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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 17, 2020 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 17, 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

20-332

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 #308209 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 will abstain from two Norwalk Concrete and three Custom Metal Works payments. He noted there was a new charge for "newborn screening" for the Coroner.

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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REGULAR SESSION

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND **ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD**

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Steven Fawcett has resigned from the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to fill this unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Amber Brown to fill the unexpired term effective immediately and ending June 30, 2022; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Amber Brown to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board to the term stated above; and further

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Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

<u>*Discussion</u>: Both Mr. Boose and Mr. Hintz thought she would be a great addition to the Board. Mr. Wilde explained they had conducted interviews and this was their choice.

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 HIRING A NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR FOR HURON COUNTY

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Network Administrator for Huron County; and

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

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Joel Riedy was deemed to be now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby hires Joel Riedy as the Network Administrator for Huron County, in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual, effective January 11, 2021, as an unclassified, FLSA Exempt employee at the rate of \$69,000 annually providing the candidate pass a 120-day probationary period; 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 was very excited that we were finally moving forward with this. They have come up with a great candidate and he is excited to see what the next year brings. Mr. Reidy has a big job ahead of him and Mr. Wilde hopes he can help us do things in house.

Mr. Boose thought this was a big move on the part of the Commissioners, and something that should probably have been done twenty years ago. He felt other Boards had shied away from it because they couldn't get everybody to agree. The County currently has a good group of Elected Officials and Department Heads. Mr. Boose anticipates everybody working together to save the County money. Now the Commissioners will need to work on creating some policies so Mr. Riedy knows where to start, as well as providing some direction to the Elected Officials and Department Heads as to how they can and should be using him. Mr. Wilde thought the IT Committee and the Commissioners could work together on those issues. Mr. Boose wanted to thank the IT Committee. This was something that was needed and the sooner it is up and running the sooner we can save the County money. Mr. Wilde agreed this was long overdue.

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 - Robert Duncan, OPBA. Mr. Duncan stated that, on September 24, he initially posed the question of the Commissioners' position on hazard pay for essential workers. He followed up with both a letter and a visit to a Commissioners' meeting. He felt that visit was met with contempt by Mr. Boose. As he was instructed, he worked with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy to put together the required application. Mr. Duncan considered Mr. Wilde's visit to the jail a pre-election façade, since he felt the information was ignored or disregarded. The Commissioners' position regarding essential workers and hazard pay, and more importantly their response to those who were affected and their families, was alarming. Mr. Duncan said there is an obvious distinction between those essential workers that performed their duties from the safe confines of their home, reducing their exposure, and those being potentially exposed every shift by incoming inmates. The resilient, dedicated and hardworking County workers of the Sheriff's office need to be recognized and awarded for going above and beyond the call of duty in their risk of exposure, not only to themselves but their families, for the protection of our County residents. Mr. Duncan believed the Board had failed to provide major relief to the essential workers of Huron County Sheriff's office, two critical components of the CARES Act. Mr. Duncan said time will prove and further discussion will ensue on the amount of money stuffed into the County coffers on the backs of the Huron County Sheriff's office essential workers. The resolution December 3, 2020 is mislabeled hazard pay. It does not meet the US Department of Labor's definition of hazard pay. Mr. Duncan thought it was more of a stipend. He urged the County Commissioners to reevaluate their position and do the right thing, as surrounding Counties have done for their safety forces.

Roger Hunker, Apex. Mr. Hunker said he stopped in to see if the Board had any questions about the wind projects. Mr. Boose was aware that Mr. Mead, EMA Director, was working with them regarding first responders. When it came to first responders, Mr. Boose thought there was a difference between projects that had a PILOT compared to those that didn't. Mr. Hunker said if there is PILOT it is mandated. However, they are working with Mr. Mead to get everything in place. Mr. Hunker said they anticipate receiving the certificate sometime in April or May. Mr. Strickler filled them in on what was going on at the Power Siting Board. All post hearing briefs have been filed. The Power Siting Board will take everything into account and make a determination as to whether the certificate should be issued.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Hunker, as Lyme Township Trustee, if anything was moving on the Bellevue real estate development project. Mr. Hunker had not heard anything more. The Mayor has not offered to come out and talk, so Mr. Hunker is going to put a call in to him this week. Mr. Boose told him to let the Commissioners know if he would like them to help get communication going. He asked if Huron County Soil & Water had been informed. Mr. Hunker said he talked to them, but since the project was located in the City there was nothing they could do.

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IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE LANDFILL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND #505 TO THE LANDFILL FUND #500

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of moneys from 505-00550-505 needs to be made to fund #500 for landfill expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of \$70,000.00 be transferred from Account 505-00550-505 (Transfer Out) to 500-10600-500; 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 funds;

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 asked Mr. Welch if he remembered when the Equipment account had been started. Mr. Welch said it was before he began working for the County, so he was guessing about 1989. Mr. Boose explained the landfill had an account for general revenue/expenses, but there was also a separate account for equipment. The idea behind that account was to set aside money to purchase equipment without having to borrow or bond. The fund is in good shape right now. Rather than throwing away tax payer dollars, it is being transferred so it can be used.

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Mr. Welch reminded the Board that when they started the Equipment fund the County had a landfill. A landfill costs a lot more to operate than the transfer station. There was more equipment involved. That was also why they set the rate at \$2 per ton to go into that account.

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

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

20-336

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH THE HURON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners created the Huron County CARES Small Business Grant Program and approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with the Huron County Development Council to administer said grant program on August 20, 2020, Resolution 20-216; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Huron County CARES Small Business Grant Program has expanded beyond the initial scope requiring additional time and administrative duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Huron County Development Council to increase the compensation paid thereto to reflect the additional time and duties; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to increase the compensation paid to the Huron County Development Council relative to its administration of the Huron County CARES Small Business Grant Program due to the increased scope of the program and in consideration for the additional time and duties performed; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board has further determined that it is necessary to amend the Independent Contractor Agreement with the Huron County Development Council to administer said grant program as entered into on August 20, 2020, via Resolution 20-216, to increase the compensation paid to it in the amount of \$10,000.00, with all of the other terms and conditions of the Independent Contractor Agreement remaining in full force and effect; 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*: This had been discussed in the last meeting. Hopefully this will help them finish up. Mr. Boose heard through the grapevine that they were bringing on an intern to work on the reporting. If the County is going to commit another \$10,000 he would like Ms. Knapp and Ms. Ross to continue working on this. He does not want somebody working on it that has not been a part of the process all along – it is too complicated and too important. Mr. Wilde would like to send Ms. Knapp an email to let her know the resolution has been approved and that the Board would like her to continue with what she started. An intern can work on something else.

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

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

20-337

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR MEETING THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF HURON COUNTY FOR 2021

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Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 5705.38, Huron County may pass a temporary appropriation until an amended certificate is received based on actual balances as of December 31, 2020; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby adopt the attached temporary budget to be known as <u>"temporary appropriation for 2021"</u> as attached 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*: Mr. Boose wanted to thank the staff, as well as the Department Heads and Elected Officials, for all the work they did to get the interim. They went through several different iterations to get this done. Everybody understands this is an interim and it will probably change when it comes to final.

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

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

*On file

At 9:30 a.m. <u>Pete Welch, Director of Operations</u>, Mr. Welch passed out information to the Board. He had three landfill issues he would like to discuss. The first issue was the rates at the old landfill and where they are financially. The handout outlined the history of these rates. When Mr. Welch started working for the County the rate was \$46/ton and the County was operating a landfill. The landfill was closed in 1998 and they began to operate the Transfer Station. In 2009 the rate was increased from \$46 to \$57/ton. There was another slight increase in August 2009, up to \$58.25/ton, in response to an increase in the Ohio EPA fees. In 2010 the County received better rates to haul and dispose, so the rate was dropped to \$54/ton.

Mr. Welch explained that out of the total gate rate of \$54/ton, the Ohio EPA charges a fee of \$4.75; Solid Waste District charges \$4.50; and the township charges 25ϕ . There is also a charge to dispose and transport the waste. The cost of business has gone up. It costs more to transport and dispose of waste. Employee salaries have gone up, it costs more to get stone out there, it costs more for the engineering for the closed landfill. Mr. Welch had looked at the expenses over the last five years. The numbers he used for 2020 were based on the first ten months of this year. He projected 2020 expenses to be approximately \$2,444,366. He also provided projected expenses through 2023, which was when the waste contract with the current contractor was done. He used the 2% inflationary factor and included the \$2.25 contract increase through the length of the contract.

In addition, of the \$54 gate rate, approximately \$5 of it pays for post landfill at the facility. This is paid out of Operations, since his guys do the work. He explained that approximately \$200,000 a year is paid to maintain the landfill. Mr. Boose said it was confusing - a lot of people think the landfill is still open because we have the transfer station. The landfill is actually closed. The \$5 goes toward maintenance and other costs. Mr. Welch explained they still have to do monitoring with fire and water, maintain the structures, and mow.

There are also bonds that have to be paid. They will not be paid off until 2030. This was money that was borrowed to do landfill improvements. It was borrowed based on the closure of the landfill, so the bonds will be up just about when the landfill closes. EPA regulations specify 30 years from when you close. The landfill was closed at the end of 1998. Theoretically the landfill should be done at the end of 2028. Mr. Boose asked what that meant. Mr. Welch explained no one knows for sure. There is the possibility the EPA could come back with additional requirements. As far as he knew, the only landfill that was officially closed was in Michigan; there were none in the State of Ohio. Mr. Welch thought the bond payments were about \$30,000 a year, with interest around \$5,000/year. Ms. Ziemba explained the landfill pays the bond payments, not the General Fund.

Mr. Welch also calculated the revenue through the end of this year, which came to about \$2,350,270. All his calculations were based on 40,000 tons per year, which was conservative. They did about 42,000 tons this year. He was projecting an ending balance of \$129,935. Since 2017 they have been slowly eating away at the balance. The Auditor has always told him he should carry at least two months of revenue in the account.

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Mr. Welch showed how rate increases of \$2/ton, \$3/ton, and \$4/ton would affect the revenue. An increase of \$4/ton was needed to reach the suggested two months of revenue. A rate increase of \$2/ton does not leave any extra money for emergencies through 2023. At \$3/ton there is a slow build in the cash balance. But, based on the Auditor's rule, a \$4/ton increase is what was needed to get there. Mr. Welch reminded the Board the landfill had never been operated to make a profit, they are just trying to pay their bills. He thought if the cash balance was getting too high the rate could always be reduced.

Mr. Boose noted that a \$4/ton increase would take the rate from \$54 to \$58, which was still about 25 cents less than what it had been in 2009. As a point of reference, Mr. Welch provided the rates of some local landfills: Lorain landfill, run by Allied Waste, charges \$63/ton; Ottawa County is \$74/ton; Sunny Farms in Seneca County is \$54.25; Rumpke, directly south of us, is at \$75/ton – with a one ton minimum. So even if you only wanted to get rid of 5 bags of trash, you would still pay the \$75.

Mr. Welch pointed out that all the landfills in the area charge more than Huron County. That was the nice thing about having your own transfer station/landfill, although he did not believe government belonged in the business. A previous Board decided to build a landfill; the County did not receive enough waste to maintain it. They were unable to sell the property and were pretty much forced to close. Now the County is stuck taking care of the land.

Mr. Welch was going to recommend a rate change. If the gate rate is increased by \$4/ton, from \$54/ton to \$58/ton, the money is utilized as follows:

Transportation and disposal -	\$29.55
Landfill post closure -	\$5.00
Ohio EPA -	\$4.75
SWMD Generation fee -	\$4.50 (pays for recycling programs in the district)
Greenfield Township (host community) -	- \$0.25
Bonds –	\$0.62

This leaves roughly \$13.33 for operations, which includes carryover. That is what they use to operate the transfer station itself.

Mr. Welch was also looking at an increase on tires. Disposal of tires has gone up the past couple years and he is currently not even breaking even. In addition, he would like to charge a surcharge if someone comes in with an untarped loads. He would begin by advertising and getting the work out for three or four months before implementing the surcharge. This will help to keep the roads clean.

He has not done anything with the Freon charge; he feels this is a reasonable rate. The dig out charge is when they have to take a backhoe and dig the garbage out of a roll off box. This happens once or twice in the winter when loads freeze.

Mr. Boose asked if this would affect the townships that have trash cards. Mr. Welch said it would not.

Mr. Boose said the bottom line is, on August 4, 2009 the County was charging \$58.25/ton. Currently we are at \$54/ton. If the rate is raised by \$4 it will take it up to \$58/ton, which is still below the August 4, 2009 rate. Mr. Boose thought the fact that they were running on ten or eleven year old rates said a lot for the people that work out at the landfill, how efficient they are and what a good job they are doing. But a time comes when you have to at least get back to 2009 rates. He would like to move forward with the next step. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Hintz both agreed.

Mr. Welch said the next step was for the Board to hold three public hearings. Mr. Wilde asked if he wanted to try to get it done before the end of the year. Mr. Welch knew that would be rushing it. He suggested possibly holding one public hearing before the end of the year to see what the feedback was. In the past, there really has been no feedback. Mr. Boose was concerned about holding a hearing over the holidays, but acknowledged that would still allow two other opportunities for the public to be heard. Ms. Ziemba reminded the Board they needed to finish processing all the CARES Act payments before the end of the year. Mr. Welch noted that the rates on the current Rumpke contract will go up on April 1. Mr. Boose asked how long the whole process would take. Mr. Welch said he would like at least a month to advertise and make some courtesy calls. Right now everyone is working on their budget for next year. He would like to let them know rates will be increasing so they can plan accordingly. Mr. Welch suggested they try to have it in place by March 1, or the first Monday in March. Mr. Boose said that would fit in with final budget as well. Mr. Hintz thanked Mr. Welch for all the time he put into this.

Mr. Boose asked if there was anything else. Mr. Welch informed them the loader will be paid for at the end of January. These are rotated every five years. Once one is paid for they will sell it and purchase a new one.

This is done because they need a machine that will work all the time; there is no backup. Fortunately the people that bought the last one will rent it to us if we need it.

Mr. Welch mentioned they have not changed the cost of recycling since 1998. Right now the townships are paying \$150 per pull. When they had to hire someone, the cost from a private business was closer to \$250. He would like to restructure this in the future. They are required by the State to supply this service or pay someone to do it. Discussion regarding recycling. They are still using the original system that has been operating since 1998. The conveyor belt is wore out. Mr. Homan and the guys have done a great job at keeping it working, but it can give out at any time. Mr. Wilde asked how much a conveyor costs to replace. Mr. Welch said he tried to get a grant four years ago and failed. Fortunately they have always been able to get a grant to purchase the roll-off truck. Paper prices are down. Last Mr. Welch knew, cardboard had been down to \$40/ton. By the time they ship it they are not making anything. Metal had been down to a penny a pound; it used to be 16 cents a pound. Mr. Boose thought it was up, but he wasn't sure by how much. Mr. Welch said the question becomes, do you take money from operating your transfer station and use that to improve recycling capabilities. No matter what you do in the future you are going to have to recycle somehow, someway. That is the problem.

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.

- Sheriff's office, \$37.32, OSupplies for disinfectant spray;
- EMA, \$839.42, i2c Technologies, inside camera for the EMA/fire building for the PPE;
- EMA, \$11,841.16, Reimburse 25% not reimbursed by FEMA;
- JFS, \$1,635.98, Reimburse Fund 117 expenses for employee emergency sick leave.
- JFS, \$1,887.84, Reimburse Fund 115, also for expenses for employee emergency sick leave.

Ms. Ziemba stated the Budget Commission meets later this week. By next Tuesday we should have a resolution showing how much was requested for hazard pay; how much was requested for admin leave and by which departments; and how much the Sheriff's payroll is. The Board will have time to review those and make a determination on how they want to utilize the rest of the funds. By next Thursday all resolutions should be done and every penny accounted for. Mr. Boose thought next Tuesday and Thursday meetings could be long meetings. Ms. Ziemba said they will definitely need to make decisions on Tuesday so she can put together the resolutions that are required to move forward.

Ms. Ziemba asked if the Board was okay with the requests submitted, or if they wanted to hold any. All three Board members were okay with the requests. Ms. Ziemba clarified that, by saying they were okay with them, they are stating that the requests meet all three of the requirements.

Terry Boose moved to approve the presented Coronavirus Relief Fund Requests as they meet the required criteria. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**Discussion:* Mr. Boose asked what the total of the new requests came to. \$16,241.72.

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

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

Update on the Moving Forward Grant. Mr. Wilde said they had only received one application prior to yesterday, so the Grant Committee did not meet. They expect to receive one or two more applications. The Committee will meet next Monday morning, review what comes in, and have everything ready for Tuesday. Deadline is December 9.

Deadline for hazard pay requests it tomorrow by 4:30. Mr. Boose is hoping to get everything finalized by next week. Ms. Ziemba said the resolution will be on Tuesday.

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OLD BUSINESS

Last week there were items held on the Claims Schedule. These included a payment to Staples in the amount of \$27.08 to determine if it was a CARES Act expense. That charge was actually for an ink cartridge and they received a free hand sanitizer, so it was not directly Covid related. The second item held was approved today as a Coronavirus request.

Terry Boose moved to release payment to Staples in the amount of \$27.08. 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

Broadband for the County. Mr. Boose said there will be a meeting on Friday for Winter Conference regarding broadband.

Cook Road. Mr. Strickler is still working on it.

IT Department. This was already discussed this morning. Getting closer.

Jail cameras. In process.

Family Life Counseling. No word.

MHAS Board vacancy has been filled.

Coroner. Request is still out there for an update.

Ms. Ziemba is working on putting together the email to the Governor. She will need to discuss this with Mr. Boose. Mr. Boose would like to expedite that. Everyone is asking why Norwalk does not have pop up testing. It should be sent to the Governor's office and the Ohio Department of Health, with a copy to Mr. Hollinger.

<u>Commissioner Boose report.</u> There are all kinds of meetings this week. Winter Conference is December 9, 10 and 11; there are several meetings for that.

Firelands Forward tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m.

There is a board meeting for HCDC at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. Ms. Knapp sent everyone a copy of the Bylaws. Mr. Boose would like to have the Commissioners be a member of the Executive Committee if they provide \$25,000 or more in funding. The Commissioners are giving a significant amount of money percentage-wise to the HCDC budget, but the only say they have is in a general board meeting. It seems like decisions are sometimes made in Executive Session, which is allowable. Mr. Boose feels that, with the amount of money the County is providing, they should have a position on the Executive Committee, and not just an advisory position. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Hintz clarified that the three Commissioners would have one seat. Mr. Wilde will discuss it with Ms. Knapp.

There are more Winter Conference meetings on Thursday.

Friday there is an Erie Basin meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wilde thought Budget Commission meets at the same time. There are also Winter Conference meetings. Ms. Ziemba has meetings on both Thursday and Friday. Mr. Boose thought they would need to split up for some of the meetings.

Mr. Boose stated they had a public records request from Ohio Outreach Director of Freedom Foundation. He asked if it had been forwarded to Mr. Strickler. Mr. Strickler inquired if it was regarding union members. He stated it was all public documents, we can give them the information. Mr. Boose asked if it was in the format they want. Mr. Strickler said if we have a document that contains all that information we should give it to them. If we don't have that document, we are not required to create it for them. The request was for work email addresses, job classification codes, etc.

Mr. Boose asked if anyone knew when the State grant for bars & restaurants was due. An old lobbyist friend from Columbus had sent him a list of all the bars and restaurants in Huron County that had not applied. Mr. Boose did not know how to get the information out to them. Mr. Wilde took the list and said he would try to get it out. Ms. Ziemba thought the State was accepting applications through December 30.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 8, 2020

Mr. Boose said the staff has been working very hard on Covid numbers and finalizing the interim budget. He asked if anyone had had time to get a hold of Bellevue Public Library. Ms. Ziemba told him they did drop off a request yesterday; she has not had time to check it thoroughly. There are some questions that need to be addressed.

CCAO webinar next Wednesday, December 16, regarding Community Development Block Grants and anticipated program year 2021 changes. Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Ziemba had time to attend. Ms. Ziemba did not think she would have time, but she did know GLCAP was registered. Mr. Boose asked if all the CDBG money went through GLCAP. Ms. Ziemba said they administer for both CDBG and CHIP. Mr. Boose would still like to register; it might be good if anyone is available to watch it.

Mr. Wilde also has a Willard Economic Development next Wednesday. He will check to see if this is still on.

In reviewing the November 17 minutes, Mr. Boose was reminded of the meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding hazard pay. During that meeting the Board of Elections had noted that their staff was a little unique, since they have a lot of short term employees. He asked if we had heard from Board of Elections on this subject. Ms. Ziemba said they had already submitted for hazard pay, but had only included the immediate staff. She thought the short term staff may not have met the required 50 hours since the majority were part time.

At 10:47 a.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on December 8, 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 10:47 a. m.

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