

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 1, 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 September 29, 2015 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Gary W. Bauer made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 29, 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

15-324

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

Joe Hintz 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 DJFS

MNJ LCD Projector \$2,198.00

Recorder

Microcharged Dell Computer for public use \$1,117.00 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

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

15-325

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND #022

Gary W. Bauer 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
	022	00425	001	\$4,994.24		022	00525	001	\$4,994.24
		Workers' Comp					Contract Services		and further

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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.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT #021

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the #021 Capital Improvement account; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 041-00572-001 contingencies in the amount of \$170,175.64 to the capital improvement #021-00557-001 other expenses line; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor's office will make the journal entry to the # 021 account; 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.

Discussion: Mr. Bauer explained that they will get some of this back. Mr. Bauer explained we got around \$30,000.00 in this year's appropriated insurance fund. Mr. Bauer also stated that we should get around \$120,000.00 for the grant that Mr. Roblin wrote and got, this will come back into our funds. Mr. Bauer stated that \$30,000.00 - \$35,000.00 out of the \$120,000.00 will be to reimburse the EMA Board. Mr. Bauer would like clarification that the money is in the right spots.

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

Joe Hintz moved to approve the travel request this day. 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

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Aye – Joe Hintz

Warren Brown, HR/Risk Management on October 13, 2015 to Newbury, Ohio for Fall PERRP Seminar.
Jason Roblin, EMA on October 5, 2015 – October 9, 2015 to Atlanta, Georgia for the CSX Rail Training Response to Unit Train Incidents.

Gary Bauer, Commissioner on October 9, 2015 to Columbus, Ohio for the OSU Advisory Meeting.

Brenda Milks, HCDJFS on October 14, 2015 – October 15, 2015 to Toledo, Ohio for Training with Mary Estep & K-Tari Pentorn HCDJFS/CSEA.

Jill Eversole Nolan, HCDJFS on October 7, 2015 to Columbus, Ohio for Area 7 Meeting.

Jill Eversole Nolan, HCDJFS on October 15, 2015 to Findlay, Ohio for NW Directors Meeting.

At 9:30 a.m. Public Comment

Marques Binette, Assistant Prosecutor reported on the Airport lease of a hangar. Mr. Binette explained that there is a provision in the lease agreement, it is an automatic renewal, however the provision states a 90 day notice is to be given before the lease expires and that date would have been August 1, 2015, it has not been terminated therefore the lease has automatically renewed for 12 ½ years. Mr. Binette explained the owner of the hangar is interested in selling out their interests. Mr. Binette stated that if the Commissioners are interested in buy out the owner's interest, in the amount of \$11,525.00. Mr. Hintz stated he personally doesn't feel this would be a profitable purchase, as far as he understands there is only one tenant and they have additional space out there that has not been utilized. Mr. Bauer agrees with Mr. Hintz, Mr. Dunlap stated he is agreement with one stipulation, on what the Airport Authority Board wants to do. Mr. Dunlap suggested that the Airport Authority Board to discuss this further.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Brook Fox/Dog Warden/Sick/12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. September 30, 2015.

Joshua Jasinski/Dog Warden/Sick/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. October 1, 2015.

At 9:40 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:04 a.m. regular session resumed.

The Veterans Board came before the board in regards to the written request to discuss the Veterans Service Board's budget. Mr. Dunlap explained every year the Auditor gives the Commissioners' computation by the Ohio Revised Code on what their budget should be and naturally the Commissioners' place that amount into their budget. Mr. Arbogast explained that by law they have to request a meeting to discuss.

Mr. Arbogast explained that they are in the process of coming up with a plan to construct a new building. Mr. Dunlap asked if they received feedback from Ms. Kasper for expenditure of the money. Mr. Arbogast explained that they asked about bond issues, and were told that they could not, it must go through the Commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dunlap discussed the budget in regards to the Auditor having the budget sheets completed and wanting to know if these should be mailed. Mr. Dunlap stated that they should have elected officials meeting to discuss these issues. Mr. Dunlap stated that they need to take a look at HR and Building & Grounds budget. Mr. Bauer discussed flu shots, the cost is usually \$18.00 for County Employees, however with Obama Care, and you must charge the same amount to everyone. The Board needs to make a decision if they will pay the \$24.00 per shot.

At 10:15 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:30 a.m. regular session resumed.

Jason Roblin, EMA Director came before the board in regards to the radio console. Mr. Roblin explained that the radio console grant they were not supposed to get this, however they did get the grant. Mr. Roblin stated he was told they were 23rd out of 25 projects and that they didn't know how much funding was coming in so it was very unlikely they would fund down that far. Mr. Roblin explained he knew that this project wouldn't be ranked very well, it wasn't the focus of this grant. Mr. Roblin explained they now have \$97,545.00 of grant funding to help any of the dispatch centers in the county, but the primary focus is the

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Sheriff's Office and Norwalk PD. Mr. Roblin explained after submitting the grant he found out the Bellevue and Willard are as old as the two that need replaced. Mr. Roblin explained that Bellevue actually has funds set aside for communications upgrades to possible do their console. Mr. Roblin explained he spoke to Chief Holden in Willard, Mr. Holden explained he was going to speak to the City Manager about possibly upgrading theirs. Mr. Dunlap asked if Willard would be covered under this grant. Mr. Roblin stated yes, they can be, however the focus is on the Sheriff's Office and Norwalk PD. If this money stretches farther than they think with the bid specs or if more grant money becomes available and this is a supplemental grant that is paying for the tower currently being built. Mr. Roblin explained that his counter parts in other counties who could not spend their full grant amount goes into a pot, then the state divides it up into these supplemental requests at the end. Mr. Roblin explained that October 31, 2015 the state has to have, this is the end of the grant period, so the normal grant will be reconciled, they will know how much of the grant money is left over. There is the possibility we could get extra money with then will help Willard and Bellevue. Mr. Roblin explained the grant bid specs he sent to Mr. Binette and Ms. Nolan are specific to the Sheriff's Office and Norwalk PD. Mr. Roblin explained late in the day yesterday, he changed the specs to make them more open ended, with the focus still being the two agencies, however he is asking for options to be priced, so a bidder will have to give a price for Bellevue, Willard along with the emergency operations center just in case the monies come in.

Mr. Dunlap questioned when will the money have to be put forward? Mr. Roblin stated by the end of the year, performance period ends December 30, 2015. Mr. Roblin explained he can request an additional extension, for which he has already done, however it doesn't mean they will grant it. Mr. Bauer asked the \$195,000.00, for the county and the city? Mr. Roblin stated that is the county and the city and the grant. What that means the county and city have to come up with that amount up front and the grant will reimburse. Mr. Bauer asked how much the grant was for. Mr. Roblin stated \$95,545.00. Mr. Bauer stated that there is \$100,000.00 not covered. Mr. Roblin stated the project is \$195,000.00, based on quotes that the Sheriff's Office asked for around 9 months ago. Mr. Roblin explained that there are some things that are duplicated between the two systems, and there were some things that like Norwalk PD was asking for 3 positions, they currently only have 2, the grant is only to replace those 2, because of that the amount should be around 160,000.00 - \$180,000.00. Mr. Dunlap questioned if Norwalk PD is going to move forward, has Mr. Roblin spoke to them? Mr. Roblin explained that he spoke to Chief Light and the Safety Service Director, they are very confident in talking to Council and the Finance Director, they are planning on either doing something this year under emergency measures or working it into next year's budget. Mr. Bauer questioned if this was part of the \$125,000.00 Norwalk PD was taking about using? Mr. Roblin explained that the \$125,000.00 was to remodel the entire center, this grant is only for the radio equipment. Mr. Bauer questioned how much Norwalk PD was going to pay. Mr. Roblin explained that they will be paying for 100% of new furniture, remodeling. Mr. Roblin stated for just the radio equipment the cost was in the \$80,000.00 range. Mr. Bauer stated our obligation if accepted is \$47,000.00. Mr. Roblin explained whatever the cost to replace the two radio consoles at the Sheriff's office, it was quoted at \$90,000.00. The Commissioners will have to come up with \$90,000.00 up front and will get half of it back from the grant.

Mr. Bauer's questions are: explain about all the money out on the radio tower, in regards to the \$170,000.00. Mr. Bauer asked what the total cost to VASU is. Mr. Roblin stated there are a couple of change orders that EMA has paid for. Mr. Roblin stated they were paid for out of fund #177. Mr. Bauer also asked if EMA paid for checking out for owls, bats and Indians out of this. Mr. Roblin stated that was correct. Mr. Bauer stated that all the Commissioners have to pay for is the cost of the tower and putting it up and the right-of-way for electric. Mr. Roblin explained the amount due from the Commissioners has not changed. He stated that fund #177 has been absorbing the cost of the change orders, Fireland's electric being out there, and the next change order to hook up the electric to the meter and the two trees being removed. Mr. Bauer asked at what point the money will come back from the grant, will it be FY 15 or FY 16. Mr. Roblin explained most will be returned in FY 15, the payment that the Commissioners have yet to make of \$106,000.00, there is \$3,000.00 left in EMA then the rest of amount due to VASU will come from Commissioners less change orders. Mr. Roblin stated that the state is in fiscal shut down, he has a request for \$20,000.00 ready to go to the state after the shutdown. Mr. Bauer stated that if they didn't get the money back in FY 15 from the tower, they would not be able to fund the radio console project. Mr. Bauer explained that what they are going to net out of the General Fund to pay for the tower, till we get the grant money from the tower. Mr. Bauer stated the bid on the tower was \$248,000.00, which is General Fund obligation. Mr. Bauer asked if there is any other cost besides that. Mr. Roblin stated no, EMA is picking up all change orders, and \$70,000.00 from the EMA Board off of that. Mr. Bauer stated, no we didn't which is very confusing, it was about half \$33,000.00 this will leave \$215,000.00 for the tower, the grant will pay for half of the tower in amount of \$124,000.00, however the Commissioners' need to give back

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\$37,000.00 back, which now leaves \$87,000.00. Mr. Bauer stated they have \$128,000.00 to pay for the tower. Now there is \$30,000.00 in General Fund, however it counts against it, because \$30,000.00 from the insurance of the tower went into the General Fund at the end of FY 14, it is useable, however they will not get it back. Mr. Bauer stated it looks like \$128,000.00 give or take to pay for the tower. Ms. Nolan stated that when the money comes in the Auditor will need to do an amended certificate, Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Tkach, Auditor said he would. Mr. Bauer stated the General Fund will be out \$128,000.00, out of the \$170,000.00 they net back is \$42,000.00. Mr. Bauer questioned Mr. Roblin on where the \$70,000.00 from the EMA Board went. Mr. Roblin explained that they took it from the EMA Board fund into #177.

Mr. Roblin explained that the Commissioners have time to determine if they want to participate in this bid. Mr. Bauer stated we need to have direct communication with Diane Eschen, Financial Director for the City of Norwalk to make sure everyone is on the same page. Mr. Dunlap will speak to Ms. Eschen regarding this project.

Mr. Dunlap stated they have not heard anything from the Sheriff's Office regarding this, Mr. Dunlap wanted to make sure they were in favor of this project. Mr. Roblin explained that he spoke to Lt. Sheen and Bri, and text message to the Sheriff, explained they needed to sit down and talk about it. Mr. Hintz asked if the old board is worth anything. Mr. Roblin stated it is not worth anything, they will take it in trade, however they will not get much for it. Mr. Hintz wants to do a trade in so this will not end up out at the barn.

The board is in agreement to let the bid for the radio console, resolution to be completed on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

At 10:59 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:05 a.m. regular session resumed.

Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the flu shots for 2015. Tom Dunlap seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Tom Dunlap

No – Joe Hintz

At 11:07 a.m. Warren Brown, HR/LP came before the board to discuss the Health insurance. Mr. Brown wanted to talk in regards to the proposed insurance change, Mr. Brown wanted to make sure that the Board of Commissioners was aware of the opinion made by former Prosecutor Leffler, Ms. Kasper is also in agreement with Mr. Leffler in regards to elected officials are not allowed to have a change in compensation. Any change in benefits structure could be consider a change in compensation, when looking at the CEPCO proposal we know there is a change there, this may be an issue. Mr. Brown suggests that CEPCO, Elected Official and Doug Brown come in for a round table discussion regarding this issue. If we don't get a buy in from them, we will struggle. The issues stem from the implementation of this change with the elected officials. There is a waiver, but only if ALL elected officials were on board. Mr. Brown stated that he confirmed this today, in the event we send a letter to MMO on the sixty day notice, which is before November 1, 2015, they will not keep anyone on this. We need to get feedback from the elected officials, we are either going to have to cover them or not cover the elected officials. The unions CBA have a 30 day notice, expect for JFS and Engineers in there insurance section. Mr. Dunlap questioned if they have an elected official or two whom state they do not want to do this why we can't compensate them the difference financially. Mr. Bauer stated that they have changed this before and the old Prosecutor didn't pay the higher rate, but they moved to the newer insurance. Mr. Brown stated there is an alternative working slowly thru 2016 with MMO to help with the transition. Mr. Bauer stated they will do that if necessary.

At 11:19 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:22 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to enter into **Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G) (1)** to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, **discipline**, promotion, demotion, or **compensation** of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual; **ORC 121.22 (G) (4)** preparation for, conducting, or reviewing

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negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. 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

At 11:33 a.m. Joe Hintz moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1) and ORC 121.22 (G) (4). 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

Pete Welch stated that City of Norwalk was taking their recycling to Fultz who owe the county money, Fultz was charging them \$10.00 a ton. About a month and ½ ago Fultz shutdown completely, Norwalk did not have a co-outlet for their recyclables so they are bringing them back to the county. Mr. Welch explained the price the county charge what the processing fee is at Republic Waste which is \$30.00 ton. Norwalk drops them off at the landfill, the county then rolls them off the conveyor, pack them and ship them over to Lorain on our trucks, and we are losing money. Mr. Welch would like to come up with a cost in include townships, but he gets a pick-up and drop-off fee for townships. Mr. Dunlap stated that Mr. Welch needs to come up with an appropriate cost and bring back to the board. Mr. Welch stated that is fine, the board will need to pass a resolution, have 3 public hearings and it must be applied to everyone. Mr. Welch stated the program for the townships was established in 1993, Mr. Welch stated that this plan should be updated.

At 11:39 a.m. Gary W. Bauer seconded the board. Joe Hintz 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 October 1, 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 11:39 a. m.

Signatures on File