

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2020

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

20-270

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:**

Bruce Wilde 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 Register for Payment Batches #305703 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant;  
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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked if we typically pay for the fairgrounds backflow inspection and repairs. Ms. Ziemba believed so but would check with Mr. Welch.

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

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

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Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked if the Coroner had indicated if this amount would get him through the end of the year. Ms. Ziemba read “. . .cover anticipated autopsies, transports and lab fees from October to December 31”. Mr. Boose noted that autopsies were way up and asked Ms. Ziemba to schedule the Coroner to come in for an update. If he can't come in, Mr. Boose would like him to send some statistics compared to last year. Mr. Wilde asked if some of the autopsies were due to Covid related deaths. If so he thought they could be paid with CARES Act funds.

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

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

**At 9:10 a.m. Public comment** – *Roger Hunker, Apex.* Finished the hearings last Friday for the Emerson project. Everything went well, back to the waiting process. Will not know anything until March or April. Mr. Boose asked if they are still collecting data. Mr. Hunker stated he believes they are all done.

*Carolyn Bick, Congressman Jordan's office.* Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde reminded her they would like Congress to extend the date for CARES Act money. She said she has been telling the Congressman that – every other county says the same thing.

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**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Prosecutor's office prepared and submitted an application for 2021 VOCA and SVAA Grants for the Justice Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Prosecutor's office has been awarded the grants and is requesting a grant match in the amount of \$18,391.78 for the VOCA grant; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the VOCA and SVAA grants and commits a match in the amount of \$18,391.78 to the VOCA grant 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Strickler thought the amount of the match was wrong. He argued it was supposed to be \$23,129.59 – 20% of the actual budget, not 20% of the amount of grant funds given. Last year it was 25% because they had volunteers. They don't have volunteers this year so it is only 20%. Mr. Wilde noted they were doing exactly what they have done in the past. Mr. Strickler said just because it was done in the past doesn't mean it was right. He said it should be 20% of the overall requested budget. Ms. Ziemba asked what the overall requested budget was. Mr. Strickler said it was \$115,647.97. Mr. Boose did not know how they could require a cash match to something that was not part of their grant. Ms. Ziemba said she pulled the last four years just to make sure. Everything is the same on each of them. The transfer has been what the cash match requirement is on the grant awards. Mr. Boose would like to go forward with the amount they have. If Mr. Strickler thinks it is wrong he should get the correct amount in writing from whoever the grant comes

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from. Mr. Strickler said he will have go back to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Boose clarified the Prosecutor's office will check with the Attorney General on this, but they will stay with this amount for now because that is what they have done in previous years.

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

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

*\*Grant award on file*

20-273

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 20-272 committed funds to the VOCA Grant in the amount of \$18,391.78;  
now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from Transfer Out Fund #099-00600-001 in the amount of \$18,391.78 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked what VOCA stood for. Ms. Ziemba said it was Victims of Crime Acts. SVAA stood for State Victim's Assistance Act. Mr. Boose explained to Ms. Bick that the need for Victims Assistance has increased, yet funding decreases each year. He asked her to talk to Congressman Jordan about this. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde agreed they will relook at this amount once they have a handle on next year's budget.

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

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

20-274

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HURON COUNTY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN (EEOP)**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Human Resource Office has presented an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) for review and approval;  
now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) 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.

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Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose noted this was something we have to do, especially with receiving grants. But it is good policy to have it.

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

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

*\*Plan on file*

20-275

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00  
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 20, 2020**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for expenditures of over \$1,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

**Job & Family Services**

Seagate Office Supplies	nesting/rolling tables for main conference room	\$11,330.00
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**EMA Hazmat Fund #197**

US SafetyGear Inc.	Hazmat Contain-It Boom	\$2,719.00 now therefore
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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said we are replacing all the tables and chairs in the main conference room at JFS. The Hazmat fund is being used to purchase a containment boom in case something gets into a waterway. This can be used by anyone in the County and will be stored at Wakeman Fire.

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

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

**At 9:30 a.m. Kathleen Schaffer, Treasurer, Investment Board meeting.**

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Bruce Wilde called the meeting to order. Terry Boose, Kathleen Schaffer, and Bruce Wilde in attendance. Terry Boose moved to waive the reading of minutes and approve as presented. Kathleen Schaffer seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

Ms. Schaffer gave the third quarter report as of September 30, 2020.

Ms. Schaffer discussed the Summary of Accounts as of September 30, 2020.

Ms. Schaffer discussed the Checking Account interest. This is down.



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Ms. Schaffer discussed the Interest recap All Funds.

The year to date Landfill report was next.

Ms. Schaffer indicated that Star Ohio is now paying 0.14%. It was double that amount at the last meeting. Mr. Gruber from Meeder reached out to Ms. Schaffer regarding Israel bonds. This was an opportunity for Treasurers to put up to 2% of their total investments in Israel bonds. These are from the State of Israel and are paying two times the interest than the issues currently held by the County. Ms. Schaffer decided to take a chance and invested \$600,000. Cuyahoga, Wayne, Athens, Coshocton, Medina, Licking, Warren, Summit, Franklin, Stark, Lucas, Mahoning and Richland County have all invested. Ms. Schaffer provided packets of information on the bonds. They are going to be generating a little bit more revenue next year. Mr. Wilde asked who set the 2% amount. Ms. Schaffer said that was set by the State. She explained that Meeder has always looked for ways to help us generate more revenue.

Mr. Boose asked about the security of these bonds. Ms. Schaffer explained they were fully backed and guaranteed by the State of Israel. They are highly rated and met the State requirements to allow Counties to purchase this type of security.

Ms. Schaffer then went on to say the delinquent list will be published in the Reflector both this Thursday and next Thursday. Mr. Stephens is in the process of filing 30 more foreclosures.

Terry Boose moved to adjourn the investment board meeting. Kathleen Schaffer seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

20-276

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE CARES ACT FUND #175**

Bruce Wilde moved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the CARES ACT Fund #175 in the amount of \$2,099,659.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds to the CARES ACT Fund #175; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation as follows:

TO:	175-00175-175	Supplies	\$25,000.00	
	175-00475-175	Other Expenses	\$2,074,659.00	and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting the appropriation; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED** 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said this was to move the money in the special account so it can be used. Money can always be transferred if necessary. Other Expenses has quite a bit of flexibility.

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

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

20-277

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE HURON COUNTY CARES ACT SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO BUSINESSES**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners created the Huron County CARES Act Small Business Grant Program on August 20, 2020 by Resolution 20-216 and amended the Grant Program on October 6, 2020 by Resolution 20-257; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has entered into an agreement with the Huron County Development Council in order to administer the Huron County CARES Act Small Business Grant Program and assisting the Grant Review Committee (consisting of Commissioner Bruce Wilde, Auditor Roland Tkach, Treasurer Kathleen Schaffer, and Prosecutor James Sitterly) in their review of the applications and determining the qualifying small businesses that have been directly and adversely impacted by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants meet the U.S. Department of Treasury Guidance of eligibility to cover expenses that 1) are *necessary* expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the government; and (3) were *incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020* ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Development Council, in accordance with the advice of the Grant Review Committee, recommends that grants be awarded to the following small businesses/entities:

Gar-Mike’s Diner LTD	\$10,000.00
Celeryville Christian School Society	\$10,000.00
The Piggyback Foundation	\$10,000.00
Graham’s Crossing LLC	\$10,000.00
The Candy Depot	\$10,000.00

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the recommendations by the Huron County Development Council to award CARES Act Small Business Grant Program grant funds to the businesses listed above; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize and instruct their Administrative Assistant to process grant funds to the small businesses/entities as indicated above; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Wilde noted that Gar-Mike's Diner was the Star Diner in Norwalk; Celeryville Christian School Society is a day care in Willard; Piggyback Foundation is downtown Norwalk; Graham's Crossing used to be the Victorian Lady Bed & Breakfast on West Main Street; and the Candy Depot is in Bellevue. The checks should be available next Thursday. There has been \$217,000 in grant funds distributed throughout the entire County. Mr. Boose wanted to be sure to get the word out that the program was still going forward.

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

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

20-278

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for appropriation adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustments:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	010	00200	001	\$1,265.24		010	00475	001	\$1,265.24
		Adult Probation equipment					Adult Probation other expenses 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba read the email from Adult Probation "More supplies were needed due to basically needing a whole new staff. Many previous items were State owned, purchased by APA and removed when they left". Mr. Boose thought they were still in the transition from State to County.

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

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

**HOLIDAYS 2021**

**Bruce Wilde moved to approve the 2021 Holiday schedule. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:**

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

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**HOLIDAYS 2021**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021  
 MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021  
 MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021  
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021  
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021  
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
 PRESIDENT'S DAY  
 MEMORIAL DAY  
 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
 LABOR DAY  
 COLUMBUS DAY  
 VETERANS' DAY  
 THANKSGIVING DAY  
 CHRISTMAS DAY

**CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING REQUEST REVIEW**

Ms. Ziemba stated the County has received three deposits in the total amount of \$3,089,539.68. Of that total, \$922,679.82 has been committed. The County just received \$2,000,000 so they have spent most of the first two allotments. \$2,166,859.86 is what is available.

Ms. Ziemba presented requests for CARES Act expenses. The requesting departments have submitted the required documentation and state the expenses meet the three requirements: Are **necessary** expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State of government; and Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

<b>NEW REQUESTS:</b>	<b>10/20/20 meeting</b>			
Commissioners	Walmart / 2 smart tv's and wall mounts		\$599.98	
Landfill/Transfer Station	Families First Coronavirus Response Act leave		\$2,278.80	
B&G	Stanley Access Technology - wireless touchless handicap doors		\$24,002.00	
Jail Commissary Acct 635	Reimbursement for COVID related cleaning supplies		\$866.80	
Jail 036	Reimbursement for buckets/wringer		\$1,092.94	

**NEW REQUESTS                      \$28,840.52**

- Commissioners, \$599.98, Walmart, (2) smart TV & wall mount. Mr. Boose clarified these would be going in the two small meeting rooms in the basement. Ms. Stebel explained she received a couple quotes. She priced out the same 55" TV that is in the Board room of the Commissioner's office. At Walmart they run about \$278 each. The wall mounts run about \$21.99 each. We would have to do our own install work. She then contacted Fisher Electronics for a quote on 55" TVs. These are not the same brand. The quote included a 6" extension mount and TV at \$1,185 each, as well as all the install work. Each quote comes with a one-year warranty. Mr. Boose asked if we could order them based on the fact that they have to be in before the end of the year. Ms. Stebel said if they choose Walmart she can place the order today and find out exactly when they will deliver. Mr. Boose pointed out we currently have limited use of the rooms downstairs. However, he would like to be prepared in the event there may be more than one Zoom meeting at the same time. He would like to approve the Walmart quote. Mr. Wilde agreed.
- Transfer Station. \$2,278.80, FFCRA. Ms. Ziemba explained the Transfer Station had an employee that was out on the Family First Coronavirus Relief Act in the spring. This is an allowable expense under the guidelines. Mr. Boose asked if this was different than payroll. Ms. Ziemba said it was, it was basically an extension of FMLA. Mr. Boose asked if the County has reimbursed any unemployment. Ms. Ziemba said no one has submitted for it. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde would both like to approve this request.
- Buildings & Grounds. \$24,002, Stanley Access Technology for wireless, touchless handicap doors. Mr. Welch received estimates from two or three companies. This was the only company that would commit to getting the project completed by the December 30 deadline. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde would both like to approve this request.

- Jail Commissary account. Reimbursement for Covid related cleaning supplies in the Jail. \$866.80. Ms. Ziembra explained the actual request was for \$930.94. There was a questionable request for the cost for pizza and pop for the inmate workers for doing the cleaning. She was not sure this qualified. Mr. Boose did not think it qualified. He clarified the \$866.80 did not include the pizza and pop. Ms. Ziembra said it did not. He would like to approve the \$866.80. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Boose explained the reason for this was, during Covid, inmates helped do some of the cleaning. They used the Commissary fund to purchase some of the materials.
- Sheriff's Office, \$1,092.94, reimburse cleaning equipment. This was for buckets and wringers they purchased to do the cleaning. They were purchased out of a different account. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde agreed they would like to approve this.

These were all the requests Ms. Ziembra had. They totaled \$28,840.52.

*Bruce Wilde moved to approve the presented Coronavirus Relief Fund Requests as they meet the required criteria. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

Ms. Ziembra then stated that, on August 11, 2020, the Board approved some Covid requests. She wanted to state for the record that the Clerk of Courts has rescinded their request for reimbursement for expenses in the amount of \$788.82. After reviewing it further Ms. Hazel realized this had been paid with federal dollars and would not be eligible for reimbursement. This amount was pulled before the payment was made. It did not come out of CARES Act at all.

Additionally, the Auditor submitted a request for reimbursement for the FFCRA, which is the extended Family First Coronavirus Relief Act. He needed to reduce the amount he was submitting for by \$868.03. This was an employee that is paid from the Dog Warden fund. It has not been paid yet. After today's meeting Ms. Ziembra will give Ms. Stebel the approval to pay the amended amount back into that fund.

Mr. Boose noted there are two months left. He thought it was time to start reviewing payroll and administrative leave. Ms. Ziembra already had it all listed in a spreadsheet. Current requests for administrative leave are \$149,375.00. Sheriff and Health Department submitted payroll in the amount of \$1,438,361.00. Total for admin and payroll came to \$1,587,737.00. These are just preliminary numbers. Mr. Boose thought she might want to send a notice out to let everyone know time is running out. We need all requests as soon as possible so we can budget the remainder of the money. Also, if they have any other projects they would like the Board to consider we need to know as soon as possible.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

IT Department. Ms. Ziembra said the application period closed last Friday. The Committee will begin reviewing applications.

Architect and engineer RFQ. They have all been notified.

Mr. Boose asked about the handicap ramp at the Courthouse. Ms. Ziembra said it is being paid with a CDBG grant and will start next spring. Mr. Boose would like to get it going as soon as possible. Ms. Ziembra contacted Ms. McConnell at GLCAP. Ms. McConnell explained there would need to be an environmental review. That should be done by mid-February, if not earlier. The project should be ready to bid out by late March or early April. Ms. Ziembra explained we already have estimated plans from the architect. It had to be submitted with the application.

Family Life Counseling. Mr. Strickler asked what they were doing with the contract. Ms. Ziembra explained it had to be revised to include the utility payments in the lease. Mr. Wilde thought they had decided on 15% of the total electric and gas since there aren't separate meters. Water would be additional. Mr. Welch is getting estimates on separating the meters.

Erie Basin lease. This is expired, the Board needs to review it. It is a simple lease. Ms. Ziembra asked if they would like an increase in the amount. Mr. Boose did not think, coming off of Covid, that it would be a good year for an increase. There was discussion and it was decided to renew the two year lease at the current rate.

MHAS Board vacancy. Mr. Wilde contacted Ms. Cardone about the gentleman he knows that is interested. Ms. Cardone is going to reach out to him. Mr. Boose would like to do a basic press release letting people know about the opening. Ms. Ziemba will contact Ms. Cardone about it.

**NEW BUSINESS****Assistant Prosecutor's report**

Mr. Strickler mentioned there was a food drive for Miriam House at the Courthouse for Domestic Violence Awareness month.

**Commissioner Wilde report**

Mr. Wilde said Second Harvest would be at the middle school on Christie today from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Willard Economic meeting tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Boose will cover this for Mr. Wilde.

FTMC Foundation Board tomorrow at 12:00 p.m.

Family & Children First Council meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Zoom.

Planning Commission Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Land Bank Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Small Business Grant review on Monday. Mr. Wilde will be out of town but he will Zoom in.

Received an email from Don Shifbauer, CEO at Nord Center. Would like to introduce themselves to us.

**Commissioner Boose report**

Meeting regarding the Airport tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

CCAO Board meeting met last Friday. Two and a half hour Zoom meeting was a long time. Winter Conference is going to be all Zoom. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Hintz and Mr. Wilde to participate as much as possible. There are some good topics that will be discussed and they have added a Town Hall-type meeting.

During the CCAO meeting there was a long discussion regarding a bill that would change the makeup of the local Health Board. If Mr. Boose understands it correctly, it would put the President of the County Commissioners on the Board, as well as somebody from the largest municipality in the district, and somebody from Township Trustees. There are currently no elected officials on that Board. Even though ORC specifies who is on the board, it seems to really differ from county to county. Some people think ORC is very clear and other think it is not clear at all. Mr. Boose would like to have the local Health Board come in and explain how it works in Huron County. He thought, according to ORC, the Advisory Board appointed the Board members. Mr. Wilde explained he had been on the board – the Health Commissioner had reached out to him as a small business owner. However, no one was very clear on the process. Mr. Boose said a Commissioner had asked CCAO to do more research and give their interpretation of how it should work. Not only look at the ORC, but also at what different counties were doing. Because of Covid, there are a lot of people that are not happy with what is happening at the State level. Some people are not happy with what is happening at the local level. During the CCAO discussion someone had questioned - who are the Commissioners and Township Trustees to decide health issues? Then somebody stated that some of the people on the Board shouldn't be making health decisions either. There are legitimate arguments on both sides. Mr. Sitterly thought there should be some sort of community input, or at least feedback. There are no elected officials on the board, nobody is held responsible to the community. And because of Covid some people are unhappy with decisions that are being made. Mr. Boose does not think CCAO is going to go one way or the other. It was a very controversial discussion.

Lynanne Vucovich, Norwalk Reflector. Ms. Vucovich asked if Resolution 20-274 was in line with the new Supreme Court ruling. She was referring to the ruling that referenced transgenders, etc. Mr. Strickler said it was. The County had already made that change by the time the decision came out. Mr. Sitterly explained the Supreme Court decision had been confirmed after most counties had already done it.

**At 10:58 a.m.** Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

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**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on October 20, 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 10:58 a. m.

Signatures on File