

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 November 19, 2020, November 24, 2020 and December 1, 2020 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 19, 2020, November 24, 2020 and December 1, 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

20-350

**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 #309084 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 stated this was a special Claims Schedule that included hazard pay as well as the two payments for the Moving Forward Grant.

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

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

**Huron County  
Claims Register for Payment Batches**

Payment Type: All	Warrant Dates: 12/17/2020 to 12/17/2020	Amount	Warrant #
Warrants: 301 to 305	Payment Batches: 309084 to 309084		
Warrant Date: Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description
Department: Care Act	30904	2020004471	Grant Administration and Reporting Fee
12/17/2020	30904	2020004471	One-Time COVID-19 Hazard Pay CARES Act
Account: 175.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:			\$4,241.17
12/17/2020	30904	2020004471	Grant Administration and Reporting Fee
12/17/2020	30904	2020004471	Grant Administration and Reporting Fee
12/17/2020	30904	2020004471	CARES ACT Moving Forward Grant
12/17/2020	30904	2020004471	CARES ACT Moving Forward Grant
Account: 175.00550 (Grants) Total:			\$15,000.00
Department Care Act Total:			\$19,241.17
Fund: 175 - Care Act Total:			\$19,241.17
Grand Total:			\$427,828.00

Sign 1 Bruce Wilde  
Sign 2 Joe Hintz  
Sign 3 Terry Boose

**CLAIM SCHEDULE FOR BUDGETARY CHECKS**  
December 17, 2020

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the Various Appropriation Codes to cover the payment of the following claims.  
Caitlin Smith Auditor

We hereby approve for payment by the County Auditor the following vouchers as itemized below.

Bruce Wilde  
Joe Hintz  
Huron County Commissioners

Vendor:				
Huron County Treasurer	12.17.20	175.175.00475	\$287,828.00	
Norwalk Raceway Park Inc	12.17.20	175.175.00550	\$135,000.00	
Chase House LLC Dba Berrys on Main	12.17.20	175.175.00550	\$15,000.00	
Huron County Development Council	12.17.20	175.175.00550	\$5,758.83	
Huron County Development Council	12.17.20	175.175.00475	\$4,241.17	

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**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING USE OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES) FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENSES**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the federal government established the Coronavirus Relief Fund in Section 5001 of the CARES Act, 116 Public Law 136 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 801), and issued guidance from the US Department of the Treasury for state, territorial, local, and tribal governments on its use;

**WHEREAS**, the state of Ohio passed a portion of such funding to Huron County pursuant to Ohio House Bill 481 and House Bill 614 and has issued guidance through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management;

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, Huron County indicated agreement to use the funding in accordance with the CARES Act and guidance from the US Treasury and to set up a special revenue fund to receive and account for the funds (special revenue CARES Act fund #175);

**WHEREAS**, the US Treasury guidance recognizes the particular importance of public health and public safety workers to local government responses to the public health emergency, and has provided, as an administrative accommodation, that a local government may presume that public health and public safety employees are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19, unless the chief executive of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

**WHEREAS**, under this administrative presumption, work performed by such employees is considered to be a substantially different use than accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and therefore, certain payroll and benefit costs of such employees may be covered using payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for services provided during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HURON COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

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**Section 1.** The county will use CARES Act funding for:

- necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency relating to COVID-19;
- expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- expenditures incurred from March 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners approves the use of CARES Act funds for public safety payroll and benefit expenses pursuant to US Treasury guidance, including authorized leave for vacation, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act, Families First Coronavirus Leave Act, military, bereavement, and jury duty); employee insurance (health, life, dental, vision); OPERS contributions; workers' compensation insurance; and overtime due to COVID-19, as incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020

**Section 3.** Those public safety employees who substantially dedicated their services to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency serve in the positions of sheriff deputies, correctional officers, dispatchers, civil department, and sheriff supervisory personnel;

**Section 4.** Those employees occupying the positions listed in Section 3 substantially dedicated their services to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency by ensuring County safety under the auspices of numerous state orders, assisting County agencies with enforcing any orders relevant to the COVID-19 public health emergency, implementing and modifying many work rules and procedures, and collaborating with organizations and individuals in Huron County in order to mitigate and respond to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019;

**Section 5.** The Board of County Commissioners finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,719,196.31 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

**Section 6.** The Board of County Commissioners, County Auditor, and the Sheriff's Office shall maintain sufficient records of payroll, time, human resources administration, and Coronavirus Relief Fund disbursements to document and support the payments authorized by this resolution.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose noted this resolution came from other counties, as well as CCAO or OBM, to make sure we got it right. We included everything they thought was necessary. There are some things in there that may not apply to the current amount, such as benefits, but it was included because it could apply in the future.

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 A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. AND THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, the 9-1-1 Planning Committee recommended the Huron County Board of Commissioners enter into an agreement to upgrade existing services for the 9-1-1 system and the bandwidth for said system between existing dispatcher sites (Bellevue, Norwalk, Sheriff, and Willard) with Frontier Communications of America, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board entered into a three (3) year agreement with Frontier Communications of America, Inc. on December 3, 2019, in Resolution 19-364; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 Coordinator now recommends terminating the current contract due to communications with Frontier and the need for an increased scope of the update project; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-1-1 Coordinator also recommends the Board enter into a new three (3) year Agreement with the updated project scope at the cost of \$4,960.00 per month; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby terminates the current Agreement (Schedule Number S-00228570) with Frontier Communications of America, Inc., approved and entered into on December 17, 2020, in Resolution 19-364; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the updated Agreement (Schedule Number S-5550001458) with Frontier Communications of America, Inc., in the amount of \$4,960.00 per month, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the adoption of the within Resolution, Resolution 19-364 is hereby repealed; 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 explained that Ms. Bond had determined we needed more bandwidth, which was the reason for the change in the contract. Mr. Strickler said his main concern was that there be no question that the prior contract was terminated, so he added the sentence repealing Resolution 19-364.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

9:13 a.m. Public comment – *none*.

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) PRE-APPLICATION FOR THE FY2021 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Airport Authority prepared the FAA Pre-application for the FY2021 Airport Improvement Program for planned airport improvement projects at the Norwalk-Huron County Airport (5A1); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is to Reconstruct Airport Rotating Beacon – Design and Construction; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the FY2021 Pre-Application to Reconstruct Airport Rotating Beacon – Design and Construction, as attached hereto and incorporated herein, and authorizes the Huron County Airport Authority to submit the Pre-Application to FAA; 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 stated the Airport Board had been in almost a month ago explaining it would be necessary to fix the beacon. This is the pre-application for the grant to do the work.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

*\*Pre-application on file*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Webb had no old business to discuss.

Mr. Boose had called Mr. Morgan at the Fairgrounds to discuss holding popup testing there. Mr. Morgan agreed this could be done. Mr. Boose will let him know the date as soon as possible. The Expo building is heated so Mr. Morgan assumed they would prefer to use that building. Mr. Wilde is still trying to get a medical director to place the order. Once that happens the National Guard will come look at the facility so they know ahead of time what they will need.

Mr. Boose said Mr. Bader had wanted to thank the Board for the Moving Forward grant. These funds will allow him to prepare for a busy schedule next year. Mr. Wilde stated he had heard from County citizens that they were appreciative of the grant awards to these businesses; they know how important both are to our community.

Mr. Wilde noted there was a Land Bank meeting at 2:00 p.m. today.

Mr. Reidy will be in tomorrow to take a look at things.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler about the other contract for the Airport. Mr. Strickler said he had reviewed the close out report and returned it to Ms. Ziemba. It was fine.

Mr. Strickler is waiting for the final version of the Frontier contract.

Discussion regarding heating problems out at the Airport. Air vents for the heating system are under the building, in the concrete. They filled with water. The Airport Board had to rent two pumps to get all the water out. Mr. Boose said the number of problems they have at the Airport is amazing. Mr. Wilde complimented them for trying to improve their maintenance.

**9:30 a.m. Bonnie Malone, Ag Society Annual Report and OSU update.** Ms. Malone informed the Board these were her final few days in the office. She is retiring at the end of the year, after 33 years with Huron County. Ms. Malone provided an update on the hiring process for her position. OSU held interviews earlier this week and selected two potential candidates. The University is putting together a job offer for the top candidate. If that candidate accepts the offer the University will have them fingerprinted and set a start date. If the first one turns it down they will offer it to the second candidate. If neither of those two take the position the University will start the process over.

Next Ms. Malone had an update on the OSU Extension office. Effective Monday, December 21 and through January 1, 2021, all OSU Extension County offices will be closed to the public. Extension employees will be 100% telework. The office will not be staffed through the end of the year. University guidance states if a County is “purple” or approaching “purple”, the offices will be closed and the employees will work virtually. If a County is “red”, extension offices are staffed but visitors are by appointment only. This was in response to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Boose noted they do a lot of training and asked if they had a lot scheduled for January. Ms. Malone said there were some. Mr. Boose thought they could probably hold those via Zoom. Ms. Malone explained that, effective December 7, all OSU Extension-hosted meetings and events had been canceled, postponed or held virtually until January 15. This included club meetings and events.

Finally, Ms. Malone stated that the Fair Board had held their annual meeting last week. Their report was odd because the fair had been odd. It had been a tough year. Mr. Wilde noted the report showed a bad cash balance. Ms. Malone agreed they had a very bad cash balance. Mr. Boose thought that was to be expected. It is not because they were not doing a good job. The Fair Board has always run on a shoestring budget. When they have a year like last year they did the best they could. Ms. Malone confirmed that all expenses and no income does not help the budget. She explained a narrative had been included on the first page of the report so in the future, when people look at this report, they would be reminded of what had taken place in 2020.

The Board thanked Ms. Malone for her many years of dedicated service. Things would not be the same without her.

Mr. Boose also wanted to congratulate Ms. Ziemba as the new President for the Clerk & Administrator’s Association. It is very well deserved and he thanked her for taking on the extra duties.

**At 9:40 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 pending or imminent court action. 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 10:00 a.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). 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*

**\*Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3):**

**Terry Boose moved to authorize the Prosecutor’s office to file suit against Crawford Construction and it’s bond company relative to the construction of the Omega Road bridge. 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 10:01 a.m.** Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**DECEMBER 17, 2020**

**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 December 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 10:01 a. m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the Snyder Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project were opened on December 17, 2020 at 9:01 a.m.:

R&I Construction -	\$475,747.50
Senghas Construction -	\$514,170.80
Schalk Brothers -	\$536,039.50
Great Lakes Demolition -	\$557,628.47
Miller Bros. Construction -	\$571,804.50
Suburban Maintenance -	\$604,476.76