TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the August 11, 2020 and August 18, 2020 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2020 and August 18, 2020 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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

Terry Boose 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 #303108 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

******Discussion*: Mr. Boose questioned whether some of the payments on the claims schedule could be paid with CARES Act funds, such as payments for paper towels and wipes. He would like to find out why a monitor was purchased for the Sheriff's roll call. Mr. Boose asked why there was a cancellation fee for an attorney, Gregory Szuter, from the Sheriff's office. There are also payments in EMA for Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer. Believes this will be paid for with FEMA money. Need to make sure State EMA is picking up the remaining 25%.

Ms. Ziemba stated this claims schedule includes a Then and Now for the payments from the Landfill to the attorneys, Peters, Kalail & Markakis and Start & Knoll.

Terry Boose move to approve the Then and Now payments. 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

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

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

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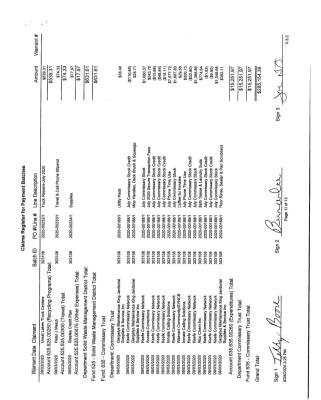
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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TITLE FUND #132 TO GENERAL FUND

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Susan Hazel, Clerk of Courts, has requested a transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Title Fund #132 transfer out 132-00600-132 to the General Fund 001-099-10500; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Title Fund #132-00600-132 transfer out to the General Fund 001-099-10500; 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 wanted to thank the Clerk of Courts, Susan Hazel, for doing this. She has been moving money she has in the Title Fund to the General Fund on a regular basis. This helps pay expenses. He noted that she does not have to transfer this money to us. But we have a good working relationship and appreciate her doing this.

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

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

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, .35

TUESDAY The Board of County Commissioners of ______ Huron _____ County, Ohio, <u>Regular</u> session on the <u>1st</u> day of <u>September</u> <u>2020</u> at the office of the met in (Regular or Special) Board of Huron County Commissioners with the following members present: Terry Boose Joe Hintz Bruce Wilde _____ moved the adoption of the following Resolution: Mr. <u>Terry Boose</u> WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of <u>Huron</u> County, Ohio, has

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certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of <u>Huron</u>, County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the _____ tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission inside10 M Limitation	Amount to Be Derived From Levies Outside the 10 M Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Inside 10 M Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Outside 10 M Limit
A. General Fund	2,544,797		2.10	
D. Road and Bridge Fund				
E. District Board of Health		837,744		.75
O. General Bond Retirement Funds				
Q. Road Construction Funds				
S. Relief and Welfare Special Levy Funds				
S. Child Welfare Services Special Levy Funds / Christie Lane		5,066,971		5.00
S Health, Mental Health/Clinics SpLevy Fnd/ADAMHS BD		554,107		.50
S. Parks and Recreation Special Levy Funds				
S. Other - Miscellaneous/Special Levy Funds/Senior Services		711,405		.655
S. Other – 9-1-1 Levy		878,130		.725
Total	2,544,797	8,048,357	2.10	7.63

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SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

	Maximum Rate	County Auditor's Estimate of
	Authorized to Be Levied	Yield of Levy (Carry to
		Schedule A, Column ll)
GENERAL FUND: GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 8, 2016	.50	558,157
not to exceed 10 years		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on		
not to exceed 10 years		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2019	.25	279,587
not to exceed 10 years		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 M. LIMITATION		
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:		
Levy authorized by voters on November 6, 1984 Christie Lane	.20	63,358
not to exceed cont. years		
Levy authorized by voters on May 8, 2001 Christie Lane	1.30	1,281,215
not to exceed cont. years		
Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2003 Christie Lane	1.50	1,479,294
not to exceed cont. years		
Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2014 MHAS	.50	554,107
not to exceed 10 years		
Levy authorized by voters on April 28, 2020 Senior Service	.655	711,405
not to exceed 5 years		
Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2015 Christie Lane	1.00	1,056,350
not to exceed 5 years		
Levy authorized by voters on November 6, 2018 Christie Lane	1.00	1,186,754
Not to exceed 5 years		
Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2019 9-1-1	.725	878,130
not to exceed 5 years		/

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr. <u>Bruce Wilde</u> seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

<i>Mr</i>		,	
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		,	
		day of <u>September</u>	
Attest:			
		Clerk of the Board of County of	Commissioners
		Huron	<u>County</u> , Ohio.
CERTIFICATE OF COPY ORIGINAL ON FILE			
The State of Ohio,	Huron	County, ss	
I, Vickie Ziemł	Da	, Clerk of the	Board of County
Commissioners within and j	for said Count	ty, and in whose custody the Files a	and Records of said
Board are required by the L	aws of the Sta	ate of Ohio to be kept, do hereby ce	rtify that the foregoing
is taken and copied from the	original		
Commissioners' Jour	rnal #100		

now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original and copied from the original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

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WITNESS my signature, this <u>1st</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2020

Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners,

<u>Huron</u>, County, Ohio.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde attended a meeting last Wednesday on this. Quite a few libraries attended the meeting. There was discussion on funds and how they were expected to come in for the new year, which began on July 1 for the State. There was excellent discussion regarding CARES money for libraries. Their Directors have not met since Covid began because they didn't have a location that allowed social distancing. Mr. Boose offered them the use of Meeting Room A. They have already scheduled a meeting for September 9 at 1:00 p.m. The libraries had a lot of questions regarding CARES money and asked if one of the Commissioners could attend their meeting. Mr. Boose explained that libraries can receive CARES funds up to \$25,000, but not all libraries qualify. There was a lot of confusion and the libraries thought they could not be reimbursed for supplies purchased prior to receipt of the CARES money. Mr. Boose and Ms. Ziemba did some research and found out they could go back and claim items that had been purchased after March 1. Mr. Boose offered to assist the libraries that don't qualify if they need to purchase items covered by the CARES Act. He mentioned that he really liked the form Ms. Ziemba had put together for people to request CARES funds.

Mr. Wilde added that there had also been some fiscal officers from local villages present. They had not been aware of all the things the CARES Act money could be used for. Mr. Boose wondered if it would be a good idea to set up a meeting with local communities, Senior Services, and the libraries to discuss the CARES Act. He thought they might do it in a couple weeks. Mr. Boose complimented Ms. Ziemba for being so up to date and well informed on the CARES Act.

At 9:15 a.m. Public comment – *Airport Board - Larry Silcox and John Colvin*. Mr. Boose had invited the Airport Board to come in today. He had received an email from the FAA indicating they need a Commissioner's signature and one from the Prosecutor's office so the Airport can receive the grant money it is entitled to. It is not really CARES Act money but it came through the CARES Act. Mr. Boose thought the Airport could use it for different things than the County can.

Mr. Silcox explained the reason they are coming in now is their SAMS Account had been inactive. This happened right about the time the virus hit. Trying to get things straightened out had been complicated by the virus. After it was straightened out they realized they needed to make some name changes on the account. They finally got things totally fixed about a week ago. That was when they were sent the CARES Act information. The Airport was required to submit four names – the Airport Manager, the Airport's attorney, a Commissioner and the Commissioner's attorney. Mr. Silcox, as President of Huron County Airport Board, and the Airport attorney have already signed and returned it – they only require an e-signature.

Mr. Silcox said the information they received indicated they can go back to January 2020 for expenses. Mr. Strickler clarified that was only for certain things. Mr. Silcox explained the Airport has already discussed this with their engineer, Michael Baker International. The engineer will review all requests to make sure they are appropriate. The Airport will do all the paperwork, and their Secretary/Treasurer is aware of this. They are ready to move forward as soon as they get the e-signatures sent in. Mr. Boose said he appreciated the Airport doing all the work. He acknowledged there was a lot of work to get to where they are now, and there will be more to get the expenses paid. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Hintz should sign as President. Mr. Strickler thought it might be easier to authorize Mr. Boose to sign it since the email had come to him.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Terry Boose to sign the Airport 5A1-GLG-3-39-0062-013-2020-Grant Agreement. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Silcox informed the Board that he had received a 13-page public records request yesterday. They are working on that. The County will receive the money they loaned the Airport after the Airport Board approves the payment on September 14th.

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Valerie Stebel, Huron County Commissioners. Ms. Stebel presented quotes from Spectrum for internet service for the downtown offices. She had quotes for two different internet speeds. The first was for 50 mbps, which included five IP addresses, for \$560/month. There would be a one-time charge of \$250 for the fiber. She explained the County is currently paying Frontier \$1,013.09/month for 30 mbps, with an additional charge of \$200 for ten IP addresses. The second quote from Spectrum was for 100 mbps, also with 5 IP addresses. The cost for this is \$770/month, plus the one-time charge of \$250 for the fiber. Mr. Wilde thought it made most sense to go with the 100 mbps. Mr. Boose asked if 5 IP addresses was going to be enough. Ms. Stebel explained they are only using two right now, one for the Clerk of Courts and one for the Auditor.

Mr. Boose thought there were two issues. First, cancelling the Frontier contract. The second was deciding which quote to go with. He explained the reason the County is cancelling the Frontier contract downtown is the same reason we cancelled it at the Administration building. The service was very poor. When service would go down, the County was treated like any other residential customer. Mr. Boose noted that the downtown offices, and especially the Courts, can't afford to be down at all. Ms. Stebel said she has one direct contact person for the County at Spectrum. If service goes down, she has their cell phone number to call them. With Frontier we had to call the 1-800 number. Mr. Wilde thought Spectrum also provided backup. Ms. Stebel said there was a backup system. If for any reason the internet goes down, for any business in the City of Norwalk, a backup system goes into effect. It may not provide full speed, but there will be service. Internet will not go down completely like it does with Frontier. Mr. Boose said he cannot stress enough that the service we are receiving now is not good enough. We even had an issue where it was Frontier's fault it went down and it took way too long to fix it. Ms. Stebel said we are now being charged about \$9,000 for that, but she is taking care of it.

It was decided to go with the 100 mbps quote. Ms. Stebel will prepare a letter to cancel Frontier's service for the Thursday meeting. She reminded them that it was not possible to cancel the 9-1-1 service with Frontier per Mr. Strickler. Mr. Strickler explained the reason they cannot cancel Frontier for 9-1-1 is because the State requires a landline telephone. Frontier is the only one in town that can provide one. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure the process was totally invisible to the people downtown. Ms. Stebel said a seamless transition was both her goal and that of Spectrum. Frontier will not be disconnected until Spectrum is ready to go.

At 9:30 a.m. <u>Nick Gerber with The Ashley Group, Perry Dryden with Battles Insurance, and Julia</u> <u>Armstrong, HR to review the health insurance.</u> Mr. Gerber had some handouts for the Board. He told them they had been asked to come in to walk through the renewal information. They received the CEBCO renewal last week. It initially indicated there would be a slight decrease, but the renewal was actually a slight increase. The plan design is the same, there are no changes, but CEBCO is raising the rate 0.4%. By today's market standards, a 0.4% is a phenomenal renewal.

The second page got into the dashboard. This is the report Mr. Gerber provides on a fairly consistent basis. One of the things they monitor is the balance between premium dollars to pay claims and the actual claims dollars that are going out. The green column showed the premium the County pays every month, which was \$3.395 million for the year. The red column was the amount the County took out for claims, which came to \$2.076 million plus \$703,000 for drugs. The form also showed a condensed version of previous years. Drug spending was up this year, but medical claims were about the same. Gross claims totaled \$2.78 million, with net pooling of \$75,448. What that means is that any claim that comes in over \$75,000 is covered by reinsurance. So if there is a \$100,000 claim, the County's claim fund pays \$75,000, the pool pays the remaining \$25,000 and anything over that. So we received \$75,000 back from pooling reimbursement for a total of \$2.7 million.

Mr. Gerber explained there was a loss ratio of 80%. This means that 80 to 84 cents on the dollar is going to pay claims, 10-15% is for administration and they are targeting 3-5% profit. This is a self-funded pool, so it is not really a profit scenario. He thought what this was continuing to tell us was that the plan has performed very well.

Another thing Mr. Gerber thought it was important to look at was the total employee count. The County averages about 244 employees. The current employee per year cost is slightly up at \$13,906. Mr. Gerber said part of the reason they do this analysis is to make sure CEBCO is the best fit for the County. CEBCO does a good job of providing stability. Mr. Gerber pointed out the reserve balance, or the "leftover" funds. This was the difference between what the County pays for premiums and what it takes out to pay for health care. The excess funds go into a CEBCO pool, they do not belong to Huron County anymore. He explained that in 2019 into 2020, if the County would have paid all the claims out of the pool, they would have had \$615,000 leftover. If there had been a \$75,000 pooling point, the County would have had \$690,000 leftover. That information tells Mr. Gerber that Huron County is outperforming the rest of the pool. The term he would use is "overfunded" – the County is putting more in than they are taking out. The data showed there has been a healthy reserve amount each year. They totaled the amount of time the County has been with CEBCO compared to if the County had been self-insured. Depending on if you look at it before or after pooling, there

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is somewhere between \$2.3 and \$3.5M in the potential reserve fund. Mr. Wilde clarified that was after 5 years. Mr. Dryden thought it was important to look at the years the County was with Medical Mutual and not part of a pool. During that time the County was able to build up a reserve of \$2 million+/-, which still exists on the County's assets. Mr. Gerber wanted to clarify what a proper reserve amount would be. Typically a very healthy reserve amount tends to be about 30% of annual spend. Mr. Wilde thought he was recommending about \$1 million in reserve for the County if we were on our own. Mr. Gerber said yes, because if you are standing alone and doing things right, you should be accumulating additional reserve.

Mr. Gerber said the County was not doing anything wrong. There is renewal stability, but there is also an overfunding situation. These are what they will look at over the next year. Mr. Boose asked why there was an increase in the renewal at all if there was such a large reserve. Mr. Gerber explained that the pool was not being rated solely on Huron County, Huron County is being rated on the entirety of the pool. Mr. Dryden explained that CEBCO tapped into \$10M of reserves to keep the premium down for all the counties. There has been two or three really poor performing counties - 200% loss ratio for a couple of them. Mr. Wilde thought Huron County was being penalized. Mr. Hintz thought it was more a case of sharing the burden. Mr. Dryden said it could be Huron County in another year. Mr. Boose agreed it will eventually catch up with us. Mr. Gerber said the rule of thumb with a consortium is, when the good is good it is not quite as good, but when the bad is bad it's not quite as bad.

The next page outlined the three claims CEBCO paid for Huron County over and above the pooling point - \$126,000, one for \$96,000 and one for \$76,000. This showed the amount of pooling, for a total over pooling about \$75,448. Again, for a population that has 244 employees, this is actually pretty small number of what are called pooling violations.

The benchmark report provides a strong market comparison. Mr. Dryden said this information showed that, as a national benchmark, an employer is paying 19% of a premium for a single and 31% for a family. Huron County is at just 10% for both single and family. That means that people with spouses, children and dependents are subsidized. They are receiving more of a benefit than a single employee is receiving. If a single employee costs the County \$500 and the family costs \$1,500, that family employee is receiving \$12,000 a year more compensation than a single. Mr. Dryden thought this may be a place to make changes sometime down the road.

The information they had been discussing was for the PPO plan with a \$600 deductible. Mr. Gerber explained the number stayed about the same from a PEPY standpoint for the HSA. But the deducible is in the middle of the average annual deductible. Mr. Gerber explained the data showed that Huron County employees were getting a tremendous amount of benefit. He thought the County had done a good job of migrating employees toward the HSA plan. Employees make smarter, more informed decisions when their own dollars are at risk.

The SERB report allowed them to benchmark county against county. Mr. Dryden thought the data indicated Huron County was doing all the right things. The plan is performing well, and the County is offering a great plan at a great cost to the employees.

There was discussion on the best way to handle the rate increase. Mr. Gerber believes the cost of employee engaged in an HSA is significantly less than one that is in a PPO. He thought that, to continue with the success of the HSA plan, the County should keep providing incentives. There was discussion on the difference between the HSA and the PPO. For a single employee, there is a \$600 deductible, plus co-insurance up to a \$2,500 out of pocket maximum. A single employee on the HSA plan pays everything out of pocket, up to a \$2,700 maximum out of pocket. However, if they are using their HSA account, they are paying with pre-tax dollars. Mr. Dryden pointed out the PPO also has a \$2,500 copay on prescriptions, in addition to the \$2,500 for office visits. Mr. Boose asked if an HSA was more beneficial to a certain portion of the population. Mr. Gerber did not think so. He thought they needed to educate people. An employee should add up all their copays and the extra cost of the PPO that comes out of their paycheck. Then they should look at the amount the County contributes to the HSA and how much they would save in premiums each month. More often than not there is an advantage to the HSA.

Mr. Wilde said he had reviewed the options presented for the rate increase and referenced Option B. This option had the employer paying the entire amount of the 0.4% increase. Mr. Boose thought this would be around \$13,500. Ms. Armstrong said yes, this would be if the employer assumed the entire increase. Mr. Wilde did not think \$13,500 on a total of \$3 million was too bad. There was further discussion on the options. Mr. Wilde asked Ms. Armstrong how soon she needed their decision. She said they just had to sign the renewal by September 18. Mr. Gerber explained things were still open for discussion.

Mr. Gerber also had the Delta Dental renewal forms. This was a two year renewal, which will end on December 31, 2022. It keeps the same rates that are currently being offered. Ms. Armstrong explained Delta did the Pandemic Relief Program where they refunded a month's premiums. They also said they would keep the rates the same for another year. Our Rep was able to convince underwriting to keep the rates the same for two years.

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At 10:33 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of <u>pending</u> or <u>imminent court action</u> and ORC 121.22 (G) (6) Specialized details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office. 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 11:32 a.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) and (G)(6). 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

Building & Crounds

At 11:33 a.m. the board recessed. At 11:45 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

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

Terry Boose 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:

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Buckeye Wildlife NW LLC	Trapping	\$1,069.87	now therefore

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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

******Discussion:* Mr. Hintz said he and Mr. Minor had originally thought this service would cost about \$1,000. However, they were able to trap more than anticipated.

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

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY AND THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners applied for grant funds for various projects in the county; and

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WHEREAS, the PY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program grant was approved by the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency in the amount of \$162,000.00; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the grant agreement as attached herein (Grant B-F-20-1BJ-1); 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:* Ms. Ziemba said this was a CDBG grant for a project chosen earlier. The total grant amount is \$162,000 for Greenwich street improvement, Administration and Fair Housing, the Courthouse ramp and the City of Willard sidewalks and streets.

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

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

*Agreement on file.

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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #099 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS ACCOUNT #020

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the #020 Board of Election's account; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 099-00600-001 transfer out in the amount of \$65,000.00 to the Board of Election's fund #020-00525-001 contract services for the yearly payment on voting equipment; 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 # 020 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

SIGNINGS

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND REQUESTS

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.

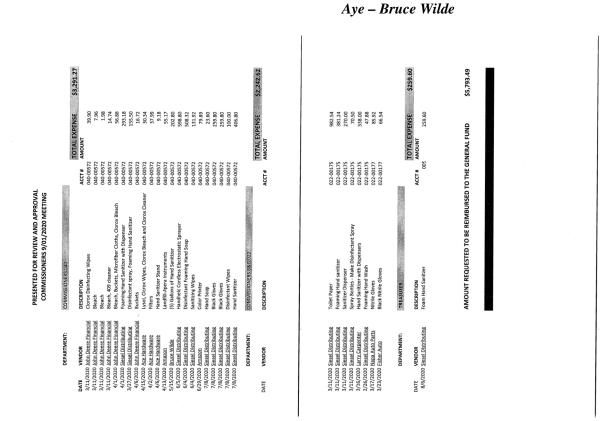
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- Building & Grounds, \$39.90, Siesel Distributing, LLC, for Microban 24 hour disinfectant;
- Building & Grounds, \$973.50, Siesel Distributing, LLC, for Alcohol sanitizer & spray bottles;
- Commissioners, \$9,150, Wilhelm Construction, add additional wall and door to Meeting Room A to allow for quieter and uninterrupted meetings due to having to relocate Commissioner board meetings to this room to allow for social distancing;
- Building & Grounds, \$985.95, G&L Supply, paper towels;
- Commissioners, \$5,900, TekRx, TVs for Meeting Rooms A & D to allow for teleconference, webinar and Zoom meetings;
- Buildings & Grounds/Treasurer, \$5,793.49, reimbursement for cleaning supplies including disinfecting wipes/bleach/buckets/disinfecting spray/filters/gloves;
- Services for the Aging, Inc., \$7,262, thermal face scanners; electrostatic sprayer; Husky disinfectant.

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

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Joe Hintz



OLD BUSINESS

CARES Act discussion

Mr. Boose and Ms. Ziemba had discussed several issues regarding CARES Act. They still do not know when we will receive the second or third rounds. Mr. Wilde thought we had already received the second round. Ms. Ziemba had read that it should have been deposited on August 28. She had not been able to reach Mr. Tkach to confirm this.

Mr. Boose said, according to CCAO, there is a bill that could extend the reporting and redistribution dates. Mr. Wilde thought that was good. Mr. Boose said there had been a lot of questions and misunderstandings. He referenced a request they had received in the amount of \$500 for cleaning supplies from an elected official. This request had not provided any documentations. Mr. Boose would like to have a Department Head/Elected Official meeting to discuss CARES Act money. He suggested they discuss the health care information at the same time. Mr. Boose also wanted to make County officials aware that the Commissioners/Buildings & Grounds are not a dispensary for PPE and cleaning supplies. Each department needs to plan for the year; we are not going to provide their supplies. He realized there was some confusion since Buildings & Grounds had provided some PPE at the beginning of Covid.

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Mr. Boose also wanted to try to clarify the administrative leave monies. He thought there was some confusion between the information Auditor Tkach was sending out and what can actually be covered. We need to know what everybody had for administrative leave and we need the information sooner rather than later. That is another reason Mr. Boose would like to have a meeting.

Mr. Boose then explained there had been a non-General Fund department that completely shut down at the beginning of Covid. They plan to turn in all their salary and benefits for a long period of time for reimbursement through CARES. Mr. Wilde asked if it qualified. Mr. Boose said they would have to decide. The decision to close had not been made by the State, the department had made it individually. Mr. Boose was not sure there was enough money to pay for it. Ms. Ziemba thought it was around \$27,205. Mr. Wilde thought if the County was not going to use all the CARES funds we could pay it. Mr. Boose said we may not know that until December. He wanted to stress to all the departments that, just because they turn something in, does not mean it will automatically be approved.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba about the small business grants. Ms. Ziemba said, as of right now, there were six applications from Norwalk, two from New London, one from Wakeman and one from Bellevue. Ms. Knapp had received one application yesterday and four serious inquiries. There was no update on the amount being requested yet. HCDC will be pushing it every day until the deadline.

Community hubs. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to provide an update after her discussion with Ms. Horowitz. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Horowitz talked to her Board and they told her she can only reach out to Norwalk. Mr. Boose reminded them that they had only agreed to provide \$50,000 if the program was going to be available to the entire County. The other key was that when the County had agreed to provide funds, they had not approved actually doing the program themselves. They had only approved funding the program. Mr. Wilde thought this had become something other than what they thought it would be. He did not think they should continue to pursue it.

Mr. Boose mentioned a discussion he had with a business who had been totally shut down by the State, and has still not been able to reopen according to their rules. He was sure there was more than one. The business owner was wondering if there was a grant program available for his needs. Mr. Boose did not think this business qualified for the small business grant the County is offering. Ms. Ziemba said the guidelines require they be in business. Mr. Hintz thought they could still be in business but closed down. Mr. Boose thought the goal of the grant program was not to give somebody money who wasn't going to open back up. He had asked Ms. Ziemba to check with Erie County and to see if they were doing something. He thought they probably had more businesses in that category than Huron County. He also asked her to find out if there was any state or federal money to help with this. Erie County indicated they did not know of anything.

Mr. Boose pointed out that, with the rules that are currently established, there is a very good chance the County will have a considerable amount of money left over in November/December. Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba to ask OBM if we can do such a grant. Explain to OBM we would like to give money to somebody that has been shut down by the government and find out what that money can be used for. Can it be used to pay loans or for equipment? Mr. Boose would like to find out as soon as possible. If OBM will not allow it, at least we can pass that information along as well.

Mr. Boose did not think the grant applications were coming in like he thought they would, but there is still another week. Ms. Ziemba said she had another update from Ms. Knapp - "getting A LOT of inquiries today and received an additional application. So the daily pushout of the information on social media is helping".

Ms. Ziemba informed the Board that, with what has already been expended and if they approve all of the outstanding requests, the remaining CARES money available is \$230,000. This included administrative leave. Mr. Boose noted this did not include Sheriff's salaries. There was discussion as to whether this qualified. Mr. Boose thought there was a conflict of information. After watching the CCAO webinar he had a lot of questions. Richland County is claiming most of their jail labor and Sheriff labor, with the exception of Civil. Discussion on the procedure they were using. Fairfield County was doing something very similar. Richland County is also doing some things that Mr. Boose and Ms. Ziemba had been told were not allowed, such as providing hot spots and paying for internet. They said they got approval for prepayment for two years from OBM. Ms. Ziemba said it was in all the documentation from OBM and the State Treasury that you cannot prepay services.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had talked to Norwalk – they are paying their police and fire with CARES funds. He suggested Ms. Ziemba talk to them to see how they are documenting it. Everyone agreed the whole thing was very confusing. Mr. Hintz did not like it that if you pay it and it doesn't qualify, we are liable for it. Mr. Boose thought if they were expenses we were going to have anyhow, then it was worth trying to get the money.

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Mr. Boose wanted to take a look at Sheriff's salaries for three months. It is a lot of money. He thought they would have to make the choice between whether to pay for that or spend the funds a different way. We may come to a point where we have to decide which is the best place to spend the money. Mr. Wilde asked if it was possible to share – maybe pay the Sheriff for just one month. Mr. Boose said we can do whatever we want. Mr. Boose asked what would happen if it came down to sharing and they had to choose between paying all of the Sheriff's salaries or setting up a program for businesses like he mentioned before. One or the other. Mr. Wilde thought about it. One would affect the General Fund substantially, and one is probably going to help sales tax and a business staying viable. He would have to look at those numbers. Mr. Hintz noted both scenarios would affect the General Fund, but one more directly. Mr. Boose this is a question that he has been asked. They need to come up with a response.

Ms. Ziemba pointed out that the most recent report listed how the funds should be reported. She noted that the interim report was due on October 6. She said category "L" was payroll for covered health and safety officials. Mr. Boose asked if we were doing that. Ms. Ziemba said none of it had been approved. Mr. Boose asked about the Health Department. Ms. Ziemba said the Health Department had asked and the Board had requested that they fill out the form with more information. They have not responded back. Mr. Boose thought they were probably too busy to look at the form. In hindsight he thought the next time we should tell them we can't approve it until they provide more information. Mr. Boose said his fear is the timing factor is going to be a problem. We are not going to have what we need by the right time. Mr. Boose thought the CARES Act money should be a huge concern to the whole Board.

Mr. Boose said there was a lot of confusion out there about the CARES money. There were three or four payments on the Claims Schedule he thought should have used CARES funds. They had talked to the librarians – there was a lot of information they were not aware of. Some people are so confused they are not even applying for the money. Mr. Boose asked if we should do a Zoom meeting, or a meeting here, to talk about nothing but CARES Act. What it can and cannot be used for, what we know, what information somebody else might have that they can share with us. The cities, villages, townships, departments, libraries. Particularly the fiscal officers, the ones that really need to know answers. Ms. Ziemba cautioned them about people looking to the Board and saying they did it because the Commissioners said they could; then having to return money. They have to know we are not the ones approving the expenses or saying something is an eligible expense. We are only saying, based on these guidelines, this is how we interpret it. Mr. Boose said we can do it like CCAO does it – Share & Learn. Mr. Wilde thought this was a good idea.

Ms. Ziemba said at the last meeting they brought up Norwalk City Schools and face shields. She had talked to EMA. Mr. Mead indicated they have 500 in stock they received free from the State. They have the option to get 10,000 more free from the State. However, they can't really use them without a mask. Ms. Ziemba had talked to Joyce at Norwalk City Schools. However, Joyce has never sent her anything. The Board agreed Ms. Ziemba should contact Joyce and let her know they are not going to be able to purchase or use them.

Commissioner Wilde report

Land Bank last Thursday. Things are going well and they are moving properties. Ms. Ziemba asked if anybody remembered when they were supposed to pay the General Fund back. Mr. Boose said they left it open. Mr. Wilde said he mentions it at most meetings. Things are moving but they are not accumulating dollars yet. Ms. Ziemba wondered if there was something they could do on a yearly basis if they were not going to pay it back this year. Mr. Wilde thought it was a good idea to do something to track it. Ms. Ziemba asked if they could make payments. Mr. Boose said it had been pretty open. They want it paid back, but we don't want to hurt their organization by making them pay it back and then they can't operate. Mr. Wilde said he will keep an eye on it.

CEBCO meeting on Friday. Good meeting, although hard to hear on Zoom.

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WIOA meeting. Good meeting, trying to get better communication.

Budget Commission meeting.

Prevention and mental health meeting.

Mr. Boose explained they have been trying to find another representative from Huron County to be on Firelands Forward. Paul Bishop with MTD has agreed to serve on the board. In addition, Commissioner Boose, Heather Horowitz, Ted Kastor and Jeff Huber also were on the board representing Huron County. Mr. Boose said there may be one other person. There is equal representation for Huron County that Erie County has. Mr. Wilde noted that the \$50,000 Huron County paid was to Fireland's Forward, not Erie County. Fireland's Forward represents both counties.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

At 1:00 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 September 1, 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 1:00 p. m.

Signatures on File