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.

21-319

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING AN INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE TO REGION 19 FOR REPRESENTATION TO THE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED BY THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE PROCEEDS FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is a signatory to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding which provides a framework for the distribution and use of funds paid to Ohio communities in settlement of the communities' claims against the named defendants in the national opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to participate in the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding, resolving the county's claims against three of the defendant drug distributors in the ongoing national opioid litigation;

and

WHEREAS, Ashland, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Richland and Wayne Counties have been grouped into Region 19 for the purposes of receiving funds from the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding provides for each region to appoint a representative to serve on the board of a statewide foundation that will develop and approve criteria and procedures for the disbursement of funds within the Regions

and

WHEREAS, the imminent disbursement of settlement funds necessitates the setup of the statewide foundation immediately and the appointment of a representative thereto; and

WHEREAS, Medina County Commissioner William Hutson has expressed a willingness to serve on the board of the statewide foundation on an interim basis as the representative for this region, until a regional governance structure can be established and a permanent representative to the statewide foundation can be appointed in accordance with the rules of the regional governance structure; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby designates Medina County Commissioner William Hutson to act as the OneOhio Region 19 representative to the OneOhio Statewide Foundation, on an interim basis, pending the establishment of a regional governance structure for Region 19 and the enactment of rules for the appointment of permanent representatives.

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: This was for the 55% that goes to the Foundation and will be disbursed to the 19 regions. It was Mr. Strickler's understanding that the foundation itself can expend money as well, so they may not send all the money out to the regions. He thought they might do some things on a state-wide basis that would benefit everybody. Mr. Strickler explained Medina County was going to draft the documents to create a Council of Governments for Region 19. After that was organized they would have to set forth rules on how it will be governed. The first payment was supposed to come in November, so they want to get this done as quickly as they can.

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

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady Aye – Bruce Wilde 21-320

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustments for the Sheriff's #023 account due to shortages in the overtime and supply lines; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation of moneys as follows:

FROM:	Dept.	Account		Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	041	00572		001	\$724.52		023	00126	001	\$724.52
		Contingencies						Sheriff – Employee OT		
	041	00572		001	\$15,000.00		023	00126	001	\$15,000.00
		Contingencies						Sheriff – Employee OT		
	041	00572		001	\$5,000.00		023	00175	001	\$5,000.00
		Contingencies						Sheriff - Supplies		
	023	00200		001	\$8,000.00		023	00175	001	\$8,000.00
		Sheriff – Equip						Sheriff - Supplies		

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 appropriate journal entry; 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 explained they have gone over this again and again. They have decided this was the best way to do it for this time of the year. The Board had promised them that they would look again at actual numbers later in the year. Mr. Wilde clarified that the Supplies line included gas for the vehicles.

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

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

21-321

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office has various equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of;

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. Strickler explained these were items that were discovered on the second floor of their building. None of it works, so it just needs to be disposed of.

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

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

Vickie Ziemba

From: Randal Strickier < ristrickber@huroncountyohprosecutor.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2.01 PM

Vickie: FW: Old Property Located on Second Floor that needs to be disposed of

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Vickie: I am forwarding you emails from Jeremy Draper regarding old equipment that was discovered on the second floor when cleaning out the area. Please prepare a resolution for destruction of the same as none of the items work or are otherwise in bud shape. Thank you!

Randy Randal I. Strickler
Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Civil Division
Huron County Prosecutor, Ordin Division
Huron County Prosecutor, Civil Division
Huron County Prosecutor, Ci

From: Peremy Draper
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Randal Strickler extractisher@huroncountvohprosecutor.comp
Subject: Old Property Located in the storage room on the second floor behind the public defender's office, this property behing to the Humo of second Floor
The Following is Property located in the storage room on the second floor behind the public defender's office, this property behing to the Humo flooring Property of Office and Victims Assistance. This Property is extremely old and has been taken one of service many years ago, it is unknown when the second of property owned by this office. We are requesting that the property be destroyed as due to its age it is obsolete and no longer of any value. It is unknown if the property even works as some of the items

HP PSCISIO All-in-One Printer-City 4
HP scan let \$100 C Flat Bed Scanner
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Dell Inspiron Model PRX and Bag
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ABJ0533 -Silver File Card Box
ABJ053 -Silver File Card Box
ABJ0533 -Silver File

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - None.

SIGNINGS - None.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilde met with Mayor Light about Safe Built for inspections in the County. He has asked them to do a spreadsheet to compare apples to apples. Also, what the cost would be to the counties, village, cities, townships. Once he has everything he would like to have the Mayor come in to report.

Mr. Brady reported on the solar webinar that he and Mr. Wilde watched yesterday.

Mr. Brady attended the Future Makers program yesterday. Commended Ms. Knapp on a good program.

At 9:34 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 and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. 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 10:00 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(2) and (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

*Action taken: The Board will be reviewing the information from Carol Knapp, HCDC, regarding offers made on the Old Jail.

At 10:01 a.m. Chad Stang, Soil & Water, budget and H2Ohio update. Mr. Stang stated H2Ohio program was taking off. Out of ten applications, Huron County was the 2nd highest contracted amount. Discussed the program and how it works. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Stang to clarify, in a nutshell, the purpose of the program. Mr. Stang explained the program was directed at ultimately reducing phosphorus runoff, which was what was thought to be the limiting factor in the algal bloom in Lake Erie. It had more to do with the amount of acreage, not the actual physical loss on each farm. Mr. Boose noted that large grants like this were great for the constituents, but they were a lot of work. He wanted to thank them for all the work they have already put in and will put in. Mr. Stang said that the State will be giving them some money for the next five years to hire someone to help with this program.

Budget request is the same as last year: \$180,000.00.

Mr. Stang explained how their office works to Mr. Brady. With the \$180,000 they receive from the County, the State has a match number. Mostly due to the water quality programs, that match number has grown to about 91% - 92%. Hopefully when things get back to a little more normal they can start more education programs with some of that money to get it back out there. Covid has hampered them.

At 10:26 a.m. The board recessed

At 10:36 a.m. the board resumed regular session with the Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Corbin, Chief Deputy Dave Ditz, and Shawn Newton in attendance.

023 Sheriff budget request: \$2,794,103.00

Sheriff Corbin explained they were trying to increase manpower for the road. In a position now where he can't do more with less. The safety and security of Huron County was very important, especially with what loomed on the horizon, with CORSOs coming into the City of Norwalk. Discussed overtime issue earlier this week; it hasn't gotten any better. His intent was to hire three more road patrol deputies.

036 Jail budget request: \$3,775,412.00

This was a slight increase, not very much. They have what they need in order to operate. Mr. Boose asked if the increase had more to do with an increase in costs rather than adding anything additional. Sheriff Corbin agreed that was the reason. Mr. Wilde asked about the hospitalization under Jail Operations. He was a little surprised that it was going down. Ms. Ziemba explained this was for the County employees, not the inmates. Mr. Wilde then asked about employee turnover, if they were experiencing a shortage like everyone else. Sheriff said they were very short. However, the jail had higher retention than they used to have. Things like introducing the 3-2-3 schedule, or the Pittman schedule, had helped. Mr. Wilde asked him to explain the 3-2-3 schedule. Sheriff Corbin said it was two 12-hour days/one 8-hour day, followed by two days off. Next you work two 12-hour days and were off for three. Instead of having three shifts working, they were able to condense it to two. This allowed them to do more and have less overtime in the jail.

They have put precautions in place to segregate inmates coming in so they don't have an explosion of Covid. Also, they are not doing out of county housing right now because of Covid.

The Sheriff said that both 023 and 036 have a 3.25% increase for next year. There was the additional holiday for both contracts, as well as the longevity. The Sheriff noted that increased activity leads to overtime, especially when they were short on deputies. Deputies still have to go to court, have to testify, and do all the things they are required to do. There will be an increase in gas prices for next year. If they have the opportunity to hire new deputies, there will be a cost to equip and train them.

Sheriff Corbin explained that one of the reasons they can't utilize the County IT person was because they use ES Consulting, which was a 24-hour company. ES specializes in the things their office needs and has someone certified with their system. Sheriff noted there will be an added expense for an increase in training next year, but they will receive reimbursement from the State. The State has reinstituted 24-hours of CPT training - Continual Professional Training - for officers. That will increase costs in 023.

The Sheriff continued. Again, there was longevity for Jail – they have 16 people. Gas prices will increase. This year they had to buy more inmate uniforms. They tried to repair some of them, but they were beyond help. Hospitalization for employees was going down. Sheriff Corbin stated they will need to replace the toilets in the Jail. Each sink/toilet unit is \$2,000. They looked into piecing it out, but just the three buttons cost \$525. Ms. Newton said they were looking at around \$10,000 to do two out of the eight pods. Chief

Deputy Ditz explained each cell holds two individuals. They each have their own toilet. So there were eight just in the cells, and the common areas have them also. Mr. Wilde guessed that for \$40,000 they could do them all. This would be if Mr. Zurcher had the time to do them. Sheriff Corbin said they looked at ways to save money and found they may be able to just replace the valves rather than the whole unit.

Mr. Brady had a couple questions. Unemployment was \$17,000 in the final budget last year, but only \$5,000 this year. He was curious why such a big drop. Second, their projected overtime was up \$8,000. He asked if this would go down if they had three more road deputies. Sheriff Corbin explained the reason for the stepdown in unemployment was because earlier this year they had a lot of turnover and received notices that people were filing for unemployment. They contested it, because those people that left had resigned and were not entitled to unemployment. Unfortunately, they can appeal three times. Mr. Strickler said they fought it, but they lost ones that they should not have lost on. Mr. Boose agreed that sometimes unemployment issues come up; it was not something that could really be budgeted for.

Mr. Brady asked if hiring three road deputies would bring overtime down. Sheriff Corbin said the short-term answer was yes. The long-term answer was, in order to be proactive, they actually have to go after the people causing the problems. With the drug interdiction they are running now, the staff are working more. However, this makes the County a more secure place to live and grow up. Mr. Boose pointed out that over the last two years they have had a relationship where the Sheriff's office tries to keep overtime where it should be. If they have more time off requests due to sickness or other reasons, the Commissioners will take care of it. Mr. Boose thanked them for not overbudgeting.

Sheriff Corbin went on to explain that being proactive prevents a lot more problems than we have experienced in the past. They are going after these people and holding them accountable. Because of this, the Sheriff felt it was just a matter of time before they would be involved in a serious situation. Mr. Brady understood this, and wanted to know if it would help things if they had additional officers. Chief Deputy Ditz thought it would. Currently, if they only have two people scheduled. If one is sick, they have to hold someone over or call someone in early. If they have three or four people to work with, obviously they have more flexibility. Sheriff Corbin agreed, stating that staffing was a problem. On average they only have two guys working the whole county. Today there were no State Highway Patrol working in the county at all. When they have situations like that, they have no backup. They have standard protocols they have to adhere to – any act of violence requires a minimum of two people. Discussion regarding the shortage of staff at the State level.

The Sheriff pointed out that his office provides backup for the small municipalities and villages. When they need assistance, it puts the Sheriff's office further behind. At the end of the day it is all about the safety and security for the people of the County. As opposed to a municipality, the Sheriff's office also has the Civil Processor, the inmates to deal with, calls for service, traffic crashes, violent offenses, and things they are required to do for the Courts, as well as taking care of the citizens of the County. They are at a point where they can no longer provide the service he feels the County needs without having more manpower. He does not want to lose anybody in our County because they didn't have adequate backup, they didn't have training, or they didn't have the tools they needed to do the job. All he can do is appeal to the County Commissioners and let them know he no longer feels it is safe to have two people to cover 500 square miles and also assist with the villages.

Mr. Boose said he appreciated that the Sheriff told them about the retirement, which was around \$9,500. The Board has funds set aside so this does not have to be included in each department's Salary line. He acknowledged that a lot of times they don't know, so if they let the Board know the ones they are aware of it helps them budget.

Mr. Boose then noted that the budget for the Courthouse went up \$2,000. He asked if that was by contract. The Sheriff stated they were trying got keep everything the same across the board.

Mr. Boose acknowledged they have a very important job to do. Beside overseeing the jail, they keep us safe throughout the county. The Commissioner's job was to do the best with the money they have. He thought over the last four or five years they have done a good job working together, and he hoped it continued. It didn't mean they would always agree. But Mr. Boose appreciated the updates. Rather than just saying they needed three new employees, the Sheriff came in and explained why. That made a big difference to him.

At 11:15 a.m. <u>Juvenile Court budget. Judge Cardwell, Chris Mushett, Lindsey Ingrim</u>. The Board had received a copy of the budget requests:

013 Juvenile budget request: \$441,094

014 Juvenile Probation budget request: \$421,811015 Juvenile Detention budget request: \$155,000

016 Probate budget request: \$203,828

Judge Cardwell explained it was a pretty standard budget for next year. They were planning ahead. Ms. Ingrim was the director of the Family Dependency Treatment Court program; she was also the Guardianship Investigator and Adoption Assessor. They were hoping to get her into a Supreme Court course on Court Management. So they were looking ahead, planning ahead.

Judge Cardwell noted that they had received confirmation from the detention facility in Seneca County that they will be able to have the same arrangement for next year that they have this year.

There were two potential retirements totaling \$58,312. Mr. Boose said the retirements were important for them to know ahead of time. Over the last couple years the Board has set up a special account that they add to every year for retirements. This way it doesn't have to come out of each department's budget when it they come up.

Mr. Boose said the other thing they touched on was expenses. They had just reviewed the Sheriff's budget, and discussed that he was not adding anything at the jail. It was just the increase in how much it costs to do business. The Judge explained they did have a couple small increases for their expenses, like postage and their publications. The cost of legal notices has increased. Mr. Boose noted that this was one of the things he has talked to Representative Stein about. The Ohio Revised Code states it has to be a printed newspaper. We are trying to work on why it has to be in print. The Judge agreed, saying there were probably more effective ways to get notice out in this day and age.

At 11:30 a.m. Prosecutor budget – Jim Sitterly & Randy Strickler.

006 Prosecutor budget request: \$792,738

Mr. Sitterly pointed out there was a misleading decrease from last year's budget by about \$33. They had asked for a couple things, some statutory, some not. But, last year's budget included an unemployment claim that was about \$8,500. This year, in addition to the statutory requests, there was about a \$3,500 request. This was due to the increase in the cost of supplies and equipment. The increase in Supplies was largely due to the increase in postage. They had also submitted a request for some new computers. Mr. Strickler explained they were trying to rotate and replace their computers every five or six years.

At 11:45 a.m. Public Defender budget – Dave Longo

027 Public Defender budget request: \$480,859

Mr. Longo submitted his interim budget, but had added some requests in the "Notes" section. He tries not to be extravagant in his spending. However, he does try to plan ahead. Considering what the current administration is proposing, Mr. Longo believes we could see considerable inflation. His budget had planned for that event. Mr. Boose noted we were already starting to see it.

Mr. Longo continued. The State was now at 100% reimbursement for indigent defense. So, their office was not costing the County any money, the County was just fronting it. This was locked in through June 2023.

There were a couple reasons Mr. Longo needed to make adjustments to his budget. He consistently has a hard time keeping attorneys because to the low rate of pay. Last year he had to replace two attorneys. Due to the circumstances, he had ended up hiring an older, more experienced attorney at a lower pay rate than the newer, less experienced attorney. Mr. Longo was requesting an additional \$30,081 to correct this situation and make their pay comparable. Additionally, he would like to give his current staff a 3% increase, and add a part-time secretary.

Mr. Sitterly noted that parity was a common issue between the Public Defender's and Prosecutor's offices. Of course, the primary concern if there was 100% coverage for the Public Defender office budget was how long it was going to hold out. He knew from experience at the Prosecutor's office that two local attorneys were driving to other counties because they could make about 20% more money. He had to agree with Mr. Longo as far as his parity. If the State was willing to cover it, the only gamble was how long it would last. Mr. Longo thought they were good for a year. He realized they may have to make cutbacks if things changed. But again, the problem was drawing attorneys away from the better paying, urban areas. Mr. Strickler agreed with Mr. Sitterly and Mr. Longo. The market was getting tougher. He thought both the Prosecutor's office and Public Defender's office needed extra money to not only attract good people, but also to retain them.

Mr. Longo explained that, according to Mr. Riedy, they would need to replace one computer. The other five could be upgraded for about \$100 each. Other than that, Mr. Longo did not anticipate any major purchases.

Next Mr. Boose reported on his meeting with MHAS. Ms. Cardone said the reason they can do everything they do was because of the help in the County and cooperation of the County. Mr. Boose mentioned they may be reaching out to them when the County received the opioid settlement money.

Mr. Strickler had received a notice regarding the Johnson & Johnson settlement. He asked the Board for authorization to accept the settlement on behalf of Huron County.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Randy Strickler to accept the offer for the Johnson & Johnson National opioid settlement on behalf of the county. 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

Mr. Boose attended the CCAO General Government meeting regarding HB 435. This was the bill regarding vaccination mandates. CCAO not taking a stance on that bill. They may make a statement to protect the county hospitals and nursing homes. Once it passes the House it has to go to the Senate, will review after.

Firelands Forward meeting yesterday afternoon. They are very close to picking a new director.

Mr. Wilde noted there were 50 people on the solar webinar they attended yesterday.

The Board discussed upcoming meetings:

Mr. Boose and Ms. Ziemba have a meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Boose has a meeting Tuesday with the Norwalk Cemetery Association.

He has a Board meeting with Firelands Forward tomorrow.

Mr. Wilde leaves next Thursday for a family event.

Tonight Mr. Wilde may or may not be able to attend the NEDC banquet at Sandy Ridge.

At 12:15 p.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 7, 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 12:15 p.m.

Signatures on File