

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 23, 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.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 19, 2021 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

21-069

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:

Bruce Wilde 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 #312469 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose questioned the car repair for the Sheriff and asked if the Board had known about it. Mr. Wilde did not remember hearing about it. The Sheriff paid the \$2,500 deductible; the additional \$1,983 should be reimbursed by insurance.

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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Claims Register for Payment Batches					Warrant #
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
02/29/2021	State of California	315469	2021-002761	911 01/73 Supplies	\$2,870.00
Account 181-181.00073 (Supplies) Total:					\$2,870.00
Department SVAA Total:					\$2,870.00
Fund 181 - SVAA Total:					\$2,870.00
Fund: 185 - 911					
Department: 911					
02/29/2021	Procter	315469	2021-001064	911 Monthly Bandwidth Refundary	\$2,957.00
Account 185-185.00280 (Operations) Total:					\$2,957.00
02/29/2021	APCO International	315469	2021-001071	APCO Instructor Training Certifications - HPD	\$440.00
Account 185-185.00380 (Training) Total:					\$440.00
Department 911 Total:					\$3,340.00
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$3,340.00
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust					
Department: Commissary Trust					
02/29/2021	West Commissary Network	315469	2021-002241	January 2021 Price Tiers Use	\$19,469.75
Account 635-635.00020 (Expenses) Total:					\$2,738.15
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$19,765.56
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$19,765.56
Fund: 640 - Canteen Trust					
Department: Canteen Trust Fund					
02/29/2021	Midwestern Animal Hospital Inc	315469	2021-002233	Medicine & Exam for Escobar	\$717.07
Account 640-640.00260 (Expenses) Total:					\$278.07
Department Canteen Trust Fund Total:					\$278.07
Fund 640 - Canteen Trust Fund Total:					\$278.07

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Then and Now's Warrant Dates: 2/25/2021 to 2/25/2021				Claims Register for Payment Batches		#812469	
PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	PURCHASE ORDER	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NUMBER	INVOICE DATE	PAYMENT REQUEST WORKFLOW	
Walwart Community/YNGB	48.31	2021-00143	ES&M Reunification E Blingey Day Alarms	7105	12/16/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	67.82	2021-00139	Youth Clothes-k Ticket	4041	12/16/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	99.29	2021-00139	Youth Work Clothes-k Enroute	4042	12/16/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	144.41	2021-00143	ES&M Reunification E Vintow-Bait Needs	7103	12/16/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	145.50	2021-00143	ES&M Preservation A Ordway-Hygiene	7099	12/17/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	148.56	2021-00143	ES&M Preservation D Guerra-Household Items	7098	12/17/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	176.88	2021-00143	ES&M Reunification V Lindley-Bedding	7100	12/17/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	186.68	2021-00143	ES&M Reunification V Lindley-Bedding	7107	12/17/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB	224.58	2021-00143	ES&M Reunification K Crpt-Bait Needs	7108	12/17/2020	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	
Walwart Community/YNGB				7102	1/8/2021	Then & Now Payment Request-Claims	

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Toby Boose

Joe

9:05 a.m. Public Comment. OSU Extension, Mike Gastier, Mary Beth Albright & Haley Evans, 4-H Educator. Mr. Gastier wanted to introduce Ms. Evans, the new 4-H Educator. Ms. Evans explained her background and said she was happy to be working her dream job.

Mr. Gastier explained that OSU had been overly cautious in dealing with Covid for the past year, but things were turning around. Their people contact has actually increased over last year. A lot of it is related to farm bill issues. They are continuing with pesticide training and have 900 people in from ten counties to train. Mr. Gastier was disappointed they had to cancel the Muck school last year. 2020 would have been the 75th year. They will be doing it in July this year, one way or another.

9:15 a.m. Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy. Ms. Hoffman as in to review the RFP results for the electric aggregation. Current contract is a fixed rate contract with Energy Harbor and ends in May. They sent the RFP to seven suppliers and five responded. All rates are much lower than the current rate, so regardless who they sign with the County residents will be paying a lower rate than they currently have. Ms. Hoffman’s recommendation was to do refresh pricing with Energy Harbor and Constellation, the two best offers of the five suppliers. Ms. Hoffman was anticipating Energy Harbor would come in the lowest, so there would be no change. The Board would be able to do an extension of the current contract. If Constellation wins the refresh, Mr. Strickler can review contract. Mr. Boose asked if Energy Harbor would be locked in regardless of what happens with HB 6. Ms. Hoffman said that was correct.

Roger Hunker, Apex – Mr. Hunker received the RUMA this morning; he will deliver to Engineer Tansey. Mr. Boose thought maybe they should set up a date to move forward. Mr. Hunker will do what he can. He asked if they had received the numbers. Mr. Strickler said Mr. Pedder sent them to him and he forwarded them to the Board and the Auditor. Mr. Boose explained they were waiting on numbers from the Auditor and they were running out of time. Because of that, they plan to ask for a 30-day extension.

Carolyn Bick, Jim Jordan’s office. There was nothing new. Mr. Boose asked her to keep them informed of any Covid money that may be coming. The Board would prefer it go directly to businesses and not to county.

21-070

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE HURON COUNTY LANDFILL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND #505

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the Landfill Equipment Reserve Fund #505 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$50,000.00 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 505-505-00475 Expenses \$50,000.00 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:** This is to put money in the Equipment account to fix bailer at the Transfer Station.

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

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

21-071

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURES OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 23, 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:

Landfill Equipment Reserve (Fund 505)

DNC Hydraulic Rebuild Bailer Cylinder \$43,142.65 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:** The bailer the Transfer Station uses for recyclables had to be repaired.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – none.

SIGNINGS – none.

OLD BUSINESS

Cook Road. Mr. Strickler said this was ongoing.

Public Records Requests. Mr. Boose thought the most recent one from Mr. Nielsen was geared more toward the Airport Board than the Commissioners. Mr. Strickler said there had also been a request regarding Soil & Water that he had taken care of. He did not know if there were any other ones outstanding. Mr. Boose asked if he was referring to the one from Mr. Atherton. Mr. Strickler said Mr. Stang was taking care of that one. The other one had been from Mr. Stacklin, who had requested documents from the Prosecutor’s office. Mr. Strickler informed him they were attorney-client privilege and he was not entitled to them. Mr. Boose thought

they should have Dick Stein check into why there was a \$2 minimum ditch fee. Mr. Strickler said his thought was so that there was money in the account in order to maintain the ditches. Mr. Boose asked how the ditch fees were billed. Mr. Strickler thought it was a line item on the tax bill. Mr. Boose said that was important. Landowners were going to get a tax bill anyway; it was not like the Auditor was sending bills out for \$2. Mr. Strickler clarified that the Commissioners pass the resolution and instruct the Auditor to put it on the duplicate. That is all they do as Commissioners; they have nothing to do with how the bills are determined. The Board of County Commissioners only does the administrative collection of fees.

Old Jail. Mr. Stephens had done some research. Mr. Strickler explained the problem. When it was put on the National Register of Historic Places, the jail and the Courthouse were put on as one entity. That registration will need to be amended to remove the jail. Mr. Stephens is trying to determine how to do that. According to Mr. Stephen's research, as long as the County has not accepted any federal money to maintain the historical character of the building then we can do whatever we want with it. CDBG moneys are going to be used for the ramp, but that is not something that is going to maintain the historical character. There were no handicap ramps when the Courthouse was built. Once the buildings are separated the next step will be to determine if there are any local ordinances in effect. Mr. Boose pointed out the Board had not made any decisions, they were just in preliminary discussions to determine what they could and could not do.

Airport Board – do Board members have to live in the County? Mr. Strickler reviewed the law and there is nothing that says they have to be residents of the county. The next step is to review all the resolutions creating the Airport Authority and any amendments to see if they ever made it a requirement.

Elevator for Administration building. Ms. Ziemba is still checking into whether we can reapply.

Architects for roofs. Mr. Strickler sent those to Mr. Welch who forwarded them to Garman Miller.

Apex resolution was last on the list. This had been previously discussed.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Mr. Strickler to request a 30-day extension to allow the County time to assemble and review the numbers. 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

Mr. Strickler will get that done by the end of the week.

Ms. Webb said that Ms. Ziemba had asked her to inform the Board that she has budget meetings scheduled for the meetings on next Tuesday and Thursday. They will be in 15-minute increments, with the majority to be held on Tuesday.

Ms. Webb asked the Board if they would like schedule Ms. Tkach in to discuss the scanning project. Mr. Boose said they would, it is part of the budget.

Assistant Prosecutor report – none.

Commissioner Hintz report – none.

Commissioner Wilde report

Today at 2:00 there is an EPA webinar on universal waste rules.

Ribbon cutting for Dr. Tajour today at 12:15 on Executive Drive.

Thursday there is a Zoom Land Bank at 2:00 p.m.

Friday at 1:00 p.m. there is a Stage Budgetary Briefing from CCAO. In two weeks they will go back to regular policy meeting.

Mr. Wilde spoke to Eric Cherry regarding vendor fees. There was discussion whether it was just food service or all vendor fees. Mr. Wilde thought they were just discussing restaurants. Mr. Boose mentioned that places like Camp Conger pay a beach fee, etc. He didn't think they should narrow it to just restaurants. Mr. Wilde thought that was fine. So far, just looking into food licenses, they found 350. Bellevue would be divided by four. The state fee was \$28; all the rest were local fees. Mr. Wilde said 350 businesses times the \$28 fee came

out to about \$10,000. Mr. Boose asked why they would not cover the local fees. Mr. Wilde said local fees are different for every category and range from \$400 on up.

Internet Infrastructure Planning Committee, Mr. Wilde has confirmed two people and is talking to two more. He would like to define a purpose for the committee. He thought, at least to start, it should be "to provide reliable and affordable internet service to every citizen of Huron County". Mr. Boose didn't know if that was achievable, but would like the committee to put a plan together to try. Mr. Wilde said he has people who have already done some research and have ideas. Mr. Boose would like committee member's emails by next Tuesday. He will have Ms. Ziemba ask Ms. Stebel to be a part of the committee.

Last Friday Mr. Wilde was on a Covid Vaccine Update webinar from 11:30 to 12. The state is coming out with central scheduling system for all providers. Updates are provided on the Ohio Hospital Association website. As far as the vaccine, vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov is where you will eventually be doing the scheduling. The state is way behind on getting the product.

Commissioner Boose report

CCAO General Government and Operations Committee met last week. Mr. Boose was in the Commissioner meeting so could not attend. However, they discussed two rather controversial bills that have been or may be introduced. One has to do with the licensing requirements for the County Engineer. Currently in order to be eligible to be a county engineer you must be both a licensed engineer and a licensed surveyor. This is not a problem for large counties. Small counties can't fill it. Medium counties, like Huron, have very few people who are eligible; our two previous engineers came from Lorain County. The Engineers Association doesn't want any changes. The Commissioners want change so people can have a choice. Discussion is why there is a need for both licenses. This was very controversial.

Another controversial topic was whether to continue to allow commissioner meetings to be done virtually. Mr. Hintz thought the concern was too many people were holding meetings while on vacation. Mr. Boose said the general thought was virtual allows more people to view and see the meetings. There was discussion regarding the difference between being able to see the meetings and participating in the meetings. Mr. Boose had no problem doing the meetings virtually, however he believes elected officials should be required to attend in person. There would be a list of acceptable absences, but he felt if you run for an elected office you have a certain responsibility. Virtual meetings could allow an elected official to sit in his house and never interact with the public. Mr. Strickler understood, but thought there should be certain exceptions, such as health issues. Mr. Boose would like a doctor excuse in such cases. No matter what business you are in, there are always people that will take advantage of the laws.

At 10:14 am. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. 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 10:56 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(2). 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

**Action taken - none.*

10:56 a.m. the board recessed

11:30 a.m. the board resumed regular session

Mr. Boose wanted to go over two meetings from last week.

CCAO Tax and Finance Committee. Discussion on reform of Community Reinvestment Act tax abatement. This will make it easier, better and allow for a higher abatement. The idea is to improve and make it more favorable.

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CCAO Board Meeting last Friday. They are going to add a regional district. Now there are four – northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest. They will be adding a central district, if no one has issues. This will be Columbus and the area in the middle of the state.

CCAO has a mentoring program. Each Board member is assigned to a newly elected commissioner.

There is a county government display in the Statehouse. CCAO is going to work with a few other groups to update this. They are using \$40,000 set aside in a public education fund. They plan to make a very nice, interactive display.

Financial situation better than last year; expenses under and revenue over.

In the middle of putting together a five year strategic plan, 2020 - 2025.

Very little discussion on opiate settlement. The Attorney General did something last week to try to keep counties from getting any money. Mr. Strickler is going to look into it.

State budget. Mostly talked about indigent defense. More detail on Friday. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Tkach said we will get less in local government money this year. It will be the same percentage, but revenue is up, so we should get more. However, there is a discrepancy in what administration says we have for revenue and what LSC, the independent legal group, says. LSC says there is \$1 billion more than what the Governor's budget says.

Some discussion on a bill that will set up jail financing just like education financing is set up as far as capital. Rated by the data you submit; that determines how much money you get.

Investing in Ohio initiative. There is \$1 billion in it, all competitive grants. The \$250 million for broadband is a part of that. Also, \$200 million to fund local community infrastructure projects, \$50 million for a marketing campaign to promote Ohio; \$40 million in workforce support programs, etc.

Local government fund retains 1.6% of GRF receipts dedicated to local government fund. One concern is in Human Services. They are moving the eligibility for child care from 130% to 138% of federal poverty level so more people will be eligible. He will discuss this with Ms. Minor next week.

Marks radio subsidies. The proposed budget removes funding for Marks radio subscriber fees. The current budget provides \$10 million in funding to subsidize \$10 of the \$20 Marks subscriber fees paid by political subdivisions. The Policy Teams plans to work to restore these funds. Mr. Boose wants to tell CCAO that if they are giving money to Marks they need to give money to everybody, no matter what radio system they use.

Increase of \$10 in vehicle registration fees and \$2 for title transfer fees. That money, estimated at \$127 million, goes straight to State Highway Patrol fund. The County collects the money, but won't get any. Mr. Boose and Mr. Strickler both thought the County should at least receive administration fees. No tax increases in this budget; just fees increases.

Transportation budget - supposedly cutting public transportation funds. Ohio is the 3rd worst state in the country for providing money for public transportation, and now they are cutting that amount.

Rainy day fund, they are not touching it.

CARES Act survey, they appreciated all that participated. Majority of the counties took money to put in the General Fund for the Sheriff Department. Huron County was one of highest counties to give to private businesses.

Opiate litigation update. \$573 million national settlement. Ohio to receive \$24.7 million - \$20 million this year and \$4.7 million over next four years. Attorney General Yost stated settlement dollars will be distributed according to the One Ohio Partnership. 30% to local government, 15% goes to state and 55% to a foundation for long term abatement. This was not the same information Mr. Strickler had received; he was told states would not see that money.

Friday is call/webinar with more detail on the state budget.

The board received an email from James Pomerich, Willard City Manager, regarding a couple issues. Mr. Wilde has responded on one issue and will respond on the other.

At 11:56 Bruce Wilde made a motion to adjourn. Joe Hintz seconded. The meeting stood adjourned.

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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 23, 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 11:56 a.m.

Signatures on File