

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 November 19, 2019, November 21, 2019, November 26, 2019, December 3, 2019, December 10, 2019, December 17, 2019, and December 19, 2019 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 19, 2019, November 21, 2019, November 26, 2019, December 3, 2019, December 10, 2019, December 17, 2019, and December 19, 2019 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

Ms. Ziemba stated each year the Board of County Commissioners shall organize by the election of one of its members as president for a term of one year. At this time, I would like to open the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Commissioners for 2020.

Mr. Boose nominated Joe Hintz. Mr. Wilde seconded the nomination. Ms. Ziemba asked for any additional nominations. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Ziemba closed nominations.

20-001

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTING A PRESIDENT FOR THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 305.05

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners shall organize each year in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect of one of its members as president for a term of one year;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joe Hintz is hereby elected to serve as President of the Board of Huron County Commissioners for the year 2020;
and further

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

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Ms. Ziemba stated each year the Board of County Commissioners shall organize by the election of one of its members as vice president for a term of one year. At this time, I would like to open the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for 2020.

Mr. Wilde nominated Terry Boose. Mr. Hintz seconded the nomination. Ms. Ziemba asked for any additional nominations. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Ziemba closed nominations.

20-002

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTING A VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners shall organize each year in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect of one of its members as vice president for a term of one year;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Terry Boose hereby elected to serve as Vice President of the Board of Huron County Commissioners for the year 2020;
and further

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 9:12 a.m. *State Representative Dick Stein.* Representative Stein noted that they were in the midst of their capital campaign and Huron County will hopefully have an opportunity to receive more funding than in the past. They have the County elevator upgrade on their list, as well as various other requests. He will discuss these with his aid and put them in ranking order. After that he will meet with the Finance Chair to discuss priorities. They will work hard to try to get as many dollars brought to Huron County as they can. Mr. Boose questioned if the Sheriff's budget was part of the capital budget request. He thought there was money available for jail repairs and improvements. Mr. Stein said it was not on his list. He thought this might be a separate fund, and said he would talk to his aid to find out.

Roger Hunker, Apex & Lyme Township. Public hearing for Apex is set for March 18th. The hearings in Columbus will begin on April 4.

As far as Lyme Township, he has been hearing a little more regarding the trains and noise. With the pending litigation, there are some sound studies being done. Mr. Boose asked if the studies were being done by the litigators or by the railroad. Mr. Hunker wasn't sure. However, he said it appears the train traffic has been diverted to Indiana. It is dramatically less than what it had been. Mr. Wilde noted they have laid off a lot of people. Mr. Hunker thought it was interesting that it happened right when they started to do sound studies. Mr. Boose thought this would be a good time to set up a meeting similar to what had been held a few years ago. Ms. Bick said Attorney Murphy had informed her that, due to the pending litigation, the only thing the Congressman should do is write some letters. Mr. Boose thought that there should still be a meeting to try to get an update on the yard and if they have any intention of fixing the retarders. Ms. Bick said the Congressman will be here at the end of the month and she will have him look into it.

20-005

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the public is invited to speak to any of the agenda items and other topics, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes and directed to the Board of Huron County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it will be the practice of the Board of Commissioners that personnel matters of a personal and confidential nature are not appropriate topics for a public meeting and accordingly these concerns should be addressed individually with the Administrator/Clerk and/or in executive session of the Board of Huron County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the board welcomes public comments and questions during the time set aside in the meeting for public comment and asks that any member of the public who wishes to address the board sign in to provide name, address and telephone number; and

WHEREAS, the time scheduled for public comment for the year 2020 will be 9:10 a.m. In the event the meeting opening time changes, the public comment period will begin ten minutes after the meeting opens; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners set public participation policy during the Board of Commissioners meeting as stated 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked to have the public comment period for meeting opening time change be amended to ten minutes after the meeting opens.

Terry Boose moved to amend Resolution 20-005 to read “the public comment period will be ten minutes after the meeting opens”. Bruce Wild seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

The roll being called upon the adoption of the amended resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

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

20-006

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK TO THE BOARD TO PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.30

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 305.30 the Board of Huron County Commissioners is authorized to delegate specific authority to the County Administrator/Clerk to the Board for contracting on behalf of the Board, allowing and paying claims, and performing personnel functions as the Board may determine by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to grant the authority to the County Administrator/Clerk to the Board to perform those functions for 2020; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Huron County Commissioners, that the County Administrator/Clerk to the Board be, and hereby is, authorized to exercise the powers of the Board within the limitations and guidelines set forth below:

1. **CONTRACTS.** The County Administrator/Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized to negotiate, approve, and execute contracts or agreements that are for amounts not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). The County Administrator/Clerk to the Board must inform the Board of all contracts that have been executed.
2. **PAYMENT OF GOODS.** The County Administrator/Clerk to the Board be, and is hereby, authorized to allow and pay claims for goods received and services rendered for individual invoices up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) upon receipt of written certification from the Auditor’s Office that the county departments have provided sufficient documentation of the purchase of the goods or services.
3. **PERSONNEL.** The County Administrator/Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized to perform any or all personnel functions otherwise conferred or incumbent upon the Board of Commissioners under chapter 124 or any other chapter of section of the Ohio Revised Code for departments that report to the Board, with the exception of hiring or termination of employment.

and further

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

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

20-007

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2020

IT Discussion: Mr. Boose informed Representative Stein that Huron County has been discussing how to handle technology for years. Right now all elected officials and department heads take care of their own technical work. Recently there have been a lot of discussions regarding cybersecurity. Mr. Boose thought those that really have a handle on cybersecurity have their own IT department or have IT centralized. The problem is the Commissioners have no authority over the elected officials. Mr. Stein clarified that, unless there was a voluntary buy-in to consolidate technology, the County was at the mercy of those officeholders. Mr. Boose said that was true to a point. However, the Commissioners still control the budget. Mr. Stein asked how other counties handle this issue. Mr. Boose said Erie, Sandusky and Richland Counties all have their own IT departments. He said Sandusky County has offered to not only help us, but also let us use their IT. Mr. Stein asked if this had been discussed with the other county officials. Mr. Boose said it had been a year ago. Everybody agreed it was a good idea, as long as they would continue to use who they want, when they want. Mr. Tansey said the Engineer's office is 100% on board and does not necessarily want any control. Mr. Boose thought it might be a good idea to have Sandusky County come in and explain to our elected officials what had happened to them. He thought there were some lessons to be learned and everybody should not have to worry about their own cybersecurity. He believes we can do better as a whole. Mr. Wilde agreed it would be best to allow the experts to handle it.

20-009

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION BY FORCE ACCOUNT

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Huron County will be best served by authorizing the County Engineer to proceed by "Force Account" in matters pertaining to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, of Huron County roads, bridges and culverts; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Huron County Engineer to use county forces and proceed by "Force Account" in the construction, reconstruction and improvement, of the roads, bridges and culverts serving Huron County's residents, and that this authorization shall extend to, and include, any such roads, bridges and culverts on state, county, city or village roadways when the County Engineer has been so authorized by the respective jurisdiction; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby authorized by the Board of County Commissioners to employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement of said roads by force account. And that, when determining whether construction or reconstruction of roads may be undertaken by force account, the County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. When the total estimated cost of the Force Account work exceeds thirty thousand dollars per mile, the County Commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is authorized by this Board of County Commissioners to use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, of bridges and culverts by force account. And that, when determining whether such construction, reconstruction, improvement of bridges or culverts may be undertaken by force account, the County Engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, this Board of County Commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. The County Engineer shall obtain the approval required by section 5543.02 of the Revised Code; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that "Force Account," as used in this section means that the County Engineer will act as contractor, using labor employed by the Engineer, or, using material and equipment either owned by the county or leased by the county, or purchased in compliance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code and excludes subcontracting such work which requires competitive bidding pursuant to sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code unless, or until, such work has been bid and awarded by the Board of Commissioners; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the term “competitive bids” as used in this section requires competition for the whole contract regarding such materials, or, components of any such contract awarded by the County Commissioners and in regard to its component parts, includes labor and materials; 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. Tansey explained ORC requires them to do an engineering assessment prior to doing any work on the roads or bridges. If they can’t do it under a certain cost it has to be contracted out. They are audited on these every year. If they do a project in-house, they have to track the costs and compare it to the engineer’s estimate. Mr. Boose appreciated that he was willing to do this, as it saves the county a lot of money. Mr. Tansey said they try to pick and choose the most efficient use of their manpower and equipment and contract out everything else out.

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

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

20-010

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND ACCOUNT BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER FOR 2020

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer, Lee E. Tansey, P.E., P.S., by way of letter requests to maintain a Change Fund, as recommended by Huron County Auditor, Roland Tkach in the total sum of \$500.00 from account line 125-125-00475 “Other Expenses-Administration”. now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that,

Section 1. The Huron County Auditor is directed to issue a warrant to the Huron County Engineer in the manner aforementioned to establish Change Funds for the Huron County Engineer for 2020.

Section 2. The \$500.00 shall be repaid to the General Fund of the Huron County Engineer to account line 125-125-10185 “Other Revenue” at the end of each calendar year and a request made by the official of the board to establish a Change Fund if the official deems necessary to transact the business of the office.

Section 3. The resolution shall be copied to the Huron County Auditor and Huron County Engineer.

Section 4. An audit to be conducted once the money is returned at the end of the year; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, 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. Tansey explained that most of the plans for projects are sold. This will allow them to make change for the people that come in with cash. This will also help with miscellaneous things that come up through the year that they don’t have an account for.

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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Aye – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde

20-013

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID AND ENTERING INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RIDGE ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (HUR-TR114-06.43-FY2020, PID 93990);

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 19-344 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Ridge Road Bridge Reconstruction Project (HUR-TR114-06.43-FY2020, PID 93990);

and

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

WHEREAS, funding for this project will be provided in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation;

and

WHEREAS, bids were received Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:21 A.M. from the following:

See Attachment A

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Ridge Road Bridge Reconstruction Project (HUR-TR114-06.43-FY2020, PID 93990) as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to R&I Construction Inc., Tiffin, Ohio;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office;

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. Tansey said this would probably be done late summer. It is a federal bridge project with a 5% local match.

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

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

**Contract on file*

20-014

IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR THE 2020 PERU OLENA AND SCRANTON ROADS RESURFACING PROJECT

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the 2020 Peru Olena and Scranton Roads Resurfacing Project;

and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the 2020 Peru Olena and Scranton Roads Resurfacing Project;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:01 a.m.;

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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this is probably the second biggest pavement project of the year, almost \$1 million. It will take place in late summer and run from Scranton Road, Peru Olena, the change at 250, Hartland Center all the way to Old State. Mr. Boose asked if this was possible due to the increase in gas tax. Mr. Tansey said they were doing more pavement projects this year based on that increase. The tax provides an additional \$1.5 million for Huron County, and will continue to be used for more pavement projects. He pointed out however that it is a fixed amount every year. With inflation, wages and construction costs, it will eventually erode away again. He thought in 8 to 10 years we will be back where we were.

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

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

ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of January 24, 2020 until 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: 2020 Peru Olena Road & Scranton Road Resurfacing Project. Bids shall be opened and publically read aloud at 10:01 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$25.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than September 25, 2020.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be found on the Huron County Commissioners website at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and can be accessed by clicking on Legal Notices.

Advertise: January 9, 2020

Mr. Boose pointed out that another issue with changing brands is that we have our own mechanic. He has Ford parts in house. If we switch vehicles, this would be another expense. Senator Manning indicated he had spoken to one of the directors at Ford. The only thing he learned was that this is a U.S. wide problem - they are really struggling with demand. The director was going to try to get him a hard date as to when they would be caught up. Mr. Hintz pointed out these vehicles were ordered 2019. Since it is now 2020, he wondered if we were still getting 2019s. The Sheriff said they were supposed to be the 2020 production year. Mr. Wilde asked if they were the same price. Everyone thought the pricing should be honored.

Mr. Boose said it has always taken time to get new cruisers. Mr. Strickler said there has always been a 4-6 month wait period. Mr. Boose did not think that was acceptable either. We are replacing the cruisers for safety reasons. We are adding a whole year of use to a vehicle and we are really pushing that life. Mr. Stein asked how many miles are put on a vehicle in 5 years. Sheriff Corbin said the worst one is at 210,000. He noted that every Sheriff's office in the State of Ohio orders from Ford. He thought that, knowing this, Ford should produce a set number each year. Mr. Stein asked if the packages were all the same. The Sheriff said for the most part they were. With the State bid pricing, they set a standard.

Mr. Manning asked the Sheriff if any of his colleagues had indicated problems with other brands. Sheriff Corbin said this would be the first run of the new pursuit package on the Dodge Durango. He has already been making phone calls trying to get ahead of it. There is a concern right now about having enough vehicles. If something were to happen, say a deer runs out in front of one of them, they will be short. Mr. Boose thought that was a good point. Sheriff Corbin agreed, saying just one accident could change the dynamics of how they operate. He explained Monroeville was going through this right now. They had two cruisers go down and are using one of the Norwalk PD vehicles. There was discussion about canceling the Ford order and just ordering 8 Durangos. Mr. Stein asked about the cost of the Durangos. Sheriff Corbin explained the state bid pricing has not come out on this package yet. But from the information he has, he believes it will be comparable. Ms. Ziembra said they would not be able to order Durangos in place of the Explorers. The money had been earmarked for Ford last year. They cannot use 2019 money for 2020 orders. She thought they could cancel the order and ask the Budget Commission to put that money into 2020, but that would just complicate things further. The Sheriff was hoping that, since this is the first production year for the Durango, their pricing would be cheaper than the Explorer to put some pressure on Ford. Mr. Manning pointed out that part of the problem was lack of competition – most of the agencies he knows use Ford.

Mr. Boose also wanted to discuss the jail capital budget request. He thought it may be time to start a discussion about adding on to the jail. Sheriff Corbin said he had explained the situation to Mr. Stein and Mr. Manning with the TCAP funds, working with the judges, and the law change for 4th and 5th degree felonies being housed in the local facilities. At some point you hit a bottleneck, and they are at that juncture where there is not a lot of room. The jail is a 136-bed facility. Today they are at 147 inmates. Mr. Boose noted that when they pushed the limits in the mid-90s there were findings and orders against the County. Sheriff Corbin said he was asking the Judges to help find other ways, whether it be to furlough them, release them on bond, ankle monitoring devices, or half way houses – anything to keep them out of the County jail. Mr. Boose noted the jail was about 22 years old and we have done quite a few projects in the last few years. It is at that age where things start wearing out. The Sheriff said the roof is the biggest thing they are dealing with now. Chief Deputy Ditz said they have also submitted for a grant through CCAO. Mr. Stein indicated he had a copy and will follow up.

Mr. Boose wanted to make Mr. Manning aware of the discussion earlier regarding the fuel tax that had been passed last year. He said the County Engineer was able to do an extra \$1.5 million in road construction and resurfacing projects because of it. Mr. Boose knew it was not an easy process, but the County appreciates it. Mr. Stein said it is not always easy to get people to realize there is a positive local benefit to these things.

At 10:45 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:20 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

PROCLAMATION

Terry Boose moved to approve the proclamation. 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***

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 2020 U.S. Census is quickly approaching and Huron County and other local governments need to ensure a maximum response rate; and

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WHEREAS, Huron County must count every resident in order to be fully represented in both the Ohio General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Huron County needs to maximize Census response rates among households in the County, as low response rates can result in undercounts of population and affect Congressional apportionment and funding levels for local programs; and

WHEREAS, local preparations for the 2020 Census will include the Huron County Complete Count Committee, a group of local elected officials and community leaders tasked to encourage all households to participate in the Census; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County supports The Huron County Complete Count Committee, who will be engaging in publicity, outreach, and educational efforts with community leaders in an effort to overcome cultural, economic and linguistic barriers regarding to participation in the Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Huron County Commissioners urge all local governments and citizens to fully prepare for and participate in planning for the 2020 Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 7th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Terry Boose moved to approve the proclamation. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

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

- Art Mead, EMA, to Columbus, Ohio for Mitigation Training on January 13 – 16, 2020.
- Lara Hozalski, JFS, to Columbus, Ohio for Child Support Executive board meeting/training on January 15 – 16, 2020.
- Art Mead & Tina Norton, EMA, to Hancock County, Ohio for EMA Association meeting on January 17, 2020.
- Lara Hozalski, JFS, to Columbus, Ohio for the Child Support Executive Board meeting on February 19 – 20, 2020.
- Lara Hozalski, JFS, to Hancock County, Ohio for Child Support meeting on March 6, 2020.
- Lara Hozalski, JFS to Columbus, Ohio for Child Support Executive Board meeting on March 18, 2020.

BOARD & COMMITTEE’S LISTS

The Board discussed the board and committee appointments for 2020:

<i>Boards</i>	<i>2020</i>
9-1-1 TAC Committee	All – designee – Joe Hintz (only 1 can vote- can be either)
9-1-1 Planning Committee	Joe Hintz (president)
Board of Revision	Skip Wilde
CAC Board	Appointed representatives
Catastrophic Leave Board	Terry Boose
Community Corrections Board	Terry Boose
Courthouse Security	All – designee – Joe Hintz
DATA Processing Board	Terry Boose
District 9	Joe Hintz – voting Terry Boose – alternate
DWARP (Dangerous Wild Animals)	Joe Hintz
EMA Board	All – designee – Terry Boose
Erie Basin RC & D	Appointed representative
Family & Children First	Skip Wilde
HCDC	All
Investment Board	Skip Wilde, Terry Boose
LEPC Board	All – designee – Skip Wilde
Planning Commission	All

Railroad & Highway Safety Task Force	Terry Boose
Records Commission	Skip Wilde
RLF Board	Terry Boose
Solid Waste Management	Joe Hintz
Transportation Improvement District Board	TBD
Willard Economic Development Advisory Council	Skip Wilde
WIOA Board	All
Land Bank	Joe Hintz, Skip Wilde
<i>Department Liaisons</i>	<i>2020</i>
CEBCO	Skip Wilde
CORSA	Joe Hintz
JFS Liaison	Skip Wilde
Senior Enrichment Liaison	Terry Boose
Veterans Office Liaison	Joe Hintz
Transportation	Terry Boose
United Fund - EFSP	Terry Boose

Administrator/Clerk Report

MOU regarding the acceptance and calibration of equipment provided by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Mr. Strickler explained local fire departments have had radiation detectors for years and they are very outdated. The State is giving four to the County. Mr. Mead will pass out to the local fire departments and keep one.

Budget Commission meeting minutes from January 2. They will be meeting again on January 15 at 10:30 to review the General Fund estimated revenue. Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba to attend this meeting if she is available.

Ms. Ziemba mentioned the letter from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the reformatted membership structure. The membership rate has gone from \$150 to \$300. Mr. Boose felt we need to renew it. We do this for the Safety Council. He suggested Ms. Ziemba call and verify this fee amount covered Safety Council.

The State sent a form to see if the County planned to keep the bee inspector. Discussion whether the contract should pay for equipment. Mr. Boose would like to offer the same contract and see where it goes.

Ms. Armstrong has asked if we would like to offer CPR training this year. We cannot use grant money or wellness money. Mr. Boose thought we should offer a CPR course every other year, with QPR on the opposite years. Ms. Ziemba said QPR was set for this year. It was decided to wait until next year for CPR. QPR can be paid for with wellness money.

Schindler Elevator. We have received a final request for payment. Mr. Welch is going to email them to let them know we received it. However, they have not completed everything on the contract. Mr. Welch will tell them they need to finish these items and also come into the office and talk to us.

NEDC – Economic Development Council Conference in Cleveland. Mr. Boose has signed up to attend this on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Mr. Wilde will be out of town that day. This would only leave one Commissioner available for the meeting that day.

Bruce Wilde moved to cancel the Thursday, January 16, 2020 regular board meeting. 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*

Commissioner Boose report

Produce Perks. They have been scheduled to come in.

WIOA appointments still need to be made.

Muck Creek lunch tomorrow.

MHAS notice of move to new location – update all contacts.

Damscroder Roofing – TIPS. The attorney still needs to research this. Ms. Ziemba did find the Attorney General opinion on this. Mr. Strickler asked Ms. Ziemba to forward the opinion to him. Mr. Boose said Damschroder indicated to him that, because the product falls under TIPS, and they were the designated installer of the product, then we wouldn't have to go out to bid.

EMA calendar for January. TAC is January 8 at 9:00 a.m.

February 7th is CCAO Energy Summit. Mr. Wilde will try to attend.

Huron County Budget Commission meeting – increase of \$200,000 this year over last year.

Ohio Public Defender monthly reimbursement report. Mr. Boose noticed that, over the last nine months, we have not been reimbursed for over \$16,000. They are being denied mostly due to no signature or they are past the 90-day time limit. Mr. Boose suggested Ms. Ziemba go to all the Judges and their administrators and explain to them this is costing us a lot of money. Ms. Ziemba said this had been a problem before. The Judges were struggling with getting public defenders, so they don't want to make the ones they do have angry.

March 19th – DD Awareness breakfast. March 24th Bears Allstar game

Mr. Boose is trying to set up a meeting on Friday with Erie County regarding narcans. He will also invite MHAS and EMA. At that meeting, he would like to set up another meeting regarding recovery housing.

John Chime's open house. Mr. Boose attended and had a good discussion with BRASS.

Will work on budget after Mr. Wilde returns. Would like the board to be thinking about economic development and who would be receiving county funds

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde will be unavailable from January 14th – 20th.

Commissioner Hintz report

Soil & Water advertising opportunity.

Sponsoring Beauty & the Beast for Norwalk High School.

Mr. Boose's discussion with Mr. Minor.

Mr. Boose took a look at the basement with Mr. Minor yesterday. The cage is in. He asked Mr. Minor to make sure the Board of Elections looks at it to make sure they are okay with it. It is bigger than what he thought it would be.

The staff has matched keys to doors. They haven't done every key, they just made sure there was one key for each door. There are doors that we don't have keys to. We need to tell the Health Department to provide keys to those doors. As soon as everything is moved and the new security is up, the Health Department has somebody lined up to take care of the doors that were part of the old system.

Mr. Armstrong has already begun work on combining the three rooms in the basement for the Board of Elections. Mr. Boose told them to take down the shelf the old security system was on. Mr. Minor thinks he can use it for the new system.

All the Commissioner's records have been moved from 22 E. Main over to the Administration building.

When the new security system is in we will get two new exit lights to replace the two downstairs that are not working properly.

They are still waiting on a report from Mr. Smith on the generators. None of the three generators was a backup for the Board of Elections.

The top part of the Health Department sign should be removed by the end of the month, but they will wait until the weather is better to remove the rest. All the generators are supposed to be gone by the end of the month as well.

Damage to building on Shady Lane. As far as Mr. Boose was aware, there was very little in the building.

Everyone agreed it should just be torn down. Discussion regarding the process to do this.

At 12:55 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 January 7, 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 12:55 p.m.

Terry Boose

Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board