

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the February 14, 2012 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

12-051

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE HURON COUNTY HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2011 has been submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2011, and has found that to the best of their knowledge the data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2011; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for 2011 be made a part of this resolution hereof the same as if fully written 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.

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

Date Printed: 01/27/2012		Comm. Nbr: 15J	
<b>Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report</b>			
<b>1. Housing Program Income Status:</b>		<b>Receipts/Disbursements (Since Last Report)</b>	
<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>HOME Funds</b>		
= \$ 0.00	\$5,804.19	Balance as of 1/23/11	
	\$4,448.00	(Beginning of Report Period)	
+ \$		Program Income Received	
	58.84	Bank Interest Received	
- \$		Program Costs (Must Match Total in Section 2)	
		Administrative Costs	
= \$	116,371.03	Available Cash Balance as of 05/30/2011 10/21/11	
\$	24,000.00	Balance Reserved for CHIP Prog.	
<b>2. Detailed Activity Information for Housing Program Income:</b>			
<b>Program Activity</b>	<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>Outcomes*</b>	<b>HOME Funds</b>
Downpayment Assistance (DPA):\$			\$
DPA/Private Rehabilitation.....			
Private Rehabilitation.....			
Home Repair.....		N/A	N/A
Private Rental Rehab.....			
New Construction.....			
Tenant Based Rental Assist.:			
Other Program Costs.....			
Total Program Costs.....	\$ -0-		\$ -0-
On an additional sheet, identify any issues or concerns with the above listed program costs and outcomes. Include all costs but only list as an outcome if the unit/project has been completed and reviewed by local program staff.			
*Outcomes should be Reported in Total Units Completed in this Reporting Period.			
I certify that to the best of my knowledge the data in this report has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report.			
CBO: Gary W. Bauer	Title: Gary W. Bauer		President
Date Signed: 2/16/12	Community: HURON CNTY		

**At 9-30 a.m. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

Larry J. Silcox moved to approve the following travel request(s) this day. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer  
 Aye – Joe Hintz  
 Aye –Larry J. Silcox

Gary W. Bauer, on February 23, 2012, March 8, 2012 and March 22, 2012, to Columbus, Ohio, for SWM Advisory Committee meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE**

**Cheryl Nolan/Commissioners/sick/February 21, 2012/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Al Timbs/Buildings & Grounds/sick/4:00 a.m. February 9, 2012 -12:30 p.m. February 10, 2012.**

**Sue Bommer/Human Resource Director/sick/8:30 a.m. February 9, 2012- 5:00 p.m. February 13, 2012.**

**Darwin Pesnell/Buildings & Grounds/sick/8:00 a.m. February 7, 2012 – 4:30 p.m. February 10, 2012.**

**Christina Norton/EMA/sick/bereavement/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. February 16, 2012**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Joe Hintz reported that he had spent the day yesterday with the Dog Warden and further explained a conversation that he had with the Dog Warden in regards to the truck that the mechanic is now using that was previously the dog warden's truck. Mr. Ousley stated that he would like to receive \$1,500.00 for this truck as he is operating with a tight budget also. Mr. Bauer stated that we normally sell something on GovDeals before taking on another vehicle. Lon Burton stated that there are three vehicles that are ready to be put on GovDeals and is still waiting for the paperwork to do so.

Mr. Silcox stated that what we need to do is decide where we can get the \$1,500.00 and purchase this truck from the Dog Warden.

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*Larry Silcox moved to purchase the dog warden truck being used by the mechanic for \$1,500.00 and pay for this from the contingencies fund. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Gary W. Bauer*

*Aye – Joe Hintz*

*Aye –Larry J. Silcox*

Larry Silcox asked if anyone had spoken with the state in regards to the rest area in Fitchville. Further discussion as to what has been discussed in this regard was had. Mr. Silcox stated that the county does not have the funds to keep this area up. Mr. Bauer stated that the restrooms are the most expensive part of maintaining the rest area and also discussed the idea of volunteers maintaining this area and stated that he is not in favor of this as things change with volunteers and they may not keep this up. The board agreed that the county can not afford to keep it open but would like the state to consider the comments that they received in regards to keeping it open. Gary Bauer will follow up with District 3.

Mr. Silcox asked if anyone had heard anything about the Budget Commission requests for the cruisers. Mr. Bauer will check with Roland Tkach, Auditor in this regard.

Mr. Silcox asked where we are at with the architects for the county projects. Mr. Bauer stated that he would like to suggest hiring 2 architects one being the Historical Design Group and Dan Frederick and further explained what projects for which architect. We need to hire these two firms to get the cost estimates for the projects. At this point we can move ahead after we get the estimates so that we can get the numbers to bond counsel to amend the resolution. Mr. Silcox stated that he would agree to hire the two architects but not sure if he agrees with all the projects mentioned.

**Gary W. Bauer moved to hire Historical Design Group based on proposal submitted to work on any projects that has historical work and Dan Frederick Architect LLC firm to be the architectural firm to work on other permanent improvement projects for the Huron County Office Building, Huron County Administration Building, 22 East Main Street Building. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:**

**Aye – Gary W. Bauer**

**Aye – Joe Hintz**

**Aye –Larry J. Silcox**

Mr. Bauer stated that we will need to contact them and get a signed contract with these two firms and then notify the other 3 interviewed that they were not chosen. We would also like to let Chamber, Murphy, Burge Architectural firm know that they may want to use their firm in the future. Mr. Bauer reviewed upcoming events with the board and the sponsorships. Mr. Bauer also stated that he reviewed the letter received from Pete Welch and felt that it was a good response.

**At 10:00 a.m.** Mike Gastier/OSU Agriculture Educator and Bonnie Malone/4-H Educator came before the board to present their semi-annual report. Mr. Gastier discussed the programs and funds for such programs.

Ohio State University Extension  
Huron County

2011 Additional resources available as a direct result of Huron County's financial contribution to OSU Extension

Family Nutrition Program	\$ 34,600.00
Agricultural grants	\$ 1,500.00
Pesticide applicator training	\$ 1,900.00
Carteens (1/2 of PA salary/benefits)	\$ 10,850.00
State support for Educators	\$ 82,800.00
Total	\$ 131,650.00

*2011 County appropriation	\$152,400.00
*2012 Preliminary appropriation	\$137,500.00

Volunteerism:

4-H - Over 200 Adult Volunteers  
- Literally hundreds of youth volunteers donating thousands of volunteer hours  
Master Gardeners - 60 Adult Volunteers donating over 5000 hours per year; a contribution to our community of over \$100,000.00

**HURON COUNTY**  
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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

**Family Nutrition Program** - Extension professionals are often called upon to provide information and technical assistance to help address and resolve problems of importance to their community. Many times issues related to food, nutrition, health, and finances are complex and cut across a range of personal beliefs and concerns. Citizens often turn to Extension professionals for help to work through such complex problems (National Public Policy Education Committee, 2002). With the financial support of the Huron County Commissioners, the Family Nutrition Program provided over 100 nutrition programs in 2011, reaching approximately 1,200 residents. It is impossible to put a money value on the education these participants received, as nutritional changes made by persons to improve their health are difficult to quantify. However, if you use a one-hour rate of \$40/hour with each resident (which is approximately half of what the charge would be for a consultation with a dietitian), the cost for those Huron County residents if they each paid for an hour consultation with a nutritionist would have totaled \$48,000. Overall, program participants reported they are increasing consumption of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, as well as reducing the amounts of saturated and trans fats they consume.

**Master Gardener Volunteer Program** - Huron County trained 17 new Master Gardener Volunteer candidates in 2011. Candidates will obtain full volunteer status upon completion of 80 hours of community service. Huron County Master Gardeners are currently 60 members strong and in 2010 documented 5,100 volunteer hours; that is a contribution of over \$105,000 to the Huron County community!

members (up 9%) in 2011. Developing life skills is the overall goal of 4-H Youth Development. Goal setting and following through on commitments are two of the life skills members gain by completing membership requirements. Of all members who joined 4-H in the spring, 95.5% percent were still members at the end of the year. Members completed 94% of all projects in which they enrolled.

**4-H Camp at Camp Conger** - Huron County 4-H has been camping on the banks of the Huron River at Camp Conger since 1925. The Conger Family has graciously allowed 4-H to utilize their property for the benefit of our 4-H program. The Conger Family owns the land, but leases it to Camp Conger, Inc. on a 99-year lease. We hold three camps at Camp Conger each year: Intermediate Resident Camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, Junior Resident Camp for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and Cloverbud Day Camp for K-2nd graders. Last year we had 75 campers at Intermediate Camp, 78 campers at Junior Camp, and 88 Cloverbud campers (up 22%).

**Older Youth Programs** - Older youth in 4-H (ages 14-18) have the opportunity to participate in 4-H activities beyond the club level. In 2011, 24% of all older 4-H youth took advantage of the opportunity to get involved. They served as camp counselors (43), Junior Fair Board members (17), 4-H Committee members (4), and CARTEENS peer teachers (16).

**4-H CARTEENS Program** - 4-H CARTEENS is a traffic safety program conducted by 4-H teen leaders with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for first-time juvenile traffic offenders. CARTEENS stands for Caution and Responsibility in Teen Drivers. The goal of the CARTEENS program is to increase teen awareness of traffic/volunteer safety. A total of 200 traffic offenders attended a CARTEENS education program during the last 12 months. A parent/guardian must attend with each juvenile. Many parents indicate that this type of program would be beneficial for all teens, before they get their drivers

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

**4-H Community Club Program** - 4-H clubs led by adult volunteer advisors is the heart of the 4-H program. Huron County had 53 clubs with 207 advisors (up 6%) and 1,022

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license. The teen participants take the program seriously and report plans to change their driving behavior. The program consists of a PowerPoint on lecting while driving, videos by the Highway patrol, graphic pictures of actual accidents, and a talk by Huron County Highway Patrol Trooper Chody Gohmann. The responses from the teens are very positive and many parents and teens thank us for presenting the program.

ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**Livestock Quality Assurance Training** - 4-H members taking livestock as projects are livestock producers. Therefore, they must understand their role in raising animals that perform at their highest level and are a safe, wholesome product for consumers. Youth exhibiting market livestock at the fair must complete quality assurance (QA) training. In 2011, 419 youth attended QA training. Overall, 85% of participants indicated that the training provided information that would help them in their livestock project. Eighty-five percent learned something that they planned to use in 2011 and 81% felt better prepared after attending the training. After participating in a QA session, one youth responded, "I really liked it. It was amazing and I learned so much that I will use this year at the Huron County Fair. Thank you."

**C.O.R.N. Newsletter** - Huron County Extension has taken a lead role in the continued publication of the Crop

Observation and Recommendation Network newsletter also known as the C.O.R.N. Newsletter, which is a weekly release from the Ohio Agronomic Crops team of OSU Extension. The newsletter has become a trusted tool of thousands of producers and crop advisors alike. In a detailed survey conducted statewide in 2010, users of the newsletter placed an overall value of C.O.R.N. at \$21,229,838 per year based on added crop yields and input savings as a result of using this management tool.

**Cover Crop Education** - Cover crops have long been used as a soil conservation tool. In 2010, Huron County Extension teamed with Huron County Soil & Water Conservation District to write and secure a grant through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The Huron County SWCD has awarded \$812,000.00 to promote cover crops on 15,000 acres to help reduce sedimentation in the Huron and Vermilion River Watersheds. Extension will help by providing education, crop recommendations, and evaluation of the program. Even with an extremely wet planting season, 3,900 acres of cover crops were planted in the first year of this grant. As a result of this grant, Huron County Extension and Huron County SWCD can be proactive in the struggle to reduce the amount of dissolved phosphorus flowing into Lake Erie.

Huron County receives \$32,474 in federal funding for nutritional programming for low-income people, thanks to Extension's local-state-federal partnership.



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Mr. Gastier stated that he would talk about numbers and wanted to point out that basically for the county's contribution we get quite a lot of funding back from the university and there are other things to consider. Family nutrition funding is all federal money at this point but certainly it is a direct result from the county's contribution because without the extension office there is not a family nutrition program within the county. The Ag grants and pesticide training are things that can be increased in the future for better or worse. There are very few educators and this is an opportunity to bring money back into Huron County which would be a few thousand dollars a year. Mr. Gastier also spoke in regards to carteens and without this program and a program assistant in 4-H that is \$10,000 that we wouldn't have and many young people would not be able to participate in that program and would have to have some other type of penalty even though we do not see this program as a penalty it is the result of a traffic violation. Mr. Gastier also spoke to cuts in the budget and the support staff that they have for two educators but in defense of this Mr. Gastier spoke to the volunteerism playing a big part as it is over 200 adult volunteers plus the youth volunteers and that is the only way that we can get that done is with good support staff and this is the same way with the Master Gardeners. They are somewhat self directing at this point but they still use the support staff as well to organize. This worries him down the road if they have to make any cuts it is the volunteerism that will suffer if they have to make support staff cuts even a small amount to be honest. Mr. Gastier stated that for what they do the volunteerism is just a huge part of that. It gives the kids something to do that is constructive but it adds to the whole 4-H program and adds to the whole university program. Mr. Gastier stated that the board has been very generous in the past and knows that they won't fail them now but they are on a very tight budget and stated that they can not cut the budget anymore that they are

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down to bare bones at this time and if they are cut it is people. Mr. Bauer stated that Master Gardeners is a project worth mentioning and that there are a couple that are directing involved with the county. Mr. Gastier stated that there are two projects at county buildings one being here at the Administration Building and one at Shady Lane. They help take care of the beautification of these building and take a lot of pride in their work. Mr. Gastier stated that the focus of Master Gardeners is to do training not just gardening.

Bonnie Malone/4-H provided information on the 4-H programs and explained what she does to get 4-H started for another year. Ms. Malone stated that they are at the enrollment stage. Have five new volunteers applications being processed and Ms. Malone further explained the process to become a 4-H volunteer. There were 57 kids that applied for camp counselors this year which is great this just reflects back on the quality camp program provided. They have 18 new counselors coming in to training this year and a total of 45 counselors. Ms. Malone also explained that our county is very fortunate to have our own camp. Ms. Malone explained the leadership opportunities that are afforded the 4-H members whether it be at camp, or carteens, or Junior Fair Board. Ms. Malone also reviewed the carteens program which is cooperation with the State Highway Patrol and the Juvenile Court. The youth also present at the carteen sessions which is another youth training opportunity and this is an impact program. They present a powerful presentation in regard to driving and texting. Ms. Malone also spoke to a grant that she received in the amount of \$1,500.00 and stated that she has been able to purchase three new skill-a-thon kits. Ms. Malone also explained that she is involved in the Erie Basin RA which is the Extension Education and Research area that Huron County is part of ten counties. The 4-H educators just put on a volunteer retreat last Saturday in Tiffin, Ohio and they had 70 volunteers across the EERA that came for the educational program. Ms. Malone stated that she taught two sessions. Ms. Malone also stated that she taught a session in regards to therapeutic and assisted riding classes and stated that Huron County is a little unique as they have added two assisted classes to the horse program this year for kids who can not show a horse without adult assistance. Ms. Malone stated that she is also part of a state action team for community clubs and they received a \$1,000.00 grant and they are going to put together some short video training on parliamentary procedure. Mr. Gastier reported that this is the time of year for meetings and also spoke of different programs that he has coming up. Mr. Gastier explained that the grain farmers had a good year but the animal industry suffers from high grain prices and stated that the animal industry in Huron County is expanding in the southern part of the county in both hogs and chickens. The buzz word in agriculture in Ohio is all reactive phosphorus that will dissolve into the water and does make its way to the Lake Erie. Mr. Gastier stated that part of the pesticide recertification this year includes a section on dissolved reaction phosphorus this year. Mr. Gastier stated that Soil and Water Conservation District has asked him to help them organize a manure management workshop and stated that they have a couple of very good specialist in this area and he has two of them lined up to do programs in March. Mr. Gastier also spoke in regards to using web ex as a teaching tool.

**At 10:37 a.m.** Carol Knapp, HCDC came before the board to present her semi-annual report. Ms. Knapp reported on happening in Huron County Economic Development. Ms. Knapp spoke to Team Neo and stated that she had met with Lorain County and Erie County along with Ellen Heinz to discuss the distribution of the \$135,000.00 grant. Originally they were speaking that Erie County's board wasn't happy with the thought of paying someone to into Huron County to do this, and Huron County wasn't happy with the thought of some stranger coming in and visiting our community that we have built the relationship with and felt that it wouldn't be receptive and would make their jobs more difficult. So they decided and it will go before the executive board next Tuesday to split it by population. Ms. Knapp stated that this sounds unfair but however Lorain County gets the most money but their person will coordinate with Huron and Erie County and take on more of the responsibilities. Erie County will use their money to supplement their private funding and Huron County will have contractual services. That is where we are at, at this point in time. Ms. Knapp also discussed the Humane Society dog park and stated that she had met with Bonnie Albright and Ellen Heinz this week and stated that Ms. Albright was not familiar with the process and stated that Ms. Albright had thought that the title was going to stay in the name of HCDC and it was explained no that it was going to go to Humane Society's name. They now understand the process so basically the ordinance passed in January and there is a 30 day waiting for the ordinance to go into affect is this Friday. Ms. Knapp also stated that they had been asked to be a fiscal agent for an organization attempting to raise funds for a capital campaign for South Central track program. This has been approved by the HCDC board and there has been no activity as of yet.

**Community & Regional Outreach:**

*Since January 1, 2012, I have represented Huron County and Huron County Development Council at the following meetings and events:*

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- North Fairfield Village Council
- HCDC Annual Luncheon
- Norwalk City Council
- Project Leadership of Huron County
- Norwalk Furniture Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Open House
- Bellevue City Council
- Huron County Job & Family Services WIA Board
- Erie County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting
- Willard Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- Team NEO/JobsOhio
- Team Lorain County Annual Ground Hog Breakfast
- Huron County Development Task Force
- Willard City Council
- North Central Ohio Development Alliance (NCORDA)
- New London Village Council

*The first of the year, a number of changes occurred with governmental leadership throughout the county with five new mayors taking office, numerous city and village council members changing, and township trustee changes. I focused on attending village and council meetings to introduce myself to the new leaders and briefly explain the role HCDC plays in economic development in Huron County. I have also started meeting and scheduling one-on-one meetings with the new mayors. Since we have a unique working relationship with each of the communities in the county these meetings are extremely important. Huron County Development Council also joined the Huron County Township Association and will be attending those meetings throughout the year.*

*HCDC hosted February's NCORDA meeting in Norwalk last Friday. NCORDA is comprised of members from a nine county region (the state's previous Economic Development Region 6). NCORDA determined that although the state's economic development regions changed there was still considerable value to the organization continuing and decided that three meetings each year would be "travelling" to learn more about each county's economic development organization and efforts. Huron County was asked to host the first travelling meeting. I presented an overview of HCDC, Ellen Heinz presented on NEDC, Brian Humphress presented on Willard, and Ben Kenny presented on WSOS. Following lunch, the group toured New Horizons Baking Company. NCORDA members appreciated the structure of the day, information shared, lunch, and the tour and stated that we set the bar extremely high for future travelling meetings.*

*Strengthening our working relationships with our regional economic development partners is extremely important. Huron County is part of Team NEO's WEST Sub-Region. The WEST Sub-Region consists of Huron, Erie, and Lorain counties. In addition to attending Erie & Lorain counties' annual meetings, I have participated in conference calls, e-mail conversations, and meetings to work out the details of our regional Retention & Expansion Program. A meeting with representatives from each of our executive boards is planned for next week.*

**Projects:**

*Worker Shortage Crisis—I have had several meetings with Steve Fuhr (Bellevue Development Corporation) regarding this issue. Steve and I also met with Nicole Kostura, the Governor's Regional Liaison, to discuss the situation. Although this problem exists throughout the county and region, Steve has been asked by his board and employers to develop a program to address this issue as a top priority. Steve and I are working to develop a pilot program in Bellevue to determine what works and what doesn't work. We will then roll the program out to the remainder of the county and any other counties throughout the region that may be interested.*

*Rail Served Sites Inventory—I've been working with Ashland Rail for several months regarding available rail-served properties in Huron County. I met with representatives from the railroad*

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*last month to discuss their increased interest in economic development in Huron County. NCORDA is working to compile an inventory of rail-served sites in our regions—something that has not been done before!*

*Client Inquiries—I received an email from Job & Family Services regarding a business that needed assistance. I obtained the information and since it was a Norwalk-based business contacted Ellen Heinz. We made a joint visit to the business and are working on providing him the assistance he needs.*

*A gentleman stopped by my office requesting assistance with a new business startup. He was in the building to change his address at the Board of Elections and saw our office sign. I obtained the information and again, since it was a Norwalk-based inquiry, forwarded the information to Ellen Heinz.*

*I received another lead from Job & Family Services about a business needing assistance. We determined that it was an Erie County business and referred the client to that county's agencies.*

*Tax Incentive Review Council:*

*Last Friday we were notified that the 2011 Tax Abatement Report Forms were now available. I've spoken with Roland Tkach and scheduled the Tax Incentive Review Council meetings for Plymouth and Monroeville.*

*CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) Activities:*

*HCDC has been asked to assist the City of Norwalk with a land transfer from the City to the Huron County Humane Society. I met with Ellen Heinz (NEDC) and Bonnie Albrecht (Humane Society) on Monday to review the process.*

*HCDC has also been asked to serve as the fiscal agent for an organization attempting to raise funds through a capital campaign. There has not yet been any activity on this project.*

*HCDC will prepare and submit the Huron County CIC Annual Report to the State of Ohio.*

*Project Leadership of Huron County:*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed my participation in Project Leadership. It has provided me the opportunity to learn a lot about the county and meet a number of business leaders that are as passionate about their jobs as I am about mine. My favorite programs so far have been the Agriculture Program and the Culture & Arts Program.*

*My team's project addresses drug abuse awareness. We have made arrangements for OPERATION: STREET SMARTS to come to Huron County in April.*

*Master Gardeners:*

*I have completed my training in The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardeners of Huron County Program. I am now completing my volunteer hours/internship for full certification. My participation in this program has significantly increased the visibility of HCDC in the communities.*

*State-Generated Economic Development Leads:*

*We have seen a significant increase in the number of state-generated economic development leads. Huron County has also been in the position to respond to almost every lead. Due to HCDC's proactive approach in maintaining the state database of available properties, we aren't "scrambling" for site information which is good because the response time for the leads is very tight. We've also been asked to provide RFI's (Request for Information) with the property submissions. These RFIs are very detailed (an average of 8-12 pages) and unique to each property submitted. The Norwalk, Bellevue, and Willard economic development organizations*

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*complete the majority of their RFIs with HCDC providing the county information. HCDC completes the RFIs for the villages.*

**Strengthening HCDC:**

*As I mentioned in my last report to the County Commissioners and at the HCDC Annual Luncheon, we are working to strengthen HCDC as an organization. HCDC's community outreach has greatly assisted this effort and resulted in increased awareness of our role in Huron County's economic development efforts and additional interest in membership to our organization.*

*At the March HCDC Executive Board meeting, we will determine the specific action needed to accomplish this goal. (Example—additional board involvement, committees, by-laws review and revisions, development of mission and vision statements)*

**Thank You:**

*I would like to thank the county commissioners for attending the HCDC Annual Luncheon meeting and all of their support of our organization.*

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Knapp

Executive Director

Attachments:

- Huron County Communities Business Information
- Sample Available Jobs Community Summary
- Huron County & Team NEO Counties Comparison

**At 11:21 a.m.** the board recessed.

**At 11:33 a.m.** regular session resumed.

Sue Bommer, HR came before the board in regards Health Insurance. Ms. Bommer stated that Dennis Stieber does not bill departments for the increased insurance until May 1<sup>st</sup> and we don't even get billed by MMO until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bauer stated that is what opinion he was and that means we get hit even harder. Ms. Bommer stated that MMO doesn't start billing until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bauer stated he hoped that this was correct as it is to our advantage and we need to get this figured out for sure. This will be two months to our advantage if that is correct. Ms. Bommer stated that Mr. Stieber stated who would make up the difference if you didn't bill the employees until May and that it doesn't even make sense.

**At 11:35 a.m.** Joe Hintz moved to enter into **Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (4)** preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

**At 11:51 a.m.** Joe Hintz moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (4). Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox



**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE HURON COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2011 has been prepared by WSOS Community Action, Inc. and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2011 and has found that to the best of their knowledge the data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the second half of 2011; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for 2011 be made a part of this resolution hereof the same as if fully written 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.

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

Date Printed: 01/27/2012		Comm. Nbr: 1BJ	
<b>ED RLF Semi-Annual Report</b>			
<b>1. Loan Portfolio Status Report:</b>		Receipts/Disbursements (Since Last Report)	
Balance as of <u>12/31/2010</u> = \$ <u>260,679.36 a/b .66</u> (Beginning of Report Period)			
+ \$ <u>393.01</u>		Bank Interest	
+ \$ <u>556.46</u>		Principal Received	
+ \$ <u>5,594.50</u>		Loan Interest Received	
+ \$ <u>0</u>		Fees Received	
+ \$ <u>0</u>		Other ( _____ )	
- \$ <u>180.00</u>		Administrative Costs	
- \$ <u>0</u>		Other ( _____ )	
- \$ <u>0</u>		Loan Funds Disbursed	
Available Cash Balance as of <u>06/30/2011</u> = \$ <u>267,042.63</u>			
Amounts Reserved for Loan Guarantees or Amounts of Other RLF Liabilities: \$ <u>0</u>		Description: _____	
<b>2. Portfolio Status on all Loans:</b> (From your attached loan list, insert the total number, and amount of loans in the Appropriate Categories!)			
CDBG Loan			
Loan Status ( # ) _____ Balance ( # ) < 30 ( # ) > 30 < 60 ( # ) > 60			
Delinquent...: ( 1 ) \$ <u>162,422.05</u> ( ) \$ _____ ( ) \$ _____ ( 1 ) \$ <u>162,422.05</u>			
Defaulted...: ( ) \$ _____			
Current...: ( 1 ) \$ <u>24,550.97</u>			
Total Loans: ( 2 ) \$ <u>186,973.02</u>			
On an additional sheet, identify by name all loans reported in section 2 as being delinquent or defaulted, and describe efforts to resolve these delinquent or defaulted loans. Loans later than 60 days are considered Non Performing Assets.			
I certify that to the best of my knowledge the data in this report has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report.			
CEO: <u>Larry J. Silcox</u>		Title: <u>Pres - MC Comm</u>	
Date Signed: <u>2/16/12</u>		Community: <u>HURON CNTY</u>	

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Larry J. Silcox moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS**, John Chapin is no longer the Interim Administrator for the Village of New London or representative on the Huron County Planning Commission which leaves a vacancy;

and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to fill this vacancy;

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Shawn Pickworth who now holds the position of Administrator for the Village of New London to the Huron County Planning Commission to full fill this term effective immediately – December 31, 2014; 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.

Discussion: Larry Silcox stated that this person had not been interviewed by the board and that was the precedence that the board was setting for making appointments to board. It was explained that this was an appointment that is made by the Village of New London as their representative.

The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

**Budget work session**

Discussed a letter received from the Veterans in regards to reducing their budget by \$100,000 and putting \$50,000.00 in the sheriff's budget and \$50,000.00 in the prosecutor's budget. It was requested that this be used for veterans' court. Mr. Bauer stated that Treasurer, Kathleen Schaffer has requested \$49,000.00 per a letter. Mr. Silcox originally she requested \$41,000.00 and doesn't know why the amount has increased. Mr. Silcox stated that he did know one reason is the fact that postage has increased. Mr. Silcox stated that the commissioners' budget is down \$30,000.00 and Ms. Nolan stated that is the amount needed to cover contracts. Mr. Silcox stated that the sheriff's budget is down \$42,000.00, and the Recorder's budget is down \$12,428.00 and the EMA budget was down \$26,000.00 and contingencies are very low. Ms. Nolan stated that the EMA budget is down \$50,000.00 according to the budget notes. The salaries have been covered but the \$50,000.00 is for radios. The Auditor has also requested an additional amount of \$11,000.00 for the department #051 and an additional of \$12,000.00 for the auditor department #004. Mr. Silcox asked if we have the \$100,000.00 from the Veterans yet. Mr. Bauer stated that we have the letter and we just need to adjust the budget and #033 department will be \$420,000.00 rather than \$520,000.00. Mr. Bauer stated that he would like to see another \$15,000.00 put in OSU Extension's budget if we can do so. Mr. Silcox stated that he is going to say no to that request. Mr. Bauer stated that we also need to consider at least \$5,000.00 for the Soil and Water District budget for the waste management plan. Mr. Bauer stated that Cary Brickner, Soil and Water Director stated that he can get the waste management plans done for \$5,000.00 which the state will match by giving \$9,000.00 which will be almost twice the amount. Mr. Bauer stated that OSU Extension is down \$15,000.00. Mr. Hintz stated so that would be a total of \$20,000.00 for the #028 department. Ms. Nolan stated that while you are discussing the #028 department that she had a question and asked if the board was in favor of separating the #028 department into three different departments one being OSU/4-H; one being Soil and Water; one being fair board this would make each of these separate departments under the general fund. Ms. Nolan further stated that the problem with doing so is that there would not be any history under such departments and you would have to remember to look at #028 for the history. Mr. Silcox stated that he would prefer breaking these up. Mr. Bauer stated that whatever works is ok with him. Mr. Hintz stated that he couldn't understand why it was all in one department to begin with. Ms. Nolan will call Mr. Stieber and let him know that the board would like to have this department split into 3 separate departments. Discussion was had in regards to the funding from the Veterans and how it would be divided between the sheriff and the prosecutor. Mr. Bauer stated that we are going to give each department this funding and let them know how the veterans wanted it to be used for but the sheriff and prosecutor will make the decision of how to use such funds. Mr. Bauer

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asked if we had enough information to know what the insurance is going to cost us. Mr. Silcox stated that it depends on what we decide to do and which plan we use. Mr. Silcox stated that when you look at the last 3 that were emailed yesterday and if you strictly look at the bottom line figures which go from 789 to 642 but the problem with that is if you look at currently what the family is paying is \$120.00 and it would go to \$193.00 and that is at 11% if you go back to the 10% increase it is \$176,000 and if you don't go back to no increase it goes from \$144,000 for a family plan. How much are we willing to pass on to employees when in how many years they have not had a raise. Mr. Bauer stated that we are going to clearly pass on the difference and doesn't see that as a question. Further discussion in regards to the insurance was had along with the carryover and departments that need additional funding. Mr. Silcox suggested asking the budget commission for \$200,000.00 plus the amount for the sheriff's cruisers which will take it down to \$200,000.00. Why do we need that money setting in that fund? Mr. Bauer agreed and stated that at this point we have the raw numbers that we need written down we have \$50,000.00 for prosecutor and \$50,000.00 for the sheriff and we need for Dennis Stieber to work the numbers for the health insurance line. Sue Bommer will work with Mr. Stieber in this regard. Mr. Bauer is going to take the raw numbers that they have and show them to both Russ Leffler and Kathleen Schaffer and also show them what each department is asking for in additional funding. They agreed that there are requests for \$200,000.00 in additional funding. Joe Hintz stated that he would like to go back to the Veterans and let them know that the prosecutor does not need the full \$50,000.00 and ask if some of the \$50,000.00 be given to the sheriff. This was not agreed upon as both Mr. Bauer and Mr. Silcox stated that this is the way the Veterans Commission wants the money split. After further discussion Mr. Bauer did agree to talk to Mr. Leffler in this regard.

Mr. Silcox discussed the letter to NEDC and after Mr. Bauer explained his discussion with Ellen Heinz it was decided that Larry Silcox would take this letter to HCDC and see if they have interest in moving to the old jail.

**At 12:43 a.m.** Larry J. Silcox 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.

**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 February 16, 2012.

**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 12:43 p.m.

**Signature on File**