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APRIL 7, 2022

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.

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

22-121

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 7, 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:

Capital Improvements #021

 Amazon
 Blinds for meeting room windows
 Not to exceed
 \$2,000.00 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: These blinds are for meeting room C & D in the Huron County Administration Building

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

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. Daughter of American Revolution- Alice Shause

Requesting permission to place a potted pine tree at the courthouse steps from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Will work to get a tree donated by a garden center. Honor veterans by putting name and branch served. Will work with Veteran's Office, American Legion and VFW to get names. Any past veterans or current military of Huron County are eligible to have their names on the tree. Working with a local woodworker to make the ornaments. The board was receptive to this request. Asked her to complete a property use form, then the board will take official action.

At 9:15 a.m. County Project updates.

Joel Reidy, IT updates:

New switch arrived for the Recorder's Office., It was installed, then the new fiber cabling was run. The performance far exceeded Mr. Riedy's expectations. The time it takes to communicate with the downtown offices has been cut in half with the fiber core.

Starting prep work for the electronic information storage center. Programming a core for it in this building, we need to have more speed coming into this building. Need new switches to accommodate the faster speeds of fiber. The switches are your backbone and you are only as fast as your slowest link. Trying to make sure all switches can go to 10 GB, for all of the buildings by the end of the year.

Some points in the office building are only capable of 100MB because of the infrastructure in the buildings. That is why we are adding fiber and upgrading switches, making sure all the links are solid and can accommodate higher speeds and rated for the higher speeds.

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Department	Project		Status	4/7/2022			
Common Pleas	Install new switch, install	new Wi-fi	equipment on	order eta april			
Common Pleas	nmon Pleas Install new wireless phones in courtrooms		equipment on order eta april				
Juvenile Court	Install new network swite	hes	equipment has arrived, currently being configured				
Juvenile Court	Server upgrades for courtview system		50% complete, work needs to be completed after hours.				
JFS	Install new router, firewal	l and router	Project is complete				
Office Building	New Fiber Switch install		Complete				
MHAS	Server grant		75% complete. Xerox is installing Portal on server.				
MHAS	Technology grant		equipment on	order			
Fairgrounds	Wi-FI install		Starting 4/1/22				
Admin building Router, firewall upgrade			equipment has	arrived, currently b	eing configured		
Admin building	Wi-Fi upgrade		Locating Mater	ails			
Law Library Switch upgrade			equipment on	order eta april			
Т	Configure Intrusion Prenvention System		Complete				
IT	NTIA Broadband Grant		No final annou	ncement			
Recorder	Staff PC Upgrades and repurpose computers		Equipment has arrived scheduled completeion 4/11/22				
IT	Syslog Server		Operational, th	is is an ongoing proj	ect		
IT	Electronic Information St	orage center	equipment on	order eta 6/14			
Adult Probation Network upgrades/recable		e	Complete				
Recorder	Switch upgrade		Complete				
Recorder	Fiber run		Complete				
Engineer Office	Firewall Replacement		Equipment has arrived, waiting to be configured.				
Admin building	Core upgrade		Currently configuring core.				
Prosecutor Office Switch upgrade/Replacemen		nent	on order* IT de	on order* IT department loaned them a tempoaraly swite			
IT	Phone system 4 digit dial		License on ord	er			

Mr. Boose asked how much it will cost us to fix the infrastructure in the buildings. Mr. Riedy told him the we had already done a majority of it in-house. Mr. Riedy said that there were a couple of spots where he might need to hire a contractor to do a fiber pull. He said that they had been able to get to almost every location. Since it is fiber, the capacity of the fiber versus copper is night and day. Fiber can run farther and does not pick up interference from high voltage around them because it is light.

Mr. Wilde stated that the buildings used to be 100MB and asked; Are they at a 1GB or 10GB now? Mr. Riedy told him they were at 10GB.

Mr. Boose stated that if we were going to upgrade it needs to be something that is newer technology so it will last a little longer. Mr. Riedy said what he is doing should last about 10 years and 10GB is the industry standard. Any higher standard and it would cost hundreds of thousands to implement.

Mr. Riedy has an ETA on the information center equipment. It is expected to arrive June 14, 2022.

Mr. Riedy said that he had reached out to Carolyn Bick from Jim Jordon's office and got a response about the federal grant. He said that it was not the response that we wanted. They have not yet awarded anything to anyone in the State if Ohio. There is still 11M that has not been awarded. They will be leveraging them on our behalf, but it does not look to promising. Mr. Riedy said that there were several applicants from Ohio, but no one received anything, it looked like they were concentrating on the southern states.

Mr. Riedy said that one new router for the admin building is configured, it would give us the ability to start linking the phone systems together. This will give the ability to do 4-digit dialing. The first buildings he will link will be the office building and the courthouse. Mr. Wilde asked if the new router would help everything in the administration building. Mr. Riedy told him yes.

Mr. Riedy said that North Coast Wireless has begun the fiber wiring between the buildings at the fairgrounds and are working with Mr. Morgan. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure that whatever they are doing will not affect the events that are going on at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Boose said that when he was at the CCAO board meeting, they were discussing intranet infrastructure. While there, Mr. Boose had several counties ask him how we got so much money. Several other counties had applied and received nothing from the Spectrum /Charter Communication grant. The grant that we received form the State of Ohio for the infrastructure is a big deal. Now the discussion between several of the counties there has gone to; where do we go from here with ARPA money and things like that. Mr. Boose was not to encouraged by the Lt. Governor that we are going to get more money from them.

A neighboring county had asked if North Coast Wireless was installing Wi-Fi and Mr. Boose told them that North Coast Wireless was putting in Cable.

Mr. Wilde said that he was at the MHAS meeting and asked them how they got their smart board. They told him that Joel had done it. Mr. Wilde told Mr. Riedy that he was very impressed with all the things that Mr. Riedy and Mr. Sell are doing for the county and the community. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady also praised the them.

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	Architect/Eng.	Contractor	Est. Cost	Award/ Start Date	Completion Date	Comments	
Ad Building Roof	Garmin Miller					Proposal to design and prepare bid specs submitted to Board on 1/27 for review. Also, researching	
						TIPS Program. Possible ARPA Funding	
Downtown Office	Garmin Miller					Proposal to design and prepare bid specs submitted	
Complex Roof	Carrier					to Board on 1/27 for review. Also, researching	
						TIPS Program. Possible ARPA Funding.	
FS-Veteran's Ent.						Advance Construction provided cost est. of \$12,810 to	
ro-veterait's citt.						replace. Submitted to insurance. Approval?	
FC D (Course in Millow	A days of Council	¢200.200	C /0 /2024		Work in progress. See Field Report.	
FS Roof	Garmin Miller	Advance Const.	\$390,369	6/8/2021			
						Advance submitted a proposal to repair and	
						piant damaged EFIS for \$22,330. Approval?	
Downtown Boilers						CORSA looked at boilers on 3/17/22. We are waiting from	
						Energy Controls for costs to repair/replace.	
ail Sewer/Grinder	Garmin Miller					Meeting held with Architect, Jail Personel, and City on 1/20	
						Researching options and what other jails have implemente	
						Contacted J&H for help.	
Courthouse Lighting	Garmin Miller	Stively Electric	\$49,000	3/22/2022		Awarded Project on 3/22 to Stively Electric. Fixtures are	
						ordered. No delivery time as of yet.	
Administration Elevator	Garmin Miller		\$490,764			Proposal to design and prepare bid specs submitted	
			7.00,704			to Board on 1/27 for review. Garmin Miller	
						discussed with Board on 3/17/22.	
LICT Chady Lana	BJAAM		622.080	E /20 /2021		Remediation Plan submitted on 12/2/21. Waiting for	
UST Shady Lane	DJAAIVI		\$33,980	5/20/2021		BUSTR'd approval. RAP out for public commet (4/6)	
AD Bldg Sign						Waiting for approval from Richland County. Being paid	
						by JFS.	
Admin Bathrooms		Legends	\$46,463		2/22/2022	Project started 2/22. Floor and painting has been complete	
						Waiting for fixtures. CO for \$3,200 approved.	
Courthouse Ramp		RMH Const.	\$22,401			Change Order approved for \$7,319. RMH plans of starting	
						project during the week of 4/11.	
	Architect/Eng.	Contractor	Est. Cost	Award/	Completion	Comments	
				Start Date	Date		
Jail Roof	Garmin Miller	Chaney Roofing	\$366,140	6/8/2021		Contractor's waiting for materials. Some materials have	
						been delivered. Hoping for a start date in mid-April.	
Building Assessment	Garmin Miller		\$24K - \$48K			Proposal provided to Commissioners mid-December.	
						Garmin Miller to discuss with Board on 3/17.	
Courthouse Security			\$47,500			Ohio Supreme Court Technolgy grant sumbitted on 2/14/2	
						for \$123,000. State awards grants in June.	
Courthouse Floor		Midstate				Waiing on Assessment from Garmin Miller	
Law Library Doors		Koch	\$7,112			Law Library Board looking for second cost.	
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Old Jail							
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Recorder's Ceiling	Garmin Miller					Waiting on Assessment	
Performing Arts Door		Koch	\$4,750	3/3/2022		Awarded project to Koch Aluminim on 3/3/22 for \$4,750.	
0						Door is expected at the end of the month. Electical Panel	
						not available. Contacted NFD.	
FS Carpect	Garmin Miller		\$115-\$135K			not utunable. Contacted NFD.	
Auditor's Carpet/Paint	Garmin Miller		\$100K				
Ad Bidg HVAC	Garmin Miller		\$173,363				
	New Projects						

Discussed the purchase of new chairs for the Commissioners' Board Room or the alternative of purchasing pads for the chairs.

Mr. Welch asked the commissioners about the Veterans pillar – replace or not. He told them that the roofers were almost done and they would probably not want to come back after they are done to work on the pillar. They were the only ones interested in fixing the pillar. Mr. Boose was concerned about whether CORSA would pay if we had already paid for it. Ms. Ziemba stated that we had sent the quote to Ms. Hozalski and she had submitted a claim to CORSA, but had not heard back from them yet. Ms. Ziemba also told them that If Corsa was paying the claim then they would make the check out to the Commissioners and it would have to be deposited into the general fund. Ms. Ziemba said that there is a question as to who is paying for the deductible.

Mr. Boose said that while we were talking about this he wanted to mention a discussion he had with other counties about who CORSA covers in each county. He feels we need to have that discussion some time.

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Mr. Welch said that he would submit a request for payment of over \$1,000.00, if approved by CORSA. Mr. Welch thinks that it has probably been approved, but Ms. Hozalski has not had a chance to tell Mr. Welch yet. He said that the broilers have been approved by insurance. We just have to get them the cost, which is what we are struggling with on that.

Mr. Brady did not want to have Advanced pull off the job when they are done, then we are stuck with a column missing and no one who wants to fix it. They felt that we could move quickly once we know if it is approved. Would just need to have M. Hozalski call down to CORSA to see if the claim has been approved. Ms. Ziemba was not sure if Mr. Welch would need to submit a request for over \$1,000.00 because it is an insurance claim.

Mr. Boose asked about the request for a covering at JFS for the employees. Mr. Welch had sent them some pictures of overhangs, which Mr. Boose felt looked alright. Mr. Boose did not think that we could do the work. Mr. Welch agreed with this statement. Mr. Boose felt that it might be a good idea for the current contractor that is doing the roof to install it. Mr. Welch said that we would have to see what the cost is. He thought that the overhang was around \$4,000.00. He said that we could submit a change order to the current roof contract to add this. He thought that the total would be between 8 to 10 thousand.

Mr. Welch told them that there is a covered area on the west side of the building, but it is not on the employee side. Mr. Boose asked if we could take it down and move it, Mr. Welch said no.

Mr. Wilde asked if JFS would be paying for this, to which Mr. Welch told him he was not sure who would be paying for it.

Mr. Boose said that he thought since they had talked about doing the pillar while the crew was still here, he thought that they might want to include the covering as well. He felt that we could come up with the \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in the budget to do this project.

Mr. Welch said that while we also had another change order that we have been sitting on for an EFIS which is \$22,000.00. Mr. Welch can't find anyone interested in doing this. He said that the current roofing company that is out there is willing to do it. Mr. Welch feels we should issue the change order to have them do the EFIS now. Mr. Welch said that if the commissioners gave him the approval, he could have the architect prepare the change order for them to sign.

Mr. Wilde felt that we should do approve it. Mr. Boose said where are we going to find \$22,000.00 if we can't find the 10 thousand to do the covering. Mr. Brady said that it was not that he was okay to approve the \$22,000.00, but he not okay to allow water to continue to permeate into the building.

Mr. Welch said that we could potentially wait until next year to do this, but he was not sure about the cost next year and finding a contractor. Mr. Boose said that while we had a contractor there, we should use them. Ms. Ziemba thought that this would fall under the contingency that they had allowed for on the roof. Mr. Brady felt that we should prepare and approve a change order.

Mr. Welch talked about the administration building elevator, we will be using a grant to help pay part of the cost. Ms. Ziemba scheduled Ms. McConnell from GLCAP to do the second hearing for the grant, the application will be submitted in June or July and you will know in fall whether it is approved. If approved you would get a release of funds in October or November. Would probably be able to put out for bid in December or January,

Mr. Welch said that the proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Shady Lane site has gone out for public comment. The state has to do this first, then they will most likely approve it. Then we can move on and get the site cleaned up. Ms. Ziemba asked if we had to do anything for the public comment period and Mr. Welch told her no.

The Administration Building bathrooms are finishing up, will go thru a punch list with them next week. Mirrors came in broken, so they were shipped back and re-ordered. Mr. Boose asked about the stalls being short and was told that the original toilets were shorter, but when they had to order the new ones they were longer. It was suggested that they have the doors swing out instead of in. Mr. Welch asked if we should be hiring an architect to look at this type of job. Mr. Brady felt that we should not need an architect. Mr. Welch said that he would see if we could get the doors to swing out.

Mr. Wilde asked if Mr. Welch could let them know when he got the confirmed start date for the courthouse ramp project. Mr. Welch said that there could be more change orders depending on what they find when they tear out the stoop.

Mr. Welch could not find anyone to give him a second quote for the Law Library doors. These are wood doors which would need to be custom cut to fit in the frames. Mr. Welch asked where the original doors were.

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Mr. Welch said that he found out that it was not Richland that was requiring a new electrical panel door and back door, it was the Norwalk Fire Department. Mr. Stively looked at the electrical panel box and told us the door that is currently on it, does not belong there. Mr. Welch called the fire department about this and left a message. Koch should have the back door in by the end of the month.

Mr. Welch wanted to know whether we were waiting for the assessment to do the carpet projects for JFS and the Auditor's office or do we want to engage with the architect to start to prepare the bid process. Mr. Welch feels if we are going to prepare for bid, we should do them separately because he thinks the auditor's office will be under the prevailing wage rules amount and it would be about 30% cheaper. Mr. Welch said that the prevailing wage rate minimum was \$70,000.00 and bid minimum was \$50,000.00. Mr. Welch said that there is not that much square footage in the auditor's office, the most difficult part of the jobs is how the offices are operated when the work is being done. Mr. Welch said that they need to figure out how they are going to run the office while the work is being done. He knows that Ms. Minor at JFS has a plan, but he is not sure about the Auditor's office. Mr. Boose feels if they requested the carpet and paint, then they need to work with us to get it done. Does not want to do it at double the labor costs because they want it done at a specific time. Mr. Welch said that stipulations such as evening work only would need to be put in the bid and would cost more.

Mr. Brady feels that they should be separate bids anyway because they are in separate buildings. Mr. Wilde would like to proceed with this and with 2 separate projects. Mr. Boose would agree to that as long as it did not end up costing more.

Ms. Ziemba told them to keep in mind that the architect costs are 4% of the project plus reimbursable expenses. The reimbursable expenses are the legal ads and bid packets. Ms. Ziemba also said the we had bid our roof out in one bid packet, but 2 different contracts. She thought that you may be able to put them together and still not have to pay the prevailing wage on the Auditor's office if it was 2 contracts.

Mr. Strickler told them that if you are renovating, the prevailing wage level is \$75,000.00. He felt you are safer doing it in 2 separate contracts and hope that you are under the 75 thousand. Mr. Welch said that the JFS project would not be under the 75 thousand. Mr. Strickler said then perhaps they should do the 2 separate projects.

Mr. Boose thought that we had spent too much time on this and should proceed with this as 2 separate projects, he just asked that they spoke with JFS before they went out because some things may have changed between now and when they had first gone out there a year and a half ago.

Mr. Welch brought up the Administration Building HVAC. He said that he knew they were waiting for the building assessment; however, it will have to be done if you want to push air thru the building. We can run things along, like we have been , but those costs are going to increase now because of the bid situation and prevailing wage. Mr. Welch said that the assessment will say that they are 40 years old and should be replaced.

Mr. Boose asked if we had money in the budget for this. Ms. Ziemba thought that it was. Mr. Welch said it was and the original bid was for about \$128,000.00. Mr. Boose told him that when they did the budget for capital projects, if you came in with \$128,000.00 they would have budgeted somewhere above that, knowing that that it was the absolute minimum and it could go up. Mr. Welch said that the budget was put in at \$100,000.00. Mr. Boose said that before we move forward we would have to verify that we had the money , if not, it would have to look at it in next year's budget. Mr. Welch said that is where the assessment would come in at, it will be very important to help them prioritize what you can afford. These costs are not staying. It looks like supplies are becoming a little more available.

Mr. Boose would like to set a policy to schedule executive sessions as close to the end of a meeting as possible. He would like to not schedule them before 11:00 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m. Harry Brady moved to Enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. 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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At 11:06 a.m. Harry Brady moved to End Executive ORC 121.22 (G)(1). 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

At 11:07 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:19 a.m. the board resumed regular session with <u>JFS-.Lenora Minor, Lara Hozalski & Brenda</u> <u>Milks</u>

Ms. Minor talked about the Child Abuse Prevention Walk. It will go from Suhr Park to St. Paul Social Hall. Mr. Brady will be the guest speaker. This is part of the County employee wellness program, you can get points if you go on the walk. If you participate and your name is drawn you will receive an insurance premium holiday.

Mr. Boose confirmed that we had a proclamation, then said that he would like the commissioners to send an e-mail to ask elected officials and department heads asking them to allow staff to attend. Important to the county and the kids to participate.

Ms. Minor felt this was an excellent idea. She said that Ms. Hozalski and Ms. Milks have sent out an e-mail about the wellness part of it, but she felt that it was really about prevention and awareness. Ms. Minor said that they have t-shirts and umbrella to hand out.

Ms. Minor asked if Mr. Wilde could read the proclamation. She then said that we would walk down to the Social Hall, there will then be a thank you video. They are excited to here from Mr. Brady's foster mom. The board of DD is helping with food. Sheri's Coffee House donated beverages, Sirna & Sons donated fruits, Green Circle growers donated centerpieces and another vender from Bellevue that they reached out to.

Ms. Minor said that the thank you that they are doing will encompass the entire county. She asked if she could send Tony Shaffer up to the commissioners' office to get some pictures for the thank you video. She said that the video would only be 15 seconds long, but would include the courts, the police, sheriff, MHAS, commissioners and all the communities that support what they do every day.

Mr. Shaffer will be building on some of the marketing for child abuse and prevention, foster care and adaption month in May, Adult Protective Services month in June, Child Support Awareness month in August and Workforce Development month in September. Mr. Minor said that they are trying to encompass all of these items into the video to use for marketing and to update their website.

JFS plans on doing something in their parking lot in June, then something at the fair. Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Minor was invited to the MHAS meeting yesterday. Mr. Boose said that the reason he was asking is we are part of a grant thru Ohio State and they will need to collect data. Mr. Boose is assuming they will use a survey to collect the data and will probably start this in July. The fair is right around the corner and feels this is a good place to collect the data.

It is called Community Overdose Coalition. It is a national study and we were chosen as a county to be a part of it. Only 17 counties in Ohio were chosen. There is \$900,000.00 for our county tied into it. The universities are running it and gathering all of the data. Mr. Boose thought that the fair in August would be the perfect time to collect the data. Ms. Minor said that she could ask Ms. Cardone if she would want JFS to do surveys in the month of June at their event. Mr. Boose said that Ms. Cardone is probably not the person in charge. The universities are doing this.

Mr. Minor asked a few questions for Mr. Welch, who had to leave. They discussed if the commissioners' office and building & grounds would be off for Good Friday. Only if every office was closed. Board of Elections has early voting, so they would not be closed. Employees could take vacation or personal time if they want off.

Need to set up a meeting to discuss a solar farm at landfill.

Discussed commissioners' board room chairs, someone had said the chairs were hard and uncomfortable. Looked at getting new chairs, but decided against it. Could look at purchasing cushions for them. It was suggested having the current chairs redone, but that was tabled.

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IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – None

SIGNINGS - None

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ziemba told them that the New London Critical Infrastructure Contract was sent to New London, then reviewed by Mr. Strickler and went back to GLCAP for the needed signatures. They will send back here when complete. The goal is to have it on the agenda for Tuesday, but that is up to the contractor. Mr. Strickler said the way attorney certification is, everyone has to sign it before the attorney.

Mr. Strickler sent out a copy of MOU for Development Council. Mr. Boose needed a little more time to review it.

Ms. Ziemba got with Mr. Small about the open position that they had talked about and he confirmed that it is a joint position between the commissioners and soil & water. It could be anyone in the community, but both entities would have to agree on the person. Mr. Boose asked if that meant that soil & water would have 2 people on the board, because they already had someone on the board. Ms. Ziemba thought that it was just a joint person and did not think that soil & water would turn down anyone they had chosen. In the past the person was Carl Knapp because she was over economic development. She was told that it did not need to be someone from economic development, it could be a retired person looking to give back to the community, a farmer or anyone who has time to attend. Mr. Boose said that they had a name recommended to us. He still needs to call the person.

Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba to ask the Willard Library how quick the charger is in their charging station. What is the timing range? Ms. Ziemba thought it was 2 hours. Need to ask if it shuts off after 2 hours and only gives 1/3 of the full charge or does 2 hours give it the full charge. Ms. Ziemba felt that the Willard financial person could answer more of this type questions, so she will reach out to him. Mr. Wilde asked if they charged a fee for the charging. Mr. Boose told him yes but their goal was to break even on the cost of the electricity.

Discussed SAFEbuilt meeting next Monday @ 9:00 a.m. Need to make sure we have everyone's questions, so we can ask them. Have sent communications to all of the cities and villages. It was brought up that they had not contacted the health department about this; Mr. Stickler said that we needed to make sure to contact them. Mr. Wilde said that they met with contractors twice and has continued to talk with them one on one. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler to come to the meeting as well.

Meeting with Amanda Gordon from McDonald Hopkins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Stickler said he had a minor budget issue to talk about. Juvenile Court re-cooped some assigned attorney fees from someone of \$50.00. Mr. Strickler received a call from the auditor's office and they did not know where to deposit the money. He talked with them and thought that they should create 2 line items in the Juvenile Courts budget, a revenue line item for receipt of assigned counsel fees and another line item to expend it out to pay to the state public defender. Ms. Ziemba said that she had talked with the auditor and they had been doing this all along. Mr. Strickler said that the Common Pleas Court has that same line item, but it is the general division. He said in order to track this money separately, we need to do one for the Juvenile Court. Ms. Ziemba asked if we also need to do this for the Municipal Court, Bellevue Court and other courts. Mr. Strickler told her yes, we probably should.

Ms. Ziemba said that there is a payment that is for the application fee and separate payment that is for reimbursement of indigent defense. Mr. Strickler said that is what this payment was. He believes they will be getting more of these, but probably not that many from Juvenile Court. Ms. Ziemba thought that this should be paid out of the indigent expense line that was already set-up, so would just need to set-up the revenue line.

Commissioner. Brady updates:

ARPA consultant meeting. Tomorrow. Mr. Boose asked him to confine the conversation to the senior center as he would like all of the commissioners in on the conversation about any additional items.

Commissioner Boose updates:

Region 19 does not have a person selected to be on the state board. Nothing can be done with the money until the state board is approved. Mr. Strickler sent an agreement to everybody and the only person he has heard back from is Andrew Keller, the County Administrator for Richland County, who said it looked good to him. Mr. Wilde said that he would like to sit down with him to make a plan to move this along.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if he had heard about what happened with the legal counsel for the districts. Mr. Boose told him that the Attorney General had agreed to give up to \$10,000.00 per district for legal counsel.

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Many districts are having a hard time choosing their representative. Mr. Boose said that there are 2 ways that you can pick your representative to be on the board and in neither one of them are the commissioners allowed to do it. The people on the advisory board (which has a representative from every village, city and township along with the county commissioners) would all have to agree on one person to represent them. There was some discussion that there is only one district that has everything set-up. Six districts have chosen a representative for the state. Mr. Boose feels that the commissioners should be the ones pushing this.

Mr. Boose said that there was a house bill pertaining to guardianship. An amendment was thrown in with this bill that says the judges are allowed to choose their counsel from outside if they want to, they do not need to get permission from anybody. This is the judges legal counsel. There is basically 1 county that this amendment is being written, CCAO is against this amendment to the bill. The problem is that the Ohio Judicial Association is now behind the amendment. Mr. Boose feels there is a conflict of interest and some ethics issues as well, based on how it's working and who is pushing it; which is 2 judges from the same county who are now state representatives.

The possible good news is at the legislative meeting afterwards, they talked with Senator Manning, who told them that there was a very good chance that this could come to his committee. Mr. Strickler asked if the whole house had voted on this and was told yes. Mr. Boose said that when it was in the house committee it passed with a bi-partisan vote of 8 to 2. Mr. Boose said that is why there is a concern. Mr. Strickler said it is working at lightning speed. Mr. Boose said that the problem is that the original bill pertaining to guardianship is a good bill.

Mr. Brady said that is why there should only be one item per bill. Mr. Boose and Mr. Strickler said that it was already a law, but they find a way around it.

Mr. Boose said that at the meeting yesterday, before Lt. Governor Husted came on, they asked the counties about their issues. It was brought up by one of the smaller counties that there was a problem with affordable housing in their county. The biggest problem is that they do not know how to resolve it. They are looking for any guidance the anybody can give them. After they said that, a county with a large city said that they were having the problem of ; if they have something built, it does not hold its value because it costs the same to build, but they can't charge as much for rent. Mr. Boose had asked if this was a state problem and he was shot down with people telling him it needed to be handled locally and what do you want the state to do. Mr. Boose told them he did not know what to do, he was looking for ideas.

After Lt. Governor Husted's speech, the topic turned to Licking County, with the large factory going in they would need help with housing. Mr. Boose asked if they were going to give Licking County more priority than us with the same problem. He was told yes. Mr. Boose felt that it was a local issue and they need to figure out how to best put yourself in a position to do that. It is not just about housing, It's about economic development. They will have a lot of other businesses move in because Intel will be there, so they better have a good economic development or you will be left behind. How do you get enough workers? Were told that about one third of the workers will come from overseas. The best scenario could be that we could get materials that we are going to have to pay twice as much for because there is a shortage due to them being used to build the factory.

Mr. Boose said that we need to mention to all of the economic development groups we talk to, that we were told that we are on our own to figure out the housing problem.

Mr. Brady said they talked about the task force for the 2024 solar eclipse at the meeting and everyone thought it was a chance for economic development.

Mr. Boose said that a commissioner at the meeting said he had a question. The commissioner said that Ohio had lost 2 congressional seats, but we don't have room for anybody? How does that happen? No one said anything.

The commissioners discussed that some of the larger cities have houses for sale that are cheap, but they need a lot of work. It was also mentioned that people are turning rentals into air BNB's which have taken a lot of the available rentals off the market, but this is not in all areas. Mr. Boose told them that someone from one of the large cities said that not only do they not have enough housing, but they do not have enough lots or places to put them. Mr. Brady said that there were a lot of vacant lots where houses had been torn down in Cleveland, but they were in areas where people did not want to live. Mr. Brady also said that some large cities had waiting lists for downtown apartments of 3 to 4 years and they were turning every vacant commercial building into apartments or condos.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

Mr. Wilde said they all went to MHS. They had the dates of when everything is going to happen, he did not think anything was until July. Mr. Brady said that the 2 ladies who were sitting across from them were going to be spearheading a lot of it. Mr. Wilde said that the lady from Ohio Mental Health , who is from Ottawa County, would like to come to speak to us.

THURSDAY

Went to the Henry Timmons event.

Went to Willard Economic Development- it was an informal discussion about issues with housing. They discussed the sale of the stack house properties, then they were sold again. Mr. Wilde said that the Willard Economic Development Director, Carol Knapp, talked to the current owner and said that they can't raise the rents to much. Mr. Boose said that it has been all over Facebook that the people who are living in these apartments can't get a hold of the person to pay their rent and are scared that they will get evicted. Mr. Brady said they are not getting any call backs or responses from the person. Mr. Wilde said that he would give Ms. Knapp about this because he was unaware that this was happening.

Mr. Wilde went to Veterans Meeting. He said that they went into executive session. Mr. Boose asked under which category do they go into executive session. Mr. Wilde was not sure, but thought personnel. Mr. Strickler said that it depended on what they were talking about.

Mr. Wilde said that he mentioned the new Family Health Services in the old Food Town Building to them. They were not aware of it. Mr. Wilde told them that they had Medicaid, Medicare, VA and a sliding fee scale. Mr. Boose mentioned that the Huron County Health Department had the same thing, but they do not have dental. Mr. Wilde said that the dental was one of the big pushes for the veterans. Mr. Wilde gave them the name of Peter Rauner.

Mr. Wilde said that he was going to register for the Chamber event. The speaker is Jamie Dimon, who is a big deal in the world of finance. He is JP Morgan Chase CEO. Mr. Brady and Mr. Boose would also like to go and asked Mr. Wilde to register them as well.

Mr. Wilde mentioned the board of revisions. HB 126. Will talk about at board of revisions. Mr. Boose said that it was talked about yesterday. Mr. Boose said that CCAO was not taking a stand either way on it and depending on which side of the coin you are on, it could be a big deal. Mr. Boose said that they had made changes on it this week and it is in conference committee now.

Mr. Strickler asked if this was the bill preventing the school districts. Mr. Brady said if they do file it and don't get the decision they want at the hearing, they can't appeal it. Mr. Boose said that they would be allowed to challenge anything that was over \$500,000.00, but if a person has 50 properties that add up to over \$500,000.00 that doesn't count, it's per property. Mr. Brady thought that it would affect just the school boards. Mr. Boose said that it would affect all of us because if people do not pay their fair share, then everyone also will have to pay it.

The SAFEbuilt meeting on Monday is at the Norwalk City Hall conference room.

At 12:40 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 7, 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 12:40 a.m.

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