

	041	00572	001	\$8,450.00		006	00125	001	\$8,320.00
	Contingencies –transfers					Prosecutor - Employee Salaries			
						006	00460	001	\$130.00
						Prosecutor - Medicare			

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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

21-362

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, there is a shortage in the Victims’ Assistance, Fund-A #183, salary and benefits lines due to a continued decline in the VOCA Grant awards; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has requested additional funding in the amount of \$11,220.00 to rectify the shortage through December 31, 2021; 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 a one-time transfer of funds, to meet the immediate need in the Victims’ Assistance Fund #183 through December 31, 2021, and authorizes the transfer of moneys from Transfer Out Fund #099-00600-001 in the amount of \$11,220.00 to the VOCA Grant Fund-A #183-10600-183; 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

21-363

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JANSSEN/JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Huron County, Ohio has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with the Proposed Settlement ; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement, on behalf of Huron County, Ohio, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU. 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 said this settlement would take place over 9 years. Huron County would be getting somewhere between \$118,000 and \$169,000. It was still unknown if it would be a lump sum payment or if it would be spread over the 9-year term. This resolution formalized the County’s acceptance of the settlement proposal.

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

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

21-364

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FOR THE POSITION OF CUSTODIAL WORKER, A PERMANENT, FULL TIME, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE FOR THE HURON COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, AND COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME/OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 710, CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE UNIT.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Custodial Worker as a permanent, full time, classified employee for the Huron County Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted and advertised in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policies Handbook, and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Director of Operations, recommends hiring James Viars for the position of Custodial Worker, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of James Viars to the position of Custodial Worker, effective November 29, 2021, at the starting rate of \$11.60 per hour, with an increase of 50 cents per hour, upon successful completion of a 120 calendar-day probationary period, contingent upon successful pre-employment physical, drug test and background checks; and further

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

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

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

At 9:30 a.m. Tacy Bond, 9-1-1 Coordinator. Ms. Bond came before the Board to request signatures on the 9-1-1 Grant close-out. She stated there will be close out paperwork for the Eventide Recorder System coming in the near future. These need to be submitted to the State by the end of December but she would prefer to get them in earlier in case they require any corrections.

At 9:41 a.m. John McClafin, Clarksfield Township Trustee. Mr. McClafin was in regarding the petition to vacate right-of-ways. He explained the right-of-ways were located near the Seventh Day Adventist school. They had been platted in 1834, but had never been developed. They were grass, you didn't even know they were there. Mr. Strickler pointed out that there was one that had never been transferred from the Plat as recorded to the Tax Map. In order to keep the County's records straight and correct they also needed to vacate that one. That was the reason they had attached the original plat to the vacation resolution. Mr. McClafin had provided Ms. Ziemba the property record cards of the adjacent owners. He explained the original owner paid cash, so there had not been a title search. The lady who was now purchasing it had sold her house, but was unable to get a bank loan because of this situation. Mr. Boose pointed out the problem was with the timing and the holidays. Ms. Ziemba thought she had it laid out. The hearing could be held December 21, which would provide the time required to notify the adjacent property owners. Ms. Ziemba noted that the descriptions were a little different. Mr. Strickler said he worked on them with Mr. Damm from the Engineer's office. They both thought they complied with ORC.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - None

SIGNINGS - None

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilde called the appraiser and the process has been started. Ms. Ziemba will send a letter to formally engage his services.

The Board addressed an email between the contractor for the JFS roof, architect, and Mr. Welch. Contractor wants to store supplies in the west parking lot. Mr. Boose stated he was okay with storing up to two weeks before the start of the project and up to two weeks after completion of the project. County should not be liable for the product stored on the property. Should be some discussion with Ms. Minor as to whether this would interfere with her business if the parking lot is not available or only partially available.

Bid process for courthouse ramp – make sure the project is done in warmer weather, not January.

Status of carpet at JFS. Last Ms. Ziemba knew they were picking out the color. She did not know if it had been ordered. Mr. Brady would like to put it in the budget next year to do it all and be done. Mr. Boose thought there needed to be a better process so that once they pass a project they get updated on it on a regular basis.

Mr. Wilde will attend Board of Revision on Monday. Mr. Boose thought he may want to bring the greenhouse issues in Lorain County to their attention. Huron County has some greenhouses in Celeryville.

Mr. Brady will participate in the Willard Christmas parade tomorrow.

Mr. Brady was working with the Airport consultant to schedule him in to an upcoming meeting.

WIOA meeting yesterday. Social media seems to be working. Mr. Boose did not think they were spending enough time on entry level jobs and small businesses.

At 10:15 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:40 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

Ms. Ziemba provided an update on the carpet at JFS. They will start installation the 2nd or 3rd week of December.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Ziemba provided an update on 2021 projects, and a list of the projects budgeted for 2022. She also had the lists of requests from all the departments and whether they had been addressed or not.

001/Commissioners. Mr. Boose stated they had gone through this in detail and that was the amount they had come up with, without the 1%. He did not see a need to make any changes.

002/Microfilm. The Recorder had indicated she had longevity, but Ms. Ziemba was not sure if it would come out of her Microfilm or Recorder budget. Mr. Boose would like to leave it where it was until they get more information.

Discussion regarding PERS for the Sheriff's office. This changes according to overtime and was all over the place. Mr. Boose was trying to budget a reasonable amount, but it was complicated.

003/Data Processing. This falls under the Auditor. He was not asking for any changes and Mr. Boose did not see any reason to change it.

Auditor. This only increased by the amount of his salary increase.

Treasurer. This went up by salary official also. Supplies had stayed the same, and Mr. Boose thought this was something that should be looked at in final budget.

Prosecutor. Elected official salary went up. They did not increase salary for employees. Ms. Ziemba said the budget included an increase in the Supply line to offset increases in supplies and postage meter. Mr. Boose would like to keep Supplies and Equipment the same as last year. After discussion it was decided to put zero in for Equipment. The computers would be paid for out of another account. Mr. Wilde noted that Supplies had been increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 to offset an increase in supply costs. Mr. Boose understood, but he wanted to challenge them to live with the same budget for supplies. He would prefer to discuss things like Contract Repairs during final budget. Currently at \$783,690.60.

Board of Revision. \$1,200 - No changes.

008/Common Pleas. No changes.

Common Pleas Jury. This was the same. Mr. Boose thought it was a total unknown, but not enough to worry about.

Common Pleas Adult Probation. Currently salaries are paid by the state.

011. They didn't spend any money this year.

Human Resources. They had already discussed this in detail. Ms. Ziemba asked if they wanted to pay Clemans & Nelson out of this account instead of **040**. After discussion it was decided to leave it in **040**.

Juvenile. Salary went down a little bit, this was based on population. Ms. Ziemba said they did not put in their budget, but both Juvenile and Probate they were requesting an additional \$500 to cover postage. **013** was also requesting an additional \$500 to cover the cost of increase in the number and cost of legal publications. Mr. Boose was okay with this.

Ms. Ziemba asked about **014**. Salary Employees went down quite a bit. She remembered that last year they had transferred money in because someone had retired. This was going back to their normal amount.

016. They did increase Supplies by \$500. The new number was \$204,328.

Clerk of Courts. There were some changes, but the total amount stayed the same. The Board was okay with it.

Coroner. They don't have a lot of control over this.

Muni Court. Mr. Boose thought they had questioned numbers once and had paid for it the whole year. It is what it is.

Board of Elections. Mr. Boose thought Salary Employees should be like everybody else, exactly what it was last year. Discussion regarding how their salary was calculated. Final number, including the \$62,000 to pay for the new equipment, came to \$559,292.

Capital Improvements. Mr. Boose wanted to leave this at \$600,000.

At 11:56 a.m. the board recessed.

At 12:04 p.m. the board resumed regular session with the Elected Official/Department Heads meeting.

Mr. Boose explained that Mr. Riedy wanted to talk to them about a data center. Ms. Hozalski would discuss the HR Personnel Policy manual update, as well as the snow policy update. But first, Mr. Boose had some miscellaneous items he wanted to discuss.

Mr. Boose said they were getting questions about the ARPA money. ARPA rules and regulations were extremely difficult and lengthy. Anybody requesting ARPA money needs to indicate exactly where in the ARPA Act it says the money can be used for that purpose. The Board does not know yet if they are going to hire someone to manage the funds, and the staff does not have time to do the research. Mr. Boose reiterated that the Board would need to know exactly how much money was being requested, what purpose it was for, and where in the Act it says that was an acceptable purpose.

Second, Mr. Boose said they have been getting a lot of last-minute requests for signature. As President of the Board he has determined they will not act on any contract, grant, or official business until at least five days after they receive it. He hoped this would continue into next year. He knows there are emergencies, but for the next month and a half it would have to be a dire emergency if it hadn't been received five days ahead of time. They have been receiving too many last-minute requests.

Third, Mr. Boose explained they were working on interim budget right now. They have heard from many elected officials and department heads that they would like to see larger than normal increases in salaries. The Board understood that. They know what has been going on in the labor market. However, the State determines benefits and the County has no control over them. And they give a lot of benefits. Mr. Boose thought they should really stress to the people they were hiring that the money may not be the best, but there were a lot of benefits with the job. The County was competitive if you look at everything.

Mr. Boose turned the meeting over to Mr. Riedy to talk about a big IT project. He stressed the County would need buy-in from the departments to make it work.

Mr. Riedy wanted to discuss building a data center. He explained this would be a central place for all departments to put their servers. The servers would be in their own self-contained environments and operate independently. He explained the benefits: A lot of the county servers would be aging out over the next few years. Each server costs between \$8,000 - \$10,000 and with the current situation, it could take three to four months to receive one. Mr. Boose wanted to talk about backups. Mr. Riedy said these would be virtual servers, which made it very easy to move them to another piece of hardware. The backups he recommended perform continual backups. Each backup would be sent off site daily, and would be tested monthly to make sure all data was protected. Additionally, every department could have a copy of their data. Mr. Boose asked about the security of the data. Mr. Riedy said the drives were self-encrypted; anything that goes in was instantly encrypted. Each department would have credentials in order to access the data. One department could not get into another department unless credentials were provided.

Discussion followed regarding what different departments were doing and what issues could come up. Mr. Boose wanted to talk in general. The Board wanted to know if this was something they thought would be beneficial, or if they did not want to do it. He asked the departments that had security concerns to do their homework and get back to them as soon as possible. Ms. Tkach said she was in favor of it, as it was vitally important that she be able to access records all the time. She had been planning toward disaster recovery and thought this was an opportunity to finish fulfilling that.

Lara Holzalski, HR- Personnel Policy Manual update. Ms. Holzalski informed everyone that the County had recently contracted with Clemans, Nelson to update the PPM. They will review and revise it. The ultimate goal was to have everyone in the County utilize one PPM. This would help ensure employees were all being treated equally. Right now, some departments used the County PPM, some had their own, and others used a hybrid. She asked that if a department had certain provisions that were not currently in the County PPM that they send them to her by the end of the year. She would have Clemans, Nelson review them for possible inclusion in the updated PPM. Mr. Boose noted that it was hard for a Human Resources department to take care of personnel issues when every department had a different PPM. If a department drifts away from the county policies, it will make it harder for HR to assist with personnel issues when they come up. He explained there were usually legal reasons for the policies they have.

Snow Policy. Ms. Ziemba stated that basically, the only change to the snow policy was that if a Level 3 were declared, the County buildings would automatically be closed. Mr. Mead would send notification out to the radio stations, newspapers, and to anybody signed up on WENS. Other than that, the policy was still the same. If a Level 2 were declared then Mr. Mead will talk to the Sheriff, Engineer, the Courts and Ms. Ziemba to determine if there should be a two-hour delay. After the two-hour delay it would be up to the elected official/department head if they want to open at 10:00 a.m., delay further, or close for the day.

Mr. Boose had to leave for his 1:00 p.m. phone call. Mr. Wilde took over the meeting. He asked if anyone had anything to add. There was no response, so he dismissed the meeting.

At 12:58 p.m. the board recessed

At 1:50 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

Buildings & Grounds. Mr. Boose thought they had discussed this enough. Everyone agreed to leave it where it was.

023/Sheriff. Salary Official could not be changed. Mr. Boose's suggestion for Salary Employees was to take last year's salary and multiply it by the 3.5% contract increase. They would use that number for interim budget - \$1,671,525. Salaries/Overtime would stay the same. Courthouse Security was fine. They decided to increase gasoline from the \$80,000. No information for Equipment, so Mr. Boose wanted to leave it at \$40,000. Contract Repairs, Mr. Boose wanted to keep this at \$80,000. If they were not adding employees, he wanted to keep Training at \$15,000. Discussion regarding Overtime. Mr. Boose asked if they had any idea how they were going to figure OPERs. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Bursley thought they would be close with this year's number. Mr. Boose said to take that number and increase it by 3.5%. Medicare was handled the same way.

The Board had taken over payment for the jail radios; the buttons for the jail sinks and toilets. The wall removal would come out of **315**. The Commissioners were paying for the four vehicles themselves. Budget was set at \$2,496,892.

Recorder. Mr. Boose noted she was asking for less than last year. He thought they should give her what she was asking.

Economic Development. They just discussed this on Tuesday. Mr. Brady confirmed that \$66,750 was accurate. Mr. Boose said that was what they decided two days ago.

EMA. They went over that Tuesday as well.

Public Defender. Mr. Boose noted he had not increased salaries, but definitely asked for more. He was one that said he was really having a hard time getting people. Mr. Boose calculated that the Public Defender was asking for an 8% raise for his employees. Mr. Wilde did not have a problem with it, saying he has always been behind the 8-ball. Mr. Boose did not want to give one department more than the others. He also reminded them that Public Defender attorneys can work on the side. After discussion and adjustments they came to \$478,859.00

OSU Extension. Mr. Boose asked if they gave us a new number. Ms. Ziemba thought they had requested more - \$190,300. The Board agreed this was okay.

Health and Welfare. The same.

Health and Vital Statistics. The same.

Children's Services. Mr. Boose said this hadn't gone up this year.

Mechanic. There were two lines. Salary went up by contract; the other line was Supplies. The increase in Supplies was needed.

Veterans. This was given to them.

Public Assistance. Mr. Boose thought this number was given to them by Job & Family Services.

036. Salary officials stayed the same. Mr. Boose wanted to take last year's number for Salary Employees and increase it by the 3.5% contract amount. He asked to see what they had spent from that account so far. After review and accounting for the big payment at the end of they year, Mr. Boose wanted to leave it at close to the number requested (\$1,918,904.49), rounded down a bit - \$1,918,900. Ms. Ziemba ran through the items that had been purchased from the Equipment line. Mr. Boose wanted to take \$10,000 off since most of the items they were purchasing were being paid for by the Board. Contract Repairs was down, so Mr. Boose was okay with it. He wanted to increase last year's OPERS and Medicare numbers by the 3.5%. Other Expenses and Hospitalization was okay. Mr. Boose wanted to take Electric up to \$80,000. Interim budget set at \$3,742,673.

Soil & Water. Stays the same.

Fair Board. Stays the same. Mr. Boose asked if internet and funds for a building were included as 2022 projects for the Fair Board. Ms. Ziemba said it was on the list to consider, it was not budgeted anywhere.

Insurance and Taxes. Mr. Boose thought they already went through that.

Miscellaneous. They already went through that.

Contingencies. Mr. Boose said they will see where they are at.

Inspections. Stays the same.

Ditches. Stays the same.

Airport. Stays the same. Mr. Boose noted there was a bill that had passed that allowed the Prosecutor to be the airport attorney. Mr. Brady said it has always been that way, but it was up to the prosecuting attorney whether they wanted to represent the entity or not. Our prosecuting attorney had chosen not to. Mr. Boose suggested taking \$10,000 out of the Prosecutor's budget. This was the amount set aside for legal fees for the Airport. Mr. Brady thought they should talk to the Prosecutor to find out why he didn't want to represent them. But it was something he was not opposed to in final budget.

County Planning. Zero.

IT Department. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she was comfortable with \$249,540. She said had checked the numbers and was comfortable. Mr. Boose asked if it included money for the data center. Ms. Ziemba said they had put that in **021**. The IT budget did not include any of the projects he had submitted.

Real Estate Assessment. The Board has no choice in this - \$95,143.

Jail Housing. That was given to them by the Auditor's office.

Mr. Boose said all that was left to discuss was **099** and **Contingencies**. Ms. Ziemba indicated the total so far came to \$19,845,061.60. That left \$3,080,781.

Ms. Ziemba noted they keep skipping the section in red on the Veteran's budget. They had not budgeted anything for CORSA Insurance. She will ask them if they have come up with a number.

At 2:50 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 18, 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 2:50 p.m.

Signatures on File