

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**AUGUST 7, 2014**

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 5, 2014 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Tom Dunlap made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DELLINGER EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE WILLARD CRESTWOOD DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 14-215 the Board of Huron County Commissioners awarded the bid for the Willard Crestwood Drive Improvement project to Dellinger Excavating, Inc.; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners and Dellinger Excavating, Inc. desire to execute a contract for the Willard Crestwood Drive Improvement project; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the contract with Dellinger Excavating Inc. 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.

Tom Dunlap 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

- Contract on file.

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**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND #019**

Tom Dunlap 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
	019	00554	001	\$815.00		019	00557	001	\$815.00
		NMC					6 <sup>th</sup> District		and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

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**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.

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

No travel requests or request for leaves.

Public Comment none.

**At 9:30 a.m.** Jason Roblin, EMA director came before the board in regards to the radio towers at the landfill. The estimated cost from the insurance company will be \$31,000.00 after deductibles. Mr. Roblin explained that the current tower was 140 ft. There are certain areas in the county where they lose signal on the radios. It is suggested that the tower be replaced at a taller height. A 180 ft. free standing tower was suggested, for the same price. There is a second repeater in the Wakeman area. A new license will need to be obtained.

Ms. Bommer explained that CORSA will pay for the repair bills to the tower as soon as the invoices are available. A separate check will be sent for this. CORSA will be submitting a check in the amount of \$31,577.19 for the replacement of the existing tower. Mr. Bauer questioned if Ms. Bommer had any clue on how they came up with this dollar amount, because you cannot replace the tower for that amount. Ms. Bommer stated it is the cost of replacement. Mr. Bauer questioned Mr. Roblin, can you replace the tower for that amount. Mr. Roblin stated yes you can. They will reuse the guide anchors, the base/concrete will be a cost savings. Ms. Nolan questioned if you could get the replacement cost and add to it for a better tower? Ms. Roblin stated he did not see why not. Mr. Dunlap questioned if we get the replacement money, what is the portion that will need to be paid for the grant? Mr. Roblin stated that if they do receive the grant all monies are paid for up front. Mr. Dunlap questioned does the tower need to be replaced, can they just leave it only? Ms. Bommer stated CORSA is sending up a structural engineer. Ms. Bommer and CORSA where under the assumption that the tower had already been repaired, until they received an email from Mr. Roblin stating it was structurally unsafe. Mr. Dunlap questioned how is the tower unsafe? Mr. Roblin stated that when the tower gets bent the metal gets fragile. Any high winds over 70 miles an hour will snap this tower. CORSA wants this tower replaced now. Mr. Dunlap stated he is not in agreement that the tower is unsafe. Mr. Hintz stated he doesn't want to take that risk. Mr. Dunlap stated that a professional has not reviewed the tower to deem unsafe. Ms. Bommer stated that the tower was never added to the statement of values; Ms. Bommer is looking into this.

Mr. Roblin stated that everyone on this tower will be down for at least a day or two to replace it, because you are changing the location of the tower. Mr. Bauer stated bottom line, where are we going to get the money? To place a replacement 300 ft. tower with guide wires back where the originally tower is it would cost around \$160,000.00. To place a tower without guide wires will be \$250,000.00 - \$260,000.00. Down time for this would be an hour, because you are not moving the tower, you are using all the current items needed for this tower. Mr. Roblin stated that this is the first year a tower can be used with grant money. Mr. Roblin would like to have a decision from the Commissioners by Tuesday, August 12, 2014 before he writes the grant proposal. Mr. Bauer questioned if we could apply for a partial grant? Mr. Roblin stated yes, but it's not a guarantee what amount we might get. Mr. Bauer stated that we will have to wait and see what the structural engineer says. Ms. Nolan questioned if they can add the tower to the bonds for Shady Lane? They will look into this.

**At 10:13 a.m.** the board recessed.

**At 10:21 a.m.** regular session resumed.

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Discussion in regards to the valuation in regards to the building at the airport. Mr. Bauer questioned that he heard Mr. Tkach wanted the Commissioners retract their decision to turn down the appraisal of the airport. All three agree they will not be retracting their decision. Mr. Bauer stated that the structure of the building is good; however the building does need cosmetic work. Mr. Dunlap explained that both appraisers' will need to be present at the Board of Revision Meeting to testify.

Ms. Knapp stated she was able to get the road in for Summit Motorsport at minimal cost.

Ms. Bommer discussed the RX resolution; she stated that Willis gave her two options too which she added two herself. Option one: to include the RX prescription drugs to the current out of pocket maximum for employees and not raising our out of pocket maximum. Willis estimated it would be less than 1% additional cost. Option two: Is to take option one and recouping the additional 1% cost by raising the out of pocket maximum. Ms. Bommer then explained she added two options herself. Option three: To establish a separate out of pocket maximum for the RX prescription drugs, to determine the amount Willis suggested subtracting what are current out of pocket maximum from the governmental allowable. Option four: To establish a separate out of pocket maximum for RX prescription drugs but not have it as high as the calculations Willis suggests. Per Willis's suggestions the out of pocket maximum for a standard plan would be \$4,100.00, \$8,200 for family. The basic plan would be lower at \$2,400.00 and \$4,800.00. Ms. Bommer recommends that the board not make a decision until she hears back from Medical Mutual regarding how many employees met their out of pocket maximum. Mr. Dunlap questions what Willis's suggestion was. Ms. Bommer stated it was to take option (3). Mr. Dunlap questioned what the difference between option 3 and 4 where. Ms. Bommer explained that option 3 the out of pocket maximum is too high, with option 4 they could establish an out of pocket maximum with an arbitrated number. Mr. Dunlap question what that amount would be. Ms. Bommer stated that is something the board would need to discuss. Mr. Bauer asked which option will not stir the pot. Ms. Bommer stated option 1 would not be difficult to explain to the employees. Ms. Bommer suggested not going to the employees at this time stating we are raising the out of pocket expenses. The board agreed.

**SIGNINGS**

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Huron County Budget Commission Members

Auditor, Roland Tkach

Treasurer, Kathleen Schaffer

Prosecutor, Russell Leffler

Huron County Office Building

12 &amp; 16 East Main Street

Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Budget Commission Members:

We understand that the Budget Commission has tabled the request of \$ 10,000.00 for the Huron County Commissioners for the purchase of a fire alarm system for the Huron County Administration Building as a result of the unencumbered funds. These funds have been earmarked for other projects that you were not aware of.

After reviewing the minutes of the Huron County Budget Commission meeting we learned that the budget commission felt that \$200,000.00 of the 2014 general fund budget was available in the general fund for the Board of Commissioners to appropriate and could be used for such purpose. At the present time \$65,000.00 of these unappropriated funds have been appropriated to the Sheriff's budget for dispatching and another \$182,019.00 is needed to install a new chiller at the Huron County Jail which brings the total needed over the \$200,000.00 by \$47,019.00.

There is still the fact that a recent inspection by CORSA which found that the Huron County Administration Building does not have an alarm system and it is of vital importance that the alarm system be installed at the Huron County Administration Building for the safety of the general public as well as the employees.

Even though we understand the importance of such alarm we still feel that it is not within our budget to purchase and install at this time. We also understand that this may be the type of expense that funds from the Budget Commission could be expended for so we are requesting your consideration for such request.

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Sincerely,

**THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Gary W. Bauer, Tom Dunlap, Joe Hintz

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Sheriff Dane Howard  
255 Shady Lane Drive  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Sheriff Howard:

As we discussed earlier we are in fact going to supplement your line item for the cruiser repairs during the time frame when we were without a mechanic. That was a long a tedious process getting a new mechanic hired but I think you will agree, by taking our time, we were able to get a great mechanic working for us. Your letter indicated that that amount is \$16,295.00 which per your letter will be split between your repairs and natural gas lines.

Also, during the budget process we gave your office an additional \$50,000.00 to hire a new corrections officer and a dispatcher as per you request. In addition this year we left in your budget the additional monies from the 2013 budget that you needed for retirements that amounted to around \$52,000.00.

We have supplemented your budget an additional \$65,000.00 to assist you with dispatch. This money had to be taken from our unencumbered funds by appropriating them into your budget. This is monies we had in reserve for permanent improvement emergencies.

We were additionally in support of the air cards for your officers' laptops that you requested in order to keep you Deputies on the road more hours and utilizing the new CAD system. That amount was \$2,519.37.

Repairs to the jail have been extremely high this year with the flooring being replaced in the booking area, sink repairs in the cells, and new chiller and chiller repairs prior to replacement. Also we incurred a considerable amount of extra time in keeping the chiller running until the replacement could be secured.

As you can see we are very willing to work with you to keep the citizens of our county safe. We too very much value that strong working relationship with you and your office.

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Sheriff budget letter

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We would be remised if we did not advise you that we are now at a breaking point with the budget. We would urge you to do any and all innovative thinking to assure that no more request for funding come forth, as quite frankly there is nothing left. We still have 4-5 month to go this year and the rest of the county to keep financially sound.

The reports from the Auditor do not look like we will make much of a gain financially in the future so be prepared to be looking at staying within the same budget in 2015 as well.

Sincerely,

**HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Gary W. Bauer, Tom Dunlap, Joe Hintz

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**At 10:47 a.m.** Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Tom Dunlap seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

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IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION**

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The board Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

**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 7, 2014.

**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 10:47 a. m.

**Signature on File**