

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

MARCH 15, 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 March 13, 2012 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 13, 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

12-071

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC)

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of recommendations from ; Willard TIRC; Plymouth TIRC; Monroeville TIRC; Norwalk TIRC; for the tax abatement agreements; and

WHEREAS, per the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85(E) the legislative authority is required to meet within sixty (60) days after receiving the TIRC recommendations to either accept or not to accept the TIRC recommendations.; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Huron County Board of Commissioners to accept the recommendations of the above mentioned TIRC Committees; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendations of the above mentioned TIRC committees 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.

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

* Minutes on file commissioners’ office.

12-072

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) AND HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS (CONTRACTOR)

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 and rule 5101:12 -10-45.2 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Huron County Child Support Enforcement Agency is authorized to enter into this contract with Huron County Clerk of Courts hereinafter referred to as “Contractor” for the purchase of services on the first day of January, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, this contract will be effective from the first day of January, 2012 through the 31st day of December 2012 unless terminated according to the terms of paragraph 24 of the attached contract; and

WHEREAS, Huron County CSEA desires to enter into agreement with the Contractor, and agrees to purchase for, and Contractor agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in attachment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the above mentioned agreement 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.

Discussion: Susan Hazel, Clerk of Courts stated that the contract has not changed since last year and further explained the contract.

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

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

* Contract on file commissioners' office.

At 9:22 a.m. the board recessed.

At 9:35 a.m. Regular session resumed

At 9-36 a.m. Public Comment

Discussion was had in regards to the Huron/Crawford Counties joint ditch meeting to be held on March 20, 2012 to approve the resolution and to sign the contract. It was decided to start this meeting at 10:00 a.m. and finish the regular meeting after returning from the ditch meeting.

Cheryl Nolan presented a records request from Allen Nielsen in regards to the 1998 old jail project.

Larry Silcox asked what they are going to do in regards to the Sheriff's request. Mr. Bauer stated that he was hoping to work on the budget today and stated that he had been working with the numbers and felt that there was around \$150,000 to \$170,000 not designated of the carry over. Mr. Bauer stated that the sheriff had stated that if he received the \$50,000 from the veterans that he would be ok with \$38,000 more. Mr. Silcox stated that we need to send him a letter stating this. Mr. Silcox read a paragraph from the letter received from the sheriff stating that he sincerely pleads with the board to fund two additional correction officers. "The attempted or successful conveyance of narcotics into jails by the criminals that abuse them is most certainly a guarantee. In fact, inmates conveying drugs into the jail is something we have dealt with many times before." "I have notified the Board many times in the past about the severe staffing shortages in our jail." "We are truly six Corrections Officers down from what we need but I am cognizant of the county's financial situation, the two additional positions are as absolute necessity, in fact, an emergent need." Mr. Silcox stated that he sat in our board room and told us that he was twelve down. Mr. Silcox stated to Sue Bommer that he would like for her to contact the Bureau of Adult Dentition facilities and get the current staffing levels at the Huron County jail because we need to know what they are. Mr. Silcox stated that he feels that the sheriff may be using an ideal staffing level rather a minimum staffing level as he believes that he may be at a minimum staffing level. That does not mean that he does not need for corrections officers and he understands that but needs to know and this board would be remised if we didn't look at all the information available before making a decision. Mr. Bauer stated so you are saying he wants \$38,000 plus the eight plus 2 more people. Mr. Bauer stated that he sat here the other day and stated that if you give us that \$50,000 and you give us \$38,000 more. Mr. Silcox stated that he wants to

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make it clear that he is not questioning what the sheriff does or how he does it as he has a tremendous amount of responsibility and is open 24 hours a day and we need to support him in his efforts out there, however how many line items do we have on our budget and how many of those are mandates. The discretionary is very small and in light of the fact that criminal justice is over 46% of the overall general fund budget he is a little offended that our sheriff will continue to say that we don't care about the safety of the citizens of this county and stated that he wants it very clear that the citizens and the safety of this county is his number one concern and will not stand by and let him criticize us in very difficult economic times when we are all struggling as we deal with the budget. We continue to get mixed messages from the sheriff as to what he needs budget wise. I want to get him the money that he needs to run his department but we also have other departments in this county that we need to fund as well.

Discussion was had in regards to the AFLAC plan for Beth McFadden. Mr. Bauer stated that Eric Cherry had discussed this situation with him. Sue Bommer explained that she did not meet the open enrollment deadline to cancel her policy with AFLAC. Ms. Bommer stated that she has thought of a solution but will leave it up to the board for a decision. You could pay her back what she put in minus taxes as she has paid taxes on that money then keep her 125 the way that it is and we wouldn't be changing her section 125 plan and make darn sure that she drops it next month. Ms. Bommer stated though she is not sure who should pay that and it seems that AFLAC did not make this clear to her and does not feel that it is the county's responsibility to do anything with those voluntary plans. Mr. Bauer stated that is where he started with Mr. Cherry. Ms. Bommer stated that it really is not the county's problem.

The board returned to the budget conversation. Mr. Bauer stated that the carryover is an additional \$237,000.00 and stated that his suggestion is that we give \$15,000 which brings them up to what they need to survive to meet payroll OSU; \$5,000 to Soil and Water to write the Solid Waste Plans; that we bump up the sheriff with the \$50,000 from the veterans and the #023 would be \$1,519,665.00 then we bump up the jail #036 by \$50,000.00 and that would make it \$2,657,000.00 which puts \$100,000 extra in his two funds and he can transfer back and forth where he needs the funds. This meets the intent of the veterans and it gives him the \$38,000 that he asked for the other day, and the \$8,000 and a couple additional thousand. Then we give the prosecutor his \$50,000.00; EMA \$50,000.00 for the broad ban radio system; \$11,000.00 Auditor; \$12,000.00 Recorder; Treasurer \$49,000.00; \$30,000.00 office. If you take the last numbers and add \$70,000 then this comes up to \$222,000.00. Further discussion was had in regards to other departments and numbers. Mr. Silcox stated that the \$11,000 that the auditor requested needs to go into contingencies along with the \$15,000 for OSU. Mr. Bauer stated that Terry Boose had talked to him the other day about him going over and talking to the Lorain County Commissioners and to try to talk some sense into them about the lack of funding for Extension. Mr. Hintz stated that he believes in extension but he feels that Sue Bommer, Cheryl Nolan and Vickie Ziemba need an increase he stated that he had Vickie run some numbers and you are talking just a little over \$3,500 for each of them to get a \$.50 increase in pay. This is not a big deal but at least it is something and they are deserving of and actually what they are deserving of is each having an assistant but we can't do that and understands that but we really do appreciate what they do and you can see by these figures that there isn't much there but there is something there and quite frankly it is not fair and he asked someone from extension if they got raises and the answer was yes. That is ok but if we are going to help fund extension it is not fair that we are funding extension and our people are not getting some kind of a raise. Vickie did not ask me anything about this I asked her to run these numbers and it is a very sensible and modest increase. Mr. Bauer stated that he understands where they are coming from with the auditor and is not about to argue. They all agreed that the Treasurer and Recorder need the increases in their budgets. Mr. Silcox stated that the only difference would be the Auditor. Mr. Bauer stated that extension can not operate and keep their present staffing with the funding that we have given them but there is still the situation that Kathy Phillips is already working down four hours as she chose not to come back to 40 hours. Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Silcox if the \$100,000 from the Title Office would be available if they don't do the move. Mr. Silcox stated that would be up to her to give it to us. Mr. Bauer stated that he had talked with Susan Hazel and she stated that if they don't move that money is available. Mr. Silcox stated even if it is it should be put into contingencies as when we are starting the year with \$85,000 in contingencies it is not good. Cheryl Nolan stated that our office can cut back to \$25,000 for our contracts after refiguring what is needed. Mr. Silcox stated that is \$5,000 plus the \$11,000 and his suggestion would be to take the \$11,000 for the auditor out take \$5,000 from our budget and the \$5,000 that we have left from Mr. Bauer's figures put that in contingencies and pass the budget. Ms. Nolan will run these totals. The board also discussed the Treasurers' budget and decided to give her the \$19,000 back that she originally requested not the \$49,000 that she is requesting at this time back in her budget. It was decided that raises are not included in the sheriff's budget either.

Discussion was had in regards to the sales tax as well.

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Mr. Silcox asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Kovach stating that we are aware that your design and engineering team has a busy schedule as the construction season approaches however there is a bit of land survey work that the board would like to have accomplished before May 1, 2012 and at your convenience please contact regarding the general perimeters of this effort. If we send this to him it would behoove us to take a look at the plot of the airport and the appendix A that is the actual airport land and there is a lot of land out there that isn't presenting being used for airport purposes that could be taken off of that and should be as we move forward down the road feels that it is imperative and he would be able to survey that and get that stuff off of there.

Cheryl Nolan asked about the budget for the CHIP application grant. All agreed that this was fine so Ms. Nolan will forward the legal notice to the Norwalk Reflector for publishing.

Mr. Hintz stated that he felt that the board should move forward on the increases that he suggested earlier Mr. Bauer stated that feels that they are well deserved and there is no question but at this time can bring himself to go there because of the ramifications. Mr. Hintz stated that these are very modest increases and things are going to be tight for awhile and would cover the increase to their health insurance increase. Mr. Silcox stated that he would also love to see our staff receive an increase because he knows what they do as well but agrees with Mr. Bauer at this time.

Sue Bommer came before the board in regards to being scheduled on the commissioners' agenda with Dennis Stieber, Deputy Auditor to talk about the back ground of what will be needed to be changed on the budgets in order to do the charge backs. They established an adhoc committee from the Huron County Safety Committee to work on the charge backs and how they are going to implement them and are we going to graduate them in or all in one year or how we are going to do this. There are things that will need to be done with the budget as right now everything is going into one line for workers' compensation and health insurance and that will have to be broken out.

Mr. Bauer asked if a letter needs to be sent out to employees in regards to the health insurance. Ms. Bommer stated yes that she needs to do so; she needs to send it to the union representatives and further stated that she did not have all data yet to send out the open enrollment material. Ms. Nolan informed the board that they had two more Tuesdays to pass the budget.

Discussion was had in regards to hiring the new DJFS Director and the wage to be offered. At this time the interim director is making \$79,996.80. Mr. Bauer stated that we can not lower and he is not in favor of raising it. Ms. Bommer asked if they would like a May 1, 2012 start date and after further discussion it was decided to set the start date at the next pay period that is March 25, 2012.

At 11:02 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 March 15, 2012.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

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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 11:02 a.m.

Signatures on File