

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

AUGUST 6, 2015

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Gary W. Bauer, Tom Dunlap, Joe Hintz.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the August 4, 2015 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Gary W. Bauer made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Tom Dunlap
Aye – Joe Hintz

15-260

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE HURON COUNTY PROSECUTOR TO ACT AS LEGAL ADVISOR FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FIRELANDS AMBULANCE DISTRICT, HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 309.09 (F) the county prosecutor may be, in the prosecuting attorney’s discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, the legal advisor of a joint ambulance district created under ORC 505.71 at no cost to the district or may be the legal advisor to the district under a contract that the prosecuting attorney and the district enter into, and that the board of commissioners approves, to authorize the prosecuting attorney to provide legal services to the district; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Prosecutor has agreed to provide such representation, at no cost, provided that resources and personnel are available; now
therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves this agreement so that the Huron County Prosecutor’s Office may serve as the legal advisor to the Firelands Ambulance District, at no cost, provided that resources and personnel are available; 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Tom Dunlap
Aye – Joe Hintz

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Huron County Prosecutor letter

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Huron County Prosecutor
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 Norwalk, Ohio 44857
 Phone: (419) 668-8215
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 HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2015

Huron County Board of Commissioners
 c/o Cheryl Nolan, Clerk Administrator
 180 Milan Ave
 Norwalk, OH 44857

RE: Firelands Ambulance District - Legal Representation

Dear Board:

Enclosed please find Resolution from the Firelands Ambulance District requesting the Huron County Prosecutors Office serve as the District's legal advisor. The approval of the Huron County Board of Commissioners is requested.

As background, the county prosecutor is not the statutory legal counsel for a joint ambulance district. However, the law provides that a joint ambulance district can request that the county prosecutor serve as its legal advisor. If the county prosecutor agrees to do so, and with the approval of the county commissioners, then the county prosecutor can be the legal advisor of the joint ambulance district.

Ohio Revised Code section 309.09(F) states:

The prosecuting attorney may be, in the prosecuting attorney's discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, the legal advisor of a joint ambulance district created under section 505.71 of the Revised Code at no cost to the district or may be the legal adviser to the district under a contract that the prosecuting attorney and the district enter into, and that the board of county commissioners approves, to authorize the prosecuting attorney to provide legal services to the district.

The Firelands Ambulance District is a joint ambulance district in that it serves Fitchville Township, New London Township and the Village of New London, Huron County, and Ruggles Township and Troy Township, Ashland County. Therefore, the Huron County Prosecutor is not the legal advisor of the District, unless the District complies with ORC § 309.09(F).

The Firelands Ambulance District has passed a resolution requesting legal representation, at no cost. The Prosecutor agrees to provide such representation, at no cost, provided that resources and personnel are available.

Therefore, the parties request the Board of Commissioners approve this agreement so that the Huron County Prosecutors Office may serve as the legal advisor to the Firelands Ambulance District, at no cost, provided that resources and personnel are available.

As you may recall, the Commissioners approved a similar request from the Wakeman Fire District, by resolution 11-335, and to Tri-Community Joint Fire District, last year.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Sincerely,

 Daivis S. Kasper
 Prosecuting Attorney

Cc: Firelands Ambulance District
 File
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Firelands Ambulance District Resolution

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FIRELANDS AMBULANCE DISTRICT
 HURON COUNTY AND ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
 Fitchville Township, New London Township, and the Village of New London, Huron County, and Ruggles Township and Troy Township, Ashland County

Resolution No.: 15-02

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST LEGAL REPRESENTATION
 BY THE
 HURON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

The Board of Trustees of the Firelands Ambulance District, organized pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 505.71, herein "Ambulance District" met in session, pursuant to notice, on July 20, 2015, 2015, with the following members present:

Fitchville Township: Paul Lortcher
 New London Township: NOT HERE
 Village of New London: Bill Curtis
 Ruggles Township: Matt Beattie
 Troy Township: Dean White

Trustee Matt Beattie moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Ambulance District needs legal counsel from time to time on matters related to the Ambulance District; and

Whereas, pursuant to ORC § 309.09(F), the county prosecuting attorney may be, in the prosecuting attorney's discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, the legal adviser of a joint ambulance district created under ORC § 505.71 at no cost to the district or may be the legal adviser to the district under a contract that the prosecuting attorney and the district enter into, and that the board of county commissioner approves, to authorize the prosecuting attorney to provide legal services to the district; and

Whereas, the Board finds that it would be in the best interests of the Ambulance District to request that the Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Daivis S. Kasper, 12 E Main St, 4th Flr, Norwalk, OH 44857, ph 419.668.8215, fx 419.663.3844, act as legal advisor to the District at no cost to the District for as long as the Prosecuting Attorney would so agree; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Firelands Ambulance District, Huron County and Ashland County, Ohio, that:

The Board hereby requests that the Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Daivis S. Kasper serve as its legal advisor, pursuant to ORC § 309.09(F), without charge for legal advice, from time to time and provided resources are available, for as long as the Prosecuting Attorney agrees to do so; and

Further, with the Huron County Prosecutor's consent, the Board hereby requests the approval of the Board of Huron County Commissioners.

Trustee Bill Curtis seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

<u>yes</u>	<u>Paul Lortcher</u>
(yes/no)	Fitchville Township, Huron County
<u>absent</u>	<u>Bill Schwinn</u>
	New London Township, Huron County
<u>yes</u>	<u>Bill Curtis</u>
	Village of New London, Huron County
<u>yes</u>	<u>Matt Beattie</u>
	Ruggles Township, Ashland County
<u>yes</u>	<u>Dean White</u>
	Troy Township, Ashland County

[NOTE: Do not sign or date the CERTIFICATE section, below, on the original resolution. The CERTIFICATE is signed and dated only on copies.]

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Firelands Ambulance District, Huron County and Ashland County, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 15-02 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Firelands Ambulance District, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record as passed by the Board of Trustees of the Firelands Ambulance District, on the 20th of July, 2015, and is a true copy.

Date: _____ Clerk _____

15-261

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AUGUST 6, 2015

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

Huron County General Fund #040 Misc.

Office Depot truck load copy paper for county \$19,320.00 now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above; and further

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

Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Tom Dunlap
Aye – Joe Hintz

15-262

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JAMES FRADO FROM THE HURON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of the resignation of James Frado from the Huron County Planning Commission Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of James Frado from the Huron County Planning Commission Board effective August 6, 2015; 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Tom Dunlap
Aye – Joe Hintz

At 9:30 a.m. Public Comment

Tonia Maxwell, Allstate Insurance stated she is here to represent the local insurance agency and they would like to continue their working relationship with the county in suppling supplemental benefits. Ms. Maxwell did stated they do have some challengers with communication between the different departments. Ms. Maxwell did state that contacting the individual departments themselves is working better than relying on Human Resources.

Other Business

Mr. Bauer explained that the sign is still not up. Mr. Bauer did contact Mr. Fredrick to see what the delay is. Mr. Bauer also stated that Mr. Tkach wanted to go to Pepperidge Farm to get cookies for the open house. Ms. Hazel is against this, because she doesn't want half of a cookie. Mr. Bauer stated that they have agreed on the time for the open house to be 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. The sign was to be placed by Thursday, August 13, 2015. It's being delayed Studer-Obringer needs to dig the footer and Richland Engineering has to be inspected, which will be a (1) day delay.

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

At 9:58 a.m. regular session resumed.

Valerie Swarts-Hoy Colonial Insurance came before the board to present report on the county's supplemental insurance. Charles Hoy explained that they spoke to Beth, Huron County Payroll in regards to what we have in place now, we currently have 401 full-time employees, with 24 Allstate Universal Life and 35 Allstate accident. Mr. Hoy explained that 22 short term disabilities through AFLAC and 15 accident along with 10 cancer policies. Mr. Hoy explained the disability insurance, common illnesses or health conditions make up 90% of paid disability claims, it's not that we don't have good health insurance, it's just health insurance only covers so much. Mr. Hoy stated that they offer financial

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protection including home health care needs, travel and lodging, rehabilitation and child care.

Mr. Dunlap stated to Mr. Hoy that they were going to come back and let the county know where they may have gaps at with AFLAC and Allstate, because during this report he did not deliver. Ms. Bommer explained that AFLAC does offer all the items that Mr. Hoy presented in his report. Ms. Bommer explained Allstate has been limited by the county with two types of insurance, they can step in an offer the other items as well. Ms. Bommer explained that the objection was not with the products they offer it was that the county already have two providers that are offering voluntary insurance. Ms. Bommer stated she thought they were going to have a comparison with the current plans the county has to help save the employees money. Ms. Hoy explained that there are holes in their plans, the county currently has 24 people in a pool of 401 why is that? Ms. Hoy stated they don't enough information on the counties current program to make a fair comparison. Ms. Hoy explained that the wellness benefit is also built in to the plans. Ms. Hoy stated they really like to push the lunch and learn events, they work around the employees schedules including 2nd and 3rd shift.

Mr. Dunlap stated that he is fine with what the county has, he doesn't want to confuse the employees. Ms. Bommer stated that the cost is the big reason for the lack of participants.

Tonia Maxwell, Allstate asked if the Commissioners had any questions in regards to what Allstate offers. Ms. Bommer stated that Allstate is only aloud to offer (2) policies. Mr. Bauer stated that the fact that Allstate is local is helpful, where Colonial is out of Dublin, Ohio.

Cheryl Nolan stated that the CHIP partnership grant with the City of Norwalk was awarded, we will be receiving a letter very soon.

At 10:27 a.m. Joe Hintz moved to adjourn. Gary W. Bauer 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 August 6, 2015.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a. m.

Signatures on File