

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2021

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.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the September 21, 2021 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

21-334

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 #325748 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. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to check on the payment from the jail in the amount of \$614.06 for a can opener. Mr. Wilde knew that large can openers to open #10 cans were a couple hundred dollars, but that still seemed like a lot.

Mr. Boose would like to check with JFS about the purchase of beds and mattresses. Would like to know if they checked with South Central and New London Schools for the beds they build and supply.

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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Warrant Date	Claimant	Sch ID	PO #	Line #	Description	Amount
09/28/2021	Premier Bank	32748			Venue U.S.A.	\$1,068.00
Account 161-18-00000 (Hospitalization) Total:						\$1,068.00
Department Total:						\$1,068.00
Fund 188 - H2Ohio Total:						\$1,068.00
Fund 177 - Emergency Management						
Department: Emergency Management						
09/28/2021	Norcross Solutions Associates	32748			Coordination and Training Volunteer	\$925.00
Account 177-07-00475 (Other Expenses) Total:						\$925.00
Department Emergency Management Total:						\$925.00
Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:						\$925.00
Fund: 185 - 911						
Department: 911						
09/28/2021	Emergency Life Services	32748			911 Dispatch / Translation Services	\$9.24
09/28/2021	SPINX/Mazon	32748			Management and Recruitment Keyboards	\$177.86
09/28/2021	SPINX/Mazon	32748			Server Rack Shelves 911	\$117.34
Account 185-18-00200 (Equipment) Total:						\$204.44
Department 911 Total:						\$204.44
09/28/2021	AFCO International	32748			911 Translation, Current Newsrtr	\$1,642.00
Account 185-18-02280 (Operations) Total:					AFCO Dispatcher Membership Renewal	\$4,328.00
09/28/2021	NEBA	32748			NEBA Dispatch Membership Renewal	\$700.00
Account 185-18-02924 (Contract Services) Total:						\$2,352.00
Department 911 Total:						\$6,292.24
Fund 185 - 911 Total						\$6,292.24
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
09/28/2021	Cable One Tower Electric	32748			Cable One Tower Electric	\$184.34
Account 193-19-00200 (Equipment) Total:						\$184.34
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:						\$184.34
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:						\$184.34
Fund: 195 - Local Emergency Plan						

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At 9:18 a.m. Public comment – *none*.

21-335

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT AWARD FOR 2022 AND COMMITTING A MATCH; AND THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) GRANT AWARD FOR 2022

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Prosecutor's office prepared and submitted an application for the 2022 VOCA and SVAA Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Prosecutor's office has been awarded the grants and is requesting a grant match in the amount of \$14,351.46 for the VOCA grant; now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the 2022 VOCA and SVAA grant awards and commits a match in the amount of \$14,351.46 for the VOCA grant, 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.

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

21-336

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFER OUT FUND #099 TO THE VOCA GRANT FUND-A # 183

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-335 committed funds to the VOCA Grant in the amount of \$14,351.46; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from Transfer Out Fund #099-00600-001 in the amount of \$14,351.46 to the VOCA Grant Fund-A #183; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor's office will make the journal entry to the account; 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

21-337

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-19-1BJ-2 (DRAW #21), SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 26, 2021

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 stated this was for Private Rehab for a home in Norwalk for \$19,075.

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

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

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43261-1001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Miles Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG E.A. RUF Balance: CDBG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information: Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (419) 333-6118 Email: m Walters@hcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-19-1BJ-2 Draw Number: 21		Date: Voucher#: Warrick#			
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	4 Spring St. Norwalk	19075.00	51692.00	27852.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					19075.00	51692.00	27852.00
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 drawee'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: 10/26/2021		Signature: Terry Boose		Title: Pres			
Date: 10/26/2021		County Signature: Bruce Wilde		Title: V.P.			
State Use Only: Approved:							

21-338

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID AND ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TILLABLE LAND AT THE HURON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION FARM

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, per Resolution 21-311 the board of Huron County Commissioners solicited for the lease of tillable land for property known as the Transfer Station Farm; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and read aloud as follows:

Transfer Station Farm
Jeremy Sherman \$196.00 per acre
Brian Fries \$194.00 per acre now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board has deemed it necessary to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process and in all of the bids that were received, said irregularities having been corrected by the bidders prior to the adoption of this Resolution now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the bid and approves the lease agreement with Jeremy Sherman, 1945 Scranton Rd, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 in the amount of \$196.00 per acre for the Transfer Station Farm as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that said lease agreement is for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024; 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

**Lease Agreement on file*

21-339

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID AND ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TILLABLE LAND AT THE HURON COUNTY SHADY LANE FARM

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, per Resolution 21-311 the board of Huron County Commissioners solicited for the lease of tillable land for property known as the Shady Lane Farm; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and read aloud as follows:

Shady Lane Farm

Jeremy Sherman	\$245.00 per acre	
Brian Fries	\$246.00 per acre	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board has deemed it necessary to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process and in all of the bids that were received, said irregularities having been corrected by the bidders prior to the adoption of this Resolution now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the bid and approves the lease agreement with Brian Fries, 3889 Peru West Section Line Road, Monroeville, OH 44847 in the amount of \$246.00 per acre for the Shady Lane Farm as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that said lease agreement is for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024; 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

**Lease Agreement on file*

21-340

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID AND ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TILLABLE LAND AT THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT FARM – COMBINED FARMS

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, per Resolution 21-311 the board of Huron County Commissioners solicited for the lease of tillable land for property known as the Airport Farm - Combined Farms; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and read aloud as follows:

Airport Farms – Combined Farms

Jeremy Sherman	\$180.00 per acre	
Brian Fries	\$187.00 per acre	now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the bid and approves the lease agreement with Brian Fries, 3889 Peru West Section Line Road, Monroeville, OH 44847 in the amount of \$187.00 per acre for the Airport Farm - Combined Farms as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that said lease agreement is for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024; 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.

Bruce Wilde moved to amend the resolution to correct the dollar amount listed in the second Be It Resolved to the correct bid amount of \$187.00. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

The roll being called upon the adoption of the amended resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**Lease Agreement on file*

At 9:30 a.m. Tacy Bond, 9-1-1 updates. Ms. Bond said the 9-1-1 upgrade was completed, although texting was not live for the public yet. This takes several months to go through the FCC. She was hoping it would be ready by January/February. Another nice feature they now had available was CLQ – Caller Location Query. This can be used both on 9-1-1 calls and texts. Dispatch can hit a CLQ button, which will text a link to the caller's phone. The caller hits the link to allow GPS to be sent to 9-1-1. This provides the exact location of the caller.

Ms. Bond explained they could not do the servers at the same time they did 9-1-1. If they did them both they would have been completely down. They moved 9-1-1 first, so now someone can at least call 9-1-1. They are getting ready to move the servers. Ms. Bond was hoping to do this by the end of December or early January.

The Sheriff's office had been used to test some of the upgrades. The phones were integrated into the system. Now, instead of having to use two phones, they only need one. In addition, new computer screens were tested. A switch was installed that allows them to move between multiple computer screens using only one mouse and one keyboard. Now that they know these upgrades work they will be put into all departments and 9-1-1 call centers.

On Friday the State 9-1-1 Program office will be doing testing in the County. Ms. Bond thought this would be a good indication of where they are with things.

Radio upgrades and servers. Ms. Bond had touched on the servers. The fourth radio license was installed and working. The dispatch consoles they ordered several weeks ago had been delayed, but will be shipped December 7. She was hoping to have those installed and done by the end of December.

Ms. Bond was working with the City of Norwalk on the ANG grant. Willard, New London and Wakeman are ready to come over. Everything was starting to fall in line and she was hoping to have it done by the end of February.

New recorders were installed as part of the 9-1-1 upgrade. Currently, all the recordings are being hosted at the Sheriff's office. Once all the dispatch equipment was done each agency will have access to their own calls. For now they opted to house them at the Sheriff's office so they at least were getting recorded

somewhere. Mr. Brady asked if they would still be stored in one location when this was done. Ms. Bond explained they will keep recordings of the 9-1-1 calls at the Sheriff's office as a backup. Each agency will have access to their own 9-1-1 and radios. The radio recorder and the 9-1-1 were all tied into the State grants. The deadline to have all the paperwork turned in and projects completed was December 31. Once all the bills are paid Ms. Bond will submit them for reimbursement.

Ms. Bond also wanted to provide an update on the Greenwich radios. There had been problems with the radios inside the buildings. Testing was done and it was found Greenwich had some issues similar to Bellevue. Also, they found that the signal strength from the tower in New London was not as good as it originally had been. Adjustments will be made to the positioning, which should solve the problems.

At 10:00 a.m. Brian Young, Charter Communications, d/b/a Spectrum. Mr. Young wanted to update the Board on the State's Rural Broadband expansion grant program. This was the result of HB2 that had been passed earlier this year. It provided \$270 million from the State to be used as "gap funding" for internet service providers to expand service to unserved or under-served areas. Unserved areas were considered to have speeds of less than 10 mbps, while underserved areas had speeds between 10 and 25 mbps. Mr. Young explained Spectrum was the largest provider of internet in the State of Ohio. They did a survey of Huron County and found a little over 3,000 addresses they believed would qualify as unserved. There were 1,500 addresses they considered to be underserved. Spectrum plans to file two separate applications, one for unserved areas and one for underserved areas.

Mr. Young explained some of the scoring criteria for the grant. The largest amount of points were based on how Spectrum was going to deliver. Because they are going to build fiber to the home, they expect to receive maximum points in this category. They will be providing 1 GB services, basically the fastest available on fiber.

The second highest point criteria was for addresses that are in distressed counties. Huron County was listed as a distressed county by the State. They believe every address they turn in will count, and so expect to score high here also.

The third level of scoring was based on if there was any funding from the local communities. Today Mr. Young wanted to ask for a letter of support from the Board. He also wanted to ask if there was any interest from the County in putting up some dollars, and possibly if they had targeted ARPA funds for broadband.

The deadline for the application was on Monday, November 8. After that there will be a challenge process from November through January 13. That meant that if another provider says they already provide service to an address, at more than 25 mbps, Spectrum would have to amend the application. Mr. Young explained they may come back to the elected officials for their help during this process. A lot of providers say they have service at a particular address but it really wasn't there.

The State hasn't officially said when they will make the decision. Mr. Young said they were expecting something in late March or early April, but that was just their best guess.

Mr. Boose asked what kind of dollars they were talking about if the County wanted to put in a match. Mr. Young said the first application they were filing was about a \$12.6 million ask, so any percentage would be helpful. Mr. Boose said this was really a high priority for the County. The struggle was with the federal program and the state program, and how the two fit together. The last thing the County wanted to do was to invest a lot of ARPA dollars and end up having to pay it back. However, because the County was so interested in internet infrastructure they have money set aside in the General Fund. Mr. Boose thought they should look at both pots of money – ARPA and General Fund – and see how the two could work together.

Mr. Wilde asked about the underserved group, the ones between 10–25 mbps. Mr. Young said the funding gap there was about \$900,000. Spectrum already has a lot of infrastructure in the county that would allow them to naturally expand.

Mr. Brady noted they were also looking for affordable internet and asked what the target pricing would be when this was all done. Mr. Young stated their company has nationwide pricing – it is the same no matter where you go. He thought the starting price was about \$75/month. The other thing was, when people talk about broadband, they are basically thinking about internet. Spectrum offers all different services, including video or phone service, mobile cell phone service. These are options that would be available to them.

Mr. Boose again noted the county wanted affordable broadband. Some people may have no problem paying \$75/month, where for others that might not be an option. Mr. Young stated there was a federal program offered by the FCC, the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, that provided up to a \$50/month rebate. Spectrum offers a low-cost service called Spectrum Internet Assist. Spectrum was also working with the Cleveland School District and Metropolitan Housing Authority, among others. Anything the FCC has available, Spectrum also offers. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Young to share any programs he may become aware of to help with affordability and again stated that internet infrastructure was a high priority for the County.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:43 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Matt Fridenstine & Chris Mohler, North Coast Wireless Communications. Mr. Fridenstine explained they have been studying Huron County for the past couple months. They know where there are gaps in service. The two biggest areas are North Fairfield and Greenwich. They have identified two areas where they could expand broadband services – one near Olena and one east of Greenwich. They do cover certain of those addresses already, so they just need to weed those out before approaching the State with the information. Mr. Boose asked what the grant money would pay for. Mr. Fridenstine explained it would be used to pay for two towers. Each tower would have eight access points that would be able to service about 150 users each. Mr. Wilde asked what they were looking for as far as a grant ask. Mr. Fridenstine said the total was about \$250,000. Mr. Boose asked if they were looking for a local match. Mr. Fridenstine explained that North Coast intended to put in between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per site of their own funds.

Mr. Boose asked what a household would need to get the service. Mr. Fridenstine explained that North Coast provides everything. They provide the equipment that goes on the rooftop to receive the signal and they provide the router. Mr. Fridenstine said the customer does have the option to use their own router. However, North Coast would prefer to provide it, since it aids in any trouble shooting they may need to do. Mr. Boose asked about the estimated cost for the resident. Matt said they charge a \$75 installation fee. The towers utilized would be the enhanced tier, which starts at 25 mbps down by 5 mbps up. That would be \$39.95/month. Discussion followed regarding the different speeds and the uses of internet in rural/farm areas.

Mr. Wilde asked if they needed anything from the Board. Mr. Fridenstine said they were asking for a letter of support for their House Bill 2 submission as a provider the County would want to work with. Mr. Brady did not see a problem with this and thought it be well rounded to support both broadband and fiber.

At 11:07 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. 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 12:08 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2). 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 12:11 p.m. the board recessed.

At 12:55 p.m. the board resumed regular session with Joel Riedy, IT. Mr. Riedy was in to discuss the possibility of the County building a data center at the Administration Building. He said that over the last year he has been able to see that all the County offices have servers, but they don't have the ability to sustain any sort of interruption to that server. If a server goes offline, there would be an entire department that would be unable to sustain operations. He explained that a lot of the departments can't afford to have redundancy built in so they could sustain a server failure, or even continue operating through an upgrade. Mr. Riedy had been working on a data center design plan. There would no longer be physical servers in each county office; they would all be housed virtually downstairs in the data center. His design consisted of three servers, and was called a fail over cluster. If one server goes offline, the cluster will automatically transfer everything to the other servers. The data center would also allow employees to work remotely relatively easily. Each department would have the ability to work from any physical location as long as internet were available.

Mr. Boose thought there could be some concerns about housing all the data in one location. Mr. Riedy explained that they can send data backups back to each department. This also gives the departments control, so if at any point that they don't like being in the data center, they have the backup right there. Mr. Wilde asked if backups could be kept offsite. Mr. Riedy said it could, but thought the individual departments should make that decision.

Mr. Boose was ready to move forward, but thought they should do two things first. He suggested Mr. Riedy get feedback from someone that has already done this. He would like to hear what issues they had experienced. Secondly, he would like to have a meeting with all the Elected Officials and Department Heads to let them know what the County wanted to do. Mr. Riedy thought a lot of the departments would want to move forward.

Mr. Brady asked if this would standardize the servers. Mr. Riedy stated that the servers in the data center would be standardized, because they would all be purchased at the same time. With the fail over cluster, they will be able to add capacity to it on the fly. So, in two or three years they can add another server to the cluster. It may be a different brand, but it doesn't have to be. Mr. Brady asked if the data center would provide better security. Mr. Riedy said a data center would greatly improve security. Credentials could be controlled; data flow could be controlled; and they would be able to implement a lot of the recommendations made by CORSA. We would greatly improve our ability to protect ourselves against cyberattacks.

Mr. Brady asked how much this would cost. Mr. Riedy had two quotes - \$71,000 and \$79,500. The higher price was the better equipment. Mr. Boose did not want any surprises, so suggested Mr. Riedy come up with some "guesstimates". There was about \$80,000 worth of equipment. He would like some idea of how many hours it would take to install; what upgrades would be needed to the room that would house the data center; what could be done in-house and what would have to be contracted out. But Mr. Boose thought the data center made sense and was the right thing to do.

Ms. Ziemba asked if there would be any backup other than to the county buildings. Mr. Riedy suggested continuing to contract with Sterling PC to have them back up the county data off site. Mr. Boose agreed this was a good idea. If something were to happen all the data would be in one location, rather than having to try to pull it from multiple places.

Discussion followed on the funding for the project. Mr. Boose would like to see if they had funding in this budget. He would like to continue to discuss it and determine what options were available. Ms. Ziemba asked if the project would need to be bid. Mr. Strickler said yes, it was over \$50,000. Mr. Riedy reminded him that they had discussed this and a lot of it was on state contracts. Mr. Strickler acknowledged they had discussed it, and agreed that as long as it was state bid pricing, they did not have to bid the project. Mr. Boose noted there would be a lot of little projects necessary for the data center. He asked if they could use some state bid pricing, some not. Mr. Strickler said they could.

Mr. Boose suggested they keep moving, try to get a better picture of the total price, and schedule a meeting with all the Elected Officials/Department Heads to explain the project. In the meantime, this Board needs to look at how they will pay for this. Mr. Riedy said his only concern was that every vendor had mentioned that, for 2022, there were huge supply chain concerns. They emphasized the sooner we get in line the better chance we have of getting something delivered. Right now they are 90 to 120 days out. Mr. Boose thought they should explain that at the EO/DH meeting. He suggested Mr. Riedy may want to, while he was putting together the big picture, outline the steps. It sounded like one of the steps would be to order all the equipment as soon as possible.

Mr. Riedy noted that Juvenile Court would need an upgrade by June. Mr. Brady asked if he had talked to other departments. Mr. Riedy had, and said there were a large amount of them that were very interested. Mr. Boose asked if they could do the project one department at a time in order to get Juvenile Court on ASAP. Mr. Riedy said he could. He expected it would take an entire year to get everyone on, they would come on one at a time.

Mr. Boose wanted to schedule the meeting for the third Thursday in November and indicate it was very important to the future of IT in the County. Ms. Ziemba would also like to have Ms. Hozalski cover some HR issues.

Mr. Wilde explained they have been interviewing for the IT Assistant position. Mr. Riedy thought they would be able to make a decision by Friday.

Mr. Boose told Mr. Riedy they were going to have to make some kind of decision next week and they may have questions for him. Mr. Strickler said what he wanted to know was if they could support them both. It seemed as if they were doing different areas of the County. Mr. Riedy said he had already confirmed with Ohio Broadband that they are allowed to support multiple ISPs. Mr. Boose thought they were both in the same areas of the county, but they offered different services. One company offered faster speeds, but you would pay more. The other one would give you the option of slower service, but at a lower price.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - *None*

SIGNINGS - *None*

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilde said that last week they had interviewed for the receptionist position at the Commissioners office.

Land Bank meeting. Mr. Wilde stated the Land Bank was planning to pay back the balance of what they owed. Mr. Boose noted that the County was paying \$75,000 a year for two people working on the Land Bank.

They were now down to one person. Mr. Boose wanted to know how this was being addressed. Mr. Wilde thought as long as the work was getting done it didn't matter. He pointed out that they don't know how many people are working for an architect when the County hires one. Mr. Brady asked if the \$75,000 was paid solely for administration, or if it was also to acquire property. Mr. Boose said it was for both administration and acquisition. Mr. Brady noted that the State would be making \$500,000 available for Land Banks, but he didn't know if it was to acquire properties or for administration. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Boose how much he wanted to cut. Mr. Boose wasn't sure.

At 2:02 p.m. the board recessed.

At 2:15 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS Continued

Mr. Wilde went on a JFS ride along. He was very impressed.

Tomorrow Mr. Wilde has CIA at 6:00.

Planning Commission at 1:00 on Thursday.

The Lt. Governor will be in town tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., 101 Plank Road, to announce the award of a sewer grant to the City of Norwalk. Invited the Board to attend.

Mr. Wilde spoke to a resident about ARPA funds for sewer project at Holiday Lakes. Mr. Wilde explained that the Board had not made any decisions about the ARPA funds. Mr. Boose noted that Mr. Wilde had worked several hours on this particular issue. He thought this would be an acceptable use of the ARPA monies. His recommendation was, don't come to the Commissioners to fix your problem. He would like them to come to the Board with a solution, in detail. If there is a way the Commissioners can help, they will. Mr. Strickler noted the one thing the Commissioners would have to do would be to create the district. The County would enter into a contract with the City of Willard for them to take over the operations and maintenance.

Mr. Brady also did a ride along with JFS last Friday. He would not mind doing it again, his was very short.

Workforce development meeting. Mr. Brady thought this had been a productive meeting.

Mr. Brady did not make it to the Prevention Coalition meeting yesterday. Mr. Boose said this was scheduled for a day and time that he could rarely attend.

MOU for opioid. Mr. Boose did not like the definition of uses that it can be used for. He does not like that they specify "evidence-based solutions". He felt they were starving us out of creativity. Mr. Strickler explained that they wanted to make sure the funds were put toward more traditional treatments, not some sort of "voodoo".

Mr. Boose had the 2022 Holiday list. Ms. Ziemba said they needed to know if the Board was going to add the Juneteenth holiday. Mr. Wilde thought they had to. Mr. Brady asked if they had to do it by law. Ms. Ziemba thought it would be easier to keep in on June 19 rather than having it celebrated on a different day. The Board agreed to update the PPM to include Juneteenth.

Mr. Boose said a bill has been introduced to eliminate August special elections, except in certain specific cases. He totally agrees with this.

At 2:45 p.m. the board recessed.

At 2:49 p.m. the board resumed regular session

Workforce Development meeting. Mr. Boose said this was a really good meeting. Senator Nathan Manning attended. Mr. Boose had been a little surprised. He had learned that most of the employees at Cedar Point had no idea what they were going to do when the park closed in a week or two. Mr. Boose thought this was an opportunity to go out and recruit them. But nobody at the meeting really said anything when he brought it up. Ms. Laser indicated that Fireland's Forward was talking to Erie County about working out a long-term deal with all the resorts. Mr. Boose reminded her that Fireland's Forward also represented Huron County. Discussion followed regarding unemployment. Mr. Boose said they did talk to Senator Manning about a lot of issues, including transportation. The Board had learned that Pennsylvania spends \$83 per person for transportation. Ohio spends less than \$1 per person. Mr. Manning had reminded Mr. Boose of something he had forgotten. Most rural counties prefer to see the money go toward roads and bridges. They consider transportation to be a big city issue.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2021

At 3:07 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourned. 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 26, 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 3:07 p.m.

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