

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.

21-034

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING AND REAFFIRMING CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS BEING IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, after due consideration of certain job classifications in the County government, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to designate/reaffirm certain positions as being in the unclassified service because they are exempt from all examinations required by Chapter 124.01 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby designate/reaffirm the following positions as being in the unclassified service:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Current person holding position</u>	<u>ORC Section</u>
Administrator/Clerk to the Board	(Vickie Ziemba)	124.11(A)(9), and 305.29
Department of Job & Family Services Dir.	(Lenora Minor)	124.11(A)(22), and 329.02
Solid Waste District Coordinator	(Peter Welch)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9)
EMA Director	(Art Mead)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9)
Director of Operations	(Peter Welch)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9)
Dog Warden	(Josh Jasinski)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9)
Human Resource Director/Loss Prevention	(Don Starett)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9)
Administrative Assistant	(Valerie Stebel)	124.11(A)(8)
Clerical Assistant	(Cherise Webb)	124.11(A)(8)
911 Coordinator	(Tacy Bond)	124.11(A)(9)
Working Custodial Supervisor	(Steve Minor)	124.11(A)(9)
Human Resource/Loss Prevention Assistant	(Julia Armstrong)	124.11(A)(9)
Network Administrator	(Joel Riedy)	124.11(A)(3)(b), & (A)(9) and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the above mentioned incumbent individuals; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, in the event any of the above listed positions become vacant and the person currently holding that position is replaced, the new individual employed in said position shall also be designated as being in the unclassified service unless it is subsequently determined that the position is designated as classified pursuant to Chapter 124.01 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code; 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 this was something that was done every year. The list was pretty much the same as last year with the addition of the Network Administrator position.

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. Public comment - none

21-035

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND #110

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund #110 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$2,300,000.00 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 110-00280-110 Contract Services \$2,300,000.00 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:** Ms. Ziemba read Mr. Schnellinger's reason as due to a mis-key error on the interim budget.

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

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

21-036

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION TO PURCHASE A CASE 821G WHEEL LOADER AND APPROVING A FINANCE OWNERSHIP CONTRACT WITH KANSAS STATEBANK BAYSTONE GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Peter Welch, Director of Operations, recommends purchasing a CASE 821G Wheel Loader for the Huron County Transfer Station from Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. in the amount of \$283,100.00 based on the State Term Schedule, Index #STS515, Contract #800585; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch will receive a trade-in allowance of \$70,000.00 for the 2016 Caterpillar loader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch recommends financing the equipment, less trade-in allowance, in the amount of \$213,100.00 for 60 months with Kansas StateBank, Baystone Government Finance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of a CASE 821G Wheel Loader for the Huron County Transfer Station from Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc. and approves the finance ownership agreement with Kansas StateBank, Baystone Government Finance, in the amount of \$213,100.00, as 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. Welch explained the loader they have is almost six years old and has about 8,000 hours on it. It will need new tires this fall, which will run about \$25,000. The lift arms have already been repaired three times. The loader is out of warranty and historically they purchase a new one every five years. It is the only machine they have and is used a lot. If it goes down they would have to rent one. The only one Mr. Welch knows of that is available to rent is the one the Transfer Station sold to R&J. Mr. Boose was not sure where things were headed with the Transfer Station and so did not want to lock the County into any long term debt. He verified with Mr. Welch that this loan could be paid off early. Mr. Welch said it could. Mr. Boose thought it was a good rate and confirmed it was fixed. Mr. Hintz asked if there would be an additional expense to have the arms extended. Mr. Welch said there would be, about \$22,000. It is not part of the initial purchase price.

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

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

**Agreement attached*

21-037

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE FOR FULL STATE INDIGENT DEFENSE REIMBURSEMENT IN THE UPCOMING STATE BUDGET.

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has the constitutional obligation under the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainright (1963)* to provide legal counsel to indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, county budgets have been strained for decades by the state assigning this constitutional mandate to its counties to carry out; and

WHEREAS, the state has historically left counties to collectively spend tens of millions in county general revenue funds to fulfill this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine the Ohio General Assembly provided counties an additional \$60 million for state fiscal year 2020 and \$95 million for state fiscal year 2021, prior to COVID-19-induced budgetary restrictions, to provide counties with much needed budgetary relief of this state mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO;

THAT, this Board sincerely thanks Governor DeWine for his previous efforts to address indigent defense costs with his historic and impactful investment included in House Bill 166; and

THAT, this Board calls upon Governor DeWine to take the final step to provide adequate general revenue funding that will provide for full reimbursement of the counties indigent defense costs to completely eliminate this state-mandated financial burden for counties; and

THAT, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose explained they were going to follow up with a letter to the Governor as well. This is an issue that has been around for a long time.

Roll being called upon its adoption, the voted resulted as follows:

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

At 9:30 a.m. Peter Welch, Director of Operation, facility updates:

Waterline break at Administration Building. Mr. Welch informed the Board that Buckeye had been in that morning to work on repairing the waterline. They were concerned about finding the right size pipe. The building has odd sized pipes because it is so old. Mr. Welch was hoping the water will be back on by tomorrow. He explained there will have to be a lot of shoveling done by hand because of the location of the break. It is on the north side of the building in the same area as the electric lines, phones lines, lines from the generator and chiller lines. Mr. Hintz asked if they were going to repair or replace. Mr. Welch said they will just repair. Replacing would require the water to be turned off for weeks. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch if he could keep notes of where the electrical lines, generator lines, etc. were located for future reference. It would not be exact,

but at least it would be a starting point. Mr. Welch said the transformers were also out there. He thought this was probably the worst place for this to happen. Fortunately there was no damage to the inside of the building. Roofs at JFS & Sheriff. Mr. Welch contacted three of the architects that were approved last year – Garman Miller, Buehler Group, and Dan Frederick. Richland Engineering, the other company that had been approved, does not do this type of work. Mr. Boose explained the architects Mr. Welch was referring to went back to last year when the County went out for proposals for architects. The Board had narrowed it down to those four firms. Mr. Welch said Dan Frederick does not have the personnel to do this type of job right now, but Buehler and Garman Miller had responded. He had originally asked for a cost to do a design, put bid specs together, go out to bid, and award the bid. Since the County is not sure what design they plan to use he had not requested construction oversight costs. He cautioned that the numbers he had were not final proposals. He had received two different costs from two different firms.

Garman Miller had provided a lump sum of \$32,500, which included construction oversight. This covered the whole job, from bid specs to completion of the job. Mr. Welch was a little surprised by this number and called to confirm. They verified this would cover the cost of whatever the County decides to do, whether they go with a complete tear off or putting new membranes on the roofs.

Buehler had provided multiple options for both the jail and JFS roofs. For the jail, if the County decided to remove the ballasts, take the membrane off, replace it with an EPDM membrane, and then replace the ballasts, it would cost roughly \$570,000. A complete tear off would run approximately \$1.2 million. These are estimates. If you looked at the architect fees, the first option was almost \$40,000; the second was \$80,000.

The options Buehler had provided for the JFS roof were: a 60 mill TPO, with a 20 year warranty, for about \$700,000. A 60 mill PVC, with a 20 year warranty, about \$760,000. Replacing the metal, about \$820,000. A complete tear off would be around \$960,000. Those numbers did not include the architect costs.

Mr. Welch said those were the figures they were looking at. The Board would need to decide which firm they wanted to use. Even if they go with the lowest cost for each roof, the County is going to spend around \$1.3 million to do both. Mr. Welch thought both roofs needed to be done. JFS could possibly be repaired, but it would be temporary. Mr. Boose noted that the JFS roof was almost thirty years old and had never been replaced. Repairing it might buy them a couple more years, but he did not feel that was the proper way to take care of an asset that was that old. Mr. Welch said he was not recommending they repair it. He suggested they go with a TPO or PVC membrane. Next Tuesday he will make a recommendation as to an architect, the Board can choose one and they can proceed with the project. Mr. Boose wanted to keep things moving. They had planned to do one roof last year and one this year, but that hadn't happened because of Covid. He also stated again that he felt these were good projects to work on during Covid, since they were mainly outside. However, he was concerned about cost and the ability to get materials. Mr. Welch noted that the architects thought the projects could be completed by July. Mr. Boose thought this was an indication they were not concerned with getting supplies.

Mr. Welch is expecting to have three estimates to reseal the parking lots next week. After talking to one company he believes they should be under \$50,000. Mr. Boose noted that the three projects were similar in that they were being done to protect the County's assets. The parking lots were also an outdoor project, so a good one to do during Covid. Mr. Hintz thought if we didn't do the projects now they could end up costing a lot more in the future. Mr. Boose pointed out the Board had done very few interior remodeling projects last year unless they had been Covid-related. He thought they should be cautious about doing anything that didn't need to be done right now. Because of the cost of materials, it was not a good time to be doing construction. Mr. Welch said most of the request they had were for painting jobs – people wanted their offices freshened up. Mr. Boose thought those might be okay.

Courthouse ramp. This project is to be completed using grant funds. Ms. Ziemba had sent the information to Dan Frederick and he is supposed to get back to her. He also has GLCAP's information. Mr. Boose considered this a liability issue and wanted to address it as soon as possible to ensure the Courthouse would continue to be handicap accessible. He was sure it would take some time to do the project and will be a difficult process for handicap accessibility. The goal is to have the ramp down for as short a time as possible. Mr. Welch thought Mr. Frederick may be able to build a temporary ramp.

Underground storage tanks. Mr. Boose said they had just approved these contracts and asked Mr. Welch to explain them. Mr. Welch said the Airport was a Tier 1. After the tanks had been removed the borings determined there was petroleum in the soils. Based on those findings, they have to ascertain if there is groundwater contamination. That is what the Tier 1 does. Shady Lane is a Tier 2. The Airport will eventually have to do this as well. After they ascertain there is groundwater contamination, a Tier 2 is done to determine the extent of that contamination. From there they decide the best way to treat the contamination. There are guidelines with thresholds. Based on those thresholds the County may not have to do anything at the Airport. Shady Lane will probably be the same, except there is the stream that runs by there. If the plume has gotten to the stream, the County may have to do some cleanup. Mr. Welch said there was silty, clay soils at Shady Lane which may help prevent it from spreading.

Mr. Boose said they had been trying to get a cost for HVAC at the airport building. Mr. Welch thought Mr. Silcox had been working with Wilkes. He hadn't been out there in a while, but last week they had the duct work drained and the building was fine. It was Mr. Boose's understanding that this pump out was a regular project. Mr. Welch agreed, saying once it rains or snow melts, water will infiltrate into the duct work again. Mr. Boose said it sounds worse than it is – the duct work is underground and is concrete. We are talking about replacing it with something that will be up above. Mr. Welch will contact Wilkes to follow up.

Generator - initial approval was for \$5,000 and was encumbered. Mr. Wilde had an invoice from RKS for \$5,800. He read Mr. Smith's explanation for the additional \$800: “. . . *additional labor for Ken Smith, RKS Power Solutions, to help Great Lakes Electric accomplish the above electrical work. Note over 16 after hours labor total and only billing for 8 hours. Reasons unforeseen when providing the original estimate for this work. . .*”. Mr. Smith had detailed the unexpected events. Mr. Wilde said RKS is still planning to label all the panels so we know what is powered by each panel. Mr. Boose was concerned with the amount of time it took to receive the invoice. Mr. Boose did not disagree with the amount, nor did he disagree that the work had to be done. But it took two months to receive the invoice and there was still work to be done. Mr. Wilde pointed out the County was not paying for the panels to be labeled. Ms. Ziemba advised that payment of the additional \$800 would require a Then and Now. Mr. Boose pointed out that if we had had the invoice when the work was completed we would not need to do a Then and Now.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the additional \$800.00 to RKS for the work done on the generators at the administration building. 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 10:13 a.m. Don Starett, HR/Loss Prevention and Joel Riedy, Network Administrator, to discuss cybersecurity policy. Mr. Starett had presented the Board with a draft cybersecurity policy. He would like the Board to adopt this policy for two reasons. Part of CORSA's loss control incentive policy requires a Cybersecurity Policy. The policy presented was the one CORSA recommended and had been tailored for the County. Mr. Starett felt the second reason may be the more important one. This policy brings the County up to industry standards regarding cybersecurity. It is very technical, which is why Mr. Starett had waited until the Network Administrator was on board. He had Mr. Riedy review the policy to make sure it made sense. Mr. Boose appreciated Mr. Starett working on this. He felt it was something the County should have had in place a long time ago, but understood it was a difficult thing for Human Resources. This was all the more reason why the County needed an IT person. Mr. Starett felt the Cybersecurity Policy also provided written credentials for Mr. Riedy to move forward. Mr. Boose thought the policy was okay, but acknowledged he was not technical enough to know for sure. Mr. Wilde agreed that most of it was over his head as well. He had three questions for Mr. Riedy: 1) how much will this cost; 2) do we have the manpower to do this; and 3) will all of our existing hardware be able to make the changes?

Mr. Riedy said, from what he has seen, most of the buildings have relatively new switches. He thought about two-thirds were main switches and would support VLANs. VLANs help isolate certain areas of the network. The cybersecurity policy is set up so the departments would be separated into different VLANs. The departments will be put into their own network segments so they don't interfere with each others' operations. This will improve performance, especially at the Courthouse. Mr. Riedy will be able to reorganize the network and make it more efficient. Mr. Wilde thought it was slowing itself down with redundancy and/or duplicate firewalls. Mr. Riedy agreed, and said in many cases there is a lot more security than what is needed; some efforts were being duplicated. The network can be made more efficient by implementing the VLAN and access control lists. Internal speeds will improve dramatically because, in a lot of cases, and especially the case at the Courthouse, network traffic actually goes out and had to come back in.

Mr. Boose didn't think this had to happen immediately, it was something that could be worked on over time. Mr. Riedy agreed. He thought, even in the worst building, they are probably talking less than \$10,000. Most of the switches were pretty decent. They could have one firewall for the entire building and use a single router. Everything could be controlled from one spot. This would allow them to address security concerns between departments since they would be isolated from each other. The servers Mr. Riedy had looked at were able to enforce the password policy. Mr. Boose asked how often password changes would be required. Mr. Riedy thought once a year. He would like to move to the longer password standard, actually a passphrase. Passphrases are a lot easier to remember.

Mr. Boose asked if everyone was in agreement to move forward with the cybersecurity policy. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. Ms. Ziemba will prepare a resolution for next Tuesday.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

JANUARY 21, 2021

At 10:24 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 12:19 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*

**Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1):*

21-038

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Collins term on the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities expired on December 31, 2020 leaving a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kevin Rasnick has expressed interest in fulfilling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mr. Kevin Rasnick to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. Kevin Rasnick to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the term stated 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 thought Mr. Rasnick would do a great job and serve well on the board. Everyone agreed.

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

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

SIGNINGS

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor, State of Ohio
77 S. High Street, Floor 30
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

The Board of Huron County Commissioners respectfully requests the inclusion of full funding for indigent defense reimbursement in the SFY 22/23 State Budget. As the eighty-eight County Governments strive to deliver on our continued partnership with the State, we are asking for you to continue your strong leadership, build upon the great progress made in the current state budget bill (HB 166), and fully fund indigent defense reimbursement.

Since state general fund revenues have remained steady and exceeded estimates for the first six months of FY 2021, in spite of the pandemic, and general fund expenditures have been substantially reduced during this period, revenue should be available to provide this additional funding and finally eliminate this state-mandated financial burden for counties.

If the state is going to restore the funding appropriated for FY 2021 (\$125 million), that amount in each year plus an additional \$11.5 million in FY 2022 and \$15.5 million in FY 2023 would be needed to provide full indigent defense reimbursement.

If, however, the state starts with the significantly reduced amount authorized for expenditure in FY 2021 due to the pandemic, counties would need an additional \$50 million in FY 2022 and \$50.3 million in FY 2023 to provide full indigent defense reimbursement.

We look forward to working with you and your staff in achieving this goal.

Sincerely:

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose, Joe Hintz, Bruce Wilde

CC: Honorable Jon Husted, Lieutenant Governor
Kim Murnieks, Director, Office of Budget and Management
Dan McCarthy, Director of Legislative Affairs
Andy Wilson, Senior Advisor for Criminal Justice Policy
Mike Hall, Policy Director

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Terry Boose to sign the Certification of Determination of Subsequent Exemption for a Categorical Exclusion Project. 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***

**CERTIFICATION OF
DETERMINATION OF SUBSEQUENT EXEMPTION FOR A
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT**

The Huron County Commissioners request that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following projects:

Project Name (if applicable)/ Activity Name	Location	Activity No.	Activity Amt.	Grant Agreement No.
City of Willard Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project	Myrtle Street between Emerald and Tiffin Streets	034	\$34,257	B-F-20-1BJ-1
Village of Greenwich Street Improvements Project	South Pleasant and Gifford Streets	01	\$38,380	B-F-20-1BJ-1
Huron County Courthouse ADA Ramp Rehabilitation	2 East Main Street, Norwalk	03	\$60,000	B-F-20-1BJ-1

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) has been prepared for each of the projects listed above by the Huron County Commissioners. The environmental review records are on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the address listed below.

Pursuant to the review, it is the finding of the Huron County Commissioners that the above listed projects were initially determined to be categorically excluded per 24 CFR 58.35 (a) (1 - 6), and in compliance with the applicable requirements of 24 CFR 58.6. Upon completion of the items in the Statutory Checklist, the Huron County Commissioners have determined that there are no circumstances which require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5.

The above listed projects do not require an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment and no extraordinary circumstances exist for the projects. Therefore, pursuant to 24 CFR 58.34 (a) (12), the above project can subsequently be determined to be exempt.

The environmental review was conducted by:

Roberta Streiffert, Senior Rural Development Specialist
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
PO Box 590
Fremont, OH 43420

I, as certifying officer, certify the accuracy of these statements:

Terry Boose, President
180 Milan Ave
Norwalk, OH 44857

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

Submit Certification to:
Ohio Department of Development
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP)
Environmental Grant Analyst
P.O. Box 1001
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001

Administrator/Clerk report.

Ms. Ziembra had found out that the CDBG grant was being discontinued. A new grant cycle is just starting; everything must be completed by 2022. After that they are doing away with it. Ms. McConnell is still waiting for direction. The State is trying to revamp their offices. Ms. Ziembra asked Ms. McConnell about the elevator project for this building. Ms. McConnell said there is another grant. She is not familiar with it, but she did know it is also being revamped. At this point they don't know what the status is of any projects going forward.

Mr. Boose thought, with everything that was going on, the Board should check in the all the Cities and Villages next Tuesday. After discussion it was decided to begin the calls at 11:30 a.m.

Finally, due to the fact that there is no water at the Administration Building, Mr. Boose would like to give the staff the opportunity to work from home the rest of the day and tomorrow. If they can't work from home they can take a vacation or personal day. The exception is the maintenance staff, since they work at all the county buildings. He would like to get notice out that they are closing the office before everyone leaves for the day.

At 12:27 p.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 21, 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 12:27 p.m.

Signatures on File