelipp asked who had access to a copy of that prior to this meeting. Mr. Wilde clarified she meant the Resolution. He said anybody could ask for it. Mr. Boose said we don’t prepare our resolutions until right before the meeting, that is our normal process. She thought that speaks to her comment about rushing to pass this resolution. What is the difference if it is today or next Tuesday?

Mr. Boose responded by saying it had been over three weeks since the meeting was held at Bronson Conservation. They wanted the resolution passed as soon as possible at that time. He told them the Commissioners would take their time to look at resolutions and review the language, as well as to give the people a chance to respond for or against. People weren’t happy that we wouldn’t pass it immediately, but we said, give us the time to do our homework. We sent out information to the cities, to the villages, to the police departments. It has been in the paper nonstop since then. People can send us an email, can call our office, can leave us a voicemail. This information probably has been out more than any other topic that we have done. There is always the question, how long do we wait, what difference does it make? Those things have all been weighed by this Board. We gave ample opportunity for people to speak. We have only received three or four calls and a couple emails beside what we received from the cities and villages. One of the reasons Mr. Boose thought now was the right time was because there is a lot of misinformation out there. He wanted to clear up that misinformation. The Commissioners have no authority over any law enforcement in the County. Our Sheriff is elected and gets his authority by the people electing him.

Obviously we have no authority over cities and villages. We have no authority over Judges. It is a Judge's job to interpret the law and make sure the people are abiding by the law. We don't have any authority over any of them. The only thing we can do is what we have done in this resolution. We have made it very clear, we don't approve of anybody breaking the law. The resolution is telling the state & federal government that Huron County truly believes in the 2nd amendment and everything it stands for. And not just the 2nd Amendment, but the whole Constitution. And part of that is due process. If you listened to Commissioner Hintz when he read this resolution, it says this is not only for the 2nd Amendment, but also due process, which is part of the Constitution. We are telling them that, if they plan to make changes, or do anything that is against the 2nd amendment, our County strongly supports the 2nd amendment and we would like them to seriously think about it. Mr. Boose did not think they went too fast – they did their homework. There is a lot of misinformation and we felt now was the right time to make sure people understand what we are doing. Hopefully people will understand. But there are two things we cannot control. We can't control what the media prints. And we cannot control what is said on social media. Mr. Boose thought this resolution is very clear and to the point. It is a hybrid resolution. We looked at several and decided what we thought would best give out the message that we wanted to give. If you notice, it talks about addressing mental health. Mr. Boose thought this Board has spent more time working on mental health and drug addiction issues than probably any previous board. He said if we wait for the federal government to do something, we would never pass a resolution.

Ms. Prelipp asked if, when they attended the 2nd Amendment meeting in January, was there a public meeting called to gather information and address any misunderstandings? Mr. Wilde stated every Tuesday we have open public meetings. Mr. Boose reminded her that the Commissioners did not call the meeting, it was called by someone else. They attended that meeting. We have public comment, and their phone number and email addresses are available. If we had a large amount of people coming to our meetings and sending us emails or calling us, then we might have gone to the next step. But we did not get the indication that was needed and we are moving forward.

There was a comment that the resolution as presented is a redundancy of existing law. Mr. Wilde said it was showing our support. Our Sheriff came out on social media with a statement saying he would uphold the 2nd amendment. Mr. Wilde took a lot of weight in that and all we are doing is supporting that. The participant thought it was a redundancy. Mr. Strickler clarified it was a policy statement.

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

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

At 9:47 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; 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; and ORC 121.22 (G) (4) preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. 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 10:19 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(2), (3), and (4). 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*

At 10:19 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:27 a.m. The board resumed regular session.

***No Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2) and (4).**

***Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3): Randy Strickler will go back to talk to the attorneys relative to the Opioid lawsuit.**

At 10:30 a.m. Discussion of February 10, 2020 meeting with FAA in Detroit. In attendance: Airport Board members Larry Silcox, Harry Brady, and John Colvin. Melissa James also in attendance. Mr. Boose explained he had attended a fact finding meeting with the FAA in Detroit. He had two takeaways from it. The first was that they would really like for us to do an economic impact study. Mr. Boose explained he had recently received two documents from Huron County Development Council. One was Huron County Airport – General Aviation completed in 2008; the second was Report to the Huron County Development Council on Norwalk-Huron County Airport and Proposed Expansion of Summit Motorsports Park from 2011. Both reports are outdated. Mr. Boose asked both Huron County Economic Development and Norwalk Economic Development if they would prepare an economic impact study on the airport. They both politely said they did not want to do them. Mr. Boose was finally referred to Russ Mills, who is with Bowling Green State University. Mr. Boose listed Mr. Mills' credentials. It sounded like he could do what we needed, although Mr. Boose thought he may be overqualified and/or expensive. The first thing Mr. Boose would like to look at is the economic viability of the airport. He wanted to keep Summit Motorsports out of it. In other words, what we would need to spend money on at the airport to keep it operating. He wanted to get all those costs and then see what we are receiving from it economically. And what the value is to the people of Huron County. So, with this Board's permission, Mr. Boose would like to make a phone call to Mr. Mills. Before he would agree to any costs, he would go back to the Board as to whether they would like to proceed. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz agreed Mr. Boose should make contact and go from there.

Mr. Boose said the second thing he wanted to talk about was our revenue stream. The FAA suggested it may be to our benefit to talk to Lorain County about what they did as far as increasing their revenue stream. The bottom line is, they are talking about hangar rental and fuel. Mr. Boose said he would like the Airport Board to meet with Lorain County to see what they have done and how they set rates. Mr. Boose said there had also been brief discussion on what can be done on airport property and if it had to be airport related. The answer was not necessarily, as long as the aviation part of the airport is not obstructed.

The last thing Mr. Boose wanted to talk about was the master plan. The FAA has not approved the master plan yet. He said they had reviewed it and were surprised that it did not include all the options. At the meeting held in Ashland there had been discussion about possibly moving the airport. The FAA wondered if that discussion ever made it to the meetings and why it didn't make it into the master plan. Ms. James explained it had made it into the meetings, but it was so cost prohibitive that it was not a viable option. She pointed out there are limitless options to anything, but that does not make them viable. They simply had not included the non-viable options, including moving the airport. It was very expensive and some of the estimates were 15 to 20 years to do it. Mr. Boose said they indicated the master plan is a moving document and can be revised any time. They recommend that we take a serious look at the master plan and see if that is exactly what our intentions are. They also suggested that the master plan come from the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Boose said he told the FFA that he did not want to spend money to do an economic impact study, find out it does not make sense dollar wise to keep the airport open, then have the FAA insist it had to remain open "in perpetuity". He was told the FFA is trying not to use the word "perpetuity" anymore and have taken it out of their new contract documents. They are trying to distinguish that there is a difference between the value of a runway versus the value of land. They feel the value of land doesn't change, whereas a runway depreciates. After so many years you have to put more money into it. But they never came out and said we could close the airport. Mr. Hintz asked if they produced a document that said, in writing, that we are "in perpetuity"? Mr. Boose was told it is in the document from when we originally purchased land. Mr. Strickler said he has never seen that document.

Mr. Brady noted that the one thing Mr. Mayfield with the FAA did stress was he would like to see the option of moving the airport, and combining it with Willard, in the master plan. Whether we were to do it or not, he wanted to see it in there. He made that statement real clear. Mr. Wilde said he remembered going through the master plan and that was a lot of money. Mr. Boose said they had also asked whether those meetings had been taped. Ms. James said they were not. Mr. Boose said they strongly suggest that they be taped.

Mr. Boose recommended everyone reread the report. The FAA is not going to allow us to close down an airport because we can get more economic development from something else. He believes one of the things they may look at is the total cost of what we are putting into the airport and what we are getting out of it. Mr. Wilde clarified a profit and loss statement. Mr. Boose said basic return on investment.

Mr. Boose said this was just a summary of a two-plus hour meeting - a lot more had been discussed. The FAA has asked us to do an independent economic impact study. The State said they were planning to update the existing General Aviation report. However, they did not think it was what we were looking for, so they provided Mr. Mills' name. Mr. Boose hoped Mr. Mills would not start from scratch, but would at least look at the two reports and start there. Ms. James said the figures given for the Huron County Airport – General Aviation report were blatantly incorrect. ODOT had been told that and would not go back and

correct them. The figures had been submitted knowing they were incorrect and they were submitted circumventing the board that was in place at that time. She hoped they did not use any information from it, she thought it was all bogus. Mr. Boose thought a lot of the information included in the other report, Report to Huron County Development Council on Norwalk-Huron County Airport, was not true today. For instance, that the airport has seven employees. There was also a disagreement as to how many airplanes had been housed there at the time. Regardless, Mr. Boose said they had given him permission to contact Mr. Mills about doing this. He thought it might take some work on the part of the Airport Board as well. The FAA wanted to include the people that use the airport as part of the economic impact study. Mr. Brady agreed with Mr. Boose. He thought the FFA had gone even further, to the point of saying anybody who has contact with this airport – transient pilots, neighbors, and definitely Summit because they are sitting right on top of it. Mr. Boose said they had also included the township. Mr. Brady said they went so far as to say they want to see every option discussed up to and including potentially closing. It may not be what some people want to hear, but the FAA wants to approach this from a viewpoint of whatever is in the best interest of this airport and the county, not preconceived notions of what we want. They want everybody involved in these conversations. Mr. Hintz thought this sounded encouraging. Mr. Boose said this had been a more open discussion than in the past. They also told us we are not the only airport in this situation. It is something that the FAA has to relook at in general. Mr. Hintz thought it was good that closure was at least part of the conversation. Mr. Boose said they think it needs to be included as an option, but they didn’t come out and say it should be done. What they did say was that if it would take a lot of time and work to get there. But at least now it is “if”, as opposed to before it was “no”. Mr. Boose said we did not walk away from there thinking closing the airport or moving the airport is an easy option at all. But we did walk away with a good working relationship with who was there. Mr. Silcox said that, as a board, they will do anything that will assist in this in any way they can. Mr. Boose said he may ask one of them to join in the discussion, if he can get one, with Mr. Mills. Mr. Silcox said he would be more than happy to be part of that discussion.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Terry Boose to contact Russ Mills to inquire about an economic impact study. Does not approve spending money. 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 11:00 a.m. the board recessed.
At 11:07 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

20-049

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
	040	00569	001	\$1,549.95		019	00553	001	\$1,549.95
	Miscellaneous – other expenses					Police/Muni Court - Bellevue			

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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba stated this was for the amount that we paid Bellevue Municipal Court of the Huron County cases.

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

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

20-050

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Sheriff’s Office have various computers and equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of; 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. Boose stated it was great that they were getting rid of and destroying them. Goodwill will recycle them.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Terry Boose moved to approve the following travel request this day. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

- Pete Welch, SWMD, to Akron, Ohio to meet with attorneys on February 18, 2020.
- Rachel Sotora & Connie Todd, JFS, to Wood County, Ohio for District Case Managers Meeting on February 19, 2020.
- Roland Tkach, Auditor, to Wauseon, Ohio, for CAAO District meeting on February 28, 2020.
- John McClafin, Weights & Measures, to Bowling Green, Ohio for ODA Training on March 10 -11, 2020.
- Jacob Westfall, Public Defender, to Columbus, Ohio for Juvenile Leadership seminar on May 19 – 21, 2020.

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Administrator/Clerk report

Public Defender webinar on February 19 at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Ziemba will be signing up for this. Mr. Boose said we are supposed to reply to the State Public Defender by the end of the week. They want the County to pay \$50 for indigent defense by July of 2020, which the County is already doing. By July 2021 they want us to pay \$60. The County is currently at \$50 for office and \$60 for Court. Mr. Boose said they may decide not to fully reimburse if we don't meet their rates. Ms. Ziemba stated that is the reason they are doing this webinar. Mr. Boose wanted to hold the discussion until Thursday as far as a response to the State.

Old Business

Courthouse elevator – no update.

Administration building elevator. Mr. Boose spoke to Representative Stein. Mr. Stein informed him that our request to get money from the State Budget has been denied. It does not qualify and fit the criteria – it is a County building. We knew this was a long shot.

Board of Elections. The project to combine the rooms is moving along. Mr. Boose wants this done as soon as possible.

Sheriff's vehicles. Mr. Boose asked if we have talked to them about going out for this year's vehicles. We are having problems with emails getting to the Sheriff's offices. Mr. Boose noted Ashtabula County had already ordered Dodge Durangos.

The Health Department came in last week and took off the swipes last week. Mr. Boose said they are not done. There are still doors that have door handle problems.

Senior Services contract. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Broadband. We have not heard back from them. Mr. Boose noted there was a Facebook post regarding the lack of internet in the Olena/Fitchville area. This is a problem for kids trying to do homework.

Cook Road. Mr. Strickler said Mr. Stevens was working on the complaint. He is hoping to get it done this week.

IT Department. Meeting scheduled for March 5. Sandusky County will be there.

Mr. Hintz asked about the generators. RKS is taking them in on trade, Mr. Smith is working up a quote. Norwalk Schools Cross Country. Ms. Ziemba is not sure if Mr. Welch has contacted the Athletic Director. Shady Lane trees. Mr. Boose thought this has been handled as best they can. We have to wait for ODOT. Adult Parole. Ms. Ziemba just received the lease agreement this morning. She will forward it to Mr. Strickler.

Commissioner Wilde report

Lyne Township meeting last night. He explained the 2nd Amendment sanctuary resolution. They will be getting a new Fiscal Officer.

FCFC meeting tomorrow morning at 8:45 a.m.

Public Defender webinar tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

Friday morning Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz will be in New London at ribbon cutting.

Friday Mr. Boose will be in Columbus.

American Legion speech contest on Sunday.

Next Wednesday Records Commission meeting. He wants to find out how much is left to be scanned.

Next Wednesday QPR from 12:00 – 1:00 at JFS.

Next Thursday is Land Bank and Master Gardeners.

Ms. Ziemba said she had received an email from Ms. Tkach. She is working with Tek Rx to improve security and the network in the Recorder's office. She would like to implement a backup system to enable them to recover data in the event of a disaster. These items are part of her 2020 budget and fall well under the Data Board threshold of \$25,000. She would like to be on the agenda to discuss this with the

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Commissioners. There was discussion about doing this type of work while we are trying to set up an IT Department for the County. It was decided to wait to schedule her until after the IT Department meeting on March 5.

Farm Bureau legislative meeting yesterday. Mr. Boose mentioned that Representative Stein had indicated he did not think the wind bills would move this year. If they do they are going to change. Mr. Boose said this is the problem when you support or don't support a bill before it becomes law. Of course, once it becomes law it is too late. You have to be careful, but you can support a bill "as is". He again cautioned that you have to make sure the bill is going to do what you think it is going to do.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had talked to Mr. Wilde about Erie County. She did briefly but the Resolution he had shared with her was not from their county, it was from the Township Association. They thought that was the best platform to support the bill. She noted they had a Township Association meeting coming up if it was something they wanted to address.

Assistant Prosecutor report – none.

Commissioner Boose report

Firefighters Association meeting last Wednesday night. They are still discussing radios and he reminded them their decision affects everybody. Narcan training and availability. Everyone was interested, wanted to keep it on hand. She is going to come in and talk at a TAC meeting. They were also interested in the QPR class.

Thursday he went to United Fund.

Ashtabula County buying the cruiser. All their Sheriff vehicles are being purchased with Title funds.

State Public Defender public comment is due on February 27th

Mr. Boose asked about audits. They are very expensive. Mr. Wilde pointed out the State Auditor had made a big deal about holding costs down on those. There was an article that showed how audit charges can be charged to other funds. If other funds are also being audited they should be paying part of it. We have to look and see if Indirect Costs are charging those out.

Ms. Ziemba asked if Ms. Armstrong should come in on March 5 to let us know how the Wellness Program went for 2019, or do we just want her to send out an email. She was concerned there wouldn't be enough time with everything that is going on. Mr. Wilde would like to give her five minutes since everyone will be there. Ms. Ziemba said she had emailed a lot of information she wanted to present. Mr. Wilde will review the email and then decide.

HUB newspaper is moving their office from Seneca County to Huron County. Ribbon cutting and open house will be Friday, March 6 at 12:00 p.m.

Recovery housing meeting is at MHAS on Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Boose asked if there was a discussion that needed to be had regarding paying fees for 9-1-1 or dispatching? Ms. Ziemba said this was something Mr. Strickler was working on with Ms. Bond. Mr. Stevens also worked on a few things regarding Citizen's ambulance being able to receive funding. Mr. Strickler explained they were a private, not for profit organization. Because they are funded by Erie County, they think Huron County should be able to fund them - they are part of the Erie County Ambulance District. They are not a political subdivision. They also have their own legal counsel; if their attorney wants to call him he will talk to him or her. Mr. Boose thought we would be hearing from Wakeman regarding this at some time. He asked if the email was correct that says it was approved by the TAC Committee, the Planning Committee and the Commissioners? Ms. Ziemba said no. It was recommended by the TAC Committee to the 9-1-1 Planning Committee. The Commissioners have not approved anything because the contract hasn't got here yet. Mr. Boose said that is exactly where he thought they were, but the email said differently.

Mr. Boose asked if they wanted to discuss budget today or if they wanted to wait. Ms. Ziemba has been working on other things, including getting different quotes in a format for easy presentation. She had sent them the 1%. Mr. Boose requested the 1% from last year. Mr. Wilde would like to wait until Thursday to work on budget so they can put some time into it and really focus on it. Mr. Boose said they really need to discuss Public Defender on Thursday as well.

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Hintz asked about the FCFC meeting - at MRDD.

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Mr. Wilde will find out if the new fencing has been installed for Records Retention.

At 12:03 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 February 18, 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 12:03 p. m.

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	Terry Boose
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	Joe Hintz
_____	_____
	Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board