

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

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 February 7, 2013 & February 13, 2013 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Tom Dunlap made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 7, 2013 & February 13, 2013 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

At 9:05 a.m. Gary W. Bauer gave the oath of office to John Evans to serve on the Huron County Airport Authority Board.

13-61

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor's Office for payment;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Schedule C 13-06 authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrants; 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 DESIGNATION AND REAFFIRMING CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS BEING IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, after due consideration of certain job classifications in the County the Board of Huron County Commissioners has determined to designate/reaffirm certain positions as being in the unclassified service; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby designate/reaffirm the following positions as being in the unclassified service:

<u>Title</u>	<u>(person holding position)</u>	<u>ORC Section</u>	
Administrator/Clerk to the Board	(Cheryl Nolan)	124.11 (A) (9)	
Department of Job & Family Services Dir.	(Jill Nolan)	124.11 (A) (22), 329.02	
Solid Waste District Coordinator	(Peter Welch)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
EMA Director	(Jason Roblin)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
Assistant EMA Director	(vacant)	124.11 (A) (9)	
County Administrator	(vacant)	124.11 (A) (9), 305.29	
Maintenance Supervisor	(vacant)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
Dog Warden	(Gary Ousley)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
Human Resource Director/Loss Prevention	(Sue Bommer)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
Mechanic	(Lon Burton)	124.11 (A) (3) (b), (A)(9)	
Clerical Assistant	(vacant)	124.11 (A) (8)	and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the above mentioned incumbent individuals; 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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE EXHIBIT C WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 757223.0000 WITH ARCADIS-US, INC.

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS this work authorization incorporates by reference the Professional Service Agreement entered into by the Parties dated January 6, 2012 and the services are hereby amended and supplemented;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the work authorization amended and supplemented 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.

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

* agreement on file.

At 9-30 a.m. Public Comment

Patricia LeClair asked about the property in Willard, Ohio in regards to the NSP grant deadline. Mr. Bauer explained the current status of such property. Ms. LeClair also referred to a conversation that she had with Treasurer, Kathleen Schaffer in regards to delinquent property taxes.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Peter Welch/SWMD/sick/7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. February 14, 2012.

Maria Lyons/Buildings & Grounds/sick/11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. February 14, 2013.

SIGNINGS

Bond release for Karen Fries

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Mr. Joseph B. Kovach, P.E.P.S.
Huron County Engineer
150 Jefferson Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Joe:

The removal of certain trees on county property adjacent to Laylin Road and U.S. 20 has been accomplished. Since the trees were flush cut, there are a number of stumps remaining on site. The removal of all of these stumps will, eventually, facilitate the future rental of the recently cleared area for county revenue producing farming. However, our first concern involves a very limited area in need of stump clearing for the sake of the flying public.

The Board of Commissioners would be receptive to any suggestions or comments you might have regarding how this effort might be accomplished in an efficient and cost effective manner.

Certainly, when weather conditions, time and manpower would permit, it would be especially appreciated if you might consider assisting with the removal of stumps within the Runway Safety Area (RSA), directly to the west of runway 10. This area is readily identifiable when viewing aerial photos of the property.

As always, we appreciate your past cooperation and assistance when assisting various county offices and their efforts.

Sincerely,
Gary W. Bauer, President
Huron County Commissioners

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OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Dunlap discussed the vehicles for the sheriff's department and stated that he had received an email from Major Englund in regards to the cruisers. Mr. Dunlap explained what he felt could be done and further stated that they have \$125,000.00 earmarked for these cars. If we do this lease that will leave around \$77,000.00 and stated that he had another \$22,000.00 for the buildings and grounds van which would leave us with \$54,000.00. Mr. Dunlap stated that he would like at the end of this year make another payment on that loan or lease and have 2014 taken care of which would leave us with \$6,700.00 out of that \$125,000.00. In 2014 we could earmark another \$125,000.00 in that same line item and make another payment of \$48,000.00 and have the sheriff purchase two more new cars and make the other payment of the \$48,000.00 and if we need another vehicle in maintenance we would still have another \$28,000.00 left to do that purchase. Then from this point just keep it rolling if we earmark that every year and purchasing the six this year and two more each year it would keep it rolling. Mr. Bauer stated that he was amazed when this was presented as he has never been a fan of leasing. Mr. Dunlap stated that this is the wisest use of our money especially in the huge savings in maintenance and fuel. Discussion was also had as to why they need SUVs. Mr. Dunlap stated that we have answered the question with the loan; we have answered the question in regards to insuring them and feels that it is time that we just do a motion to approve. Mr. Bauer stated that he would rather do this in the form of a resolution and that can be done for Thursday. Mr. Dunlap further stated that the sheriff is planning on purchasing a low mileage vehicle from his budget that will help his fleet as well. Joe Hintz discussed the letter in regards to the inventory in the barn. The board agreed that a letter needs to be sent out that this will be removed. Discussion was had in regards to the Health Insurance the board agreed to stay with MMO. Resolution will be done on Thursday. Mr. Dunlap stated that the auditor had told him that the budget commission is going to meet on February 20, 2013 and hopefully we will have something for the final budget. Mr. Bauer stated that he did not see it changing.

At 10:03 a.m. Cary Brickner, Soil and Water Conservation District to present his report.

2012 District Accomplishments

EROSION CONTROL

The F.S.A., Huron S.W.C.D. and N.R.C.S. staff works closely with landowners in the agricultural sector to help reduce sediment loads by securing and promoting conservation programs to reduce non-point source pollution.

Conservation Reserve Program

C.R.P. . . . The F.S.A. issued approximately \$475,590.00 Federal dollars for annual rental payments, \$30,453.00 cost share payments, and \$45,602.00 practice incentives and sign up incentives for the Whole Field and continuous C.R.P. to Huron County producers in fiscal year 2012. Also, 35.4 acres of cropland was enrolled in various practices on 12 county farms.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

CREP . . . Through the Lake Erie CREP Program, 11.9 acres of wetlands were installed and 10.1 acres of grass filter strips were installed by four producers.

North Central Ohio Sediment Reduction Project

Through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant that started in 2010, 5,095.5 acres of cover crop and 3 acres of waterway were established. Producers were paid \$46,654.80 in 2012. Over 52 conservation plans were developed.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

EQIP . . . For the 2012 E.Q.I.P. sign up, over 28 interested applicants were interviewed and 20 contracts were funded. 1,273.2 acres of conservation were planned for a total of \$14,480.80 obligated in 2012. The total E.Q.I.P. practice payments in 2012 was \$45,609.30. The following practices were installed:

297 access road	54 ac. Prescribed grazing
57 ac. brush management	2 crop minnows
1 CNP	2,174 sq ft. high tunnel
7 ac. Biomass planting	20 ac. riparian wetland
67 ac. Forest stand improvement	28 ac. upland wetland
8 ac. waste recycling	128 ac. nutrient mgmt.

Conservation Security Program

CSP . . . Since 2005, C.S.P. producers were paid \$9,859,548.84 Federal dollars to reward them for their conservation achievements.

N.R.C.S. Conservation Practice Summary

includes 3,053 acres of conservation crop rotation, 4 acres of filter strips, 4 acres of grass waterways, 228 acres of nutrient management, and 2,889 acres of tillage management.

IMPROVED DRAINAGE

The Huron S.W.C.D. staff works closely with groups of landowners and local officials to maintain drainage systems and help identify and carry out quality solutions to drainage problems.

Drainage Site Investigations . . .

23 drainage site appointments were completed with written or verbal recommendations being made.

Group Drainage . . .

Without adequate funding for a Drainage Coordinator, the District, with limited time, continues to work with the Huron County Commissioners and the Huron County Engineer to complete 2 pending Peltion Ditch Projects. The 2.5 mile Coder-Wechter Joint County Ditch was completed in 2012 for a cost of \$47,998.00. The 4,200 foot, Stieber-Loran County Metro Parks County Peltion is nearing a construction date with plans being nearly complete.

Planning Commission/Lot Splits Approvals . . .

The District administers the Huron County Subdivision Regulations on behalf of the Planning Commission. We review all applications and schedule technical reviews and planning commission meetings as needed. The District completed 64 lot split applications in 2012. 23 of these were paid reviews, one was a major subdivision final plat, and the other 40 fell into sale or exchange between adjoining owners or agricultural/recreation exempt categories.

Flood Plain Coordinator . . .

The District fills this role by administering the Floodplain Regulations, enabling local residents the ability to receive reduced rates for Flood Insurance. The District issued 2 Flood Plain Permits for new bridge construction during 2012. There were 5 requests for Flood Plain locations processed. There was a new amendment to the Flood Plain Regulations prepared and passed by resolution of the Huron County Commissioners.

2012 District Accomplishments

DITCH MAINTENANCE

The Ditch Maintenance program grew a little this year. We added the 2.5 mile Coder-Wechter Joint County Ditch #500. Without much rain this year, we were able to complete silt bar removal on 16 ditches and complete bottom clean outs on two ditches. We performed maintenance on 33 ditches this year. This past year marks the 40th year of Huron County Ditch Maintenance Program operation.

Vegetation control activities:

We have decided that we will complete the spraying on the maintenance ditches between Paul Demuth, Jr. and Aaron Robinson, new Ditch Maintenance Supervisor. The thought is that the ditches have been sprayed for years by contractors. It should not be a big task to keep the ditches spot sprayed as we are performing maintenance along the maintenance ditches.

We also completed the following activities:

- 9,500 feet of all bar removal
- 8,911 feet of bottom cleanout completed by contractors
- 9,500 feet contracted yet for bottom cleanout
- 11 outlet pipes replaced
- 800 feet of ditch bank repair
- Banks seeded on 12 ditches
- 89 groups inspected

Ditch Maintenance Costs:

Ditch maintenance funds expended in 2012 totaled \$27,715.61. The average cost of per acre watershed drained was \$1.66, and the five year average cost was \$2.31. The average cost per mile of ditch was \$929.79, and the five year average cost was \$1,152.59.

POLLUTION ABATEMENT

The District administers the State's Pollution Abatement rules by educating landowners and livestock producers about the importance of proper manure management and handling complaints. We responded to 8 pollution complaints and followed up with verbal or written mandates or recommendations. The District also visited 2 proposed livestock facilities and made written recommendations to minimize any negative impacts to the environment.

EDUCATION

The Huron S.W.C.D. and N.R.C.S. staff works hard to inform and educate the public through various field days, workshops, presentations, newsletters, and news releases.

Manure Management Workshop . . .

On March 27th, the District and O.S.U. Extension hosted a Manure Management Workshop. Over 40 livestock producers were educated and received certification for mortality composting. They were also educated on how to produce their own manure management plans.

Annual Seeding Sale . . .

The District held its annual seeding sale in April. More than 3,720 seedlings were sold to over 74 people.

Spring Fish Sale . . .

The District has been sponsoring a spring fish sale for pond stocking since 1996. Over 2,083 bass, blue gill, catfish, perch, amur, and sunfish were picked up as well as 4,824 minnows by 51 customers on April 17th.

Fall Fish Sale . . .

The District sponsored its sixth Fall Fish Sale in September. Over 888 fish plus 2,475 minnows were sold to 15 landowners for pickup on September 20th.

Soil Stewardship . . .

The District sponsored stewardship materials to one local church.

2nd Grade Arbor Day Program . . .

In collaboration with the Huron County Solid Waste Management District, presentations were given in 15 area schools to a total 923 students in recognition of Arbor Day from April 18th to April 19th. Each second grader was presented with a Norway Spruce seedling and had the opportunity to participate in the poster contest themed "Soil to Sprout".

2012 Conservation Day . . .

On May 8th, 587 students participated in the 4th grade Conservation Day held at the Huron County Fairgrounds.

Environthon . . .

On April 25th, Wayne S.W.C.D. hosted the Area II Environthon at Kidron Community Park in Kidron, Ohio. Western Reserve FFA and two Norwalk Teams participated from Huron County.

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EDUCATION . . .

Carol Proctor Memorial Scholarship . . .
The Huron S.W.C.D. awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship in 2012 to Justin Myers. The scholarship was established in 2002 in the memory of Carol Proctor, former District Administrative Assistant, to provide financial assistance to college students seeking a course of study in an agricultural or natural resource related field.

Conservation Camp . . .

The District sent out sponsorship information to FFA groups regarding Forestry/Conservation Camp. No students attended in 2012.

Planning Meeting and Tour . . .

On August 30th the District coordinated a planning meeting and tour for government officials. The District had a short meeting at the Huron County Jobs and Family Services then visited the newly constructed Coder-Wechter Joint County Ditch and a GLUP grant waterway.

Land Judging . . .

On September 20th area FFA chapters participated in the local Rural and Urban Soils Judging contest at John Nuhn's Farm in Erie County. The Huron S.W.C.D. sponsored the 1st place local awards to Monroeville's Rural Team and South Central's Urban Team.

Fall Fun Fest . . .

On Saturday, October 13th, Huron S.W.C.D. held its 6th annual, free, fall fun fest. Children of all ages enjoyed this fun filled day that included food, crafts, demonstrations, horse drawn wagon rides, straw maze, straw pyramid, and a chili contest judged by the County Commissioners. New in 2012 was Huron County Farm Bureau Kidde Tractor obstacle course and snakes from Stone Lab.

Annual Meeting and Banquet . . .

The 67th Annual Meeting and Banquet was held on December 6th to allow for an election of one supervisor, a power point of the year's events, and presentation of various service and stewardship awards. John Ganz was re-elected and Cary Bickner received his 30 year combined service award. Approximately 130 guests attended.

Newsletters . . .

Over 2,500 landowners received three issues of The District Surveyor and one issue of The Open Channel.

Web Site . . .

A District website was created in house in 2002 to promote programs, rental equipment, and events. Log onto www.huronswcd.com for more information.

Board Meetings . . .

The Board of Supervisors held monthly board meetings that were open to the public. Also, the Board attended several local, area, and statewide meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rental Equipment . . .

The District's three no till drills were used to seed 2,032.5 acres, while the 6 row strip till rig covered 324.3 acres. Four producers used the rock picker. The straw blower was used for six times. The new box scraper was used by one producer.

Pond Site Investigation . . .

Eight pond sites were investigated for site and soil suitability.

Lidar . . .

The District prepared 46 individual lidar maps for various clients and in house showing aerial photography, parcel lines, and one foot contour elevations. These are used in site design and drainage projects for new construction, waterway, and tile plans to name a few applications.

Volunteers . . .

Over 75 individual volunteers and organizations donated more than 500 hours of their time and talents or money to help with various District Programs.



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At 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG FY-13 GRANT FUNDING

Gary W. Bauer opened the 1st public hearing for the CDBG FY-13 grant funding. Nadine Thompson, WSOS explained the changes at the state and further explained the guidelines for the grant funding. June 21, 2013 is the due date for the applications.

Ms. Thompson also explained the formula program and stated that the funding for fiscal 2013 total approximately \$133,000.00. Administration and Fair Housing is combined for up to 20% of grant. After administration the County has approximately \$109,000.00 to fund projects throughout the county (including the City of Willard).

Mr. Bauer called once for testimony in support of applying for the CDBG -FY 13 grant funding; hearing none Mr. Bauer called twice for testimony in support of applying for the CDBG- FY 13 grant funding hearing none called thrice for testimony in support of applying for the CDBG- FY 13 grant funding, hearing none called once for testimony against applying for the CDBG/-FY 13 grant funding, hearing none called twice for testimony against applying for the CDBG- FY 13 grant funding; hearing none called thrice for testimony against applying for the CDBG- FY 13 grant funding hearing none the hearing was closed at 10:45 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m. Albin Bauer, and Michael Podolsky from Eastman & Smith LTD came before the board in regards to the Ohio EPA review of Ohio Solid Waste Laws. The following report was presented.

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After discussion of this report Mr. Dunlap asked what does this marriage of districts do for Huron County, which was further explained. Mr. Albin Bauer asked the board to consider requesting Eastman & Smith to represent Huron County's interest with the legislators. The board will receive a form to complete for this request.

At 11:52 a.m. Gary Bauer discussed the fact that the state's proposal to change the platform of the sales tax base. Further discussion was had in regards to CCAO's stand on this which can be reviewed in the CID's.

At 12:09 p.m. Tom Dunlap moved to adjourn. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

The 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.

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IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

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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 February 19, 2013.

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 12:09 p.m.

Signatures on File