

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.

21-331

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR 2022

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, application as per ORC 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, application as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, located in the county of Erie, Ohio, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the contents of the applications, and find the eligibility criteria has been fulfilled as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.36; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to certify to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, that depending upon good service and performance to Huron County victims, all funds collected from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in the Special Marriage License and Divorce Fee Fund will be paid by July 15, 2022 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, and all funds collected from July 1, 2022 through the thirty-first day of December, 2022 shall be paid by January 15, 2023 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Total amount for the year is estimated to be approximately \$12,000.00; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, Norwalk, Ohio and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Sandusky, Ohio; 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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Pat McCauley, representative of State Treasurer Robert Sprague's office.* Mr. McCauley wanted to discuss some programs that were available through the state. OMAT – Ohio Market Access Program. This allows government entities in special districts to utilize the credit rating of the Treasurer's office to help get reduced financing for short term capital projects. This was available to townships, Board of DD, Senior Center, MHAS. Mr. Boose asked if Fair Boards qualified. Mr. McCauley did not know; he will look into it. Next Mr. McCauley talked about Stable accounts – saving for a person with a disability. Anyone can put money into the account. Can be used for anything to improve that persons life. Direct deposit option is available.

21-332

IN THE MATTER OF RENEWING COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) AS THE HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER AND APPROVING FUNDING RATES AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2021 PLAN YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board entered into a Participant Agreement with County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) to provide employee benefit plan coverage and administrative services relating to certain employee benefit plans for its officials, employees, and their eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to approve the funding rates and employee contributions for the 2022 plan year commencing January 1, 2022 and in doing so will continue to offer two plans to the county staff; and

WHEREAS, employees who waive coverage under either of the two plans now being offered and can provide proof of health insurance coverage will be entitled to an annual stipend of \$1,300.00 to be paid monthly on a pro-rata basis; and

WHEREAS, the stipend cited above shall not be paid to any employee whose spouse is covered under any of the Huron County health plans; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. This Board hereby approves the following health insurance plans and rates for the calendar year of 2022:

PPO Plan 2c:

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness Monthly	Employee Non-Wellness Monthly	Neutral Employee Monthly
Single - EE	\$636.48	\$42.01	\$92.01	\$65.26
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,398.66	\$124.08	\$174.08	\$147.33
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,141.38	\$96.42	\$146.42	\$119.67
Family - FAM	\$1,903.58	\$178.43	\$228.43	\$201.68

HSA Plan 2700:

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness Monthly	Employee Non-Wellness Monthly	Neutral Employee Monthly
Single - EE	\$578.78	\$23.93	\$73.93	\$46.93
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,267.35	\$88.10	\$138.10	\$111.10
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,032.77	\$68.64	\$118.64	\$91.64
Family - FAM	\$1,726.03	\$128.11	\$178.11	\$151.11

Employer HSA Contributions:

	One-Time Contribution for HSA renewal employees	One-Time Contributions for new HSA employees	Monthly Contribution for all HSA employees
Single - EE	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$57.70
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$131.31
Employee/Children - ECH	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$108.61
Family - FAM	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$177.55

2. The Board will continue the annual incentive stipend of \$1,300, paid on a pro-rated monthly basis, to employees who choose not to participate in any of the County’s health plans, who are not covered under the plan of a spouse or other family member who is covered by one of the County’s health plans, and who present certification of coverage under another health insurance provider as required by ORC 305.171 G and H; 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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said BC-1 was \$650 for Home Repair for a home in Norwalk. BC-2 was Rehab Assistance for a private rehab home in Willard in the amount of \$37,400.

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

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

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

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 3005 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1005		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Miller Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDMG E.E. RIF Balance: CDMG Housing P.I. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information: Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (419) 333-6118 Email: mwalters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-19-1BJ-1		Date: Voucher#: Warrants			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/B ulding Repair	1411 New State Rd, Norwalk	650.00	650.00	0.00
							0.00
							0.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					650.00	650.00	0.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date:	Signature:	Title:					
10/21/21	Terry Boose	Pres.					
Date:	Counter Signature:	Title:					
10/21/21	Bruce Wilde	U.P.					
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

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Contact Person Information: Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (419) 333-6118 Email: mwalters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-19-1BJ-2		Date: Voucher#: Warrants			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	16 S West Ave, Willard	37400.00	57204.00	15039.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					37400.00	57204.00	15039.00
Certification of Termination of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date:	Signature:	Title:					
10/21/21	Terry Boose	Pres.					
Date:	Counter Signature:	Title:					
10/21/21	Bruce Wilde	U.P.					
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

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

Meredith Tavenner, JFS, to Akron, Ohio for Adoption Assessor Training on October 25, 2021.

SIGNINGS – None.

Ms. Ziemba had sent an email asking if the Board wanted another network provider to come in regarding HB2. Mr. Boose thought they should, time was running out. Mr. Wilde noted that one company appeared to be fiber and one was wireless. We know we are going to need a combination of these.

Mr. Boose asked if executive session was related to budget - if so they would like it in open session. Mr. Strickler stated it related to compensation of employees.

At 9:30 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. 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 10:07 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end executive session ORC 121.22 (G) (1). 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*

****No action taken.***

Linda Border, Executive Director of Huron County Victim's Assistance, requested the Commissioners approve their grant request and a county match of \$14,351.46.

At 10:08 a.m. recessed

At 10:18 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 10:19 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 10:37 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*

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Harry Brady updated the board on the meeting he attended with the Airport Board & the FAA. They discussed the planning for the airport. The Airport Board rejected part of the master plan that had just been approved by the FAA. This was because of concerns over the runway. The FAA had invested about \$250,000 into the plan and was not happy. Told the Airport Board they cannot close the grant out until they approve the Master Plan. If they don't, they won't receive any more grants. Mr. Brady explained the information the FAA used to decide what size runway to fund was called critical aircraft. Friends of the Airport was trying to say Huron County had jets and King Airs go in. Mr. Brady said they do, but not in large numbers. Mr. Boose thought it was interesting that the Airport Board was fighting those numbers. In the last study, done by ODOT, the numbers were much further off. Mr. Brady said the issue of the light poles also came up again. They just keep coming back up. That reminded Mr. Boose about things that keep coming back up. The next time Mr. Brady talks to the Airport Board, Mr. Boose would like him to remind them – the reason the County gives them the revenue from the farm and for the rent was to pay the bills. They keep asking the County to go out there and fix things. The Airport Board points out that they are County buildings. Mr. Boose said the whole airport belongs to the County – so should the County keep the revenues then? Mr. Boose said the County gave them a break last year, because they were all new Board members. But it was made very clear who pays for what and they were told that the Airport needs to be sustainable. Mr. Boose did not want to get in the habit of going out there to fix smaller things. If something major comes up the County will take a look at it to see if and how they can help.

Mr. Brady also mentioned that ODOT would be coming out some time next year to do PCI tests on the runway to see if it has to be rehabbed or if it can be fixed.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Ms. Ziembra had provided some new numbers for review.

Mr. Boose asked about Commissioner **Salaries**. He asked if money had been included for the part-time person they wanted to hire. Ms. Ziembra said it had. He asked if she was comfortable with the number. Ms. Ziembra said Ms. Stebel ran the numbers and that was what she came up with. Assuming we could get someone part time, 29 hours/week, for \$13/hour.

Mr. Boose said they will get into more detail when they get to final budget. For now, he just wanted to make sure things made sense as far as a starting point for next year.

Mr. Brady asked what **Other Expenses** covered. Ms. Stebel explained it was for things such as Ms. Ziembra's cell phone stipend, Peacock Water, Norwalk Ohio News. Mr. Brady clarified it was for anything used in the course of every day business that doesn't have its own line item.

Ms. Ziembra asked if **Travel** should be increased to \$5,000. All the expenses for winter conference went up this year; they are going to continue to go up. Mr. Boose noted that the meeting at Cherry Valley had gone very well, so now they were thinking about doing a summer conference. Ms. Ziembra will add this into "Notes" so they can deal with it in final budget.

Human Resources. Mr. Boose noted this had changed. Ms. Ziembra reminded them they no longer have a full-time person doing this. Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziembra to have a discussion with Ms. Hozalski to make sure JFS wasn't eating any of our costs, things like Equipment and Contract Services. Ms. Ziembra said she and Ms. Hozalski sat down and worked on the budget together. They had one-time costs this year to get the laptops. Ms. Hozalski may request another laptop because it was getting a little cumbersome taking it back and forth. That may be their only equipment expense. The other thing they talked about was adding Clemans Nelson to the HR budget. It is currently being paid out of 040. Mr. Boose thanked them for working on this budget. It was a major overhaul from what it had been before.

Police/Muni Court. Mr. Boose explained to Mr. Brady that they really have no control over this. They are provided with an estimate. Ms. Ziembra said they don't always give us an estimate, we kind of base it on year's past. However, Ms. Stebel did reach out to them this year. They couldn't really give us an estimate because they were in negotiations for pay increases. So that number could go up.

6th District Court. This was based on the number of cases; they bill.us. Ms. Ziembra said she did have the number for what the bond payment was. The final payment will be in 2023.

Capital Improvements. They will come back to this. Mr. Boose did ask Mr. Welch to add a line for flooring. This seems to be a big expense for a lot of these buildings.

Buildings & Grounds. Mr. Welch indicated to Mr. Boose this was going up because of contracts and possibly because of some hiring they were doing. Mr. Boose questioned what internet they pay and what was paid by others. Ms. Ziembra said, at the Administration, they pay for the Commissioner's office, the wifi on the third floor, the Board of Elections, and for the wifi for Mr. Riedy in the basement. They pay for all the internet downtown. Mr. Boose asked if 22 E. Main had internet. Ms. Stebel said they did, but she did not know if they used it.

Discussion moved to the Senior Enrichment building on Shady Lane. Mr. Boose explained that when the levy failed a couple years ago, they had been told that the building was not going to last forever. There was no reason for the Commissioners to continue to maintain the building. If Senior Enrichment was going to stay there, they would have to take care of the maintenance costs. Mr. Brady agreed. He did not see the point in putting a lot of money into a building that was on its last leg.

The last thing Mr. Boose wanted to look at in **022** was the gas. The predictions he kept hearing was that the cost of natural gas was going to go up 50% over the next year. Ms. Ziembra said Mr. Welch always budgets on the high end because it is such an unknown.

025/Economic Development. Mr. Wilde noted things were changing; an employee had left. Mr. Brady would like this number to go down because of that. Ms. Ziembra suggested, if they were going to take it down, they do it during interim, since this was what they base their year off. Ms. Ziembra noted they have a contract for \$50,000 for Fireland's Forward and the gold level for NEDC was \$5,000. Those two numbers should be fine. Mr. Wilde suggested an interim number for HCDC should be \$40,000.

Mr. Wilde looked at **Disaster Services**. Mr. Boose saw some changes. Supplies went down, fuel went up. Mr. Boose pointed this out as an example of the fuel line item. Ms. Ziemba said there was a “Supplies/Automotive” in Buildings & Grounds; she had asked Ms. Bursley to put it all “Gasoline”. Mr. Boose recommended they do the same thing for **023/Sheriff**. Ms. Norton told Ms. Ziemba that she intends to retire in August or September of next year. Mr. Mead asked if they would consider allowing him to hire someone about 4 to 6 weeks before she leaves for training purposes. Mr. Wilde thought JFS might have a grant that could be used for training.

Mr. Boose asked if the account the copier was in had been increased. Ms. Ziemba thought it may have enough money in it. Ms. Stebel also thought they had enough, but it was hard to know for sure with the overages. Ms. Ziemba suggested they may need to look at how much other people were using the copier. Solid Waste used it quite a bit. Erie Basin also used it occasionally.

Mr. Boose thought **OSU Extension** went up. Ms. Ziemba said it did. She left it where it was until they can decide if they want to pay the increased amount. Mr. Brady asked if that was mandated. Mr. Boose said yes and no. He explained we pay them quarterly for a percentage of their extension agent’s salaries. In addition, the County pays some of the other expenses, but they mandate those expenses. For instance, they did an IT upgrade and the County had no say over that. But they added that to how much we pay.

Health/Welfare. Ms. Ziemba said we do not have a number yet for **030/Health and Vital Statistics**. We have not received the letter with the amount we are required to pay BCMH treatment for 2022. She used last year’s number; it could go up or down.

At 11:49 a.m. With no further business to discuss, Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady 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 October 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 11:49 a.m.

Signatures on File