

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

21-058

Bruce Wilde the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Register for Payment Batches #311892 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose would like Mr. Riedy to meet with the Sheriff and EMA to see if he can help them with their internet, similar to what he is doing downtown. The Board would also like Mr. Riedy to be involved with TekRx on the 9-1-1 project so he is familiar with it.

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

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

[illegible]

THURSDAY

| Restaurant # | |

Warrant #	V.3.2
-----------	-------

V.3.2

V.3.2V.3.2

V.3.2

V.3.2

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than September 25, 2021.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be found on the Huron County Commissioners website at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and can be accessed by clicking on Legal Notices.

Advertise February 19, 2021

21-060

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE SUPPLYING & DELIVERY OF VARIOUS AGGREGATE MATERIAL.

Bruce Wilde moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested that bids be received for the Supplying of Various Aggregate Material; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to publicly advertise for bids for said material and the Board has been presented with the proposed legal advertisement for review; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested that the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 be waived for said bids and in its stead a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be required; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board of County Commissioners, by a unanimous vote of the entire board, may permit a contracting authority to exempt a bid from any or all of the requirements of O.R.C. §153.54; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the legal advertisement as attached hereto and further, authorize the advertisement for the Supplying of Various Aggregate Material; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the necessary publication of notice of bids will be in the Norwalk Reflector and will be posted on the Huron County Website at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and is accessible by clicking on Legal Notices; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that bids for the Supplying of Various Aggregate Material will be received until 9:05 a.m. on March 5, 2021 in the office of the Huron County Commissioners at 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio, 44857. Said bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:06 A.M.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey explained this was different than the aggregate that was bid and awarded previously. The first was to mix with salt. This was for construction projects.

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

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

ADVERTISEMENT/NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Huron County Commissioners will receive bids for The Supplying & Delivery of Various Aggregate Materials **UNTIL 9:05 A.M.** on Friday, March 5, 2021 at the Huron County Commissioners office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:06 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857. This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com/> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk

Advertise: February 19, 2021

21-061

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-19-1BJ-1 (DRAW #5) AND B-C-19-1BJ-2 (DRAW #9) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for payment and status of funds requests have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board’s certification; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the requests for payment and status of funds reports; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for payment and status of funds request as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payments is not in excess of current needs; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said BC-1 Draw #5 in the total amount of \$9,432, was for Repair Assistance, Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility and Administration. BC-2 Draw #9, in the amount of \$7,927, was for Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

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

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

State of Ohio
Office of Community Development
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 3001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-5001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Miller Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG E.E. RFJ Balance: CDBG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (419) 333-6118 Email: mhwalters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-19-1B1-1 Draw Number: 5		Date: Voucher#: MWarrent			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	34 Maple St, Norwalk	684.00	13484.00	0.00
	Short-term Rent/Mortgage Utility		Homelessness prevention		4003.00	20000.00	11061.00
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4745.00	63500.00	39555.00
							0.00
							0.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					9432.00	96984.00	51016.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date: 2/18/21		Signature: Terry Boose		Title: President			
Date: 1/18/21		CounterSignature: B. Wilde		Title: V.P.			
State Use Only: Approved:							

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 3001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-5001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Miller Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG E.E. RFJ Balance: CDBG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (419) 333-6118 Email: mhwalters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-19-1B1-2 Draw Number: 9		Date: Voucher#: MWarrent			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
3	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	1	Rental/Housing Assistance		7927.00	18000.00	4398.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					7927.00	18000.00	4398.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date: 2/18/21		Signature: Terry Boose		Title: President			
Date: 1/18/21		CounterSignature: B. Wilde		Title: V.P.			
State Use Only: Approved:							

21-062

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JOHN H. COLVIN FROM THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter of resignation of John H. Colvin from the Huron County Airport Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of John H. Colvin effective February 1, 2021; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to thank Mr. Colvin for his services on the Board; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde said they appreciated Mr. Colvin being on the Board. Mr. Boose noted that all the Board members work very hard for the airport and the Commissioners appreciate that.

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

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

21-063

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, John Colvin resigned from the Huron County Airport Board leaving a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Sparks has expressed interest in fulfilling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 15-292 sets the terms of the board members to three years; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mr. Scott Sparks to fulfill the term ending December 31, 2023; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. Scott Sparks to the Huron County Airport Board to the term ending December 31, 2023; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated the Board held some interviews for the Airport Board. Right now there is one position that needs to be filled.

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

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

21-064

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM DONALD R. STARETT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Donald R. Starett has submitted his letter of intent to retire effective May 28, 2021 with his last day serving as the Human Resource Director/Loss Prevention Coordinator for Huron County on March 26, 2021; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the letter of intent to retire from Donald R. Starett and wishes him well in his retirement; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated they were sorry to see Mr. Starett go, but he has some things he wants to work on personally. Mr. Boose wishes him well. Mr. Wilde stated he has served us well.

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

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

21-065

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING THE ROLES OF HCDJFS HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR AND HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LOSS PREVENTION INTO THE ROLE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners appoint a Human Resource Director/Loss Prevention Coordinator for Huron County and wishes to restructure this position to combine services with the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services Human Resources Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and Huron County Department of Job and Family Services desire to enter into an employment contract with for the purpose of restructuring the roles of HCDJFS Human Resources Administrator and Huron County Commissioners Director of Human Resources and Loss Prevention into the role of Deputy Director of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to employ the Deputy Director to serve as Deputy Director of Human Resources for Huron County public employees, commencing on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the rights, responsibilities, and duties of the role to be occupied by Lara Hozalski are detailed in the attached Huron County Deputy Director of Human Resources and Loss Prevention Employment Contract and Job Description; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the employment contract with Huron County Department of Job and Family Services and employs Lara Hozalski to serve as Deputy Director of Human Resource for Huron County employees as detailed in the contract and job description attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose said they appreciated what Mr. Starett did for the County. Once the Board learned he was going to retire they met with Job & Family Services and discussed the future needs of the County. Rather than having a full-time employee for both JFS and the County, they decided Ms. Hozalski would handle both. There is a supplemental contract with the County. Ms. Hozalski will remain a full time employee of JFS, but will also serve as Deputy Director for the County.

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

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

**Contract and Job Description on file*

21-066

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURES OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Bruce Wilde 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:

EMA (Fund 177)

Ace Hardware	9-1-1 Address signs	\$3,000.00	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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked if these were the green reflective signs. Ms. Ziemba said they were. EMA received a \$3,000 grant from the insurance company and they will be offering the signs for free.

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

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

21-067

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING NEW RATES FOR THE TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AT THE HURON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station has been in operation since 1998, and subsequently, the landfill has been closed for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 19-079 the bid was awarded to Rumpke of Ohio for the transportation and disposal of solid waste from Huron County based upon the lowest and best bid, commencing in 2018 until its termination date in 2023; and

WHEREAS, as per Rumpke’s contract for the disposal and transportation of Huron County’s solid waste, the rates for said transportation and disposal will be increased approximately \$2.25 per ton for the duration of the agreement with Rumpke; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the Transfer Station’s operational costs have dramatically increased and will continue to increase during the term of the agreement with Rumpke; and

WHEREAS, the closure maintenance and environmental monitoring costs of the closed landfill have increased due to Ohio EPA regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 343.08(C), the Board of Huron County Commissioners held three (3) hearings on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.; Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. relative to the proposed rates and/or charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, public notice of the hearings was published in a newspaper of general circulation once per week for three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS, during the public hearings, no testimony was heard either in favor of or against the proposed rates and rules for the Huron County Transfer Station; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the foregoing, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the following rates and rules effective April 1, 2021 as follows:

ITEM	FEE
MSW, Exempt & Industrial Waste (1)	\$58.00/ton
Minimum Waste Charge (500 lbs or less)	\$14.50
Garden Tractor, Lawn Mower Tires	\$4.00
Passenger Car Tire (less than 15’')	\$4.00
Light Truck Tire (16’' to 20’')	\$6.00
Semi-Truck Tire	\$15.00
Untarped or Unsecured Load	\$10.00
Compost	\$30.00/ton
Minimum Compost Charge (500 lbs or less)	\$7.50
Dig Out Charge	\$35.00
Appliance Freon Removal	\$20.00

(1) Includes all other applicable fees including Host Township Fee, Ohio EPA Fees. Solid Waste Management District/Generation Fee, and all other mandated fees not controlled by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

Roadside litter is exempt from disposal fees with the advance approval of the Huron County Solid Waste Mgt. District.

Transfer Station Hours:
Monday through - Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday - 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sunday – Closed

Monthly account customers shall be mailed invoices on or near the 1st day of the month for the immediate previous month’s disposal at the Huron County Transfer Station. Payment is due within 30 days of the invoicing date. Should payment not be received by the due date, a finance charge of 3% will be assessed on all past due amounts. Should payments become more than two months past due, the customer’s account will be placed on a cash basis for the remainder of the year and until all past due amounts are paid in full.

The Transfer Station Superintendent has the right to reject any load entering the facility.

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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated they had been working on this for a couple months. They went through the hearing process, with nobody speaking for or against. Effective date will be April 1, 2021. This has nothing to do with the lawsuit; it has to do with regular operating expenses. It has been 11 years since rates have been increased while all other costs have gone up.

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

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

21-068

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD MEMBERSHIPS IN THE COUNTY AUDITORS’ ASSOCIATION OF OHIO, OHIO DEPUTY REGISTRAR ASSOCIATION, and OHIO WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS ASSOCIATION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Roland Tkach, Auditor has asked for approval to hold membership in the County Auditor Association of Ohio in the amount of \$2,600.00; Ohio Deputy Registrar Association in the amount of \$400.00, and Ohio Weights and Measurers Association in the amount of \$50.00; and

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes that membership in these organizations would be beneficial; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is hereby endorsed for membership in the above listed associations and dues will be paid from funds appropriated to the County Auditor; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought membership to these associations was immeasurable as to how much they can help us, especially as new laws are passed and new things happen in Columbus.

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

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

SIGNINGS

The Board signed a certificate in recognition of the Miriam House being in service for 20 years.

OLD BUSINESS

Cook Road issue. Mr. Strickler was not present at the meeting to discuss this.

Old Jail - tearing down or selling. Ms. Ziemba spoke to Mr. Strickler on this yesterday. He informed her he had assigned this to Mr. Stephens. Mr. Strickler also wanted to know if the County had received any federal money to preserve it. Ms. Ziemba had not found any, but she did not have a lot of the older records. Mr. Boose would like to stress to Mr. Strickler that this is a high priority, they need to keep moving on the process. If they decide to put it up for sale, Mr. Boose would like to talk to Carol Knapp with HCDC about using the HCDC CIC to do that.

Architect contract review. Mr. Strickler had indicated he was in the process of reviewing these. Mr. Boose said this review was the only thing holding up the process.

Apex Resolution. Mr. Boose stated that last week they had asked Mr. Strickler to get the numbers for the Apex resolution. He asked if anyone had received those numbers. Mr. Wilde read an email response from Mr. Strickler that indicated he had contacted both Apex and Auditor Tkach and was waiting on those numbers. Mr. Boose would like to have the numbers from Mr. Strickler by next Tuesday. If he does not have them, Mr. Boose would like to file for the 30-day extension. Mr. Tansey stated he hoped they had a RUMA. His office is very concerned about what may happen to the roads in that area. Mr. Boose thought if the Commissioners approve it as a qualified energy project, making it a PILOT, they would be required to do a RUMA. Mr. Tansey said he has been trying to contact Apex for the last 18 months and has not received a response. Mr. Boose thought they may be waiting for the Commissioners to make a decision, but asked Mr. Hunker to ask Apex to please contact the Engineer's office. Mr. Hunker said it was his understanding that Apex had reached out to the Engineer multiple times but had not received a response. Mr. Boose thought they would be able to work things out with some communication. Mr. Hunker said he believed Mr. Pedder would have the numbers to them today. He reminded them the numbers were based on the location of the turbines, which had not been confirmed as yet. Mr. Boose said that was a good point; they were aware of this and were not looking for exact numbers, just some estimates. Mr. Wilde told Mr. Tansey to be sure to let the Board know if there was an issue so they could get them together. Mr. Tansey explained a RUMA does not happen overnight. The ones he had done in the past usually take about a year. He pointed out it took two years to get the gas crossing fixed and these were just isolated areas of the road. Mr. Tansey was concerned about receiving calls from upset citizens complaining that their road was destroyed. This is something they will have no control over. Mr. Wilde thought they should get moving on this sooner rather than later. Mr. Boose said yes and no. At this point, they were actually ahead of the process, not behind. They still have not received the final decision from the Ohio Power Siting Board. Mr. Hunker said they were expecting that sometime in April. Mr. Boose did not want to make it sound like people were behind in what they were doing. He agreed that it was going to take a lot of work, but there is a process and everybody is following the process. He wanted that to be clear.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

This Friday local government officials and DeWine administrators' staff are having a Webex from 11:30 until noon. They will hold these every other Friday. This one will be on Covid-19 vaccine updates.

Regular Land Bank Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. Land Bank has moved a lot of properties and is getting them fixed up. Habitat for Humanity was building a couple houses on lots they purchased from Land Bank.

March 10th is a CCAO Land Bank webinar. A couple attorneys will be speaking on Land Banks.

Budget Commission meets next Tuesday.

Sales tax figures are in. Mr. Wilde thought they were good.

At 9:57 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Joe Hintz 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 10:41 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive session ORC 121.22(G)(1). Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

****No action taken from Executive Session.***

NEW BUSINESS *continued*

Mr. Wilde stated he actually had an update for old business. He had been in contact with Eric Cherry at the Health Department regarding the vendor licenses. He was going to meet with him after today's meeting.

Firelands Forward. Mr. Boose had a meeting last week and things are going well. Ottawa County is officially in.

CCAO Policy Committee meeting last Friday. They meet every other Friday to discuss state budget and how it affects counties.

Mr. Boose said there was \$240 million in the state budget for internet access - they are calling it broadband infrastructure. The idea is to make sure everyone has internet available, has acceptable speed, and for it to be affordable. Those things all make the process complicated. Mr. Boose said it was going to be competitive. \$240 million is not going to solve all the state's internet problems. He noted this was a concern the Commissioners have been working on for the last four years. They knew it was an issue and the pandemic has proven it was an issue in Huron County. Fixing the internet would not be cheap. Part of the problem was that any money will go to the providers. But providers have to want the money for it to go to them. It was a complicated process. The County can ask the state for money, but the state is going to want to know what we are going to do with it and if we have a provider. Mr. Boose thought they should put together a committee so they are somewhat prepared if the money becomes available.

Mr. Boose would like a committee to start studying the need and looking at solutions. He initially thought fiber optic was the best choice. It's expensive to put in, but they know it is fast. However, after talking to different people over the last few weeks he was not so sure. Some forward thinking people were asking if that was the future of internet. SpaceX is working on Starlink – a constellation of 12,000 high speed internet satellites in low earth orbit. Mr. Wilde explained that, right now, the cost for Starlink is \$99/month, with \$499 up front for the kit. This is kind of expensive. Mr. Boose pointed out it covers the whole territory, there is no need to run cables. Also, there is another company that bounces waves off towers. Mr. Boose wanted to be careful not to put restrictions on the committee. Besides residential uses, they should also think about business and agriculture being able to have proper internet as well. Smart vehicles sound like something for the future, but they are operating now in some cities. Mr. Wilde mentioned he knows someone who operates a combine almost solely using GPS.

Mr. Boose said he had an opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Riedy. Mr. Riedy was really excited about this and has done similar things in Lorain County. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Riedy to be the chairman of the committee. He would like each Commissioner to appoint four people. It should be diversified, but everyone should understand a little about how internet works and be able to listen. It was his guess the committee will listen to providers, whether it was Spectrum, AT&T or Starlink. The four Mr. Boose had chosen were a business person, a local farmer and someone from Economic Development. The last person he would like to include is Ms. Bond at 9-1-1. He thought internet would affect 9-1-1. There are all kinds of other areas that could be involved. Mr. Boose suggested somebody from education and somebody from libraries. Libraries know not everyone has internet and they have been offering it. However, he was not sure if all the small libraries had the ability to get high speed internet. Mr. Boose suggested they may possibly want to talk to a township trustee or a rural mayor/village administrator. He noted that Mr. Wilde had recently met with the local school superintendents. The superintendents have done a lot of work as far as surveying the needs of students and families. Mr. Hintz clarified Mr. Boose wanted twelve people on the committee. Mr. Boose confirmed twelve people, plus Mr. Riedy, plus the three Commissioners. The Commissioners would not really be part of the committee, but would be there to learn. He thought another group they may want include would be Rural Electric. Rural Electric has a lot of right-of-way in Huron County. There were other people Mr. Boose thought could be on the committee, but he didn't want it so big that it got bogged down. Mr. Hintz said that was his concern, making it too big. Mr. Boose wanted to try to get the committee together in the next two weeks. Mr. Wilde said he wanted to make sure the committee did three things: 1) have a purpose; 2) have vision; and 3) have a goal. Mr. Boose said they also have to have a plan, although he did not think it would be necessary for them to come up with a final plan. He would like them to come up with ideas and provide possibilities and direction. Mr. Boose would like to have people ready to be appointed by the first week in March. They can discuss this further next week. There was a short discussion on what to call the committee. Internet Infrastructure Planning Committee, at least initially.

Mr. Boose received an email from Bruce Atherton. Mr. Atherton lives in Marion County but owns land in Huron County. He questioned the 2021 assessment amounts for ditch maintenance. There were some ditch maintenance accounts where the 2021 assessment was \$2. He thinks this is an insignificant amount and would indicate there is no need for an assessment. Mr. Boose would like to send an email to the Soil & Water Board of Supervisors to look at this and let us know what their response is.

Mr. Boose forwarded an email to Mr. Hintz from Mr. Christman at the Airport. Mr. Hintz had a few things he would like to discuss with Mr. Boose. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Hintz would be better off talking directly to Mr. Christman. There had been a few general discussions last year but nothing had been done.

Mr. Welch had provided two quotes for adding a door in Meeting Room A. Ms. Ziemba asked if they would like to move forward with the project. Discussion on the best way to proceed with regard to doors and sound proofing. They decided the first step would be to get the doors in. They would make a decision on the insulation/sound proofing after the doors were installed. He reminded Ms. Ziemba that this should all be tracked since it was Covid related, in case they get any additional CARES Act money.

Transfer station bailer. Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Ziemba needed to do something so Mr. Welch could move forward. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Welch should do a Request for Over \$1,000 and state where he was paying this from. She will send him an email.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba about the number on the spreadsheet and if they had been updated. Ms. Ziemba said the number was what Auditor Tkach had provided last week. The Auditor's explanation stated this was the November 9, 2020 Budget Commission estimate, plus the unencumbered balance from January 1, 2021. Mr. Boose then asked if the numbers on the right had been updated this week. Ms. Ziemba said they had. Mr. Boose asked the reason for the changes. Ms. Ziemba said that at the elected officials meeting they were told if they needed changes to make them and send them to us. She explained that when they submit something it is linked and the total is updated. Everything was the same with the exception of the Auditor and the Treasurer. Mr. Boose didn't understand why this had been done; they had not approved any changes. He would like the "2021 Final" column to not change unless the Commissioners have approved the changes. Ms. Ziemba said she would not do any updates until they have reviewed everything. But they will have to bring the paperwork with them to the meetings. Mr. Boose said that was fine, he would prefer to go through the budget line by line like they did last year.

Mr. Boose said the other thing they still didn't have was the 2020 actual expenditures. This was not as simple as it sounds and he knew Ms. Ziemba was working on it. The problem was money had been encumbered at the end of 2020 and was sitting out there. They were actually spending 2020 money in 2021. Ms. Ziemba had only been able to find a report that showed year-to-date from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and what was encumbered. It didn't tell how much was spent out of that encumbrance. Ms. Ziemba thought it might have to be two reports. She will talk to Ms. Bursley and see if she has any thoughts. If they could not

find the actual number, Mr. Boose suggested using the YTD through December 31, 2020. He thought, if there was a \$7.3 million carryover, the budget numbers may not be the best numbers to use. It was hard to figure out how last years’ expenditures went. They had asked everybody to not do projects that didn’t have to be done and to watch spending. However, they had spent money on Covid-related items. It was hard to get a handle on how Covid affected last years’ numbers.

Mr. Boose thought there was a really good carryover, but if you take out the amount received from CARES Act, it looks like they spent about the same as last year. But there were a lot of variables that affect that – we asked them to spend less, but for Covid they had to spend more. Mr. Boose explained he likes to do a version of zero-based budgeting, but he doesn’t like to call it zero based budgeting. The actual amount spent is as important to Mr. Boose as what had been budgeted. This allows him to see how the numbers changed from last year to the year before. This had been a really interesting year when you do a comparison. Mr. Boose had seen other peoples’ analysis of the amount of funds the County has this year. Everyone believes the County has an abundance of funds. But it is not that simple. The budget has to be sustainable. The County had \$2 million more this year because of CARES Act. If we budget all that money for next year, and next year we don’t have CARES Act money, we have to make cuts. Mr. Wilde specified it had been one time revenue. Mr. Boose said they also can’t assume sales tax will always be this good. It has been an unusual year. He wasn’t saying the county was hurting for money, but he did have concerns about the sustainability of it. Mr. Wilde said the sustainable part really hasn’t changed. Mr. Boose noted we may have received more in sales tax, but we also received less in interest from our investments. It was not likely there would be any increases in local government funds, even though our expenses are going up. We are in good shape this year because of CARES Act money and because we did a good job of managing our money last year. But Mr. Boose won’t know that for sure where things stand until he gets the actual expenditures for last year. That is why that number is important.

Mr. Wilde said they need to make sure people understand they are focusing on a sustainable budget. The County will not receive \$2.3 million every year; they can’t budget as if that will continue year after year.

Mr. Boose liked the information Ms. Ziemba had provided. He thought they should start going through the sections marked “Review” at next Tuesday’s meeting. Ms. Ziemba thought those were the ones they wanted to schedule people in to discuss. Mr. Boose said some of them were, but he was more concerned with accounts like Capital Improvements, Contingencies, 99-Transfer Out, and 310. He would like to try to come up with some answers on those accounts to get started on them. He would also like Ms. Ziemba to send an email out reminding everyone they are working on final budget. If they have anything unusual they need to come in. Ms. Ziemba said she had noted the ones she had not heard from and will be reaching out to them.

Mr. Boose also thought they should have Ms. Minor in to discuss any funds the County gave them that were not mandated.

At 11:56 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 February 18, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a. m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the Townline Road 12 Phase 1 Resurfacing were opened on February 19, 2021 at 9:01 a.m:

Erie Blacktop	-	\$282,023.50
Kokosing	-	\$288,125.94
Gerken	-	\$309,170.00
A.J. Riley	-	\$317,350.00
Sarver	-	\$322,489.00
Precision Paving	-	\$324,213.75