

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose, Joe Hintz and Bruce Wilde.

20-290

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-272**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, resolution 20-272 *IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM 2021 VOCA and SVAA AND COMMITTING A MATCH* needs to be amended to reflect the updated grant award and match; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves amending Resolution 20-272 to reflect the updated VOCA and SVAA Grant Award and Acceptance Form and committing a grant match in the amount of \$19,141.26; 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose explained Ms. Ziemba spoke to the Attorney General's office. This is the amount they indicated should be on the resolution. Mr. Boose wanted to remind the Prosecutor's office this wasn't a done discussion on the total budget for VOCA. The Board understands their request and will address it further in the budget.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

20-291

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFER OUT FUND #099 TO THE VOCA GRANT FUND-A #183**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there was an amendment to the 2021 VOCA and SVAA Grant Award that increased the County grant match to \$19,141.26; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial grant match in the amount of \$18,391.78 was transferred on October 20, 2020 per Resolution 20-273; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of additional funds from Transfer Out Fund #099-00600-001 in the amount of \$749.48 to the VOCA Grant Fund-A #183; 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 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said this was to finish the previous resolution.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

20-292

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a request for an appropriation adjustment; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the requests 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
	023	00175	001	\$10,000.00		023	00275	001	\$10,000.00
		Sheriff – supplies					Sheriff – Contract/repairs		
							and further		

**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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose reminded the Board that they know his feelings on transfers. Apparently the Sheriff over-budgeted Supplies by \$10,000. Mr. Boose thought that needed to be noted for budget next year. Mr. Wilde stated they had under budgeted for Contract Repairs. They had a lot of unexpected computer issues.

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

No – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

20-293

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING USE OF COUNTY’S AND EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY THROUGH CORSA INSTEAD OF SURETY BONDS FOR THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND APPOINTEES REQUIRED BY LAW TO GIVE BOND**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 291 was signed into law on December 20, 2018 and became effective March 20, 2019; said law authorizes the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3.061, the Board of Commissioners must adopt a policy by resolution to allow use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty coverage document rather than a surety bond to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; the following shall apply to the policy:

- (1) An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without giving bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law.
- (2) Officer, employee, or appointee shall be entitled to enter upon the duties of the office or employment when the policy is in effect.
- (3) All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.
- (4) The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.
- (5) Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the county's CORSA coverage agreement and affirm that the county's coverage complies with ORC §3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by the Board of Commissioners of Huron County. and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County's "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through the CORSA coverage document complies with ORC §3.061.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio hereby authorize the use of the county's "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said we need to know how to do this rather soon. He did not want to find out at the end of December that something needed to be done. Mr. Strickler said Ms. Ziemba just has to give CORSA a list of the officials who need them. CORSA will put that on the policy. Mr. Boose noted that Elected Officials can still choose to get their bond somewhere else.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

**At 9:10 a.m. Public comment – none**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Boose asked if there was an update from the Engineer on his requests. Ms. Ziemba reminded the Board she sent Mr. Tansey a question about the transfer. Also, she had informed him the Board would like to do the bid openings at the Administration Building. She read the email she received from Mr. Tansey:

Vickie,

There are two contributing factors that have created a balance in the Contract/Project budget line item. First, this account is established based on estimates for construction projects prior to them being bid. Typically, these estimates are higher than the bid pricing we receive. Second, nearly 50% of our budget comes from the state gas tax revenue. Due COVID-19 and a state wide shut down, we had to plan on a \$800,000 dollar budget shortfall for the remainder of 2020. To accomplish this, contract projects were either shortened or postponed to 2021. As the year progressed, the gas tax revenue has rebounded to near the budgeted monthly amount received. This has allowed us to request some of those unused funds be transferred to start the replacement of two 20 year old plow trucks. Fully equipment snow plow trucks each cost nearly \$200,000 and take a year for delivery once ordered. Therefore, by beginning this process now ensures we will have the trucks for the 2021-22 snow and ice season.

We would like to have all of the requested items on the agenda for November 10th meeting. This will allow us to place the truck order and sign agreements with ODOT to keep the \$9.5 million in federal funding coming to Huron County.

Thanks  
Lee

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**At 9:23 a.m. Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy,** Review of electric RFP for Huron County Facilities. Ms. Hoffman explained the current contract ends in 2021. The sent out RFPs to 10 suppliers and all ten responded. She handed out of a summary:





## Appendix B – All-Inclusive Pricing

Supplier	Term End	Rate (\$/Wh)	Est. Annual Savings vs. Current Rate)
AEP Energy	May 2022	\$0.05184	(\$4,600)
IGS	May 2022	\$0.05250	(\$6,100)
Constellation	May 2022	\$0.05290	(\$7,000)
Freepoint	May 2022	\$0.05331	(\$8,000)
EDF	May 2022	\$0.05358	(\$8,600)
Engie	May 2022	\$0.05370	(\$9,000)
Energy Harbor	May 2022	\$0.05410	(\$9,800)
MidAmerican	May 2022	\$0.05467	(\$11,200)
Dynegy	May 2022	\$0.05510	(\$12,200)
Volunteer	May 2022	\$0.05513	(\$12,200)
IGS	May 2023	\$0.04990	\$0
Freepoint	May 2023	\$0.05014	(\$600)
Energy Harbor	May 2023	\$0.05060	(\$1,700)
Engie	May 2023	\$0.05079	(\$2,100)
AEP Energy	May 2023	\$0.05093	(\$2,400)
MidAmerican	May 2023	\$0.05218	(\$5,400)
Constellation	May 2023	\$0.05228	(\$5,600)
EDF	May 2023	\$0.05355	(\$8,500)
Dynegy	May 2023	\$0.05370	(\$8,900)
Volunteer	May 2023	\$0.05486	(\$11,600)
IGS	May 2024	\$0.04890	\$2,300
Energy Harbor	May 2024	\$0.04920	\$1,600
Freepoint	May 2024	\$0.04930	\$1,400
Engie	May 2024	\$0.04987	\$0
AEP Energy	May 2024	\$0.05106	(\$2,700)
MidAmerican	May 2024	\$0.05154	(\$3,900)
Constellation	May 2024	\$0.05159	(\$4,000)
Dynegy	May 2024	\$0.05330	(\$8,000)
EDF	May 2024	\$0.05362	(\$8,700)
Volunteer	May 2024	\$0.05487	(\$11,600)

The prices for all terms and suppliers proposed through this RFP are an all-inclusive rate structure, unless otherwise noted, subject to federal, transmission organization, statewide regulatory changes, and/or material changes of the accounts included resulting in additional costs to the supplier. This is a standard provision across virtually every supplier and contract.

The table shows the estimated annual savings versus the current contract rate(s). These estimates are based upon historic annual usage and load information. Actual savings will fluctuate based on a number of factors including actual consumption and tariff rate and rider updates.

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Mr. Boose was concerned the pass through would be confusing to people. Ms. Hoffman explained this was not the government aggregation, this was just for the County facilities. She will be back in six weeks to talk about electric aggregation, because that contract is up as well. That will not be a pass through because it is too confusing.

Mr. Boose asked if there was the possibility of issues coming up with HB 6. Ms. Hoffman thought, if there are affects, at some point it would become a pass through event if something were regulated. Mr. Boose agreed, saying there would not be an option to get around whatever they decide to do.

Mr. Boose asked when they had to make the decision to lock in to these rates, and if the rates could change between now and when they lock in? Ms. Hoffman said these were the rates on September 25. Once Mr. Strickler reviews and approves the agreement she will ask for a “refresh”. This can typically be done in 24 to 48 hours. Mr. Boose and Mr. Hintz agreed they would like to lock in as soon as possible. Ms. Hoffman will get the documents to Ms. Ziembra and Mr. Strickler when she gets back to the office.

*At 9:40 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session 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. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Joe Hintz*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

*At 12:34 p.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Joe Hintz*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

*\*No action taken.*

### OLD BUSINESS *continued*

Cook Road. Mr. Hintz asked if there was anything new with Cook Road. Mr. Boose said he went by it about a week ago. It is not perfect, but it is much better than it had been. Mr. Hintz noted they were attempting to prevent it from happening again in the future.

Mr. Boose wasn't sure if the other Board members had listened to the Governor's press conference last week. The Governor is now saying there are things the counties should be doing. Mr. Boose would strongly recommend everyone listen to all of the Governor's press conferences.

COVID Defense Team meeting tomorrow at 1:30. Mr. Boose would like to be able to release statistics on percentages at the hospitals before he tells the public we are in a serious situation. He thought the Lt. Governor's press conference last week had been based more on fear than statistics. Mr. Boose is not concerned with overall numbers, he was more concerned with what percentage of Covid-related illnesses are in intensive care and what percentage of ventilators are being used. He pointed out that when the Country originally went into this, the two concerns were flattening the curve and having enough PPE. As far as Mr. Boose knew, PPE was not an issue any more. He thought that if it got to the point where PPE is in short supply and the hospitals were full, then he will worry. But he did not want State or local officials to make us panic if that wasn't happening.

Mr. Boose asked if they thought it was time to meet with all of Department Heads and Elected Officials again. When Covid first started they had met once or twice in Executive Session. Mr. Boose said there are now additional concerns that had not occurred to them in the beginning. Mr. Wilde thought it was always a good idea to meet. Ms. Ziemba asked when they wanted to have the meeting. She reminded them Meeting Room A was supposed to have multiple construction projects starting on Monday.

Mr. Boose said he had been disappointed to find out Meeting Room A was going to be shut down for three weeks for the work on the air handler. He thought it would only be down for a day or two. Ms. Ziemba said she had discussed it with Mr. Welch. The big problem was the noise involved. The room may be useable, but hearing may be a problem. Ms. Ziemba did not know when Wilhelm was scheduled to start their portion of the project. They have not been able to commit to a date because they did not know when the door will be delivered. She will check to find out if they know when they can start and how long it will take. Mr. Boose cannot stress enough to Mr. Welch that we have to have answers. Mr. Hintz and Ms. Ziemba both noted that Mr. Welch had been trying. Mr. Boose thought an unanswered message was not an answer. Ms. Ziemba said that Mr. Welch is not leaving messages, he is actually speaking to the contractors. However, the contractors are waiting on supplies from third parties and are not able to give answers. Mr. Boose asked if we should be closing down part of the building for something that may or may not happen. Ms. Ziemba explained that when someone signs out the room, they know there is going to be construction and they may not be able to have their meeting at that time. Mr. Boose was talking about the Commissioners. Ms. Ziemba said we don't know what is going to happen from week to week. We just know the work has to be done by December 30. Mr. Boose thought that was unacceptable for a business. He was not concerned about the other businesses using Meeting Room A. But the Commissioners are required to have open meetings and Meeting Room A works best. He would like construction to work around their meetings, just as it had done at the Courthouse. Ms. Ziemba will let Mr. Welch know the room should be available and there cannot be loud noise on meeting days. Anybody else will have to schedule Meeting Room A at their own risk.

**At 12:54 p.m.** With no further business to discuss, Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde 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 November 5, 2020.

#### **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 12:54 p. m.

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