

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

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING AUTOMATIC DESIGNATION AS PART OF AREA 7
(ALL 43 COUNTIES) UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, , on July 22, 2014 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law, superseding the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and taking effect on July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, designation of local workforce development areas is requested by local chief elected officials and designated by the Governor for the purpose of implementing WIOA locally, establishing an OhioMeansJobs delivery system, and administering the workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, under federal law, the Governor shall approve a request for initial automatic designation from the chief elected official of a local area which was designated under WIA, assuming the composition of that area has not changed and that the area performed successfully while maintaining fiscal integrity; and

WHEREAS, under WIA, Huron County, Ohio is a member of the 43-county workforce development area known as Area 7, consisting of the following counties:

Allen	Erie	Holmes	Miami	Seneca
Ashland	Fayette	Huron	Montgomery	Shelby
Champaign	Fulton	Jackson	Morrow	Union
Clark	Gallia	Knox	Muskingum	Wayne
Clinton	Greene	Lawrence	Ottawa	Williams
Coshocton	Guernsey	Licking	Paulding	Wood
Darke	Hancock	Logan	Preble	Wyandot
Defiance	Henry	Madison	Putnam	
Delaware	Highland	Marion	Sandusky	and

WHEREAS, under WIOA, Area 7 qualifies for initial automatic designation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County, Ohio Board of County Commissioners requests automatic designation as part of Area 7 under WIOA, 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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CORSA APPLICATION FOR SURETY BONDS FOR
HURON COUNTY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

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

WHEREAS, an application from CORSA was presented to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for surety bonds for the four underground storage tanks on Huron County property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to approve such application for surety bonds with a deductible of \$11,000 for the two underground storage tanks located on the property at the Huron County Airport, and with a deductible of \$55,000 for the two underground storage tanks located on the property at the Huron County Highway Department; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the signing of the CORSA application for surety bonds for the underground storage tanks with deductibles of \$11,000 and \$55,000 as noted 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 121.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the following travel request this day. 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

Jan Tkach, Recorder to Toledo, Ohio for the Summer C.E. on June 6, 2015 – June 9, 2015.

Jason Roblin, EMA to Columbus, Ohio for the American Red Cross and Ohio EMA Meeting on May 15, 2015.

Roland Tkach, Auditor to Painesville, Ohio for the CAAO Conference on June 1, 2015 – June 4, 2015.

At 9:30 a.m. Public Comment

No Comment

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Peter Welch/SWMD/Vacation/7:30 a.m. May 13, 2015 – 3:30 p.m. May 14, 2015/Sick/7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. May 20, 2015.

Darwin Pesnell/Building & Grounds/Sick/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 5, 2015.

Jeff Deeble/Building & Grounds/Sick/5:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. May 11, 2015.

Discussion in regards to the CDBG projects for 2015 grant. Ms. Nolan asked the board if they had any questions regarding CDBG projects. Mr. Bauer questioned if the money has to be shared with Willard. Ms. Nolan explained that the last two years they have not had too. Mr. Bauer stated they have \$152,000.00 requested and \$175,000.00 available. Mr. Bauer would like to see the fair house get done this year, he will be attending a meeting. The board agreed to move forward, next step is a public hearing. Mr. Dunlap questioned that we are only going to be able to 3 out of the 5 projects that were submitted. Mr. Bauer stated that 4 ½ projects could be completed, dependent on the money used.

At 9:48 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:19 a.m. regular session resumed.

Jill Nolan, DJFS Director came before the board to present her quarterly report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Jill Eversole Nolan, Director)

- **Union** . . . Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) was settled and resulted in no financial obligation.
- **Shared Service** . . . approach is being adopted throughout Ohio Departments of Job and Family Services.
- **Policy Clarifications** . . . operational and HR policies continue to be reviewed for updates
- **Cases of concern** . . . Child abuse and babies born to drug addicted mothers; Food Stamp/Cash; Arrears in Child Support; Unemployment

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- **Adult Protective Services** . . . grants have been funded by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Two grants submitted by Huron County DJFS have been funded at \$164,004. One additional grant jointly submitted by Huron, Erie and Ottawa DJFSs was funding at \$85,970. Total funding is \$249,974.
- **Building and Grounds** . . . monthly meetings continue with Pete and Steve.
- **Phone System** . . . agency is exploring options
- **DJFS Directory and Annual Report** . . . copies made available

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT (Michael Loan, Human Resource Administrator)

Staffing

Resignations:

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| • Colleen Yoder, | 02/27/15 | Social Services Worker 3 |
| • Katie Gross, | 04/07/15 | Eligibility Specialist 1 |

New hires:

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| • BriAnna Fisher | 02/02/15 | Social Services Worker 3 |
| • Meredith Binsack | 03/30/15 | Social Services Worker 3 |
| • Nancy Woodruff-Smith | 05/18/15 | Eligibility Specialist 1 |

Employees:

- No current openings.
- At the close of 1st quarter in 2015, the agency is staffed at 74 employees.

Safety

PANIC BUTTON installation and upgrade was completed Friday (4/24/15) by Beck security. Safety huddle meetings were initiated to explain the locations and process. The panic buttons are Police notification alarms. Beck Security tested the current system and mounted “panic buttons” in 15 specified locations. An Emergency panic button label was placed at the location of each panic button for ease of visibility.

JFS safety training:

- AED First Aid training, for county employees, provided by Fisher Titus completed 1/21/15.
- 4/7/15 Weather Emergency Procedures were reviewed.

Employee Relations

- No grievances
- ULP (Unfair Labor Practice) charge from OCSEA. Some employees had not paid their full union dues. A SERB mediation was held on March 20, 2015 resulting in a settlement agreement. The agreement was to change procedures in the union due “check-off” initiation process.

Education

- Mary Valentine - Pursuing a Master’s Degree in Social Work at OSU.
- Evelyn Drake - Pursuing an Associate Degree in Computer Support at BGSU.
- Amber Stanley - Pursuing an Associate Degree in Computer Support at BGSU.
- Lenora Minor - Pursuing a MBA at Tiffin University.
- Nikita McCann - Pursuing a Master’s Degree in Social Work (MSASS) at Case Western Reserve University.

Training

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| • 1/21/15 | Training EAP Grief training |
| • 2/6/2015 | Cultural issues in Domestic violence |
| • 2/13/2015 | Understanding mood disorders |
| • 3/5/2015 | Understanding individual diversity and personality |
| • 3/12/2015 | Basic counseling |
| • 3/25/15 | Annual JFS informing |
| • 4/8/2015 | Bootcamp for Supervisors |
| • 4/9/2015 | "Get your finances going" |
| • 4/22/15 | OPERS training |

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- 4/29/15 Interpreter training
- 5/4/15 Human Trafficking

FISCAL REPORT (Amy Leibold, Business Administrator)

During the January-March 2015 quarter, HCDJFS Fiscal Unit engaged in learning the State's new CFIS Ledger Suite program, which went live January 2015. This new program replaces the PET program that was used for years to process vouchers for payment at the Auditor's Office.

Huron County Department of Job & Family Services has been awarded \$2,000.00 for the Child Abuse and Neglect Campaign as well as \$2,000.00 for the Fraud Awareness Campaign.

Huron County Department of Job & Family Services also was awarded a grant called Adult Protective Services (APS) Innovation Funding in the amount of \$164,004. These funds will be used to enhance the agency's local Adult Protective Services Unit. The county also was awarded an APS grant in a 3-County effort and Erie County will be the fiscal agent for this grant of \$85,970.

CHILD SUPPORT REPORT (Lenora Minor, Program Administrator)**Dollar activity during the first quarter of 2015:**

- Child Support collections total for combined three months is . . . **\$ 2,891,046.90**

Case activity during the first quarter of 2015:

- Genetic Testing 78
- Administrative Reviews 62
- Court hearings 128
- Entries prepared and filed 320
- Modifications to the order 54
- Terminations 67

Family Support Services, FSS (Lenora Minor, Program Administrator)**Food Stamps**

Over 2.8 million dollars (\$2,841,123) in Food Stamps were issued from January-March in 2015 to 11,203 Huron County households.

One thousand one hundred sixty (1160) Intakes were processed (Initial Interviews):

- January . . . **433**
- February . . . **354**
- March . . . **342**

Six hundred ninety-one (691) Redeterminations were completed:

- January . . . **209**
- February . . . **241**
- March . . . **252**

Medicaid

First quarter statistics not available due to conversion of new system.

CHILDREN SERVICES (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS), (Jeff Felton, Program Administrator)

Staff continue to work with families with the goals of keeping children safe, establishing permanency, and assuring that their physical, educational, and emotional needs are being met and protecting our vulnerable seniors are protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Activity in Children Services during the 1st quarter of 2015 (January, February, March)**Intake/Assessment/Investigation**

- Responded to 359 calls during quarter
- 81 calls required further agency involvement

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- Of the child abuse/neglect referrals that were investigated and completed, 51.6% were substantiated and 38.7% were unsubstantiated, and 9.7% (three cases) were unable to be determined as we could not locate the family. (note: 20 reports are still in process of investigation)
- 97 calls were categorized as “information & referral”

Foster Care

- 29 different children were in foster care during quarter
 - 4 children exited care and reunified with parents
 - 1 child exited to a finalized adoption
- Of the 24 children in foster care as of March 31, 2015
 - 21 are in the temporary custody
 - 3 are in permanent custody
 - 6 are between the ages 0 – 5
 - 2 are between the ages 6 – 10
 - 3 are between the ages 11 – 15
 - 13 are ages 16 and older
 - 8 are males, 16 are females
- 18 foster homes are currently licensed; 5 homes are in the process of being licensed. Seven (7) new applications were received during the quarter.

Adult Protective Services

- 13 new referrals were investigated during the 1st quarter of 2015
- An additional 31 cases were referred to other community agencies or followed up by JFS staff to assure needs were being met.

Child Care

The agency monitored 21 licensed in home child care providers as of March 31, 2015

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, (Amy Leibold, Program Administrator)

Within this 1 quarter, the *OMJ-HuronCounty* served 1,133 visitors.

Also during this quarter Huron County has experienced a decrease in the unemployment rates:

- January 2015~10.3%
- February 2015~9.3%
- March 2015~8.8%

On March 25, 2015 Huron County Department of Job and Family Services hosted a Hiring Fair at the Huron County Fairgrounds. This hiring fair was well received with 47 employers and 196 people attending seeking employment. The Employment Assistance Center that was open during the hiring fair assisted in helping 32 people with resumes.

Upcoming April-June News:

Reverse Job Fair scheduled for June 18, 2015.

TANF Summer Youth Program started May 1, 2015.

Workforce Unit is now the unit at the agency accepting and processing PRC applications . . . a change in agency practice.

At 10:56 a.m. Tom Reese, Ohio Rural Water came before the board to present a report. Mr. Reese stated that in 2014 they had a record sales, 7.5 million dollars. Mr. Reese explained that the biggest thing to happen last year, was their new building. Mr. Reese explained they used all local vendors and came in under budget. They are very pleased with the outcome of the new building. Mr. Reese explained that they currently have 18 employees and 23 board members. Mr. Reese explained they are in the process of purchasing water from the City of Willard, agreements and been signed. This will stop them from buying water from on outside entity. By year end, 150 -200 gallons will be taken from the City of Willard.

At 11:12 a.m. the board recessed.

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At 11:16 a.m. regular session resumed.

Pete Welch, Solid Waste District Coordinator, introduced Albin Bauer, II Esq. Day Ketterer Attorneys at Law to explain the process for waiver fees. Mr. Albin Bauer explained that when you have a publicly owned facility, you have a budget that rely on income from the transfer station, so when they are asked to transport solid waste materials to another facility, you loss revenue where the waiver fees off set that impact so the district can still meet their expenses. Mr. Albin Bauer explained that in this instance he drafted up an adjustment to the existing designation rule, simply because since the last time the designation rule was updated states all solid waste generator in Huron County has to be taken to the Huron County Transfer Station. Since the last time there was a change in case law, the Supreme Court made it clear that the dormant commerce clause doesn't apply to a publicly owned and operated facility. Prior to this it was outlined that the waste has to go to this facility, transfer facility or out of state facility to make sure the counties rules where within the terms of the dormant commerce clause. Mr. Albin Bauer explained they have removed the out of state exception.

Mr. Albin Bauer explained the second rule for which Huron County has not previously had states, by statue the district has always had the ability to issue a waiver. With the new plan with clarity that there is a fee with the issue of a waiver. The Board of Commissioners will still need to approve all waivers. This will clarity the rules. Mr. Welch stated that there are two ways to set the fee. It can be set per individual case or an upfront fee can be implemented. Mr. Welch explained that GT Consultants recommended last fall \$14.54 a ton. Mr. Welch questioned how do the Commissioners want to handle this fee? Mr. Dunlap questioned what is a fair fee for our facility? Mr. Welch stated that the \$14.54 a ton, personally thinks this is too high. Mr. Dunlap questioned are we opening up any issues by varying a fee schedule from one entity to another or leave it open if we do have an emergency, it can be less of a burden? Mr. Albin Bauer explained that the Board of Commissioners are never obligated to grant a waiver. Mr. Albin Bauer stated that if the Commissioners grant a waiver and it is conditioned on fee, for which is in the rule, and someone argues or disputes the waiver fee amount, this would not stand up in a court of law. Mr. Albin Bauer's recommendation is not to have a fixed number (amount) for the fee in the rule and have to adjust the rule in a few years. Mr. Albin Bauer suggests a case by case basis, it doesn't attached a fixed amount.

Mr. Albin Bauer explained the process on how to approve the rule, he stated by statue all that is required is to publish a copy of the proposed rule once, and then adopt it. At this time the rule will be in effect and enforced. Mr. Albin Bauer explained some entity have had a public hearing to hear any objections and consider any comments to make any adjustments before giving final approval to the rule. Mr. Albin Bauer explained the draft plan he has come up with states, the plan will be published in the local paper, it will allow for comments to be submitted 10 days of the publication and then the Commissioners will consider those comments before adopting the final rule.

Mr. John Chapin questioned if a company has a large amount of waste moved, and they need to move it now and our hands are tied to Erie County, because you can only take some many tons to them a day, will this be drawn up where the Commissioners would issue them a waiver instead of them asking for a waiver. Mr. Welch stated they must ask for the waiver first, there is a process that must be followed it do this and then comes before the board. Mr. Albin Bauer stated by statue, it can't happen without a decision from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Albin Bauer stated they could have a statement, stated this is how you request a waiver. Mr. Welch stated this would be a great idea. Mr. Chapin questioned what if CSX asked for a waiver, just to have it in their pocket and never use it. Mr. Dunlap stated the board would not grant the waiver.

A resolution must be made, publication is needed and by mid – June, the rule can be implanted and approved.

Other Business

Discussion in regards to space for an extra person for Economic Development. Mr. Dunlap stated that Ms. Knapp doesn't have any room down stairs for this extra person. Ms. Knapp would like to move her offices up to the 2nd floor, using the small conference room and Pam Hansberger's office. A suggestion was possible the old jail, this way she will be close to Norwalk Economic Development.

Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Hollinger would like to fix up the bath rooms in the basement, however Mr. Bauer stated he would like to have all the rest rooms in the building fixed. Mr. Dunlap suggested that Mr.

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Hollinger come before the board to discuss this issue.

At 12:19 p.m. Joe Hintz moved to adjourn. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

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 May 12, 2015.

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 12:19 p. m.

Signatures on File