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NOVEMBER 16, 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 October 12, 2021 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 12, 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

21-358

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 #326638 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.

<u>*Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose wanted to make sure we were not buying only from Ace Hardware, he would like to utilize other local vendors as well. Discussion regarding the cost of transportation.

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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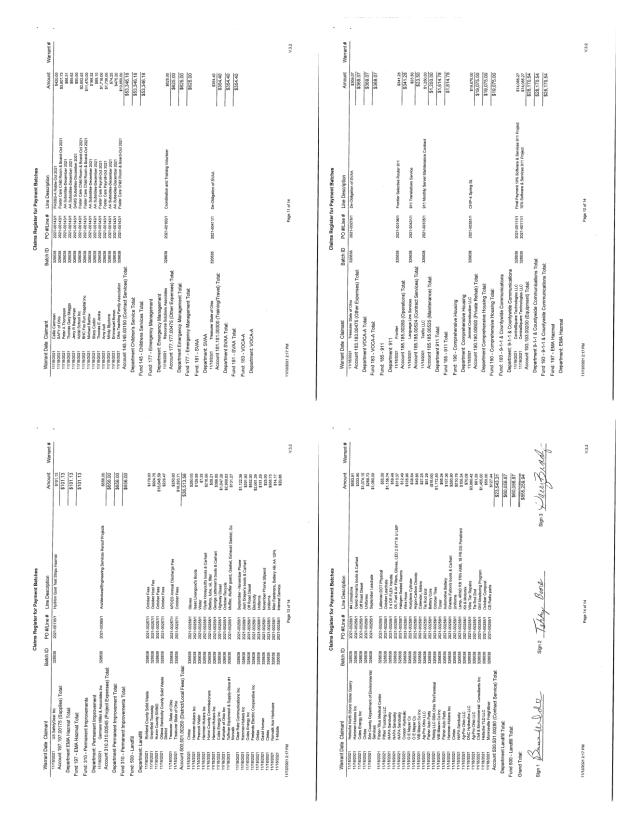
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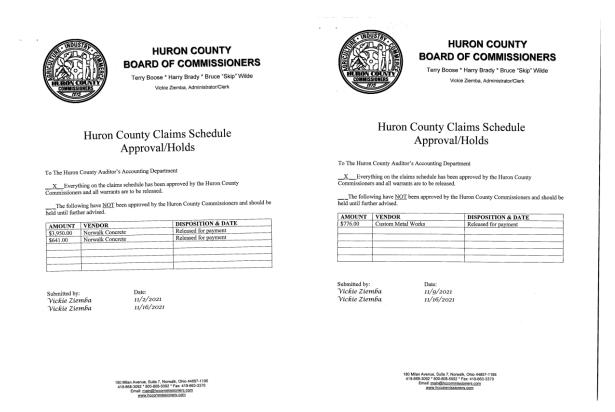


Bruce Wilde moved to approve releasing the payments to Norwalk Concrete in the amounts of \$3,950.00 and \$641.00 and Custom Metal Works in the amount of \$776.00. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HURON COUNTY IRS 125 CAFETERIA PLAN (125 PLAN)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a review of the Huron County IRS 125 cafeteria plan (125 plan) as presented by WageWorks, the county's 125 plan administrator, has been performed; and

WHEREAS, the review resulted in the production of an only slightly revised 125 plan in accordance with IRS standards; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been reviewed by the HR office, the office of the County Auditor and the office of the County Prosecutor, and from their collective understanding it is in line with the general practices surrounding 125 plans; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to maintain a 125 plan, and maintain compliance of the same;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of the proposed Huron County IRS 125 Cafeteria Plan for 2022, as attached hereto and incorporated herein, and appoint and authorize the HR Director as the administrator of said plan to execute any documents related to the plan; 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*: This allows some employee benefit payments to be made pre-tax.

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

	A	Aye – Terry Boose
	A	ye – Harry Brady
	A	Ye – Bruce Wilde
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*Plan on file

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none.

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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

- Terry Boose, Commissioner, to Columbus, Ohio for CCAO Board of Directors meeting on November 19, 2021.
- Lara Hozalski & Brenda Milks, HR, to Columbus, Ohio for CLCCA Winter meeting on December 10, 2021.

SIGNINGS - None

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

HCDC Board meeting on Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

WIOA Board meeting tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m.

Board of Revision next Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Boose noted there was an article in Lorain County's paper indicating it had been ruled that Green Circle Growers' greenhouses were not buildings. This meant that there was about \$4 million in property tax that area will not receive. This will have a big impact on Firelands High School.

Mr. Strickler called surrounding cities and counties about airports.

Mr. Brady attended the Firefighters Association meeting. Mr. Boose said he has had discussion about trainings and wanted to make sure they were getting the training they need. If money was needed for training, Mr. Boose would like to let them know they could request funds from one of the EMA boards.

Mr. Brady also attended the Township Association meeting. He found this interesting.

Mr. Brady was going to try to attend WIOA and FCFC meetings tomorrow.

At 9:30 a.m. <u>Cheryl Miller, Mobility Management Specialist, GLCAP and Tim Bergeman, GLCAP</u> were in to discuss the Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Bergeman explained GLCAP was the lead agency covering Huron County to facilitate, participate and support Huron County in transportation planning, as well as transportation coordination. They also make funding recommendations for specific pots of money that ODOT awards. Every four years they go through a re-write. They will be submitting their plan to ODOT on Friday, November 19. Public meetings were held about three weeks ago to solicit public comment. Having buy-in from the Commissioners was also important, so they were asking for a resolution of support or endorsement from the County. Mr. Boose said the Board planned to do that Thursday, but wanted them to come in today to make sure nothing new had come up. Mr. Bergeman stated they were ready to hear public comment and answers questions today, and also to support Huron County in the plan to improve public transportation.

Mr. Boose said he would like to use that document as a starting point to move transportation forward next year. A lot of work went into it and there had been a lot of collaboration. After the meeting with Senator Manning, Mr. Boose had a meeting with CCAO. He brought up to them that he would like to make it a priority, through CCAO, for more money from the State for public transportation.

At 9:44 a.m. <u>Nate Pedder, Apex</u>. Mr. Pedder was in to provide an update on the Emerson Creek project. He handed out maps. Apex had submitted an amendment to the Power Siting Board at the end of October. They expect to have a decision between March and May. Mr. Pedder explained the requested amendment. Six turbines had been moved because of microwave beam paths. They were all minor moves, but necessary. Four other turbines were originally in the application, but had not been included in the certificate due to geotechnical concerns by the PSB. Apex did additional testing at each of those locations. Two different geotechnical engineering firms determined there was no need for grouting at those turbine locations, so they had been included in the amendment. The only other change was a minor boundary expansion between two of the turbines. Mr. Pedder noted that the amendment does not trigger SB52, the project was grandfathered in. Mr. Wilde asked if this changed the number of turbines or the megawatts. Mr. Pedder stated if the amendment was approved there would be no change. If the amendment does not go through there would be a reduction in turbines and megawatts. Mr. Boose asked if the Engineer's office had a copy of these maps.

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Mr. Pedder said they did not have a copy of this one, they had a previous one. He will get an updated one to the Engineer. Finally, Mr. Pedder said the PSB would be making a decision on the application for rehearing on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Mr. Brady will be attending the Christmas parade in Willard.

Mr. Brady met with the architect last week. It will cost approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000 to separate the Old Jail from the Courthouse. This does not include the patching of the buildings.

Mr. Boose reported on the meetings he attended. Townships may be receiving opioid money in the mail but will need to review the guidelines to be able to spend it. Discussion about ARPA money. Suggested they get the money and if they can't spend it they could send it back. Also discussed the possibility of partnership if they have a project they don't have enough funding for.

Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady both attended a Fair board meeting. November was the meeting where they make a lot of decisions. Talked about possibility of funding from Commissioners in two different areas. They are trying to push forward with a new hog barn. Mr. Boose told them if they have a request they need to get it to the Board soon. Also discussed internet infrastructure.

JFS & NEDC put on a small business roundtable meeting. Six or seven businesses attended. Norwalk City Schools was also there. Talked workforce development issues.

At 10:30 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 and 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 11:42 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) & (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

*No action taken from Executive Sessions

At 11:43 a.m. the board recessed.

At 12:05 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS Cont.

CCAO meeting on Friday. There will be two attorneys there to discuss the opioid settlement. CCAO dues to increase by 1.75%. He thought this may be based on the Commissioner's salary.

CCAO General Government meeting Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads meeting was at noon.

Employer Resource Network meetings November 18 and December 2.

Request from Board of Elections for permanent use of downstairs room for storage. Mr. Boose thought this was the nicest room in the whole building and did not want it used for storage. If they want to find a room in the basement they could use that temporarily or until further notice.

Jail legislation had their first hearing. Mr. Boose wants to stay on top of this.

SB260. Mr. Boose read "to expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purposes for construction services." Mr. Boose wasn't sure what this was.

Carnegie Medal of Honor. Mr. Boose received an email from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Allen Robert Linder was nominated for the medal. Mr. Linder tried to save a young lady who was cleaning out a tanker. She passed out and Mr. Linder went in to save her, but lost his life. They asked if the Board would present the medal to his son. The Board will discuss putting a presentation together.

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EMA Durango. Ms. Ziemba reminded the Board that they had authorized EMA to purchase a Durango through a grant reimbursement program. The vehicle was expected to come in the first week of December. They were starting to pull the equipment off the Trailblazer. It doesn't run half the time and the Board agreed it should be sold on GovDeals.

Generator. Mr. Mead said there was a generator behind the EMA building. It was not hooked up. He would like to know if he can get rid of it. Mr. Boose thought they should see if any of the townships or villages wanted it. Mr. Wilde wanted to make sure they knew it would not run long term unless someone was there to maintain it.

On November 10 the Board received a resolution petitioning to vacate three right-of-ways in the unincorporated area of Clarksfield Township. Ms. Ziemba stated the hearing had to be held within 45 days of the date of receipt. But there has to be 20 days in between the time the Board does the resolution in order to send notice to the residents. 45 days would be on December 24. Ms. Ziemba thought they could have the hearing on December 16. She will try to have the resolution ready on Thursday. Mr. Boose would like to go view this before the hearing. Mr. Wilde suggested having a Township Trustee come in and explain this since the drawing attached to the petition was from 1838.

Airport Master Plan. Mr. Sparks sent an email requesting the signature of the Board, but Ms. Ziemba was not sure what it was for. Mr. Brady explained it was the master plan that they originally wanted to reject. Mr. Boose said he would sign whatever needed to be signed, as long as there was nothing in there that said the airport can never be closed. Mr. Brady said the master plan was basically developed to recognize that there were issues at the airport, such as obstructions. The master plan talks about shifting the runway to the west. But it does not commit to anything. The FAA will not fund anything down the road if it does not appear in the ALP and the master plan. Mr. Boose would like someone to be present to answer questions before he signs anything. Mr. Brady will talk to the consultants and see if they can come in. Ms. Ziemba will schedule Mr. Sparks also.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

<u>051/Real Estate Assessment</u>. Mr. Boose did not think they had any choice in this. Ms. Ziemba agreed, saying it was not their account.

<u>052/Jail Housing</u>. Ms. Ziemba explained that number was pretty much given to them on the budget sheet. It had been dropped to \$20,000. Mr. Boose explained to Mr. Brady this was when the County rents out space in our jail.

<u>025/Economic Development</u>. HCDC had been reduced from \$47,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Boose would like to reduce it more to one-quarter of the original, down to \$11,750. Mr. Brady clarified that Mr. Boose wanted to fund them for the first quarter, and decide later what they want to do for final budget. Mr. Wilde would prefer to keep it at \$47,000. Mr. Brady said he agreed with Mr. Boose. Ms. Ziemba said Firelands Forward was an approved contract amount of \$50,000. Norwalk Economic Development was \$5,000. This put the account at \$66,750.

Mr. Boose asked what account they had put money for transportation for Senior Services. Ms. Ziemba said they had already moved money into $\underline{040}$. Mr. Boose clarified this was not money for Senior Services, it was for transportation. He would like to set aside another \$\$100,000 in case they need it to start up another form of transportation.

<u>021</u>. Mr. Boose wanted to round-up the amount for the four new Sheriff's vehicles to \$210,000. This was with the understanding that they would not need any more cars for any new people.

Discussion regarding <u>Other Miscellaneous</u>, which was at \$350,000. The scanning project was \$50,000. Mr. Boose asked if they wanted to put money in for the two pieces of equipment the Treasurer's office may need to replace. Ms. Ziemba said the Jaguar scanner was \$2,710 plus \$395 annually. The cash discriminator was \$2,889, with \$395 annually. It was agreed to put \$6,000 in for those.

Mr. Boose said sooner or later they would have to do something about the jail trash that was going into the City sewer. After discussion the Board decided to set aside 50,000 in <u>021/Capital Improvements –</u> <u>0200/Equipment</u> for a grinder for this purpose. He asked if there was anything else that should go in the Equipment line. Ms. Ziemba thought some of the items for the new data center should go in there. It was decided to put \$100,000 in for the data center. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Riedy had also mentioned a phone system update, but she thought this could go in <u>Other Expenses</u>. Mr. Boose suggested putting \$25,000 in <u>Equipment</u> for any phone system updates.

Ms. Ziemba reviewed at the requests. Juvenile Court had requested an additional \$500 in both Juvenile Court and Probate to cover the cost of postage. They had not added it in, it was a request for final budget. Mr. Boose said they would decide on that later.

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Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Harris with Juvenile Court had requested door locks and swing gates at the Courthouse. This had not been addressed by Mr. Mushett or the Judge. The estimate Ms. Harris had provided was \$47,409. Mr. Boose wanted to put \$50,000 in **Equipment**.

Ms. Ziemba continued with requests. The Prosecutors office would like to replace four computers at \$1,350 each. They had included this in their budget. Mr. Boose said he would like any technology purchases to be put in with Commissioner funds so they could be tracked. He would like to take it out of their budget and put \$6,000 in the Commissioners.

Mr. Boose decided the money for the phone system should be put in <u>Other</u> as Ms. Ziemba had originally suggested.

Ms. Ziemba had another request from the Prosecutor to increase their Supplies to offset the increase in supplies and postage meter. Public Defender had an increase in salary; Recorder – longevity; Sheriff - jail radios estimated at \$35,000. The Sheriff also had a request of \$10,000 for jail buttons for sink and toilet upgrades in two pods. Mr. Boose would like to put in \$20,000 to do all four pods.

Additionally, the Sheriff's office had requested a wall removal for location of body scanners. Mr. Boose said they had to do this, they had no choice. It should go under **<u>Permanent Improvement</u>**, or the **<u>Jail Permanent</u> <u>Improvement</u>** account. Mr. Boose would like to put it in <u>315</u>. If they have to add money they will.

Ms. Ziemba had a list of things they had mentioned in different meetings. This included: carpet at JFS. Scanning the old records – she assumed they were leaving this at \$50,000. Ms. Ziemba was requesting blinds for Meeting Room C and a couple other rooms. Mr. Boose would like to set aside \$10,000 in <u>021/Other</u> Expenses for blinds for the Administration building.

Ms. Ziemba had looked up <u>315/Jail Permanent Improvement</u> line. It had \$22,691 in it. She said if they needed to do this project now, they could. It will cost more to do next year.

Replace recessed lights at Recorder's office. Mr. Boose thought this was more of a <u>Permanent</u> <u>Improvement</u>, The entire fixtures will need to be replaced. Discussion on options for the Recorders office lighting. Mr. Boose also suggested they put in the budget every year to paint part of the Recorders' office.

Mr. Welch had an estimate for HVAC for this building. He said it would be about \$100,000. He was working on estimates for other buildings. Mr. Boose would like to put \$100,000 in <u>Permanent Improvement/310.</u>

Ms. Ziemba said she added two projects to <u>**Permanent Improvement**</u>. She thought they should earmark them in <u>099</u> before transferring into <u>310</u>. She asked if they had a dollar amount for the recessed lighting at the Recorder's office. After discussion it was decided to put in \$75,000.

Ms. Ziemba noted that the two account lines in <u>021/Capital Improvements</u> added up to \$562,000. Everyone agreed to round it up to \$600,000.

Mr. Boose would like to plan on discussing <u>099</u> and <u>041</u> on Thursday.

At 2:03 p.m. 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 November 16, 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 2:03 p.m.

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