

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose, Harry Brady and Bruce Wilde.

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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 #324697 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Wilde stated he saw a lot of charges to ES Consulting. Wanted to make sure offices were using Mr. Riedy where they can. Mr. Boose thought one thing to think about was taking IT related items out of the individual budgets and adding them to the IT budget. Mr. Brady thought this would be a good idea.

Mr. Boose to abstain from payment to Custom Metal Works.

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

Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Payment Type: All
Warrant Numbers: All
Funds: 001 to 950
Warrant Dates: 10/14/2021 to 10/14/2021
Payment Batches: 324697 to 324697

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
10/14/2021	Department: Commissioners	324697	2021-0033171	Duck Station - Vols	\$64.44	
10/14/2021	Account 001.001.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$64.44	
10/14/2021	Department: Commissioners Total:				\$64.44	
10/14/2021	ES Consulting Inc	324697	2021-0006111	Remode-Support	\$300.00	
10/14/2021	ES Consulting Inc	324697	2021-0006111	50008 2.5 Inch Internal SSD	\$163.48	
10/14/2021	Account 001.003.00275 (Contract Services) Total:				\$463.48	
10/14/2021	Department Data Processing Total:				\$463.48	
10/14/2021	Account 001.005.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$2,109.00	
10/14/2021	Department: Treasurer	324697	2021-0004171	Accountable Data Maintenance Fee 20210704	\$2,109.00	
10/14/2021	Account 001.005.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$2,252.88	
10/14/2021	Account 001.005.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$170.00	
10/14/2021	Department: Treasurer	324697	2021-0002611	cash regular maintenance 1021 to 1022	\$170.00	
10/14/2021	Account 001.005.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$170.00	
10/14/2021	Department: Common Pleas	324697	2021-0006111	Farm Corps	\$35.68	
10/14/2021	Outsides.com	324697	2021-0006111	3 1/2 Pouch Toilet Tissue	\$28.48	
10/14/2021	Account 001.008.00220 (Equipment) Total:				\$64.16	
10/14/2021	Effective Wage LLC	324697	2021-0005711	Battery Replacement	\$65.00	
10/14/2021	Account 001.008.00220 (Equipment) Total:				\$65.00	
10/14/2021	Thomas J Primary	324697	2021-0006111	Non-7 Exable Meal Reimbursement	\$16.76	
10/14/2021	Account 001.008.00250 (Foreign Judges) Total:				\$16.76	
10/14/2021	Andrew Crone	324697	2021-0006111	Non-7 Exable Meal Reimbursement	\$16.76	
10/14/2021	Account 001.008.00250 (Foreign Judges) Total:				\$16.76	
10/14/2021	Account 001.008.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$128.52	
10/14/2021	Department: Probate	324697	2021-0006111	Postage Meter Rental 09/15/12/16/21	\$128.52	
10/14/2021	Account 001.010.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$1,251.10	
10/14/2021	Department: Juvenile	324697	2021-0017041	2022 Calendar & Appl Books	\$203.93	
10/14/2021	Account 001.010.00475 (Supplies) Total:				\$203.93	
10/14/2021	Department: Probate	324697	2021-0017211	Postage Meter Rental	\$135.00	
10/14/2021	Account 001.010.00475 (Supplies) Total:				\$135.00	
10/14/2021	Department: Juvenile Probation	324697	2021-0017811	Production Officer Travel Reimbursement	\$338.93	
10/14/2021	Account 001.010.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$123.48	
10/14/2021	Department: Juvenile Probation	324697	2021-0017811	Production Officer Travel Reimbursement	\$123.48	
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10/14/2021	Department: Juvenile Probation					

Claims Register for Payment Batches					
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
10/14/2021	TEKS LLC	324697	2021-0010561	911 Monthly Server Maintenance Contract	\$1,250.00
Account 185.185.00525 (Maintenance) Total:					\$1,250.00
Department 911 Total:					\$1,606.63
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$1,606.63
Fund 183 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					
10/14/2021	SYNChilwaxson	324697	2021-0011111	911 Server Rack - Bellevue	\$693.99
10/14/2021	SYNChilwaxson	324697	2021-0011111	911 Server Rack - LRPD	\$693.99
Account 193.193.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$1,387.98
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,387.98
Fund 183 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,387.98
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District					
10/14/2021	Solid Waste Management District	324697	2021-0008561	Legal Services Transferto	\$471.10
Account 525.525.00200 (Legal Services) Total:					\$471.10
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$471.10
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$471.10
Grand Total:					\$250,230.26
Sign 1 <i>Bruce Wilde</i>					
Sign 2 <i>Toby Boose</i>					
Sign 3 <i>Mary Brady</i>					
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At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – Mr. Boose informed Ms. Bick that they still have no answer on whether we have to mandate vaccines.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION, AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services receives funds from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services to operate the PRC program as required by ORC Chapter 5108;

and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family operates the PRC program through the delivery of direct services and through contracts with various agencies, following the processes prescribed in ORC Chapter 5108;

and

Claims Register for Payment Batches					
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
Department: Clerk of Courts-Title					
10/14/2021	W8 Mason Co Inc	324697	2021-001641	Practical Stamp Pad	\$3.89
10/14/2021	W8 Mason Co Inc	324697	2021-001641	Calculator Roll, Roller Ink, Stik Notes & Staples	\$173.83
Account 132.132.00715 (Supplies) Total:					\$177.72
Department Clerk of Courts-Title Total:					\$177.72
Fund 132 - Clerk of Courts-Title Total:					\$177.72
Fund 137 - DYS Subsidy					
10/14/2021	Triu Realmen	324697	2021-004411	Replenisher Fund for Judicial Officers' Vehicle	\$97.79
10/14/2021	Triu Realmen	324697	2021-004411	PO Travel Expense Reimbursement	\$97.44
Account 137.137.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$195.23
Department DYS Subsidy Total:					\$195.23
Fund 137 - DYS Subsidy Total:					\$195.23
Fund 145 - Children's Services					
Department: Children's Services					
10/14/2021	SUPY of Ohio	324697	2021-001431	Foster Care Child Room & Board-September 2021	\$3,694.90
10/14/2021	J.A. Jones Saw A Ltd	324697	2021-001431	ESAA Preservation/T Thornton-Crookens	\$327.65
10/14/2021	Michael Melner	324697	2021-001431	Non-Recurring Adoption Legal First-Balnov 2021	\$1,310.00
10/14/2021	Triu F Caldwell	324697	2021-001431	Non-Recurring Adoption Legal First-Balnov 2021	\$37,200.00
10/14/2021	BHC For Non Hospital Inc	324697	2021-001431	TRM (AE Adoption Assistance for Caldwell	\$37,200.00
10/14/2021	Ohio Teaching Family Association	324697	2021-001431	Foster Care Child Room & Board-September 2021	\$11,000.00
Account 145.145.00100 (Contract Services) Total:					\$105,132.45
Department Children's Services Total:					\$105,132.45
Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:					\$105,132.45
Fund: 185 - 911					
10/14/2021	SYNChilwaxson	324697	2021-001081	Replacement Keyboards 911 System	\$148.95
10/14/2021	SYNChilwaxson	324697	2021-001081	911 Battery Status Upa	\$356.63
Account 185.185.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$505.58
Department 911 Total:					\$505.58
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$505.58
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WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services has amended its PRC plan to better serve the residents of Huron County and such plan has been discussed and reviewed by the Huron County Job & Family Service Planning Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the PRC plan as attached hereto and incorporated 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

**PRC Plan on file*

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 12, 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:

<u>Job & Family Services</u>			
MT Business Technologies	Copy Machine	\$6,826.23	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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Roland Tkach, Auditor, to Elmore, Ohio for Northwest CAAO District meeting on October 22, 2021.

SIGNINGS – None

Mr. Strickler stated he accepted the Johnson and Johnson settlement as authorized by the Board last week.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Transportation meeting today at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday HCDC Executive Board at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Wilde was working with Ms. Knapp on interviews for the Old Jail at 10:00 a.m.

Email from Spectrum about broadband expansion in Huron County. Mr. Boose thought we should schedule them to come into a Board meeting ASAP.

Board of Revision meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday

Mr. Wilde will be doing interviews with Mr. Riedy next Monday at 12:30 p.m. for the IT position.

Willard Economic Development next Wednesday.

At 9:30 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session 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. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 10:04 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 10:15 a.m. Treasurer budget - Kathleen Schaffer.

#005 Treasurer budget request: \$205,856.00

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Schaffer to get some numbers for the Jaguar check scanner and cash discriminator. He wanted to be prepared in case something happened.

Ms. Schaffer asked the Board to possibly consider giving a higher percentage raise to the General Fund employees. This could be a one-time thing to thank the staff for their service through COVID. She noted they see how high the sales tax has been. Maybe consider a 5% as a one time only increase not to be expected again.

Other than that, Ms. Schaffer didn't have anything else. This budget has been fine for her office and it takes care of what she needs.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS Continued

Mr. Brady tried to contact Richland County Transit to see how they've modeled it. Need to come up with a way to get everyone working together on one plan.

Mr. Brady will be attending the Community Corrections Board meeting tomorrow. May try to attend the Stepping Up meeting on Friday.

Mr. Boose stated Firelands Forward was close to announcing their new director. Had a meeting with Employer Resource Networks (ERN). This was a national program, and there were already several in Ohio. The lady that spoke to them runs the ERN for Marion County and was also the director for the State ERN. ERN provides a success coach. Businesses buy shares of the success coach. Each share costs \$13,000 per year and provides six hours of coaching each week. A half share is \$7,000/year. Mr. Boose explained there were smaller rates for smaller businesses. The success coach works one on one with the employees; it is all voluntary. The idea is to connect employees with available resources. Monthly meetings are held where all the employers for a success coach meet and discuss issues. That meeting was run by Firelands Forward. Norwalk United Fund has provided a grant to Firelands Forward to make this program available to very small businesses. Mr. Boose thought it would be a great program.

At 10:30 a.m. Job & Family Services budget – Lenora Minor.

#031 Children Service budget request: \$465,000.00

#035 Public Assistance request: \$149,450.00

Mr. Boose noted both line items were the same as last year. Ms. Minor stated she would like them to remain the same if possible. Mr. Boose asked if all schools get the PRC funds paid towards the low-income fees. Ms. Minor explained that they work off each school's free or reduced lunch list. However, since most schools now offer free lunches, they work a little bit closer with the schools. Most fees are paid, but it cannot go for athletic or extracurricular. It has to go for educational. This was an income-based program.

At 10:35 a.m. Clerk of Courts budget - Susan Hazel.**#017 Clerk of Courts request: \$467,083.00**

Ms. Hazel noted that this interim budget was the same as the final approved from last year. It does include the ORC increase in the Clerk's salary. Mr. Boose wanted to talk about the additional expense request. He explained to Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde that she was talking about the floor on the second floor of the building. He said they have been discussing the first floor, how they want to do it soon. The second floor was the same.

Ms. Hazel said she does not need additional funds for the time-stamp station; she just wants to modify a piece of equipment. She will be looking for a local contractor. It was used as a standing station, but it was not built at a standing height. That should not cost extra money.

Ms. Hazel was allowing for additional training because she was anticipating a retirement early next year. She was expecting two additional retirements in 2023. Ms. Hazel would like the Board to consider a more generous pay increase for the employees. She considered them the county's most valuable resource. They need to stay competitive. She cannot raise her starting wage without keeping in mind someone who has been doing the job for years. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Tkach if it was possible to get a payroll report by office, and their rates. Ms. Hazel said she would also like to reward performance. Some of her employees are stronger performers than others. After discussion it was determined that the best course of action may be to provide the elected officials/department heads with a lump sum and allow them to distribute it as they saw fit.

Next Ms. Hazel discussed the IV-D grant. She will be contributing approximately \$14,000, and will be reimbursed about \$7,000. Ms. Hazel clarified she was not expecting the Board to cut a check back to them. She just wanted them to be aware.

Ms. Hazel said she knew the County was doing well on tax revenue, at least according to the Auditor reports. As with past years, if they need additional funds from the Title office she was willing to work with them and be supportive. The Title office continues to be fiscally responsible with their funds. They had a part time person retire and she did not replace that person. Some changes are coming that may increase the number of titles they are doing in a more electronic or remote manner. Because of this they may need to fill that part time position. She will evaluate and go from there.

At 10:50 a.m. Veterans Services budget - Matt Raymond, Thomas Price, Jerry Huffman.**#033 Veterans budget request: \$623,610.00****#034 Soldiers Relief budget request:**

Mr. Raymond had information from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services that showed federal versus county dollars spent. Fiscal year 2020 showed the veteran population was starting to spring back up a little. The 2020 census had a little to do with their estimations. Total federal VA dollars spent within Huron County was \$33,940,813.85. Mr. Raymond noted they were still doing good work and that number was increasing every year.

Mr. Boose asked if the virtual project was up and running. Mr. Raymond said it was not. 2020 had been a hard year. They have also had some personnel issues. Mr. Raymond said they do have the capabilities to hold appeal hearings in their office instead of having to travel.

Mr. Boose said they had been talking about Huron County transportation and feel it needs to be totally redesigned. He knows the Veterans have their own transportation, and would like them to be part of the process. Mr. Raymond said they coordinate with Mr. Vasquez when there is a need. Mr. Brady suggested setting up a meeting together to try to prevent duplication of services and possibly make the dollars go further.

Mr. Raymond referenced the information from the Ohio Department of Veteran's Services again. The ratio of 2020 federal VA dollars spent to County dollars spent was 58 to 1. So, the return on the investment was huge.

Mr. Brady mentioned that he had discussed a flag box with Mr. Raymond. The Board agreed the Veterans could keep a box inside the Administration building. When people have a flag they are no longer using they can drop it off and the Veterans will dispose of it properly.

At 11:00 a.m. Board of Elections budget - Cecilia Blevins.**#020 Board of Elections budget request: \$504,529.00.**

Ms. Blevins noted they had previously discussed giving the PEO's a pay increase. They would also like to give seasonal office help a raise; they are making \$10/hour. Neither have had a raise since 2015. This had been included in the budget.

Contract services. The Board had been contributing each year toward the voting equipment. After discussion it was decided that \$62,000 should just be added to the total, rather than transferring it later.

Mr. Boose noted that they were expecting postage to go up next year. Ms. Blevins said they have sent out over 5000 mailings already, and they included prepaid postage envelopes. Mr. Brady said 2022 would be a bigger election in the fall. Mr. Wilde suggested adding \$3,000 to postage for a total of \$10,000.

Ms. Blevins requested new floor covering if they are going to stay in their current office. Mr. Wilde thought they may want to use the same thing that had been put in Meeting Room A. Ms. Blevins was asking to have the floor in the common area, the hallways, and three rooms redone. They had also discussed putting a permanent wall in where the temporary walls are now.

Ms. Blevins stated they have had 80 new directives since 2019. A lot of people have quit because there was so much work to do. At least 70 of their poll workers no longer want to work. They need more people. Mr. Boose thought there was an effort to recruit high school kids. He asked if that was helping. Mr. Kline said it was not. They had zero responses this year. Ms. Blevins stated they must be a high school senior and 17 years of age to be eligible. Mr. Kline explained the Election Official manual states that a County employee can work and still get their regular pay. Ms. Blevins asked if the Board would pass a resolution to allow county employees to work the polls. Mr. Boose was concerned this could leave county offices short staffed. Mr. Wilde asked if they would receive pay from the Board of Elections. Ms. Blevins explained they would, and they would not have to use a vacation day. The Treasurer and Clerk of Courts allow their employees to do this.

Mr. Kline explained that their workload has doubled as far as the amount of phone calls and emails they have received in the last few years. The number of absentee ballots has increased. Mr. Boose asked about the number of people voting downstairs. Ms. Blevins said they have had 90 people in over the last four days. Currently they have 305 absentee ballots that have gone out.

Mr. Kline stated that over the last three years there have been 220 directors, deputy directors and board members that have resigned or retired throughout the State. Their office has worked six and seven days a week, extended and lengthy hours. They have also been using grant money. They are constantly looking to see how they can better their office. Mr. Kline brought all this up because they would like a raise for the director and deputy director. They would like \$5,000 each. He thought their salary was probably average for the state.

At 11:30 a.m. HCDC budget request - Carol Knapp, Craig Trick, Dave Weisenberger

#025 HCDC budget request: \$51,700.00.

Ms. Knapp provide some history of the Huron County Development Council. She explained they are in better financial shape than they have been. However, they have also been making investments into their organization and plan to continue to do so. They are requesting a 10% increase in funding for 2022. It has been five years since their last increase. They would go from \$47,000 to \$51,700.

Mr. Weisenberger pointed out that, as an executive board, they have put in process some changes and improvements to the organization. To continue this Mr. Weisenberger feels HCDC needs both the financial support and to know the Board supports them. Without Ms. Knapp, HCDC wouldn't be as valuable as it was. The executive board wanted to make sure to get her in a position to know what the rules are they are working under. That was why they were working on some new policies and procedures.

Mr. Boose asked if they were requesting businesses put 10% more in, as well as the County. Ms. Knapp said they increased the business investment schedule two years ago. They weren't planning on doing another increase now. However, at the last executive board meeting the executives empowered staff to solicit more business investors. They feel comfortable that the number of investors would increase. Mr. Boose asked how much the increase had been two years ago. Ms. Knapp did not know, but said she would check and get back to him. The other thing Mr. Boose thought was not mentioned often enough was the fact that HCDC receives a lot of funding from the County Land Bank. Ms. Knapp acknowledged this, and said Land Bank pays HCDC \$75,000/year for administrative services. Mr. Boose asked if there was any kind of reporting for this. Mr. Wilde said they had asked that HCDC track hours when they are working on Land Bank. Ms. Knapp said she had never heard that. Mr. Weisenberger said that was something that was in the works with their new policies and procedures. Mr. Boose stated he would like to see actual hours worked, not just an estimate.

At 11:30 a.m. Auditor budget - Roland Tkach.

#003 Data Processing budget request: \$164,107.00

#004 Auditor budget request: \$263,496.00

#007 Board of Revision budget request: \$1,200.00

#051 Tax Map budget request: \$95,143.00

Mr. Tkach stated that statutorily his official salary has gone up. They are pretty steady with all their software programs and everything they have in place. As other departments have mentioned, he would like to see a pay increase to be competitive in the market place. At some point Mr. Tkach would like new carpet and to paint each room.

Mr. Tkach stated that the one line item that was not on the report was Inspection/042. It has typically been \$100,000, but last year they bumped it to \$115,000. This year they spent \$70,000 on the audit with the State of Ohio. Next year he plans to go back to the independent public accountant they have used in the past. He feels they can take it back down to \$100,000.

At 11:45 a.m. Common Pleas budget - Judge Conway & Nate Perani

#008 Common Pleas Court budget request: \$510,180.00

#009 Common Pleas Jury Commission budget request: \$1,328.00

#010 Adult Probation budget request: \$12,400.00

#011 Court of Appeals budget request: \$300.00

Mr. Boose thought their budget was very similar to last year's. They agreed it was. Judge Conway said that all their grant projections should stay in place, with no anticipated cuts. Mr. Boose asked about T-Cap. The Judge said it was doing what it is supposed to do. He thanked the Sheriff and the Commissioners for allowing them to use the funds this way. Mr. Boose noted that the County would be receiving opiate monies, and wanted to use it the best way we could. He would like the Judge's office to be included in these discussions. Mr. Strickler noted that the money could only be used for certain purposes. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler to get that list to the Judge.

Mr. Boose explained there was another pot of opiate money that would go to the State. The state has been divided into 19 regions to receive the money. Discussion on ways these funds could be used, including for housing and mental health. Mr. Boose asked if there was something they could put out at the jail to help with mental health or addiction. Judge Conway said the Stepping Up program MHAS was working on would address some of the short-term needs. He said they have found over the last couple years mental health has been a big concern, especially with meth. The folks that are using meth are not recovering at the rate an opiate user does.

Mr. Boose explained to the Judge that the Board was working on the transportation needs of the County. He asked them to contribute any ideas they may have. Mr. Perani said they use T-Cap money and have an agreement with Huron County Transit/Senior Enrichment. It works out really well and increases the percentage of people making it to their appointments. Mr. Boose clarified that Services for the Aging was being included in the discussions.

Judge Conway requested that the Board give some thought to the restrooms that are adjacent to the extra jury room. He feels there are going to be more instances where they have two jury trials going at the same time. Mr. Boose said they planned to have an architect take a look at it. Judge also requested they paint the trim on the front door of the Courthouse.

Ms. Ziemba thanked Judge Conway and Mr. Perani for their help on the indigent defense projects.

Mr. Boose stated he spent a lot of time going over the budgets over the weekend. He was having a lot of problems with the Sheriff's salary budget. He had asked for three new employees and had included almost a \$400,000 increase to the Salary line. One of the things that was not included was vehicles. Mr. Boose would like to continue the rotation of four new vehicles every year. If there are more deputies they will probably need more vehicles. Mr. Boose would like to have the Sheriff provide all the costs of hiring a new deputy. This should include *everything* – body cams, vests, uniform, gun, training. As far as vehicles, the County has been very good about transferring equipment from the old cars to the new cars, whether it be computers or dash cams. If we purchase new vehicles for additional deputies there will be nothing to transfer. Mr. Boose would like to know of anything that would increase the budget.

Mr. Brady asked about the Coroners budget. The Coroner thinks he can work under the current budget this year. This year the County has added more.

Review of budgets that were paid quarterly.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS *Continued*

Continued discussion on ERN – Employer Resource Network. This was the program that offered success coaches for businesses.

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