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 February 15, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

22-064

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE **HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:**

Terry Boose 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 332462 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to check with Mr. Reidy to see if he can get a better price on the Microsoft renewals. Also, to check with Mr. Mead on the payments to Resource Solutions. Would like a breakdown of what is being done. What is the expected cost and how many more invoices are expected?

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

22-065

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT - PHASE 1 (HUR-CR VAR-PM-FY2022; PID 113804)

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funds for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project – Phase 1 and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for said project;

and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project – Phase 1; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: 100% federal grant. These are direct pay grants from Ohio Public Works to the contractor.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of March 25, 2022 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 1. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than October 31, 2022.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to http://www.hccommissioners.com and clicking on the "Legal Notices" link or http://www.huroncountyengineer.org and clicking on the "Bid Information" link.

Advertise: March 3, 2022 March 10, 2022

22-066

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT - PHASE 2.

Harry Brady moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested that bids be received for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to publicly advertise for bids for said material and the Board has been presented with the proposed legal advertisement for review; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested that the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 be waived for said bids and in its stead a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be required;

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board of County Commissioners, by a unanimous vote of the entire board, may permit a contracting authority to exempt a bid from any or all of the requirements of O.R.C. §153.54;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the legal advertisement as attached hereto and further, authorize the advertisement for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2 for the Huron County Engineer; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the necessary publication of notice of bids will be in the Norwalk Reflector and will be posted on the Huron County Website at http://www.hccommissioners.com and is accessible by clicking on Legal Notices;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that bids for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2 will be received until 8:59 a.m. on March 18, 2022 in the office of the Huron County Commissioners at 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio, 44857. Said bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 A.M.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids;

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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion. 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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, March 18, 2022 until **8:59** a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following project: Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to http://www.hccommissioners.com/ and clicking on the "Legal Notices" link or http://huroncountyengineer.org and clicking on the "Bid Information" link.

Advertise: March 3, 2022

Mr. Boose said that at yesterday's CCAO committee meeting he was told the state was putting together a committee to study the best way to fund infrastructure. Senator Huffman has a bill to reduce the gas tax. The committee will meet 7 times over 18 months. They are looking for a representative from the commissioners and Mr. Boose is going to put his name in for the committee.

It was discussed that the gas tax is an easy was to collect money for infrastructure. Mr. Boose stated that most local entity's in Ohio feel they are underfunded for infrastructure. Mr. Tansey stated that there is not an inflationary factor built in to any of the funding. They are doing less projects for the same funding, because the prices are going up. Would like to see an inflationary factor built in to funding.

Mr. Tansey would like to make a request to be reimbursed by ARPA for the lost gas tax revenue during COVID. He has all the numbers from the State.

22-067

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MARCH 1, 2022

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$1,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

EMA Hazmat #197

Atlantic Emergency Solutions (2) Sensit Gold G2 4-gas meters

\$3.870.00

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above;

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: One is for Trailer, other for vehicle. These are to detect whether certain gases are present at an emergency and a backup to verify gas meters are reading correctly.

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

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

22-068

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF THE 2022 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM (LAEPP) APPLICATION BEING SUBMITTED BY WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY FOR THE TIM MOSS FARM IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Huron County received a request for support for the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) application being submitted to the State of Ohio by Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the purchase of an agricultural easement on the Tim Moss farm in Greenwich Township, Huron County;

WHEREAS, preservation of the approximately 131.7-acre Moss farm would further Huron County's farmland preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Moss farm is adjacent to two previously LAEPP funded farms;

and

WHEREAS, Western Reserve Land Conservancy is a Certified Local Sponsor for the State of Ohio's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP); now further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Huron County supports the above application.

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

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

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

*Applicant on file

22-069

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lara Hozalski has asked for approval to hold membership in the County Loss Control Coordinators Association and Brenda Milks as an Associate Member in the amount of \$175.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes that membership in this organization would be beneficial; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lara Hozalski is hereby endorsed for membership and Brenda Milks as an associate member in the above listed association; 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.

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

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

22-070

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FOR THE POSITION OF TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, A FULL- TIME, CLASSIFIED POSITION FOR THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, AND COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME/OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 3764

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire an Equipment Operator as a full-time, classified employee for the Huron County Transfer Station, Solid Waste District; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policies Manual and AFSCME/OHIO Council 8 Local 3764 union contract; and

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Chad Sweet was deemed to be the most qualified applicant;

and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Director of Operations recommends the hiring of Chad Sweet to the position of Equipment Operator; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the hiring of Chad Sweet to the position of Equipment Operator beginning March 14, 2022 at the rate of \$18.75 per hour;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Sweet shall serve a one-year probationary period in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and after a positive evaluation will receive a fifty cent (\$.50) increase per hour; 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.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Harry Brady moved to approve the following travel request this day. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Roland Tkach, Megan Bursley-Auditor-Toledo-Northwest District CAAO Meeting- February 25, 2022 Roland Tkach-Auditor, Ken Rospert, Bill Kalf-Perrysburg-20th Annual State of the Region- March 07, 2022 Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Vickie Ziemba -Commissioners Office- Ravenna-NE Ohio Commissioner Association-Tour of Camp James A. Garfield-March 09, 2022 Jan Tkach-Recorder-Dublin-Spring C.E.- April 18-19, 2022

SIGNINGS-None

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Review of upcoming meetings:

Enrichment services
CCAO tax and finance committee meeting
Greater Ohio workforce meeting
Airport attorney
Transportation – Ottawa county
Veteran service commission meeting
Norwalk TIRC – Thursday@3
4H Banquet Monday @ 6 p.m.
Bellevue TIRC Thursday 10th
Friday 11th Erie Basin
Township Assoc dinner 10th
TIRC Willard 16th @ 10 a.m.

Mr. Boose brought up the subject of transportation; we have money in the budget for transportation. Mr. Boose stated that the more we get in to transportation, the more complicated it is getting. Do we need to hire a consultant or a Transportation Director? Senior Enrichment Services is already applying for money for next year. Many different agencies with transportation need and funds; each of them different. Mr. Brady will run this by Tim Bergman.

Mr. Brady spoke with Pat DeWine; who wanted to meet with Huron County Law Enforcement Officers. Mr. Brady helped him to set this up. They met with Judge Weisenberger, Chief Shannon from Willard, Ottawa County Sheriff, Erie County Sheriff, Lorain County Sheriff, a couple of deputies at Sherry's. They discussed bail reform and other common issues.

At 9:50 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:02 a.m. the board resumed regular session with <u>John Cheatham, Steve Nero - SAFEbuilt, Bob Kurtz</u> (SAFEbuilt Building Official for Sandusky Co.)

Started by going around the room with each person introducing themselves. Randy Strickler- Chief Civil Asst. Prosecutor for Huron County, Dave Light-Mayor Norwalk, Lisa Hivnor – Exec Admin. Asst. City of Norwalk, Trish Summers -Village of Wakeman, John Chapin-Village of New London, Jamie Burton-Village of Plymouth, Cassandra Fryman-Mayor-Village of Plymouth, Patricia Didion- Resident, Vicki Ziemba-Administrator/Clerk HC Commissioners, Cherise Webb-Clerical Assistant-HC Commissioners, Harry Brady-HC Commissioner, Terry Boose-HC Commissioner, James Pomerich- City of Willard, Tom Gray-Village of Monroeville, Aaron Osborn -City of Norwalk-Public Works, Kelly Lippus- Chamber of Commerce, Madeline Roche-Norwalk Ohio News.

Mr. Nero said that SAFEbuilt is a nationwide firm for Building Department Services and other Community Development Services for over 3 decades. They are in over 1,500 communities nationwide; 65 of them in Ohio. Hire quality leadership.

Mr. Nero stated that a lot of communities do not have their own Building Departments. They have come to SAFEbuilt because they want to keep things local and provide their residents a better level of service. A good thing to highlight and maybe tie to ARPA funds is; Sandusky county approached SAFEbuilt because they did not have a building department, software or infrastructure in place, so they wanted to leverage what SAFEbuilt provides with one of their software entities called Community Corp. They could use the software to manage the whole department, internally with employees and externally with customers.

SAFEbuilt helps give Building Department services to communities that could not offer this service. They offer online applications and status. They manage the whole Building Department for Sandusky County, from the Building Official all they way down. They handle all trade inspections and plan reviews, will also customize the services to each community.

SAFEbuilt Ohio is an individually run entity and all of its employees are local; with close to 70 employees in Ohio.

Mr. Cheatham stated that everything is contractual. Commercial Plan reviews are responded to in 10-14 days depending on size. 95% would be 10 days, only very large projects would take 14 days for first responses. Second responses are a little quicker. They meet and exceed these times every day. Residential plan reviews are 3 to 5 days. Inspections are decided by contract across the state and are usually 3 to 4 days. When it is called in, you get the inspection the next day. All inspectors are local to Ohio.

Customer Service is their mantra, do not try to find something wrong, they look at ways to keep things moving; to pass things within the codes of Ohio and the approved plans which have gone thru plan review.

Don't charge re-inspection fees anywhere in Ohio.

SAFEbuilt does not have a fee schedule. The County Commissioners or City Officials would adopt their own fee schedule. If they did not have one, SAFEbuilt would recommend that we use the same as Sandusky County. Would help with the adoption of the fee schedule.

SAFEbuilt software program is all up to date. A builder can look on their smart phone and see that an inspection took place. The building inspector puts results in computer right after inspection, so results are available immediately. Electronic plan review, but can take paper.

Mr. Wilde asked if the commissioners could do it for the whole county and was told yes. Mr. Strickler stated that we would have to set up our own building department. Mr. Cheatham said that SAFEbuilt would help with the forms and applications for the board of building standards. Every Village and City, on paper, has their own department. They would all have to sign an application. But, under enforcement and who's the building official, they would say the County of Huron. Then the County of Huron would name SAFEbuilt as enforcement.

Mr. Wilde asked them to name some local contractors that they have worked with already. Mr. Cheatham told him: Janotta & Herner, Tusing, Mosier and Zimmerman are larger ones that they have worked with in Sandusky County, and would expect to do work with in Huron County .

Mr. Brady likes the idea of this and that they talked about customer service. Mr. Brady asked who collects the fees and how are they distributed to individual entities. Mr. Cheatham told him there would be a permit tech, who would collect the fees wherever the application or plans are submitted. They would pay the tech after the plans or applications are reviewed. The check would be made out to Huron County and would go to County finance director. Once a month SAFEbuilt would invoice the county for the previous month. They use a percent of fee model. If the County has the agreement with SAFEbuilt then the Cities and Villages that sign up with the County would not get a percentage of the fees unless they had a separate agreement with the county. But even if the Cities or Villages do not get a percentage of the fees; they will get full code enforcement with no cost to them.

Mr. Boose said our current inspectors will take care of what has been asked of them, but then add more. He likes that with SAFEbuilt, they don't come in as law enforcement, but to help. Mr. Cheatham said that they are more teachers than police. Unless something is a threat, they don't try to find extra items to write up. They may voice to the individual or contractor an item that the person might want to fix before going to the next step. They try to work with the individuals or contractors to help.

Mr. Wilde introduced Mr. Kurtz and said that he would probably be our team leader if we go with SAFEbuilt and asked him to talk. Mr. Kurtz said that he would most likely be the person overseeing the building department here. Mr. Kurtz has been in code enforcement for 22 years. He started out as a general contractor and has been with governments for 21 years. He went to work for SAFEbuilt about a year ago. Best decision he ever made. Having been a contractor, he knew what it was like to have a bad inspector. It trained him to work with the customers.

Kelly Lippus asked if they would help the Cities and Villages with pre-construction or renovation questions. Mr. Cheatham said that they go out on preconstruction meetings. Will walk thru with individuals and let them know what is needed or not needed for code.

Mr. Wilde said that when a new business owner opens a restaurant and they don't know what is needed, then they are inspected only to be told all the items that need to be changed, it becomes a real problem. SAFEbuilt has full scale planning commission options.

James Pomerich asked if Sandusky County had both commercial and residential. John Cheatham told him that they only do commercial and industrial.

The fee schedule with Sandusky county is a 95-5 split. SAFEbuilt takes the 95 and it covers all of their costs. The County keeps the 5. The county does not subsidize. The fee schedules can be re-negotiated.

Sandusky County started with the commercial only and are hoping to add residential in the next few months. The fee schedule that was done for them had residential included in case they wanted to add it later or if just the city of Fremont or Bellevue, wanted to add it.

Mr. Nero said that they have one-year contracts, this gives them a chance to look at the activity for the year. With the software they use, they can see activity done to the permit level. So, they can adjust the percentage levels either way, if needed. The communities all own the data from the software.

Mr. Wilde asked if we were going to provide an office for SAFEbuilt. Mr. Nero said it would be beneficial if the County provided a small office for them to have someone here to process plans and permits.

This percent of fee gives SAFEbuilt the opportunity to adjust according to volume, where if you had a conventional building department, you would have to budget an amount, whether they were busy or slow. This can minimize the staffing liability. Mr. Wilde asked about coverage and was told that they can pull the needed people from another area if needed for coverage.

Mr. Wilde confirmed that the county was looking at commercial to begin with.

Tom Gray asked Mayor Light; since he has been involved with this from the onset. Where does the residential fall into this? What is the pathway to residential compliance? Mr. Light liked the fact that they were doing both, but would like to initially stick with commercial unless there was a need to go residential. Most Builders wanted to stay away from the residential stuff, but it is nice that it is available if they want it at a later date.

Mr. Wilde said that what we don't want to do, if someone is putting in a new kitchen faucet, we don't want them to go to building department. Mr. Cheatham said that the residential side was often a misconception. He said that some things are optional in the State of Ohio, so if you enforce residential in Ohio you don't necessarily have to enforce roofing, siding, window replacements or patios. As a county, each village and town or City are technically on paper their own department. So, If the county wanted to be commercial only, the City of Norwalk could still have residential and commercial if they wanted.

Mr. Gray asked what the communication protocol from SAFEbuilt to us. Mr. Nero answered that it was driven by us. Whatever each community wants. Each community can have a different set of check-ins. When certain things happen, certain people will be notified. Mr. Nero said that they will provide logins for leaders and staff to have access to information. The software has an automated report feature that they will turn on and they are customizable. Can be set to send out on specific time periods.

They work well with the community Fire Chiefs and involve them. You can call Mr. Kurtz about anything.

Aaron Osborn asked "Do most local entities have access to information in their jurisdiction?". He was told there will be one software platform, but each jurisdiction would have an individual login for their community. Dashboards are user friendly. They can choose who will have access. Inspectors have tablets with cellular connections, so the information is real-time. During the implementation period that will work with each entity to customize to their needs.

Mr. Kurtz stated that in Sandusky County, they do a quarterly meeting with the commissioners, which he attends. He said that he works closely with the fire departments and they sometimes do inspections together. Mr. Kurtz told them that they do the whole city of Bellevue, including the portion that is in Huron County.

James Pomerich asked if the permit tech would have building experience or were they mainly just entering the data. Mr. Cheatham told him that there was no state requirement for the permit tech to have building experience. There is a certification program that permit techs can go thru, which gives them almost the same certification as a residential building inspector, it is the same test. SAFEbuilt has a requirement that their permit techs have to go thru that program and become certified within a year of hire. This helps the permit tech to be able to answer some of the questions people have, instead of constantly calling the inspectors or building official if they are not certified.

James Pomerich asked if there would be regular office hours. Mr. Cheatham said there would be, but it would be worked out. Mr. Pomerich asked if they would establish an office in the southern part of the county or would they have to drive to Norwalk. Mr. Cheatham told him that could be negotiated. They could also look at the volume in each area to determine amount of time in each area. May also add 2 permit techs if needed.

Mr. Pomerich asked if SAFEbuilt relies on the cities and villages to report to them if someone is doing a renovation or rehab without a permit or if SAFEbuilt drives around occasionally to check on this. Mr. Cheatham told him both; he told him they encourage people to call to report when there is no permit.

Mr. Cheatham also said that the inspectors know that they should keep an eye out for this when they are driving to inspections. Mr. Cheatham said that the number one source is next door neighbors.

Randy Strickler said that they keep mentioning the international code and asked if SAFEbuilt was enforcing International code or Ohio basic building code.

Mr. Cheatham said that it was not an option, they had to enforce the Ohio codes.

Mr. Brady asked if it was possible to do a partial residential because you have some homeowners trying to do things which they do not know how to do. Mr. Cheatham told him that it was not an option, the State of Ohio dictates that you enforce the full residential code or no residential code. Some things are optional in the code such as windows and roofing, but other items are not optional. The code is specific.

Mr. Cheatham stated that the ISO insurance ratings for the area would go down if we enforce residential building codes.

At 10:57 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:00 a.m. the board resumed regular session with <u>Interviews of Consultants for ARPA Professional Services.</u>

Bricker & Eckler Interview. Shannon Martin, partner with Bricker & Eckler in Dayton Office.

- -ARPA Team grew out of the Cares Act. ARPA team: Jeff Harris, Katelyn Langfit (initial) Shawn Laymen (procurement rules)
- -They structure themselves with a cross disciplinary team and pull in the right person for the situation.
- -They work in two ways; general guidance and special projects.
- -General Guidance being: Is this Eligible? Can I spend it on this? When you need something from them in writing for audit file.
- -Special projects include procurement projects or Subrecipients where you want to make sure you have a good agreement. They can help with the implementation of these projects.
- -Fee schedule general guidance billable hours 240 340 400 blended rate of \$300
- -Shannon is point person and copy Katelyn and assistant. Asking for 2-week turnaround if not a rush. Also, can answer a quick question on the phone, but e-mail preferred contact.
- -Guidance for this area is around 5 10,000. Ideas of projects broadband infrastructure may have more detail and cost more.
- -ARPA vs State Grant money. Recommends the hourly approach for general guidance, if you get into a project like that, they could give us a fixed fee or tell us in advance what they estimate.
- -Reporting is supposed to be very user friendly. Those that have done it already have reported success with it, but they can walk us through it.
- -If we were going to take the 10 million from ARPA then a resolution needs to be passed and she has it ready. She wanted to know how to utilize it.
- -Ms. Martin stated that they had template resolutions that they suggest, like to be able to look back and say this is why we thought you had the authority to do that and put the citation right in there; the road map is spelled out.
- -They have resources for us and depending on the project, they could site eligibility language for that.
- -They can help with fund accounting.
- -Building a senior center
- -Engineer revenue replacement
- -Other grants are available that can be used to supplement ARPA dollars? something that they do. It is good to figure out where you can leverage your funding sources with other funding sources to get a bigger bang for your buck. They are doing this for the customers.
- -Under ARPA final Rule, they impose a requirement if you are using it in the final bucket for infrastructure.
- -With broadband the providers who use the infrastructure are participating in the affordability programs. There is a lot of nuance with how you are going to marry up your use of ARPA dollars with the state funded programs, the ISD's and understanding that you are still a public entity, so, there is an overlay of your procurement regulations and how you spend your funds that tie into that.

The commissioners thanked her and told her that they would make the selection by March 08, 2022

Montrose Group Interview

Dave Robinson, principal and founder, previously worked for 2 large law firms in Columbus

Jamie Beier Grant -Director of Economic development planning. Ran Ottawa County Economic Development Group for 16 years.

- -Group does economic development planning, corporate site location work for companies and lobbying.
- -Build partnerships to get economic development done.
- -Active in rural economic development. They are a multi-disciplinary team and involve a lawyer, economic development professionals, real estate professionals, insurance consulting firms, commercial brokers and all sorts of local government officials.
- -ARPA- US. Treasury issued final rules are very flexible and provide a broad application as to how the ARPA dollars can be used at the local level. Broadband and Water & Sewer infrastructure are eligible, as well as different types of economic development programing around supporting businesses that have been adversely affected by pandemic.
- -Can help look at using ARPA dollars to help businesses that can demonstrate a negative impact from COVID. Also, the government services could be expanded to look at access to transportation or workforce development skills and training.
- -Can help prioritize projects within Huron County, to utilize the one-time money, but also figure out how to fund the project or initiative fully by using other programs at the local, state or federal level? Projects that are going to reap continuous economic benefit for the county.
- -Have a list of funding that is out there and we can take advantage.
- -Stakeholders need to be involved, to get feedback, develop partnerships and discover if several groups are talking about the same thing.
- -They will handle all the process and help with reporting
- -They like to use similar projects as others, but will look at other projects.
- -Conservative when dealing with federal grants, but can help utilize all funding sources.

- -Can tell us; here is what the rules say, it's our belief you can do it and here are examples of its use.
- -Put together a Huron County Team to identify priorities by listening to the stakeholders in the community.
- -Once prioritized, then we bring in programs, that menu that Dave was talking about, to say ok, here is how we think that we can implement each of these top priorities. Then will help with going thru and getting or requesting those dollars to make a project whole or complete.
- -Nate Green on the team has a tremendous amount of experience in public finance. Will look at every priority project and tell us what projects and programs they can bring to this initiative to get it off the ground and running.
- -How many hours would they be able to devote to county-they didn't think of it in terms of hours.
- -They have clients that they do hourly work for and could get us a breakdown.

The commissioners thanked them and told them that they would make the selection by March 08, 2022

McDonald Hopkins Interview

Amanda Gordon

Kevin Butler -Law Director of Brooklyn, OH

- -Understanding of communities and use of ARPA
- -Developing processes for communities, make memos that establish why and how the use of funds will suffice under ARPA.
- -Able to help with additional funding to supplement ARPA Funds. Will throw out ideas.
- -Ms. Gordon and Mr. Butler will be the ones working with us, but they do have other people they can call in if needed for certain items.
- -Counties want to know if they can us funds for revolving loan funds for economic development projects, but Treasury's guidance on this is not yet complete.
- -Help communities to establish or revise procurement policies. Developing procurement checklists and documents that are vetted for use by clients. Will continue to watch guidance and adjust them.
- -Will focus on helping us with budgets. Will stand behind us and help us leverage the funds.
- -Have extensive broadband experience.
- -Have advised some communities with respect to lost revenue and been able to employ some strategies to utilize money.
- -Are we coming to them with our ideas and asking for confirmation or are we asking them for ideas? A little of both. They can share their experience form helping other communities.
- -Will help with planning process prioritizing
- -Can pay their fees with ARPA money because we are following the procurement process to hire them.
- -Fees- hourly billed monthly. 350 425, they are flexible with how they structure their fees. Will work with a budget. Some things can be flat rate, such as bonds.
- -Have an industry leader with broadband who can help utilize dollars from all sources. Can help to utilize dollars for other items as well.

The commissioners thanked them and told them that they would make the selection by March 08, 2022

At 12:48 p.m. the board recessed.

At 1:20 p.m. the board resumed regular session.

SAFEbuilt discussion:

Mr. Brady asked what was the next step in getting SAFEbuilt here. Mr. Wilde stated that he asked Lisa Hivnor from the City of Norwalk to survey after the commissioners left the SAFEbuilt meeting. Mr. Wilde believed that North Fairfield and Greenwich were the only two communities that were missing from the meeting. He thought it was unanimous, but will find out from Ms. Hivnor.

Plymouth is not sure if they would be in Richland or Huron County. We need to find out if we do in fact have some type of agreement with them, then have Mr. Strickler take a look to see if we have to do something. Mr. Wilde asked if we had looked for an agreement with Richland. Ms. Ziemba stated that she could get it if they wanted her to, but no one had asked her for it. Mr. Wilde thought that would be the next step. Then we would need to put a smaller group together, if that is the way the villages, cities and county wants to go.

Ms. Ziemba asked how expensive this was? Mr. Wilde stated that from his understanding, there was no financial except for possibly a room for them to work. Will check on this.

Mr. Strickler liked them, but had a suggestion. He said that Richland County had a new person running the Building Department and she had not been up here because of COVID. He suggested talking to her in person before doing anything.

Mr. Wilde has heard recently that Richland County tells people that they will get there when they can, not in 1 or 3 days. Mr. Strickler stated that he thought if SAFEbuilt can deliver on what they told us, then they would be great. Mr. Strickler asked if we had talked to Sandusky County.

Mr. Wilde said that he had and that everything was great. They told him everything is done quickly.

Lisa Hivnor was going find out what the community's thoughts were on the presentation. We will get the responses from Ms. Hivnor or call each of them. Mr. Wilde may then have a conversation with them to see of there are any upfront costs, he did not remember hearing that there were any. Ms. Ziemba asked if this would basically be like having a county wide Building Department, versus each jurisdiction having their own. The commissioners said yes.

Mr. Boose asked if anybody had contacted Janotta & Herner or Tusing or other contractors to find out how they liked SAFEbuilt? Mr. Wilde said that Mr. Penza from Janotta & Herner and Mr. Weisenberger from Tusing told him that they had used SAFEbuilt and did not have any issues with them. Janotta & Herner told Mr. Wilde that they didn't always have an issue with Richland County, but Mr. Wilde said that a lot of other smaller contractors did have problems with Richland County.

ARPA Consultant Review

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba and Ms. Webb what they needed from the consultant. Ms. Ziemba told him after the projects are decided, and if the project qualifies for the ARPA funds; what are the steps and processes to get the project completed. Does it need an RFP or need to be bid? What are all of the federal and or state requirements. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she was more comfortable with any certain firm as far as reporting. She said no, that she was trying to visualize how we would be doing the reports. The commissioners asked her if there was any group that she felt more comfortable with. She told them that she felt the best about the last group which was McDonald Hopkins.

Mr. Wilde told them that Brickler and Eckler has a group to do those things for them. Ms. Ziemba said she liked Brickler and Eckler for their knowledge and their work with Cares Act and ARPA. She feels they will be more like a true consultant and get the answers for your questions. Ms. Ziemba thought that McDonald Hopkins would be more hands on for the process.

Mr. Wilde thought Brickler & Eckler was more cut and dried. Must e-mail them and they will get back with us. He felt that they would do they job, but he didn't know if you would build a relationship, although they will give you the right answers. Mr. Boose thinks Brickler & Eckler have a lot more expertise in legal and financial, and the resources they have could provide that. He felt that Bricker and Eckler had a more formal process. Mr. Wilde said that he would not choose Bricker & Eckler.

Mr. Brady said initially, Bricker & Eckler were his number one pick and he agrees that they had the technical expertise. Mr. Brady felt the Montrose group would be good if you were looking at economic development and McDonald Hopkins was not as good as Bricker & Eckler in their professional image, but liked McDonald Hopkins personalities and their accessibility. Mr. Brady felt that all three groups could do whatever we need them to do, so whomever Ms. Ziemba and Ms. Webb are comfortable with, he would go with, because they will be working with them in a different aspect then the commissioners.

The commissioners discussed the rates the firms were charging and that Brickler and Eckler was probably using a partner, an associate and paralegal or legal assistant in order to get a lower blended rate of \$300.00 per hour. McDonald Hopkins rates were \$350.00 to \$425.00 per hour negotiable. Mr. Boose finds it hard to believe that Brickler and Eckler isn't by far the highest. He did not see them wanting to participate in what we were doing, when told 5 to 10 thousand dollars would do it. Mr. Boose felt we would need more consulting work than that.

Mr. Brady stated, Ms. Martin said that they use more entry level attorney's and her assistant to write things up, then give it to a senior attorney to go over. Mr. Boose said that this was typical for that type of firm and for accounting firms.

Mr. Boose liked that the Montrose group asked if we wanted to spend money to do things now, or do you want to do things that are going to set you up for the future.

Mr. Wilde said he did not know what those things are and he thought we had four projects. He worries about spending a lot of time. Mr. Boose said that he would look at Montrose as an investment in the future and the other two groups as helping to figure out how to spend the money.

Mr. Wilde asked him what he thought Montrose could do, that we don't know. Mr. Boose felt that there of ways of investing the money and ways of spending the money and that's the difference he saw in the last two.

Mr. Brady said that Montrose was looking at spending \$145,000 a year. They would be the max. He thought they had some great economic development ideas, but he felt that the staff preferred McDonald Hopkins and we might not need to spend as much with McDonald Hopkins as with Montrose. He felt that having to put together a stakeholder group as Montrose indicated, would make things more complicated. Mr. Boose said that he thought Montrose said the stakeholder group was something that we could do, but not have to do. He would feel comfortable working with Ms. Beier Grant. Mr. Wilde liked her as well.

Mr. Strickler's view of the 3 firms is that Bricker & Eckler would do an excellent job, but felt they were not in it to build a relationship for the future.

Montrose did not have a focus on the use of ARPA funds, they mainly talked about economic development. McDonald Hopkins is his favorite because they focused on wanting to help and give a written legal opinion.

Ms. Webb felt that Brickler & Eckler were financial advisors. Montrose group are project managers and will make our projects grow. McDonald Hopkins is a combination of both, they focus on ARPA and getting it done right, not as much project management, but are there to help if needed.

Discussed procurement policy and that we need one for an audit right now. Ms. Ziemba like McDonald Hopkins because we would tell them what projects we wanted to do, they could review to see which are eligible for ARPA, then prioritize.

Mr. Wilde highlighted some comments from the Montrose group; defining the legally permitted uses of ARPA Funds, Develop Broadband infrastructure deployment strategy, develop transportation and water & sewer infrastructure deployment strategy. They also listed they would do administrative support for ARPA reporting. He felt those hit most items that we were looking at, except the building. There was a timeframe for everything. He liked both the Montrose group and McDonald Hopkins.

It was decided to wait to vote on a consultant until Thursday, March 03, 2022

Mr. Boose asked where we stood on the fairground's internet project. Mr. Strickler said that Joel had just emailed him because he had made some changes to the contract. NCW wants 15% for unexpected costs. Mr. Strickler stated that we are not allowed to go above 10% over the bid. Will iron out contract and review with fair board. Mr. Boose wants to verify that we have everything we need to get this started.

Budget Work Session

IT room

021 Capital Improvements

00200 Equipment	\$430,000.00
• 00557 Other Expenses	\$235,000.00
040 Miscellaneous	\$350,000.00
099 Transfer Out	
• 00600 Transfer	\$3,776,685,00

• 00650 Retirements \$110,000.00 310 Permanent Improvements \$1,635,000.00 Transfer in from 099 in 2022 \$1,500,000.00

At 4:00 p.m. Harry Brady moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 March 1, 2022.

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 4:00 p.m.

Signatures on File