

22-116

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

The Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of Huron County, Ohio (the “County”), met in regular session on April 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at the Huron County Offices, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, with the following members present:

Mr. Harry Brady introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO
LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.222)
(R.C. Chapter 5126)
Renewal DD Levy

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio (the “DD Board”), a board subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of the County; and

WHEREAS, the DD Board currently has in existence a tax for the purpose of providing for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both such purposes, at the rate of 1.00 mill for a period of five years, approved by the voters of the County on November 6, 2018, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2018 for collection in years 2019 through 2023 (the “Existing Levy”); and

WHEREAS, the DD Board passed a resolution, dated March 15, 2022, requesting the County to seek voter approval of renewing the Existing Levy for the purpose of providing for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes;

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Huron County in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes.

Section 2. The question of such renewal tax shall be submitted to all the electors of the entire territory of the County at the election to be held therein on November 8, 2022. All of the territory of the DD Board is in Huron County, Ohio.

Section 3. Such renewal tax levy shall be at an annual rate not exceeding 1.00 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, upon the entire territory of the County, for a period of five years.

Section 4. Such renewal tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the 2023 tax year (commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024), if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 5. The Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of the County. This Board hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to this Board the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy if approved by the voters of the County.

Section 6. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

APRIL 5, 2022

Mr. Terry Boose seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

Nays: _____

The resolution passed.

Passed: April 5, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: Vickie Ziemba
Clerk

By: Bruce Wilde
President

Terry Boose
Commissioner

Harry Brady
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of said County on April 5, 2022 and that a true copy thereof was certified to the County Auditor of Huron County, Ohio on _____, 2022.

Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Huron County, Ohio

*Discussion: Ms. Smith wanted to clarify that they were putting the levy on the ballot as early as the law allows. It expires in 2022, but the last collection is 2023. That is why the board of DD would like to put the levy on now.

Mr. Strickler stated that they have 3 chances to put it on the ballot and the earliest that they can put it on is the general election in the year the levy expires; which would be November 2022. In the event it does not pass, they could go again in May and November of 2023.

Mr. Wilde asked about how much money this brings in and Ms. Smith told him about 1M of their 7M budget.

Mr. Boose asked if when it was passed, it would not renew until the next year. Mr. Strickler told him that was correct. He said that if it was approved in November, it will go on the duplicate for 23, and will pay in 24.

22-117

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 5, 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:

<u>Mechanic #032</u>		
AllData Automotive Information System	Renewal	\$2,280.00

Amazon	Tables and chairs	Not to exceed \$5,000.00
		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; 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:** Mr. Boose asked what fund the EMA purchase was under. Ms. Ziemba told him fund #177. She also told him that the EMA had gotten 3 quotes that ranged from \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00. The lowest quote was from Amazon, but they can fluctuate by the time they are approved. Mr. Wilde verified that the mechanic’s bill was for their diagnosis system.

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

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

22-118

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LANDFILL/RECYCLING FACILITY/TRANSFER STATION, AFSCME OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 3764, AFL/CIO

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has presented the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the Huron County Board of Commissioners and the Huron County Landfill/Recycling Facility/Transfer Station (AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 3764) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the adoption of the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the parties as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde stated that this agreement was effective December 01, 2021 thru November 30, 2023. He said it was a little late, but not their fault. Mr. Boose asked about the pay raises. Ms. Ziemba told them that they were 5% of base wage for 1st year and 2 % for the 2nd and 3rd years.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

22-119

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCIES ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS #020 ACCOUNT

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the Board of Elections #020 account due to reimbursement from the Secretary of State for the Registration Readiness notice and audit of November 2021 Election and reimbursement of overpayment from Dominion Voting Equipment for unused services; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the Board of Elections #020 account due to funds received to purchase extra days of Election support from Clear Ballot; now therefore

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

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	041	00572	001	\$9,500.00		020	00525	001	\$9,500.00
		Contingencies					Board of Elections Contract Services		

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the appropriate journal entry; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba told them that this was for the reimbursement from the Secretary of State for the registration readiness notice and the audit of November 2021 and reimbursement of overpayment from Dominion Building Equipment for unused services.

Mr. Boose stated he thought that this was the old if you get money, lets spend it. He did not support it, we have already set their budget and they do not not need additional money.

Mr. Brady said that this was actually money that was reimbursed to them from money that was already spent.

Mr. Strickler told them that when the Board of elections returned the equipment to Dominion, Dominion charged them for the shipping of the equipment and there was nothing in the contract about the shipping, so Mr. Strickler wrote them another letter requesting that they send us the money back which they had charged us for the shipping. They sent it back.

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

No – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Wilde told Mr. Boose that resolution 22-120 was for Workers Compensation, not CORSA. Mr. Wilde stated that we did this every year and Mr. Boose asked if we had any discussions or get any e-mails about this agreement. He said that this was the first that he had seen the agreement.

Mr. Wilde told Mr. Boose that he had the letter. Ms. Ziemba told them that it stated that SNA 2023 premium was \$85,111.00, it does not include the BWC assessment. Target refund is 23%, the targeted refund dollar amount is \$19,575.00.

Mr. Wilde asked Ms. Ziemba to show Mr. Boose the sheet that she had just read from. He said that they had looked back at other resolutions and we do this every year and thru the CCAO.

Mr. Boose stated that it looked like they had until July 08, 2022 to sign it. Mr. Boose asked if they could table this and come back to it later. He would like to look at it before he votes.

22-120

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT

moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to continue its participation in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program; and

WHEREAS, the CCAO has invited Huron County to participate in its Group Retrospective Rating Program, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this agreement signifies a continuation of Huron County's participation in the Program, initial participation having been previously discussed and approved; and

WHEREAS, this Retrospective Group Rating Program continues to be the best option for savings in the cost of Workers' Compensation premiums for Huron County; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County wishes to continue its participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan per the invitation of the CCAO; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and enters into the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement to continue participation for the 2023 calendar year and certifies for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation the Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective Rating Program; 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.

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

Terry Boose moved to table Resolution 22-120 to allow for extra time for review. 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

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

Art Mead-EMA-Put-In-Bay-Training with 52nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit- May 05, 2022

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde if he was going tomorrow and if he was approved. Mr. Wilde told him no, he could not go due to another commitment.

Mr. Wilde meetings/events:

9:00 a.m. Community Overdose Meeting

Henry Timmons Proclamation

2:00 p.m. Veterans event

Mr. Boose meetings/events:

Going to a meeting where Lt. Governor Husted will be speaking.

SIGNINGS

Harry Brady moved to approve signing a letter to The Potter House of Norwalk for use of the County Parking Lot at 180 Milan Ave. Norwalk, Ohio 44857. 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

April 5, 2022

Jeff Monk
The Potter House of Norwalk
39 Pitt Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Monk:

This letter is in response to your request to use the Huron County Administration building parking lot during church services.

The Huron County Board of Commissioners will approve your request, on the conditions set forth herein. First, the Potter House of Norwalk shall provide a certificate of insurance naming Huron County as an additional insured for all activities when the parking lot is being used. Please be advised that the minimum liability policy limits of the Potter House's insurance should be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence. This certificate shall be updated annually and provided to the Board each year upon each renewal. Moreover, should the aforementioned policy lapse, be cancelled, or otherwise not be in full force and effect, you shall inform the Board of Commissioners immediately in writing.

Second, the county has priority to use the parking lot for conducting its usual business, and for county agencies who utilize the meeting rooms in the building after normal business hours. Please provide a schedule of when you intend to use the facility.

Third, during the winter months, the lot is only plowed during the Monday-Friday work week. Thus, if it snows over the weekend when you desire to use the lot, it may not be plowed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Vickie Ziemba, Huron County Administrator at 419-668-3092 or vziemba@hccommissioners.com.

Sincerely,
HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde stated that he had talked with Mr. Monk and was told that the reason they needed the commitment in writing was the loan that they were trying to obtain thru a private place for churches. The building they will be using was formerly used by ACC and also by Dr. Dolce; it is next door.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

HCDC MOU – 3-year agreement for \$80,000 prorated for 2022. Mr. Wilde will work with Mr. Strickler for any additional terms.

SAFEbuilt – would like to have a sit down with Robert Kurtz, the City of Norwalk, Mr. Strickler and any others who would like to talk to SAFEbuilt and ask the hard questions. We have information from them about the costs. Mr. Strickler stated that the big question was about the commercial plumbing aspect of it. Mr. Wilde wants to make sure before we go forward that everybody gets their questions answered, so they can't say they didn't know. Wants to review any contracts or MOU's with Richland County. Mr. Strickler asked about the documents for this and Ms. Ziemba stated that he had copied her file, but she wanted to look for more documents. Mr. Boose said that he had a question about third party inspections that he would like Mr. Wilde to ask SAFEbuilt. Mr. Wilde will check with the other entities to come up with a time and date for the meeting. Mr. Wilde received an e-mail from Mr. Nero asking if we had more questions, Mr. Wilde will reply yes to him. Will try to get this set up by next week.

New London Critical Infrastructure Grant contract- Mr. Strickler will look at it again.

Mr. Brady – transportation –Consultant vs hiring a director

Tim Bergman sent Mr. Brady a blanket for a consultant RFQ. Mr. Brady wanted to know if the board was interested in pursuing a consultant, if so, he will work with Ms. Ziemba to streamline the criteria that we can adopt for putting out RFQ's.

Mr. Boose stated that we had put money in a fund (he thought it was the 099 fund) for transportation. Ms. Ziemba told him we would have to transfer the money to use it and asked if he wanted to set up a transportation fund. He said no.

Mr. Wilde asked if ARPA money could be used for this; since we already had a consultant. Mr. Boose did not like that idea and stated that this was not to talk about ARPA money.

Mr. Brady said that he knew we wanted to do something with transportation and would have loved to hire a transportation director, but feels we should get a consultant to help us through the next steps. There are a lot of different things that can go along with this, such as grants. We could hire a consultant who knows a lot of this information already.

Mr. Boose asked if GLCAP could do this for us as a consultant. He thought we should ask them and felt they had some expertise in this area.

Mr. Brady said that Mr. Bergman had gone with him to Ottawa County and was willing to help, but had suggested the services of a gentleman to get over the next step. Mr. Brady said that he could ask Mr. Bergman again, but thought they were happy to help us in some ways, but he was not sure that they wanted to jump on the band wagon to do it all.

Mr. Boose asked if we should try to find and hire a director who could do some of these things. Mr. Brady said that is why he wanted to talk about this now. Mr. Wilde also liked this idea also.

Mr. Boose said it was more complicated and said that we already had Huron County Transit, but it was run by the Senior Enrichment Center and we were talking about breaking it away. When do you want to start making decisions about transportation?

Mr. Brady said if you get a consultant, you are not necessarily hiring a director, but someone to help get the process set-up. Once a board is in place, you can either let them hire a director or we could initially hire a director before the board is in place.

Mr. Boose stated that we would have to work really hard to get this done by the end of the year. Right now , the Senior Service budget includes Huron County Transportation. He does not want to pull the rug out from under them to do that.

Mr. Wilde suggested getting something in place this year to start next year and include Senior Center in on the conversation.

Mr. Boose stated that due to the complexity of what is already existing and what we would like to move to it is probably not time to hire an employee for a department that we do not even know is going to happen.

Mr. Brady is in favor of hiring a consultant, so we can make the move slowly. Mr. Boose had a concern that there was a short list of consultants for this, so would like to go to GLCAP to ask them if they have somebody with their organization in mind to help us do that, for a fee. Mr. Brady said that he has asked Tim Bergman this question and was told that they do not have anyone to do this type of work. Mr. Bergman gave Mr. Brady the name of a gentleman who works for a transportation system in Ohio who does consulting work. Mr. Bergman said if we hire a full-blown consultant, we will spend between \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Mr. Bergman thought that we might be able to work with this gentleman for about \$5,000.00. Mr. Brady was unsure if we could hire this gentleman without going out for bid. Mr. Brady has not had a chance to ask Mr. Strickler. Mr. Strickler stated that would have to look at that.

Mr. Boose thought we could hire the gentleman up to a certain amount, then could renew if we needed him more.

Mr. Brady said that Mr. Bergman did not think that it would be that complex to switch from Huron County Transit to Huron County Transit Board. Mr. Boose said that this is assuming everyone is on board. He also said that we would have some staffing issues. Mr. Brady said that Mr. Beal told him that he is more interested in the senior enrichment programs, than the transportation piece.

Mr. Boose said that it was complicated. He had a suggestion of hiring somebody to get us on the process of transitioning from the senior to our own board, we are not 100% sure of what that is going to look like, so we can evolve. We don't have to be 100% done before we have a board and take over. As long as we don't have employment issues.

Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady liked this idea. Mr. Brady stated that MHAS has told him they like the idea of utilizing Huron County Transit to move forward.

Mr. Boose would like to hire the gentlemen previously mentioned, then also talk with Carlos Vasquez at Senior Enrichment to explain what we are trying to do and talk to him about employees, including himself, if this happens.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Beal have talked with Mr. Vasquez about the possibility of the transit moving away from the senior center. Mr. Boose said that we will also need to talk with senior enrichment board about the transportation piece and Mr. Brady told him that he thought Mr. Beal had mentioned it to their board. Mr. Boose said that it was up to Mr. Beal as to who he would prefer to talk to the board about transportation. Mr. Brady told Mr. Boose that he did not want to go any further until he had gotten some authorization from the commissioners' board about this.

Mr. Boose suggested Mr. Brady work with Mr. Strickler to prepare some kind of a contract of helping us transition and then it will evolve from there.

Mr. Boose felt that we should have a meeting with all of the agencies to discuss our intent, because they are already making plans for next year. Mr. Brady would also like to involve them. He stated that MHAS has already applied for a grant and has named Huron County Transportation in the grant.

At 10:00 a.m. Angie McConnell, GLCAP

Ms. McConnell talked about the CDBG program from 2020 with Greenwich. They say that they can no longer use the funds because the 2 streets are not annexed into the village.

Ms. McConnell stated that the program construction ends on August 31 of 2022. Not enough time to do another project because of all the steps that need to be completed. She said that the state has a few options:

1. We can reimburse the leveraged funds that Willard has contributed to their project, which is \$37,093.50. In addition, there is the courthouse ramp project that had \$6,241.00 leveraged dollars. There could be more because the construction has not started yet and we will not know if there will be more change orders. If we decided to do that there would still be a balance of unused funds of \$23,565.00. If there are no more change orders,
2. We only use 15% of the allocated amount for administration, but are allowed 20%, so that could give an extra \$8,400.00, but we would have to justify this. Ms. Stebel can go back thru the hours that the county has used.
3. We could use the money for a public service project, such as purchasing a piece of equipment. The problem with this would be that we would have to come up with a project, do an application, get an amendment signed, the environmental is only a couple of weeks for this, but the project would have to be done by August 31, 2022.
4. The last option would potentially be to allow Willard to do more curb cuts. The project is already completed. Would only have to do an addendum to add more curb cuts in the area they did the others. There would be no additional environmental review. You could solicit a contractor.

Mr. Boose would like to do option one, but use the unused \$23,565 for more curb cuts in Willard. Mr. Wilde likes this, but would like to hold back a little more for the courthouse ramp project in case it is needed.

Ms. McConnell said that it would be a tricky situation since the ramp project has not started yet. She said that we have time before we would need to reimburse Willard. Construction has to be done by the end of August, but the actual program does not end until the end of October 2022. All monies would have to be expensed by the end of October. Would need time to do an addendum to switch the funds around. She stated that we had time to do that so we could wait until the ramp project is complete. The ramp project is supposed to be starting soon.

Mr. Boose suggested reimbursing Willard the \$23,565, holding \$10,00 for the ramp project, then giving the remainder to Willard for more curb cuts. Ms. McConnell said that it was up to us, but felt it was the simplest, then we are using all of our grant funds.

Mr. Brady did not have a problem with this. Ms. Ziemba thought it was fine. Ms. McConnell said that the Willard project would have to be in the same general vicinity.

Ms. McConnell feels we should wait just a little bit for the ramp project to see how it goes. Mr. Boose feels that in construction today the squeaky wheel gets noticed. The more you bring up an issue, the more things can get switched around. He feels if you push, sometimes you can get further than just sitting back and being that quiet job.

Mr. Wilde said they may find other options that would work. Ms. McConnell stated that the engineer and the contractor on the job have been pretty good at keeping us updated. Ms. Ziemba told them that the project was supposed to start at spring break, which is around Easter. This should only take a few weeks, but is taking a little longer because have to leave an area open for people to get into the building.

Terry Boose made a motion to move forward with the intent to use the 2020 CDBG funds that were allocated to the Village of Greenwich, in the amount of \$66,900, towards reimbursing Willard's leverage funds in the amount of \$37,093.50, up to \$10,000 for reimbursing the County's leverage funds along with change orders for the courthouse ramp project, with the remaining amount going towards the City of Willard for additional curb cuts. 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

Ms. McConnell discussed the 2022 grant. They have received 2 pre-applications and will include the Administration Building elevator. Have found out that Huron Counties allocated amount will be \$162,000.00. Has used \$24,000.00 for general administration and fair housing, which is exactly what they used for the current year, that leaves \$138,000.00 balance for projects.

She told them that she had a pre-application from the Catholic Diocese of Toledo for replacement of deteriorated roof and porch deck improvements at the Mariam house, the total project cost is \$44,589.00 and they are asking for the entire amount. Ms. McConnell said something that you can take into consideration is they submitted 2 cost estimates, the roof was \$22, 589.00 and the decking was \$22,000.00. These could potentially be split up if you wanted to do a portion of the project.

The City of Willard submitted for 40 curb cuts through out various locations in the city in advance of some of their paving or re-surfacing projects. The total project cost is \$56,947.00 and they are asking for the whole amount. She is not sure if any of the cuts are in the area of the last ones we discussed.

The last potential project is the elevator for the County Administration Building. Ms. Ziemba gave Ms. McConnell a cost estimate of \$490,763.51. She did not put the leveraged amount because that would depend on what is decided on with the other 2 pre-applications. No decision has to be made today

Ms. McConnell wanted the Commissioners to note that this would most likely be the last allocation program. They are planning on still having money for allocation type projects, but have no details.

Mr. Boose asked if this was state or federal money. Ms. McConnell told him that this was federal money that flows thru HUD, then to the state, down to the communities within the State of Ohio. Mr. Boose stated that the elevator has been on the agenda for a long time and we have been looking for money to help pay for it. We received an updated project cost of over \$100,000.00 more than the previous quote. Mr. Boose thinks we should put the whole \$138,000.00 from CDBG towards the elevator to make up the difference in the increased cost.

Mr. Boose said that the money that has been given to Willard is almost equal to this amount. Mr. Boose also stated that there was nothing against the Catholic Charities and he really appreciates what they do. They do great things at Mariam House. But, I think at this time, we've had this need for the elevator replacement for a long time and have looked at many different ways of helping us fund this. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she remembered if we have an amount in the budget for the elevator replacement. Ms. Ziemba told him we had \$300,000.00. Ms. McConnell told them that this along with the revolving loan fund money of about \$70,000.00 would balance that out. Would put us at the \$500,000.00. Ms. McConnell stated that the state has been wanting everyone to close out their revolving loan fund account.

Mr. Boose said that while the elevator works, it is not up to current codes for handicap accessibility. It needs to have a wider door/entrance. It should have been done a long time ago, but it has been hard to find the money to do it, luckily, we had set some money aside and if we use all of the \$138,000.00 on it,

we would be well on the way to getting it done. Mr. Brady agreed with Mr. Boose, while he felt the Catholic Charities do a lot of good things, but he feels the same as Mr. Boose. Ms. McConnell said that every year the Commissioners give this money thru-out the community.

Ms. McConnell mentioned the possible use of ARPA monies for this project. Mr. Boose stated that we had a long list of projects that could use the ARPA money and wanted to tie down this long-awaited project and get it moving forward with funding identified. This has been identified for a long time, as a project that needs to be done and have set money aside. That's how important we thought it was.

Mr. Brady stated that Ms. McConnell touched on it, this is the county's building, so doing something here that is of major use and have the handicapped be able to access this floor to go to a meeting or talk with the administrative staff would have the potential to benefit anybody or everybody in the county. He has no problem saying it is time to do something that benefits everybody.

Mr. Wilde agrees and said that we did not want to short Catholic Charities, but they have a limited clientele and hopefully they can get something done with that, but it sounds like a good idea to get this done.

Ms. McConnell asked if this is how they wanted to proceed? Do we want to discuss this more? Mr. Wilde said we have been forever trying to get this elevator. Ms. McConnell stated that basically it added a little over \$200,000.00 with the RLF. Mr. Boose said that if we need to do a resolution later we could. Ms. McConnell said that we would have to when she did the second public hearing, but if this is the route that we want to go, then we can get that ready. Mr. Boose wanted to make a motion that we would like to proceed and put the \$138,000.00 from the CDBG program year 2022 towards the elevator replacement project.

Terry Boose moved to proceed with utilizing the full \$138,000 of 2022 CDBG funds towards the elevator replacement project at the County Administration Building. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 10:30 am. CORSA renewal discussion -Lara Hozalski, Huron County Deputy Director of Human Resources and Loss Prevention, Ally Redman CORSA, Andy Thomas Assured Partners

Mr. Thomas told the commissioners that as they had heard from the annual CORSA meeting, their annual fund increase is about 4.7%, but Huron County is about half of that, or 2%. He compared what they did last year to this year. Last year our property values were up by about \$400,000.00. Why is that? He said that it is actually a great thing, if you look at the state of the world today, labor costs are higher, building materials are higher, there are shortages of building materials. One thing that CORSA does, which he feels is done better than the private insurance sector, is when trying to determine what the building values are, the private sector puts that burden on the agent. Most do not know the difference between a hip roof, a gable roof, asphalt shingle to roll up roof. Then the insurance careers give generic building valuation systems, that you put in the address and it ties into the auditor's information, which is good but limited. Then put other information and it gives a generic number. So, you are shooting in the dark for the private sector.

CORSA sends out a property appraisal company, which is there primary function, they know what the values are, they know what the labor costs are, the building material costs and they adjust for that. Another thing that they did is when CORSA did the last term, they noticed that our values should be up by \$400,000.00 and adjusted the last term without charging a premium for it. Now we get that adjusted value but with a little bit of a premium adjustment for it going forward. So, he feels the values are accurate for the buildings that we have. The structuring of the courthouse is a little different in how it is structured , but still inline with what they have done in the past.

Automobile coverage is not that different, we have 1 more automobile than last year. The premium is up from last year. Automobile coverage is the number one loss leader. Mr. Boose asked how many auto's we had and was told 150.

Mr. Thomas said that our liabilities were driven by payroll. Payroll is up from last year and people are coming back to work; which is trending in the public sector as well.

Mr. Thomas said that our percentage was greatly increased from what we were last year in terms of values to payroll. One more automobile is not that big a deal, but the overall premium increased about 2%. The private sector is seeing a minimum of 4% increase and a 4 to 6% an average increase.

Mr. Brady said that part of the premium increase was due to values going up and not our people having accidents. Mr. Thomas said that our lost ratio is not bad. It is around 35 to 40%. That is not bad. Our losses were mainly from the automobile. The average cost to fix cars have gone up. CORSA has loss control set-up and we take advantage of what they have to offer. It is a good mix that we are being proactive and trying to mitigate those losses.

Ms. Hozalski stated that although it may seem redundant to the employees to have to take the defensive driving every year but as you can see, that is what is needed.

Ms. Redman said that Ms. Hozalski does a good job and they are at 100% on the loss control program this year. That was about \$6,500.00 in credit. They can see a decrease in the claims for the members that are participating and fortunately for us, a lot of the employees participate.

Ms. Redman wanted to highlight a few items for us. Your increase overall from last year is 2.36 %, which is phenomenal these days. The overall program increase was 4.7%. Were able to keep all of our coverage in place. She wanted to re-iterate that it is not the Ohio Pool that is having any issues, we're in a great financial standing right now. Last year we laid the ground work for the law liability insurance increase which we did see about 33%. Were able to use the member equity to help with the pool this year.

Mr. Wilde asked how many counties were on CORSA this year and was told 66. Mr. Boose told them that CORSA was doing so well with cyber security and the importance of it. We have started an IT department and are well on our way to starting to understand the importance of cyber security and everything there is to do with technology,

Mr. Thomas said that he thought CORSA does a very good job with cyber coverage. He said that although automobile coverage is the top loss leader, cyber is probably in 2nd and only about 40 % of the available insureds buy it. Mr. Boose said that our IT department needs to take advantage of what Corsa has to offer, even if it is just knowledge. Ms. Redman stated that CORSA is starting to push the multi factor authentication and may start requiring it.

Mr. Thomas discussed different computer security issues with the commissioners.

Mr. Wilde stated that our program costs for next year would have been \$267,410.00, but with all of our member credits, it is discounted by \$50,776.00, which brings our total down to \$216,634.00, which is the 2% increase.

Mr. Boose told Ms. Redman that we may have some questions about coverages when we get into the spending of the ARPA money.

Ms. Redman said that they were dropping off Huron County's 3-year participation agreement.

At 10:58 am. Harry Brady moved to enter into Executive Sessions 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. 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

At 12:38 p.m. Harry Brady moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(1) & (G)(2). 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

***No action taken**

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brady updates:

CCAO meeting tomorrow

CCAO Energy committee meeting- a service provider for some of the utilities has filed for bankruptcy, it will affect some counties who bought thru them. Mr. Brady said they will discuss this on a zoom call this Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Boose updates:

CCAO meeting, then legislative reception

Met with Ms. Minor about items at Job and Family Services yesterday

Talked with Kristen Cardone yesterday about MHAS. Legends is done on the inside of the second half of the recovery center, except for the room in between, which was a garage. They are also not done with the roof and some stuff outside. Ms. Cardone is slowly working on getting furniture set up. One person is on a waiting list, but the person is not ready yet. Ms. Cardone is working on obtaining a grant that is both federal and state money; she will be asking all of our senators and congressman and state representatives for a letter of support for the grant. Mr. Boose told her he would talk to Dick Stein and Nathan Manning on Wednesday. Ms. Cardone asked if we could get an updated e-mail for Portland's office because they had sent something there and it was kicked back.

Ms. Cardone and Mr. Boose discussed possibilities at the sheriff's office. Mr. Boose told her that Wayne County was looking into something similar. She told him that Lucas County was also. Mr. Brady said that he noticed that this was one of the talking points sent out for tomorrow about jail funding. Mr. Boose said that he is against it because what they are asking is the wrong way of funding this. If we support that, sometime in the end of the century, we might get some money. That is not a way to try to help out all of the counties. In the first round it was all of Appalachia. Mr. Brady said that the governor has a big push to help Appalachia.

Mr. Boose said that is not the way that will get the best money for all counties. They are saying it is the only way we have right now, are we going to turn it down. Mr. Boose then said that the discussion should be on a better way of funding, as opposed to pushing for a few. The last 7 that got the money were hand-picked. They called them and asked those 7 to apply for the money. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady said that was unethical. Mr. Boose said that he was a little disappointed with CCAO on that, but he did not think he was going to win that fight because they are out to get any dollars that they can.

Mr. Brady said that he understood why they wanted to get it, but he also understood what Mr. Boose was saying. The problem with just giving in and getting what you can is sometimes you end up losing a whole lot. Instead of holding out and saying no. If you have to live for a couple of years without it, then fine.

Mr. Boose said if you take away the things that put the pressure on the state to fund, then you are left with the people in the middle, so the state doesn't have as much pressure to fund them because they've already funded the ones that needed the money the most.

Mr. Wilde told them that there was a webinar at 3:00 p.m. about Russian vs. U.S energy. Mr. Brady said that the Council on Foreign Relations was putting the webinar on.

Mr. Boose said that they had all gone to the WIOA Board meeting and he did not even want to get into re-districting.

Mr. Boose said that the Board of Elections was going to hold a special election and it would tie up Meeting Room A for another month and he was wondering if we could charge them rent. Mr. Brady said that the state had better pony up some money for the special election and feels it is a legitimate cost. Mr. Boose said that Ms. Ziemba had told him the Board of Elections already received a chunk of money. Ms. Ziemba stated that the money was for this current primary. Mr. Boose asked why they got money for this primary. Mr. Brady thought that the money was for the expediting of UOCAVA ballots, not so much just for general election expenses. Mr. Boose said the minimal information they received from them is they can spend it on just about anything, but salaries. Ms. Ziemba said that it was her understanding that there was a list of things they could use the money for and another list of what they could not use it for and what all that is she did not know.

Mr. Boose asked if he was correct in saying that when they held a general election, they did not pay anyone rent, they make a donation. Mr. Brady told him that was true. Ms. Ziemba said that their board voted to give \$100.00 to go towards janitorial supplies for the year. Mr. Brady said that this was in the ORC for public buildings. Mr. Boose said that this affects us more than anybody because it ties up the room for a month before elections, that is why he thought about it.

Mr. Boose said that's all he will say about redistricting right now. He thought it was an interesting thing what the 3-judge panel said on Wednesday. They ultimately decided against intervening at this time, allowing the state more time to sort out it's re-districting process.

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They wanted to allow the state more time to sort out its own mess. Mr. Brady said that he found it interesting is that the court wanted to follow the voter percentages. They drew the map that mapped those percentages, then the court said no that they were not democratic enough.

Mr. Boose heard for Governor De Wine's state address, he is looking to give additional help for mental health treatment. Support of Appalachia. Mr. Brady said that he has a liaison specifically for those 32 counties.

Next Wednesday there is an ARPA meeting. Mr. Boose said that all of commissioner have gotten a child care survey from Firelands Forward. They are going to have a meeting about it in the near future. They did this because they were told they needed more data. They got a grant to do this. Mr. Boose strongly recommended they go through it all before the meeting in April.

Mr. Boose showed them the e-mail that he had told them about. He read excerpts from the e-mail saying "read our newly released, rural ED infrastructure toolkit".

Commissioner Wilde updates:

Fundraiser at Bronson Conservation on Thursday night.

Child Abuse Awareness Walk next Wednesday. Mr. Boose may not be able to attend because he has a Firelands Forward meeting.

Board of Revision meeting on April 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Wilde said that he had filled out a survey thru Ohio Incites Review. They had asked for the top 4 pressing issues facing the state, education, healthcare, economic development and infrastructure. It talks about broadband quite a bit.

At 12:59 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 April 05, 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 12:59 p.m.

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