

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 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.

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

20-238

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING BONNIE SHELLEY TO THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bonnie Shelley’s term on the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities expires December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shelley wishes to be re-appointed and it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to re-appoint Bonnie Shelley to a four year term; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby re-appoints Bonnie Shelley to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities to a term effective January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024; 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. Wilde noted that Ms. Shelley has been on the Board for quite some time and has a daughter that goes to the Board of DD.

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

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

20-239

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND i2c TECHNOLOGIES, LTD FOR CAMERA UPGRADES AT THE HURON COUNTY JAIL

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Sheriff has indicated a need for camera upgrades at the Huron County Jail and is requesting the Huron County Commissioners contract with i2c Technologies, LTD to complete said project; and

WHEREAS, i2c Technologies, LTD has the State of Ohio Procurement Contract, Schedule number 800475, Index number: STS846; and

WHEREAS, i2c Technologies, LTD has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$80,087.08 to complete the Huron County Jail camera upgrade project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the agreement submitted by i2c Technologies, LTD for the Huron County Jail camera upgrade project 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** These cameras will go in the jail and the Sheriff's office. The price came in lower than what had been anticipated.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

20-240

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 17, 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:

Capital Improvements #021

Hill's Interiors	install carpet and padding (HR office project)	\$1,166.00
Capitol Aluminum	window framing for A/C unit (HR office project)	\$ 600.00
		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:** Ms. Ziemba said the only thing left to purchase would be some type of window covering, whether it be blinds or curtains.

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

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

20-241

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING A FULL-TIME, NON-EXEMPT, CLASSIFIED, DEPUTY DOG
WARDEN I EMPLOYEE FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOG WARDEN**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Deputy Dog Warden I as a full-time, non-exempt, classified employee for the Huron County Dog Warden; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted and advertised in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Dog Warden, recommends hiring Nicholas Burnsworth for the position of Deputy Dog Warden I, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of Nicholas Burnsworth to the position of Deputy Dog Warden I, in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual, effective September 21, 2020, at the rate of \$10.50 per hour with an additional \$.50/hr. after successful six month evaluation, 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 noted this was not a new position, they were just replacing Mr. Jasinski since he took over as the new Dog Warden. Mr. Boose appreciated Mr. Starett's help with this process.

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.

At 9:15 a.m. IT Committee update. Mr. Wilde provided some background. The IT Committee has been working on trying to prepare a job description. Both Mr. Starett and Martin Anderson, who is the Director of Technology at BSGU Firelands, are working with them. Mr. Wilde then asked Ms. Tkach to provide more information.

Ms. Tkach said they finalized the draft of the job description for the County IT Administrator at their last meeting. Mr. Anderson was invaluable in helping with the technical aspects of the job description. The IT Committee will approve the job description at their next meeting on September 21. At that time it will be ready for posting. She asked where the Commissioner would like it posted. Mr. Starett knew of a number of free places he had utilized in the past. If they want to go beyond that, they could advertise in the local paper. This would also bring that position to Monster.com. Mr. Starett said this provides very good coverage, but there is a cost involved. Mr. Boose thought it was an invaluable position and they want to hire someone with a really good background. Because of this he would not have a problem spending a little extra money. Mr. Hintz agreed and thought we should get the word out. Mr. Starett pointed out the County has pretty high standards in terms of qualifications. Once the applications are received the Committee will work to eliminate all the unqualified ones. Mr. Boose asked how long they would look. Ms. Tkach thought they had discussed posting for two weeks. They hoped to have someone ready to start by January 1. Mr. Boose asked what they would do if they were ready before then. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz both agreed they should get started earlier if they found someone qualified. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba what the County needed to do as far as setting up the position. Ms. Ziemba did not think DAS required them to do anything anymore. Mr. Starett confirmed DAS is no longer keeping track.

Mr. Boose thought one of the things they would have to think about was setting up office space. Mr. Wilde noted that the County had budgeted for this project this year. Mr. Boose decided they could discuss it at next Tuesday's meeting. He appreciated them moving forward on this since it was needed. Mr. Wilde mentioned Ms. Tkach had gathered a significant amount of data from each department. She has a list of every copy machine lease and the date it expires. They are almost all from the same vendor. Mr. Wilde thought that was an area where the County could come together. There were also things that still needed to be discussed, such as how things are going to be paid. Mr. Boose said down the road they will talk to the cities and villages that may also possibly want to use this service. He believed it was a good opportunity to work with them and try to save them money. Mr. Wilde explained that besides IT experience, communication was key. The individual they hire must be able to work with a lot of different departments and elected officials. It is important that communication is good. It goes without saying that every department wants things their own way, so they are going to have to build trust. Mr. Hintz thought that would be one of the biggest hurdles to overcome. Mr. Strickler suggested they add that the candidate must pass a background check to the job description. A lot of County offices deal with confidential information.

Mr. Boose asked if the IT Committee was going to disband after they hire somebody. Mr. Wilde thought it was a good working committee and wanted to continue to help the process going forward. Mr. Boose wanted to thank them for their work and wanted to move forward. He asked Ms. Ziemba what the next step should be. Ms. Ziemba thought they should wait until they received the final copy of the job description and then pass it by resolution.

Recorder scanning project. The Commissioners had asked Ms. Tkach to determine whether the scanning project would need to go out for bid. She had Mr. Strickler help her with this. Mr. Strickler spoke to both U.S. Imaging and Document Technology Systems (DTS). The software DTS uses is proprietary to them. That is the software Ms. Tkach has in her office. The software U.S. Imaging uses is also proprietary, but is

compatible with DTS. Under the competitive bidding statutes, one of the exceptions is if services can only be obtained from a single supplier. Based upon the propriety of the software and the fact that Ms. Tkach already has the software in her office, it is Mr. Strickler's opinion that these services can only be obtained from one provider. Therefore it is an exception to the competitive bidding process. Mr. Strickler will provide Ms. Tkach with a memo stating this project is an exception because of those things.

Mr. Boose asked what they needed to do to move forward. Ms. Tkach said there had also been a question as to whether the work would be completed by the end of the year. The U.S. Imaging representative told her they could submit an invoice to the County for the full amount due so it could be paid in 2020. The work would be finished approximately first quarter 2021. The rep indicated that was how most counties were handling this with the CARES Act funding. The scanning would be completed in Stage 1, so they would have the images by the end of 2020. But the posting process takes a bit longer. Ms. Tkach thought she could scale the project back to whatever can be finished in 2020. The mortgage books were approximately 2/3 of the project. The deed volumes are the most frail and the first thing the title examiners look at. She would like to include the index books for both the mortgages and the deed books. This would allow the examiners to be able to access that information online and be able to remotely submit a request to the office. This would cut the project in half.

Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Tkach could set up a Phase 1 and a Phase 2. Phase 1 would be completed this year; Phase 2 completed as soon as possible afterwards. He did not think it would do her much good to finish Phase 1 and not complete Phase 2. Mr. Boose would like to have a cost to complete Phase 2. The County will have to come up with the money. Mr. Wilde agreed, saying it was a service to so many people. Ms. Tkach explained this would allow the examiners to access the information from their office without having to come in.

Ms. Tkach said Data Board had asked her to check with the State Auditor and get a written opinion. The State Auditor would not do that because they are the ones who will be doing the audit. They told Ms. Tkach to have the Prosecutor write an opinion. Ms. Tkach did explain the project to the State Auditor's representative, who thought it sounded like it would qualify for CARES Act. Ms. Tkach has asked Mr. Strickler for an opinion. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to also ask OBM to see if they had any issues.

Ms. Tkach will begin to see what she can do to break down the project. Mr. Boose would like her to get started, but did not want her to sign any contracts yet.

Mr. Boose mentioned he had attended a CCAO Tax Committee meeting on Tuesday to review policy. One of the topics that was brought up was to expand the \$50,000 requirement amount. They reminded everybody there is a \$100,000 amount if it is an emergency. Mr. Strickler thought that should be expanded too. Mr. Boose said their opinion is, if you have to spend Covid money by the end of the year, that is an emergency. Mr. Strickler said the statute for the emergency requires certain conditions to be met. Part of the emergency is for specific things, for instance if they 9-1-1 system were to go down. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Strickler could contact CCAO to get some clarification.

Ms. Tkach brought up the hardware improvements she would like to do. She had already provided them with quotes. The project would make it necessary for her to access the 1% money in the 702 Ohio Housing Trust Fund. She asked the Board for their permission to pursue that with the Auditor and move ahead with the project. Mr. Boose said he would like to see her move forward.

Commissioner Boose report

Email from Tim Hollinger about PPE. Mr. Hollinger indicated they have all their PPE in their possession. Mr. Boose noted the County had ordered quite a bit of PPE. Also, a lot had been donated by the community. He thought the first thing they should do was get a good inventory of what they have. Then he would like to decide what do with it. Mr. Wilde mentioned the schools may be looking for some. The big item is wipes. At a certain point they are going to start to dry out. Mr. Boose said they would need to figure out a fair distribution. He thought some of it could be returned to the medical facilities as well. He wants to be prepared if there should be another pandemic, however he does not want to hoard if people need things now. There needs to be a discussion with EMA on this.

There had been discussion about adding interior walls and a door to the building where the PPE is being stored. Mr. Boose thought there was some slightly damaged drywall that could be used. Ms. Ziemba thought it was still in the building. The Board agreed this would be a fairly inexpensive project if they could have the County staff do the work and utilized materials the County already had available.

Mr. Boose wanted to make sure everyone understood that the building was for EMA and the Commissioners. At the time it had been built for a purpose. He would like to try to determine what everybody's current needs are. The building is under the Commissioners' name – they are the ones that approved building it and helped get the grant money for it. They also need space to store the snow removal equipment in the winter. Mr. Boose

thought if there was a project being planned for the building the Commissioners should probably know about it. He said one of the things being discussed was storing communications equipment in that building. Mr. Wilde asked who wanted to do that. Mr. Boose explained it was the Sheriff and EMA. Mr. Hintz remembered there being a lot of room that wasn't utilized in the building. Mr. Boose thought it was a building everyone could use. But people who were using it before shouldn't be told they can't use it because now someone has a new purpose for it. Mr. Wilde thought that was the key issue.

At 9:55 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to move the Executive Session up on the agenda. 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*

At 9:56 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session 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 10:29 a.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (6). Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion:* Mr. Boose said there were some security issues they are working on for this building; they are working cooperatively with Board of Elections. There are some things they will be paying for and some things the Commissioners will be paying for.**

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

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

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:37 a.m. the board resumed regular session with security discussion about EMA/Fire fighters building. Art Meade, Tacy Bond, Jim Tansey, and Pete Welch in attendance. Also in attendance media.

Mr. Boose attended the Firefighter's Association meeting last Wednesday. He was asked if the Commissioners, could look into how the building out at EMA is to be accessed, especially for the firefighters. In the past, each fire department had their own code to get in. That is no longer the case.

Mr. Boose explained the history of the building, since he had been involved with it from day one in the late 1990s. Chief Chapin and John Soisson came to him and said they could really use a shared building. They asked if there was any possibility that could happen. Mr. Boose told them it was up to Bill Ommert/EMA. They invited Mr. Ommert into the discussion. At that time there was a grant available. A large portion of it was purchased through a grant, but the Commissioners paid a portion.

There has been a lot of discussion about whose building it is. Mr. Boose said, bottom line, the Commissioners own it. They pay insurance and utilities. The original purpose was to at least have some space for the firefighters to share. Over the last 20+ years that use may have changed a little bit. A few months ago when the County started receiving PPE from the community it was stored in that building. Mr. Boose thought some that had been purchased was also stored there. Mr. Mead said that was correct. Mr. Boose wanted a solution everyone could work together on. He didn't think the firefighters were using the building as much as they had when it was first opened. Mr. Tansey was not sure if this was true or not.

Mr. Boose said things have changed over the last twenty years. The firefighters still have a need in the building, but probably not the same need they had at one time. He did not have a problem with the trailer Norwalk FD had out there. But the Commissioners also have a need. They have been us using it for many years to store two snow removal vehicles. Just during the winter, so if there is a need for snow removal a vehicle is ready to go. Mr. Boose believes the building is big enough so that everybody that needs it can use it.

As far as securing PPE, Mr. Boose has discussed with Mr. Welch having the staff build some basic walls to make a secure room. Mr. Boose thought there may be some drywall left over from the Peer Center. He knew it wasn't great, but thought it might be good enough for what they were doing. It shouldn't be hard to secure

a portion of that building. He asked if there was any reason everybody can't use the building and have access to it. Mr. Mead said everybody does have access to it. If any fire department needs to get into the building, all they have to do is call dispatch. Somebody will be there within three to five minutes to open the building. He said there are only four people that have access to that building, so they know who goes in and who goes out. But any time there has ever been a need from any of the departments they can get in. Mr. Mead said if the firefighters don't want to come out he can usually take whatever they need to them. He didn't think there were any issues as far as accessing anything in there. Mr. Wilde asked if all the fire departments were aware that was the protocol to get in. Mr. Mead said he sent out an email to all the chiefs at the beginning of Covid. EMA had done this to keep control of the PPE and know what was going on. However, access has never been denied to any fire department. They just can't come in whenever they want as they had before. They have to let either EMA or the Sheriff's Department know so the door can be opened for them. Mr. Wilde said the Sheriff was available 24/7. Mr. Mead said yes.

Mr. Tansey said the chiefs were not aware of the protocol. He understood the reasoning for this if things had come up missing. However, when there are only four people that have access, all of them could be busy at any given time. He remembered three of the four names. No one had mentioned contacting dispatch the night of Firefighter's Association meeting. They were told they had to get ahold of one of those four people. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify – if they were to contact dispatch, who would unlock the building? Mr. Mead said it would be Ms. Bond, Sheriff Corbin, Chief Deputy Ditz or himself. Mr. Boose said so somebody can be there very quickly. Mr. Tansey had not been aware of this. He suggested dispatch could have a sign-in sheet so you don't have to wait on anybody. However, he did understand that people going in and out of the building had become an issue. Ms. Bond explained that a couple things have happened in the past. For instance, on two occasions someone had used the gas tanks to test their meters. The gas tanks had been left on and were empty when the next person went in. These are \$100 a bottle. In addition, with the PPE being stored in there they were not comfortable with people going in whenever they want. Ms. Bond said she basically lives across the street and can be there very quickly. There had been one occasion where neither she nor Mr. Mead had been available. She called the Sheriff's Department and had someone paged to unlock the door. Ms. Bond thought Mr. Boose's solution of creating a separate room would suffice. She had requested estimates before they had decided to have the staff do the work. The first estimate came in at \$5,145. Ms. Bond stated that right now they are using it temporarily to store radio equipment.

Mr. Boose said she had just hit on the second issue. However, before he discussed that, he asked if calling dispatch would work. He asked Mr. Tansey if they could try that temporarily. If it didn't work, the fire departments can come back to the Commissioners and they could discuss it again. Mr. Boose understood Mr. Tansey would have to take it back to the other fire departments, but asked if it might be a possibility. Mr. Tansey absolutely thought it was a possibility. This was a little different than how it had been presented the other night. Mr. Boose agreed, but it had just been a quick discussion then. He would like to give it a try and see if it works. Mr. Mead said he would send out another email to all the chiefs today to make sure they understand how the process works. Mr. Wilde suggested putting the phone numbers in the email; Mr. Mead agreed. Mr. Mead noted that if the hazmat trailer was going to a scene, then he would probably already be aware of the situation. Mr. Boose understood, but wanted to make the process easy and make the building available. It has always been available to the fire departments, that was one of the reasons it had been built. But he didn't think they should be calling four different people. Just call dispatch and dispatch calls one of contact people. We will try that. If it doesn't work they can try something different. Mr. Tansey thought it was a step in the right direction. He suggested Mr. Mead should request a reply from each of the chiefs. The three he had talked to were not aware there had previously been an email sent out. Mr. Mead explained he had sent it at the beginning of Covid and things had been kind of hectic. He had included the police chiefs as well.

Mr. Boose wanted to discuss the other issue Ms. Bond had touched on. He thought it was great they were using the building. The more the building is used the better. However, if they were doing projects they needed to be sure they were not blocking the trailers. The trailers need to be accessible and ready to go when they were needed. Also, the County needs to be able to get their snow removal equipment in there in the winter. Mr. Boose liked hearing the building was being used, but wanted everybody to work together and make it easy for everybody. Mr. Tansey had heard that a County vehicle was blocking the trailers. Mr. Mead said he now knows where the keys are in the event he has to move one. Mr. Wilde asked how often in the year the trailers are used. Mr. Mead said up until five weeks ago, there had only been five or six incidents that required them. However, in the last three weeks they have had six incidents. It goes up and down. Mr. Boose thought it wasn't a matter of how often they are needed. It was a matter of if they are needed they need to be accessible. Mr. Mead said he makes sure that no matter what is going on, everything is moved in such a manner so they can get access straight in and straight out.

Mr. Wilde asked if any elected officials or city/village officials ever had any reason to be in there. Mr. Boose said if somebody was helping the fire department they do. But elected official typically don't need to be in there. Mr. Mead agreed, but said he believes in transparency. If a Mayor or Public Safety Director would like to go in, he will take them in. He will not let them walk around by themselves, but he can show them anything

they would like to see. Access to the building has never been denied. Mr. Mead said he would take responsibility – maybe the email didn't out the way he thought it did. He will send another one out and request a read receipt today.

Mr. Hintz asked about the PPE that was out at the building. Mr. Boose wanted to talk about PPE after they had the access issued worked out. Mr. Welch asked how they were going to get their vehicle out in the winter. Mr. Mead said they would figure something out. Mr. Mead said it was a matter of figuring out how to deal with the PPE they had. Mr. Tansey said he heard second hand they may need shelves out there. Mr. Mead invited him to come out and take a look if he had an opportunity. Shelves would help. Right now they had everything stacked on a table. Mr. Boose thought they could provide shelves.

Mr. Boose thought if they get back to having regular Firefighter's Association meetings, this may be something that needs to be brought up every now and then. Just check to see if everybody okay with what is going on with the building. Maybe it should be a topic that we keep in front of us. Mr. Tansey thought one of the fire departments might want to host a meeting at EMA when Covid is over. There are so many new firemen that don't even know the building is there and have no idea what is in it. Mr. Wilde thought that was a great idea. Mr. Tansey thought it was the older firemen that were more concerned with building access. The younger firemen didn't even know anything was going on. Mr. Boose thought they might have an open house out there someday.

Mr. Tansey said he was basically here to represent the County, not as a Wakeman fire official. He liked the solution they had come up. They had originally been told only the four numbers. He explained his concern with that. Years ago he had been involved in a chain of command. There was the chief, two assistant chiefs and several captains. Yet phone calls made it all the way to him before they found someone that would answer the phone. It shouldn't happen, but it could happen. Mr. Mead said they would answer; they would make sure the building got opened.

Mr. Boose thought they might even have the Chief Deputy for each shift give access. Mr. Mead said between the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, we have a good crew. It is highly unlikely one of them will not answer the phone. He originally set this process up so the fire departments would be able to get in. He talked to several of the fire chiefs after the emails. Some indicated they had received the emails so he thought everybody got it. That falls back on him, he will make sure that is rectified today. But there has never been anybody who has not been allowed to get into that building. We still have guys coming in testing their meters on a regular basis. EMA purchases the gas. That is how they know somebody left a bottle open. The gas should last almost a year. He was informed the bottle was empty after four or five weeks. They have cleaned up a lot of things in there, but there are a lot of things most fire departments don't even know are in there. Maybe when this all clears out an open house might not necessarily be a bad idea. He thought they should go through both hazmat trailers and let everybody see what our capabilities are. Mr. Wilde liked that idea. Mr. Mead indicated that before Covid he had wanted to form a Hazmat Response Team in the County. A lot of chiefs were on board with the idea. But Covid, like everything else, kind of put everything on hold for this year.

Mr. Boose wanted to discuss the issue Mr. Hintz had brought up - the personal protective items. Mr. Hollinger sent an email saying he no longer needs to be in control of whatever is in there. The Commissioners are relying on EMA to let them know what needs to be done. There may be items that aren't needed, and there may be an immediate need by someone else. Mr. Wilde mentioned the schools were having a hard time finding wipes right now. Mr. Mead said with the Health Department opening it up for them, they do have the ability to help out a little. They had already found a place for most of the things that had been donated but hadn't been needed. They do have some gloves, some facemasks, some face shields, and some other things. Not a large quantity, but there is some stuff back there. Ms. Bond indicated they plan to reach out to the schools that they had received deliveries from. She said they have already noticed the Clorox wipes are starting to dry out. Mr. Wilde said that was what he thought, we have to get them out before they are wasted. Ms. Bond said they were going to try to get those back to the schools, probably in the next week. Mr. Mead explained they have been working with a couple of the private schools that were not a part of the PPE push from the State. Now that the Health Department is not over their shoulder they can get more stuff out.

Mr. Mead pointed out that Lorain County, who is basically 5x bigger than we are, received 1/3 of the donations Huron County received. Huron County takes care of our own. We weren't going to get a whole lot of stuff from the State because we are a smaller county. The folks of Huron County most certainly stepped up to the plate and did what needed to be done. He and Ms. Bond have been discussing getting together to look at all the PPE. They will have to go through everything to see what they have.

Everyone agreed it had been a good discussion. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Tansey to keep in contact with them. Sometimes we think we have problems and it is only because we haven't discussed the situation. Mr. Tansey agreed this was obviously a communication problem. Most of the individuals at the Firefighter's Association meeting had not been aware of the process. Mr. Boose agreed most of them had been very frustrated.

Mr. Tansey asked if there might be a way to do an inventory of what was in the building. He said Wakeman had a 100' boom. This is something they cannot wait a long time for when they need it. He did not know if there was one available in the building. Mr. Mead said there was some boom in the trailer, but not to that level. Mr. Tansey thought Wakeman was one of the few that had a 100' boom because of the width of the river. There were some specified things each community had in the past, but things have change. The generators that had once been stored in the building were a good example. He thought they hadn't tested properly so Mr. Roblin got rid of them. It would have been very expensive to update them, and they were not used often. But, like Mr. Mead said, something may not be used for ten months and then all of a sudden in 30 days you use it six or seven times. Mr. Wilde noted that there are a lot of new fire stations. Most are larger and provide more storage space.

Mr. Tansey wanted to thank them for inviting him in today. Mr. Boose said they realized he is no longer chief. However, he had been running the Township Association meeting and seemed to know what everybody was talking about. The Board wanted a contact person to discuss these issues with. Mr. Boose thought they had accomplished a lot.

Ms. Ziembra asked if they had discussed the radios. Mr. Boose thought as long as there was room it was okay. Ms. Bond said everything was moved in yesterday, it is on the same side as the PPE against the wall and out of the way. It should only be in there for two weeks and then it will be moved out. Mr. Boose again thought the more we can use the building the better. He would prefer to use it as long as everybody can work together. Mr. Mead thought a centralized point for all the equipment just made sense.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Ziembra said there were not a lot of updates to Old Business.

RFQ/Architects. The Board is still reviewing. Once everybody has reviewed them they will go through them in a meeting.

Jail cameras will go out after the Board signs it.

Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board. Ms. Ziembra will have resolutions to appoint two people next week. She just got ahold of the contact at Ohio Children's Trust Fund – they have been unable reach the present board member. Nobody has any current contact information and she hasn't attended the last couple meetings. It is their recommendation that she be replaced.

Commissioner Wilde report

New London's request to speak with the Commissioners on being denied for the critical infrastructure grant. Mr. Boose said it really doesn't do any good for them to get involved. There is nothing they can do, it is a State or federal grant. There are rules, there is competition, and the bottom line is there were a lot of people applying for some really good projects and theirs got turned down. Mr. Boose's suggestion was to have Mr. Pickworth contact Ms. McConnell to talk about what they need to do to get it and what may have been done differently. Ms. Ziembra said Ms. McConnell has not seen the email either, she had to go directly to the State to get some answers. She said New London was denied because the application was a very competitive one and they didn't rank high enough. They can apply again, but they need to make some adjustments to their application because of the new application year.

Mr. Wilde planned to meet on the CARES Act Small Business Grant.

Next week the Board only meets on Tuesday. On Friday there is a CARES Act webinar on sub-grants.

Land Bank and Planning Commission on Thursday.

IT and CARES Act grant meetings will be held back to back next Monday.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose noted that Ms. Ziembra had brought up a good point to him yesterday. The Board keeps offering the use of Meeting Room A. Soon Board of Elections will be using it for about a month and half. After that they are going to be doing some construction work on the room. He thought they should be careful about offering the room out.

Assistant Prosecutor report – none.

Commissioner Hintz report – none.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

At 11:14 a.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourn.

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 17, 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 11:14 a.m.

Signatures on File