

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 13, 2011**

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present:, Gary W. Bauer, Joe Hintz, Larry J. Silcox.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 10, 2011 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Joe Hintz made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Gary W. Bauer  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

11-016

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 08-235**

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, resolution 08-235 **IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HURON COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES needs to be amended;** and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to authorize full appointing authority over all personnel issues regarding employees at Huron County Job and Family Services to Teresa Alt, full time executive director, Huron County Job and Family Services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners amends Resolution 08-235 to authorize Teresa Alt, full time executive director full appointing authority over all personnel issues regarding employees at Huron County Job and Family Services; and further

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

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

Aye – Gary W. Bauer  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

11-017

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONER THROUGH THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (hereinafter referred to as the “DEPARTMENT”) AND GERALD STROM MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY 10900 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106-7164 (PROVIDER)**

Joe Hintz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Department has agreed to contract for the provisions of consultant services; and

**WHEREAS**, Provider desires to provide these services, and Provider agrees to provide qualifications and certifications as required prior to services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department and Provider have agreed to the training and/or services that Provider will furnish and the compensation the Department will pay Provider for said training and/or services; now therefore

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the agreement with Gerald Strom, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

- Aye – Gary W. Bauer
- Aye – Joe Hintz
- Aye –Larry J. Silcox

11-018

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$500.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JANUARY 13, 2011**

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for expenditures of over \$500.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

**Buildings & Grounds**

G&L Supply	Calcium Chloride (ice-melt)	\$ 607.04	
G& L Supply	paper towels Emotion brown towels	\$ 2,497.50	now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$500.00 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.

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

- Aye – Gary W. Bauer
- Aye – Joe Hintz
- Aye –Larry J. Silcox

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE**

**Larry Burdue**/Buildings & Grounds/sick/10:30 a.m. January 3, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. January 23, 2011.

**Jerry Huffman**/Buildings & Grounds/personal time/8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon January 10, 2011.

**Maria Lyons**/Buildings & Grounds/sick/5:30 a.m. January 6, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. January 7, 2011.

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Jan 12 11 02:28p Dog Warden 419-663-4908 p.2

HURON COUNTY  
DOG WARDEN

Animal Claim

Date: January 12, 2011  
Claim Date: December, 6 2010  
Claimant: Jared & Cara Lydy  
No. of animals: 7  
Kind: Chickens, Rooster  
Type: Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Barred Rock  
Sex: Females 1 - Male  
Age: All One Year Old  
Weight: 3lbs - 5lbs  
Killed or Injured: Killed  
Fair Market Value: \$8.00 ea. (\$8.00 x 7 = \$56.00)

Huron County Commissioners

*Joe Hintz*  
Joe Hintz

*Gary W. Bauer*  
Gary Bauer

*Larry J. Silcox*  
Larry Silcox

Recorded in Commissioners Journal Volume: 88

Certified by *Larry J. Silcox*, Clerk to the Board.

130 Shady Lane  
Building 5  
Norwalk, OH 44857  
PHONE: (419) 668-9773  
FAX: (419) 663-4908  
E-MAIL: hcdw@co.huron.oh.us

**Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the payment to Jared and Cara Lydy for an animal claim made for 7 chickens on January 12, 2011 in the amount of \$56.00 ( fair market value received from Mike Gaister OSU Extension Educator of \$8.00 per chicken x 7 = \$56.00) to be paid from the Dog and Kennel funds. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:**

**Aye – Gary W. Bauer  
Aye – Joe Hintz  
Aye –Larry J. Silcox**

SIGNINGS  
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Board of Election contract for poling place

OTC 109A  
Prescribed 8-81  
HURON COUNTY  
12 EAST MAIN STREET SUITE 300  
NORWALK, OH 44857-1545  
(419) 668-4304  
ROLAND TKACH, AUDITOR  
Renewal Application For the Valuation of Land in Accordance with Its Agricultural Use  
Was the parcel(s) shown below exclusively devoted to agricultural purposes last year?  Yes  No  
If no, put an X in the box next to the parcel number(s) that was not exclusively devoted to agricultural purposes.  
If the total acreage farmed in this unit is less than 10 acres  
a.) Show gross income produced from agricultural purposes last year. a) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
and show b.) Anticipated gross income for current year is b) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I declare that this report has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true and correct. I authorize the county auditor to inspect the property described below to verify the accuracy of this application.  
The Renewal Application needs to be returned prior to the 1st Monday in March (March 7, 2011).  
*Larry J. Silcox* 1/13/11  
Signature of owner Date Phone  
Application No: 209  
Parcel # Acres  
 33-0010-04-005-0200 33.000  
 33-004N-01-003-0100 32.010  
 33-1900-04-005-0000 15.000  
T  
O HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF  
180 MILAN AVE  
NORWALK OH 44857

CONTRACT FOR USE OF SITE AS POLLING PLACE  
THIS AGREEMENT, MADE AND ENTERED INTO FOR ALL ELECTION DATES CALLED IN THE YEAR 2011 BY AND BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IN HURON COUNTY.  
WITNESS THAT SAID COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WILL MAKE AVAILABLE AND SAID AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND IN FULL FORCE UNTIL SIXTY (60) DAYS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY EITHER PARTY, HEREBY LEASES UNTO SAID BOARD OF ELECTIONS, SUFFICIENT SPACE ON THE PREMISES KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 180 MILAN AVE, NORWALK PRECINCT: NORWALK 1A, NORWALK 1B, NORWALK 1C  
PLEASE BE ADVISED: THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MUST FIRST APPROVE CHANGES TO THE VOTING LOCATION WITHIN THE BUILDING. CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 419-668-8238 BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES TO THE POLLING LOCATION.  
IN WITNESS THEREOF, SAID PARTIES HERE UNTO SUBSCRIBED THEIR NAMES.  
*Paul D. ...* CHAIRMAN  
*Richard B. ...*  
*Dan ...*  
*Paul ...*  
ATTEST: *William ...* DIRECTOR  
APPROVED BY *Larry J. Silcox*  
TITLE *Resident*  
DATE *1/13/11*  
REGULAR ELECTION DATES FOR THE YEAR 2011  
PRIMARY ELECTION DATE: MAY 3, 2011  
GENERAL ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2011  
POSSIBLE SPECIAL ELECTION DATE: AUGUST 2, 2011  
PLEASE SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 180 MILAN AVE, NORWALK, OHIO 44857, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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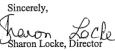
ROBERT L. DUNCAN, CHAIRMAN (R) RICHARD B. HAUSER (D) DAVID L. KNIFFAN (R) REESE WIREMAN (D)  
**HURON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
 SHARON E. LOCKE, DIRECTOR (D) THOMAS E. GERRITY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (R)  
 180 MILAN AVENUE STE 4  
 NORWALK, OHIO 44857  
 TELEPHONE: (419) 668-8238 FAX: (419) 668-8710  
 huron@eos.state.oh.us www.huroncountyboe.com

January, 2011

Dear Polling Agent,

Happy New Year! Enclosed, please find the lease agreement for your building for use as a polling place for all elections in 2011. All election dates are listed on your contract. Please complete the contract, make a copy for your records, and submit the original to the Board of Elections as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at the board office.

Sincerely,  
  
 Sharon Locke, Director

**RECOVERY ZONE BOND PROGRAM**  
**FINAL CONFIRMATION OF RECOVERY ZONE BONDS**

The Ohio Department of Development, for the State of Ohio, confirms the following Recovery Zone Facility Bond authority for the Allocation Designee identified below. This final confirmation incorporates Confirmation of Allocation Awards, Reallocations, and Amounts Waived.


Allocation Designee: Huron County

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds	Amount
Allocation Amount (as of 12/31/2010)	\$6,265,000
Total RZFB Allocation (as of 1/3/2011)	\$6,262,403.95
Amount Waived to State	\$2,596.05

Please countersign a copy of this Confirmation in the space provided for that purpose below and return the signed notice by e-mail to RZBonds@development.ohio.gov or by fax to 614-728-4920 and also mail the signed original to:

The Ohio Department of Development  
 Attention: Recovery Zone Bonds  
 77 S. High Street, 28th Floor  
 Columbus, OH 43216-1001

I am a duly authorized representative of the Allocation Designee named above. I acknowledge the planned uses and reallocations noted above and confirm to the State of Ohio that the Allocation Designee waives to the State the amount of Recovery Zone Facility Bond authority identified above as Waived to the State. I also acknowledge and agree that Recovery Zone Facility Bond authority waived to the State will be reallocated to other eligible projects and, therefore, the waived authority may not be reclaimed by Allocation Designee except through the State's reallocation process.

By:   
 Name: Sharon Locke  
 Title: Director  
 Date: 1/13/11  
 Phone: 419-668-3092

Letter from Board of Elections

NSP New Horizons grant paperwork

**IN THE MATTER OF LETTER**

Sheriff Dane Howard  
 255 Shady Lane Drive  
 Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Sheriff Howard:

Please be advised that on Monday, January 3, 2011 the files on the Huron County Commissioners' server and a commissioner workstation were found to be deleted. The server files were retrieved but the technician was unable to retrieve the files on the commissioner workstation.

We are requesting an official investigation in to this matter.

Sincerely,

**HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Gary W. Bauer, Joe Hintz, Larry J. Silcox  
 Shtsheriffinvestigationlt011311

**Administrator/Clerk's report**

Cheryl Nolan presented the press release in regards to the Legislative Briefing to be held at Berry's Restaurant in Norwalk, Ohio as follows:

**COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**

County Commissioners from Ashland, Holmes, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Seneca, Wayne will be meeting on January 31, 2011 at Berry's Restaurant, 15 West Main St., Norwalk, Ohio with area members of the Ohio General Assembly to discuss the state/county partnership and its ability to deliver vital services to the citizens of Ohio during a period of increasing responsibilities and limited resources.

"Recognizing that it will be a tight state budget and there has been limited growth in local revenue, it is essential that state and county governments work together closely and cooperatively for the good of their mutual constituents, the people of Ohio," said Commissioner Larry Silcox in announcing the upcoming regional meeting.

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“For many important governmental services counties rely upon the local government funds to implement state policy at the local level,” continued Commissioner Silcox. Commissioner Silcox noted that “counties are the primary agents of the state in administering justice and prosecuting criminals; providing health and human services to needy citizens; managing the property tax system; improving infrastructure to foster economic development; and, providing a myriad of other important governmental services to improve the quality of life for all Ohioans.”

“During these times of fiscal stress, it is vital that the partnership between the state and county government be reaffirmed and strengthened,” stated Commissioner Silcox. “Ohio’s county governments will be seeking a commitment from the Administration and the General Assembly to county government fiscal security as one of the centerpieces of Ohio’s SFY 2010/2011 biennial budget.

Ms. Nolan presented a letter invoice received from RC&D in the amount of \$300.00 annual fee to belong to RC&D Erie Basin Council. The board agreed to join once again this year and pay the annual fee of \$300.00.

Ms. Nolan stated that Lowell Etzler and Ann Stoddard need to be reappointed to the CAC board and explained that there will no longer be three appoints but rather there will be two. Clark Hunter will not be reappointed per his request. The board agreed to reappoint Mr. Etzler and Ms. Stoddard.

**At 9:00 a.m. No Public Comment****OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion was had in regards to airport farm land and renting another 7 acres. Mr. Bauer stated that J.W. Kelly had called him a week or so ago and stated that there is 6 or 7 acres east of 601 that they are mowing and Mr. Kelly would like to rent this out as farm land. Mr. Bauer stated that this is fine but Mr. Kelly wanted to just add this to the leases that the airport already has and Mr. Bauer stated no that it will have to be bid out. The board would agree to bid this land out once the airport voted to lease this land and ask the board of commissioners to bid the land out. Scott Seitz asked about the bidding process and the amount that the land is currently being leased for. Mr. Bauer explained the process of bidding. Mr. Silcox stated that when this land was bid the board of commissioners took the best and highest bid received. Dennis Sokol stated at the airport meeting that they rent land out in Wisconsin for a lot more per acre. Mr. Seitz stated that a couple of the people out at the airport have stated that the board of commissioners keep the farm land lease amount low so that it makes it look like they can’t make it financially. Mr. Bauer stated that it goes to the highest bidder no one is holding the bid low. Further discussion was had in regards to the deal with Baders and the airport.

Gary Bauer reported on his Board of Revision meeting and discussed the hiring of Appraisal Research as the appraisers. Mr. Bauer stated that Roland Tkach brought up hiring Appraisal Research and it was discussed at length and Mr. Bauer stated that he tried to represent many of the things that Mr. Silcox has stated. They talked about other possibilities such as hiring in house and a company that did the appraisals before this company and when it all came down Mr. Bauer made the motion to hire Appraisal Research. It just didn’t appear with the triennial coming up it was something productive to try to put new people on to do this. Mr. Bauer stated that he did bring it to a vote of the board which Mr. Bauer felt was a positive thing and they did talk about Mr. Bauer’s thoughts on several items and how they perceive things and Mr. Tkach assured Mr. Bauer that the Board of Revision is there to make sure everything is done right and if they don’t do it right the Board of Revision has an obligation to correct it. Mr. Bauer stated that it is going to be Appraisal Research and stated that he did have a vote representing the board of commissioners and he did vote for hiring Appraisal Research. Mr. Silcox stated that they have already been out there working and some local people have seen pictures being taken. Mr. Bauer stated that is just the way it is and if they weren’t there do the job someone else would be. Mr. Silcox stated that he had looked into Appraisal Research and had spoken with Ottawa County who used to use Appraisal Research and the reason they got rid of Appraisal Research even though they did not save a lot of money but one thing is that they have a lot better local control then they ever had before. Mr. Silcox stated that to him that is an important factor as to why he did not vote last year to pay Appraisal Research for anything that was on the claims schedule and stated that he still feels that way because of the obvious mistakes and things that were not being done. Mr. Silcox stated that he realizes that there is a considerable amount of money in the assessment fund that the auditor has sole discretion over and feels that what the board of revision did yesterday is after the fact because the contract had already been signed and they were out working. Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Tkach assured him that they are going to look at the neighbors and clearing he was referring to questions that Mr.

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Silcox had brought up and Mr. Bauer stated it was in a positive way. Mr. Silcox stated hopefully that some of these questions will be addressed in the appraisal.

Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Tkach had asked if he would be the one commissioner that he will send things to. Mr. Bauer stated that the board works together and Mr. Tkach stated that he understands that but still wants one commissioner to communicate with so Mr. Bauer agreed. Mr. Bauer also presented the final numbers as the carryover is \$1,575,470.85 which is approximately \$250,000 more than his estimate back in the fall. That is not in the budget which gives us a little bit of flexibility in the final budget to help out some people out there organizations and departments that might need more money. Mr. Bauer stated that he had been asked by Soil and Water for additional funds. Mr. Bauer stated that he feels that we can deal with this a bit, we gave them \$122,850.

Veterans Services budget for 2012 was discussed thought it would be set at \$525,000 according to the amount as set by the ORC. As the property evaluation goes up so does that number. This year they spent \$260,000 and turned \$40,000 back in. They don't spend all of the money but they are asking for all of the money in the budget year 2012.

Upcoming events were discussed. March 1, 2011 Huron County Cattlemen dinner; March 7, 2011 4-H leaders banquet; March 10, 2011 County Township Trustee's dinner; County Planning Commission meeting next Thursday, January 20, 2011 and HCDC meeting will be held Friday, January 14, 2011.

Larry Silcox asked Ms. Nolan if she had run the records request from the Sandusky Register by the prosecutor. Ms. Nolan stated yes. Mr. Silcox stated that he would like an answer prepared that right now we do not have the computer. Discussion was had in regards to the COOP Plan that needs to be revised as to where the commissioners would move to if something happened to the building that they are doing business in. Right now the plan states that they will move business to the fifth floor of the Office Building and once the Adult Probation moves into that space that will not be possible. Mr. Silcox also discussed the letter received in regards to writing a letter to the President asking him not to cut the CDBG grant money by twenty-five percent. The board agreed that somewhere they need to quit spending. Mr. Silcox stated is this one of the programs that we can afford to cut by twenty-five percent. Mr. Silcox stated that it is a great program and has helped a lot of people but it just may be a place that could afford a cut. The board agreed not to send a letter asking him not to cut the funds.

Discussion was had in regards to the sheriff bills for maintenance as to whether they should be paid from the sales tax levy or from the general fund. For the most part the bills for repairs have been paid from the general fund. Further discussion was had should this be paid from the levy funds. Ms. Nolan will discuss this with the Auditor's office. Pete Welch discussed a recent invoice for a water heater booster at the jail. Mr. Welch stated that he had sent a letter to Sheriff Howard when he first took office that stated if it is part of the building it would be paid for from the buildings and grounds budget but if it is an appliance it would need to be paid for from the jail budget. The board agreed to fix the heater and send the invoice back to the sheriff for him to pay for this as it is an appliance.

Mr. Welch also discussed a smoking complaint at the Veterans Services. Mr. Welch stated that Ms. Nolan had given him a copy of the resolution that states the county offices are smoke free areas. Mr. Silcox asked Mr. Welch to give him a copy of the resolution and when he tours the buildings at Shady Lane he will stop and speak to them about smoking in the building and give them a copy of the resolution.

Mr. Welch also discussed the door for Services for Aging and doesn't know if it needs a panic bar on it or not. Mr. Welch will call Tim Lucas, Fire Chief to find out if it needs a panic bar. This is a limited use door and not a public use door. The cost of a door with a panic bar is around \$900.00 and a door without one will cut the cost about in half.

Mr. Welch discussed the dirt from the old foundry this dirt is being moved and there has been some issues with it. Erie County is not sure now whether or not they want the soil. They are going to take most of it but the trucking company has decided that they need more money to truck it. We are not involved in that but Erie County is trying to go back on the contractor and making him pay more since it is a special material. Mr. Welch stated that he can get it to another facility and the contract allows this to happen as the contract with Erie County does not specify that they are the sole source for taking trash from the Huron County transfer station. Mr. Welch stated that he can get another facility to pay more and take this dirt as they will use it for cover.

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Gary Bauer discussed the solid waste district policy plan and discussed his conversation with Steve Euton, Norwalk city council member. Mr. Bauer stated that the board needs to go to city council. Mr. Silcox stated that we should go when it is time to ratify the plan. Mr. Bauer stated that he is probably right but would like to go before hand. Ms. Nolan asked if they the board of commissioners need to be in session to go to the council meeting. Mr. Silcox stated that the board of commissioners can attend the council meeting and ask for a copy of the council's meeting minutes to put in the commissioners' journal after they have been approved. The board agreed to ask Daivia Kasper, Assistant Prosecutor if this is the case. The board will check on going on January 25, 2011.

**At 10:48 a.m.** Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION**

The Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on January 13, 2011.

**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 10:48 a.m.

Signatures on File