

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

21-052

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Register for Payment Batches #311452 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose to abstain from Norwalk Concrete

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 AWARDING BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC PAINT ON VARIOUS HURON COUNTY ROADS

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #21-022, and after notice was given pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, Huron County sought bids for the Installation of Traffic Paint on Various Huron County Roads;

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 10:16 a.m.; the results shown on Attachment A;

WHEREAS, these bids have been reviewed by the County Engineer as to their compliance with applicable terms and conditions of the bid with a recommendation from the Engineer that such bid be awarded to Zimmerman Paint Contractors Company, Fremont, Ohio;

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/11/2021	Document Technology Systems, LLC	311462	2021-000861	January Recording	\$1,395.00	
Account 131.131.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$1,395.00	
Department Records Technology Total:					\$1,395.00	
Fund 131 - Records Technology Total:					\$1,395.00	
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Installation of Traffic Paint on Various Huron County Roads to Zimmerman Paint Contractors Company, Fremont, Ohio with all prices effective until December 31, 2021; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to the award of this bid is to be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer; 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.

Terry Boose 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 9:05 a.m. Roger Hunker, Lyme Township, update on their EMS. They worked with Fisher Titus, who will be providing an updated contract.

Mr. Hunker asked if they had any questions about Apex. Mr. Strickler noted Apex filed their application as a Qualified Energy Project last week. He would like to add G(3) to Executive Session to discuss this.

21-054

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR THE SUPPLYING & DELIVERY OF CONCRETE FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #21-020 and after notice was given pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, Huron County sought bids for The Supplying and Delivery of Concrete; and

WHEREAS, a bid was received and opened on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 10:06 a.m. from Wm. Dauch Concrete, Norwalk, Ohio, as follows;

UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SUMMER UNIT PRICE	WINTER UNIT PRICE
Cubic Yard	Item 511 Class QC 1 Concrete	\$127.50	\$132.50
Cubic Yard	Item 511 Class QC1 Concrete (#8Mix)	\$133.00	\$138.00
Cubic Yard	Item 613 Low Strength Mortar Backfill, Type 2	\$82.00	\$87.00
Cubic Yard	Nonshrink Mortar Item 705.22	\$123.50	\$128.50
Light Load Charge (Less than 5.5 C.Y.) \$60.00			
Discounts less \$4.00/YD deliveries to 150 Jefferson Street, Norwalk, Ohio 44857			

WHEREAS, these bids have been reviewed by the County Engineer as to their compliance with applicable terms and conditions of the bid with a recommendation from the Engineer that such bid be awarded to Wm. Dauch Concrete, Norwalk, Ohio; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for The Supply and Delivery of Concrete to Wm. Dauch Concrete, Norwalk, Ohio, with all prices effective until December 31, 2021; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to the award of this bid is to be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer; 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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde thought it was nice to see it go to a local contractor.

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

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

21-055

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #21-021, and after notice was given pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, Huron County sought bids for The Installation of Guardrail; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 10:11 a.m.; the results shown on Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, these bids have been reviewed by the County Engineer as to their compliance with applicable terms and conditions of the bid with a recommendation from the Engineer that such bid be awarded to Lake Erie Construction Company, Norwalk, Ohio; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for The Installation of Guardrail with Lake Erie Construction Company, Norwalk, Ohio with all prices effective until December 31, 2021; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to the award of this bid is to be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Again, this was awarded to a local company.

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

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

21-056

IN THE MATTER OF HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ERIE BASIN RC&D COUNCIL

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to hold membership in the Erie Basin RC&D Council; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Commissioners approves holding membership in the Erie Basin RC&D Council in the amount of \$400.00; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde stated they have been doing this for years.

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

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

21-057

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment within the Prosecutor’s account; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustments:

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	006	00125	001	\$9,511.00		006	00275	001	\$5,164.00
		Prosecutor employee salaries					Prosecutor contract		
						006	00175	001	\$1,147.00
							Prosecutor supplies		
						006	00200	001	\$3,200.00
							Prosecutor equipment		
									and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked what the difference was between an appropriation adjustment and a transfer. Ms. Ziemba said a transfer is when you move from one fund to another. This was all done within the 006 account.

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 – no update.

Old jail. Mr. Boose said the Historical Society wanted to talk to them and asked if anything had been set up. Ms. Ziemba had not heard anything. She will check with Ms. Schaffer next week.

Architect for roof projects. Mr. Strickler was just back from vacation and had not had a chance to review the contract.

Commissioner Wilde met with Representative Stein, Steve Schumm and local school superintendents about broadband. Discussed the issues they are having with wifi and hotspots. Asked for detailed letters about family sizes and the problems they are having. They will funnel through North Point and get them to Mr. Stein. Also

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asked for parents to tell their stories. If anyone wants to testify to a bill they can. Mr. Boose clarified this was a budget bill that had not been assigned a number yet. He thought they wanted to put around \$240 million into the budget for broadband infrastructure. If this is approved, the hard part will be the private/public partnership. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Stein may have more contacts with the private industry than they would.

8:00 a.m. Thursday HCDC full board meeting – Zoom.

Mr. Boose has a Firelands Forward meeting tomorrow morning.

Meeting individually with legal counsel tomorrow regarding the lawsuit hearing scheduled to start next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilde had someone contact him regarding their food vendor fees. The fee went up even though he had not been able to go out last year. Mr. Wilde is trying to contact Eric Cherry at the Health Department. His goal is to find out how many vendor licenses there are and get a breakdown of fees – state, federal and county. He would like to see if the Board of County Commissioners can possibly refund some of those fees. It has been a tough year. The County did the small business grants; this is another way to give back to businesses that were hit pretty hard.

BUDGET

Mr. Boose appreciated Ms. Ziemba getting all the information together. She had not had much time to do it.

Mr. Boose would like to add a column for 2020 actual expenses. Ms. Ziemba will contact the Auditor to get those numbers. Mr. Boose asked if we know the date the official revenue estimate will be out. Mr. Wilde thought it was February 23. Mr. Boose said that was late; it is hard to work on the budget without knowing that number. Mr. Wilde thought the Auditor had provided the information at the Department Head meeting but he did not have it with him.

Mr. Boose would also like a detailed 2020 expense report for accounts: 001-Commissioners; 012-Human Resources; 018-Coroner; 023-Sheriff; 026-EMA; 036-Jail; 039-Insurance and Taxes; 040-Miscellaneous; 041-Contingencies; 046-IT Department and 099-Transfers.

1% increase. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she was comfortable with that amount. She indicated that was what had been submitted; she has no way of checking it. Mr. Boose noted that last year there had to be adjustments to a couple OPERS and Medicare accounts. He would like Ms. Ziemba to double check those amounts as best she can.

Under the “Retirement and Request” tab, Mr. Boose thought there may need to be some things added. Most of what he saw he thought were legitimate expenses for 2021. However, he expects that to change over the next month. He knew Ms. Tkach still had to get them the number for the scanning project. Mr. Wilde did not see any retirements listed. Ms. Ziemba said there would be a couple but she did not have numbers yet.

Mr. Boose thought they needed to do some work on the IT budget. Everyone agreed

Ms. Ziemba had an email from Ms. Hazel asking if the Board needed the additional \$75,000 transferred in from Title to General Fund. Mr. Boose said they would need the numbers from Auditor Tkach before they could make that decision.

Transfer Out. They knew there would need to be \$580,249.30 for bonds. Mr. Boose said that was kind of a given, there was nothing that could be done about it. However, after this year the old human services demo would be done and the old jail will be gone. The final payment for the fairgrounds will be made this year. That just left the energy project, Courthouse improvements and the 2018 bonds that had been taken out to do the parking lots. Mr. Wilde thought they had picked up about \$75,000 extra.

Victim’s Assistance grant match amount will be based off 2020.

Transit estimate. Mr. Boose wasn’t sure how their budget had been affected last year. He thought they should be scheduled in to discuss it.

Scanning project. Mr. Boose would like to check with Ms. Tkach to find out what was left to be scanned.

Benefits Reserve Fund. Mr. Boose would like a balance for Fund 157.

Permanent Improvements. Mr. Boose said we won’t know that amount until we look at last years and get final numbers.

Firelands Forward. Based on 2020, Mr. Boose stated this would be needed for next year. Ms. Ziemba asked if that was considered to be a yearly amount. Mr. Boose said it would be yearly for three years. It was decided to just budget this in 040.

Mr. Boose asked what the difference was between 00650/Retirements and Benefits Reserve Fund 157. Ms. Ziemba explained they were saving Benefits Reserve/157 for large retirements and the 27th pay. The 099-00650 are retirements that happen through the year. If the money is available and already budgeted it just requires a transfer. It doesn't have to be moved from one fund to another and then into another account. Mr. Boose questioned if \$25,000 was going to be enough. Ms. Ziemba explained it depended on how they did their budget. If they add the money into final budget they will be fine. If not, they won't. There is already a payout around \$19,000.

Mr. Boose asked if they had found out when the 27th pay was. Ms. Ziemba had not talked to the Auditor yet. She had been working on getting them the numbers they wanted. Mr. Boose thought she had done a good job.

Mr. Boose said they had received a lot of emails in the past week. Mr. Wilde mentioned they had sent an email out to the Health Commissioner. Ms. Ziemba said she had received a response and forwarded it to the Board. Mr. Boose stated they really received no new information in that email; it did not indicate how it might affect businesses or how they were off by such a large number. This was in reference to the large jump in the number of Covid deaths reported recently. Mr. Boose did not understand why the counties weren't getting the numbers they needed. He questioned if the numbers they were receiving from the State were bogus, or if they were good numbers. He was concerned that the State may want to shut businesses down again if this had happened in every county. Mr. Boose thought the people wanted answers, and in more detail than the media had provided.

CCAO Lobbying Task Force kickoff is this Friday. Mr. Boose explained this is the committee that meets every other week during budget to discuss the budget. Anyone that is a member of CCAO can be on the committee.

Mr. Wilde mentioned they had received an email from the Sheriff regarding his cameras. The Sheriff contacted the vendor and the vendor will have it fixed. During installation there had been damage to the walls and wires were left exposed.

At 10:00 a.m. 3rd Public hearing for proposed Transfer Station rate increase.. Pete Welch stated the purpose of the meeting: The Commissioners are looking at potentially raising the rates at the landfill from \$54/ton to \$58/ton. This includes all fees. Last time the fees were raised was April 2010. They were increased to \$58.25, then dropped to \$54. That is where they are currently. Mr. Welch explained we have been at the same rate for a little over ten years. This fee will pay for operation of the transfer station; the closure activities of the landfill, including groundwater and methane monitoring; and keep the grounds up to EPA requirements. A portion of it pays for the recycling activities at the transfer station. It is the cost of doing business every year; we have seen an increase in hauling costs, what we are paying employees; and the Rumpke contract will go up \$2.25 a ton over the life of the contract.

Bruce Wilde called once for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase.

Bruce Wilde called second for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase.

Bruce Wilde called thrice for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Bruce Wilde called once for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase.

Bruce Wilde called twice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase.

Bruce Wilde called thrice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Mr. Wilde then asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Boose asked what the next step was and if they wanted to change the rate as of April 1. Mr. Welch said they will have to pass a resolution as what they would like the rates to be and the date the new rates will start. He would prefer it be done sooner rather than later, since they have to advertise and give notice of the rate change, so

At 10:07 a.m. Bruce Wilde closed the hearing.

Terry Boose moved to authorize Vickie Ziemba to prepare what needs to be done for the rate increase. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 10:10 a.m. Terry Boose 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; 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; and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. 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 10:58 a.m. Joe Hintz moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (2), and (3). Terry Boose 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*

At 10:59 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:14 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 11:15 a.m. Joe Hintz 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. Terry Boose 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 12:00 p.m. Joe Hintz moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (2), and (3). Terry Boose 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.*

At 1:00 p.m. the board resumed regular session with Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy. Ms. Hoffman previously provided results of the RFP for electric service for the County's facilities. Dynegy and AEP offered the best prices. After doing a refresh of those two companies, Dynegy won the bid. Ms. Hoffman explained this was a "fixed energy plus capacity" contract. The rate actually came in lower after the refresh, so the capacity pass through will be at the rate of 0.03407. Estimated savings against the current rate is about \$8,500 annually. The contract will be for two years, through May of 2023. Ms. Hoffman explained the drawback of the capacity passthrough and Dynegy winning was there will not be consolidated pricing. This means that Dynegy's generation fees will be a separate bill from the utility.

Joe Hintz made a motion to execute a contract with Dynegy for a term beginning June 2021 billing period through May 2023 billing period. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 1:13 p.m. Terry Boose 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 9, 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 1:13 p.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the 2021 Chip & Seal Program were opened on February 12, 2021 at 9:01 a.m.:

HENRY W. BERGMAN		MELWAY PAVING		ERIE BLACKTOP		CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING		UNILLIANCE	
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
\$ 2.40	\$ 423,600.00	\$ 2.05	\$ 361,825.00	\$ 2.65	\$ 467,725.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 370,650.00	\$ 2.58	\$ 455,370.00
\$ 31.00	\$ 140,120.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 216,960.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 103,960.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 203,400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 158,200.00
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 28,750.00	\$ 28,750.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00
	\$ 585,020.00		\$ 611,085.00		\$ 613,735.00		\$ 636,850.00		\$ 638,870.00

The following bids for the 2021 New State Road Resurfacing Project were opened on February 12, 2021 at 9:10 a.m.:

Kokosing	-	\$491,699.58
Erie Blacktop	-	\$510,316.50
Sarver	-	\$539,710.20
Gerken	-	\$558,717.50
A.J. Riley	-	\$598,429.00