

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 7, 2021**

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.

21-013

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2021 COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) WELLNESS GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING A COUNTY WELLNESS CONTACT (CWC)**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) desire to execute an agreement for the 2021 Wellness Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Wellness Grant includes administrative funds that are intended to be used towards the salary of the individual(s) identified as a County Wellness Contact(s). The County will receive a flat \$4,000 per grant year in administrative funds; and

**WHEREAS**, CEBCO requests the county designate one or two employees to act as a point of contact for the wellness grant and program, known as the County Wellness Contact (CWC); now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the 2021 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to designate Human Resource/Loss Prevention Assistant, Julia Armstrong as the CWC and approves a bi-weekly compensation of \$153.84 to oversee the grant and execute the employee wellness program as outlined in the attached 2021 Wellness Grant Agreement; 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

*\*Contract on file*

**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – none**

21-014

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING PATTI ABRIGO TO THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Patti Abrigo's term on the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities expired on December 31, 2020; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby re-appoints Patti Abrigo 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. Boose explained the Board had just appointed Ms. Abrigo a few months ago to fill an unexpired term. Since they had talked to her recently, they did not feel they needed to do another interview.

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

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

20-015

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID AND ENTERING INTO CONTRACT FOR THE SNYDER ROAD BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Joe Hintz moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 20-324 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Snyder Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, notices were given in accord with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this road project will be provided in cooperation with the Ohio Public Works Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 9:01 A.M (see Attachment A):

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid and enter into contract for the Snyder Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project to R&I Construction, Tiffin, Ohio as recommended by the Huron County Engineer; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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

*\*Contract on file*

**SIGNINGS – none.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wilde stated there have been numerous calls from senior citizens regarding the Covid testing at the Fairgrounds this afternoon. He was there setting up yesterday and it should be ready to go. The Expo building is a nice building; he would love to be able to set up vaccines there when the time comes. Mr. Boose noted the office had received calls and anonymous letters regarding the vaccine. He stated that, unfortunately, the Commissioners have no control over that at all. He tells people it is up to the Health Department and the State of Ohio. However, they still think the Commissioners can and should do something about it.

Family Life Counseling lease. Mr. Strickler was finally able to speak to Dr. Burrgraf and has received the signature page for the amendment for the Shady Lane property.

22 E Main St property. Mr. Strickler looked at what Norwalk Arts Council sent over and has revised it. He amended the paragraphs that dealt with Terms and Rent. He clarified that the Board wanted two additional two-year terms, not three additional two-year terms. Mr. Boose stated that was correct. Mr. Strickler has forwarded the lease to Ms. Ziemba for signature. She stated she is waiting for the Board to review the changes. Mr. Boose mentioned that Norwalk Arts Council had asked about subletting. Mr. Strickler said there is a provision for subletting in the lease. They must provide written notice and the Board has to approve it. Mr.

Strickler does not feel it is in the Board's best interest to permit them to sublet. They are not paying rent, only utilities. If they sublet they will be making money. They will also increase the County's exposure to liability. Mr. Boose said we could request they have liability insurance. Mr. Strickler agreed they could request anyone that sublets list the County as additional insureds on their policy. He just does not think it is a smart thing to do. It is his recommendation not to do it. Mr. Boose disagreed. He believes what Norwalk Arts Center wants to do is in the community's best interest. They want to continue to provide an area where the community can go to learn about and be a part of the arts. The County is not charging them rent, however they are paying utilities. Utilities in that building are expensive. Subleasing would help them earn some money back, as well as provide more things related to the arts to the community. He does not have a problem with it. Mr. Wilde also did not have a problem with it. He clarified with Mr. Strickler that we would be put on notice of what was going on. Mr. Strickler said they are required to provide a written request to sublet. The Board can review it and say yes or no. Mr. Hintz stated he did not wish to allow them to sublease when they are using the building rent free. He agreed with Mr. Strickler, he thinks it does open the County up to liability. However, majority rules and he understands that. Mr. Boose said the agreement stated they could do it, with the Board's permission. He will let them know that.

### **Board Appointments.**

On Tuesday Mr. Boose had handed out a list of boards the Commissioners serve on, as well as departments for which they act as liaisons. He had also provided suggestions as to which Commissioner should be assigned to which Board for 2021. Since then Ms. Ziemba had suggested adding a Health Department liaison. Mr. Wilde thought it was a good idea, they are an important part of the community. Mr. Boose thought there was a meeting every year with the Health Department and all the Township Trustees in Meeting Room A. Ms. Ziemba agreed there usually is one, but they had not done it in 2020. The President of the Commissioners is usually the one that attends that meeting. To be consistent Mr. Boose thought, as President, he should also be the liaison.

Mr. Hintz stated he had been the Solid Waste Management liaison for several years. He was okay with Mr. Wilde taking that over this year. However, he noted now there was also a Landfill liaison position. He thought the two were very similar and asked Mr. Boose for clarification on what he was planning for that position. Mr. Boose stated one of the goals he had as Commissioner was to review the landfill/transfer station to see if it might be time to discontinue it. When the transfer station was originally opened the idea was to keep it open long enough to pay off the landfill bonds. Most of those bonds have been paid off, although there are still some that are due in three or four years. Mr. Boose feels this is a totally different topic than the Solid Waste District, although the two would need to work together. This is more of a Commissioner decision, although there will obviously be community discussion on it.

Mr. Boose asked if there were other questions regarding the list. There were none.

Mr. Boose wanted to think of ways to get this information out to the entities they were representing. For instance, as liaison they should probably contact the departments and let them know we are their liaison for the year. If a Commissioner receives information from an organization they were previously part of, they need to forward that to the proper person.

Mr. Boose thought the Board had received an email they needed to address. Mr. Wilde said there had been one Tuesday, a constituent asking about the vaccination. Mr. Wilde has responded to her. Mr. Boose noted that some people don't want to accept the answer that the Commissioners have nothing to do with it. Mr. Wilde thought she understood it was the Health Department, she just thought a neighboring county did a better job.

**At 9:32 a.m. Chief Deputy Dave Ditz, Sheriff's Office,** to discuss vehicle purchases for 2021. Mr. Boose said they had discussed this at the end of last year, but had been trying not to mix the money up. The Board has received the quotes and had an opportunity to review them. Mr. Boose really appreciated that Mr. Ditz had worked hard to get the best deal for the County. Chief Deputy Ditz explained that Steve Rick with Statewide Ford had locked in the 2020 prices. This saved about \$900. Mr. Hintz noted that it wasn't so much the cost of the vehicles, it was all the things they needed to go with it. Deputy Ditz agreed the Police Package was not cheap, but necessary. He said the last cruisers they received from Statewide had the computer mounts installed. The Deputies do most of their work in their cars, so the computer mounts were a big help.

Chief Deputy Ditz said they would prefer to purchase a Durango SXT. When he had requested quotes last October, the SXT was not available on State bid. They do not need the police package in the unmarked car, so they can save money if they wait for the SXT state bid to come out. Mr. Boose verified this was why they had only asked for three vehicles. Chief Deputy Ditz said it was.

Unlike 2019, every car the Sheriff ordered in 2020 has been received, with the exception of one. That one is being outfitted now and they should receive it in about two to three weeks. Mr. Hintz thought 2019 had been a fiasco. Mr. Ditz thought it had worked out. Because they ordered the cars in 2019, but didn't receive them until 2020, Ford had given them \$1,000 credit per car for parts. They used this to purchase tires, rotors, brake

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pads, windshield wipers - things that typically go bad. This also saved the County money. Mr. Boose thought they did an excellent job of trying to get the best price and still getting a good product. He would like to get the process going so they can get the vehicles ordered. Mr. Ditz appreciated it and hoped to have three new cars in a few months.

21-016

**IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASING THREE (3) 2021 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Sheriff has requested to purchase three (3) 2021 Ford Utility Interceptors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff presented a quote, that is less than or equal to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program Price, for three (3) Ford Utility Interceptors with Ready for Patrol specifications., at a cost of \$140,952.00, from Statewide Ford Lincoln, 1108 W. Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891;

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the purchase of three (3) Ford Utility Interceptors with Ready for Patrol specifications, at a total cost of \$140,952.00, from Statewide Ford Lincoln as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Sheriff to order such vehicles and the Huron County Commissioners' Administrative Assistant to prepare appropriate purchase orders to the vendors in the amount 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**At 9:43 a.m.** Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Joe Hintz 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 January 7, 2021.

**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 9:43 a. m.

Signatures on File