

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Special Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Gary W. Bauer, Joe Hintz, Larry J. Silcox.

**At 9:09 a.m.** Ben Kenny, representing WSOS and Norwalk enterprise zone program. Mr. Kenny thanked the board for the special and stated that Norwalk City Council had held a special meeting as well and stated that local government works pretty well and pretty quickly. Mr. Kenny explained the we have before us an enterprise zone agreement that has been approved by the Edison School, and by Norwalk city council. It is the standard 40% net 60% tax abatement on about \$900,000 of real property improvement at EXTOL Corporation up in the industrial park on Republic Street and are looking at 14 to 20 new jobs over three years to occur from this. They are also purchasing some equipment as well. Ellen Heinz further explained the projects.

Mr. Bauer spoke in regards to this tax abatement by stating that he had attended the Norwalk City Council meeting and heard Robin DeGraff talk about the plans and stated that he had been involved with other tax abatements and stated that it is a positive thing it is jobs and something is better than nothing. Mr. Bauer stated that expansion and jobs are important.

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND EXTOL OF OHIO, INC. CONCERNING THE NORWALK ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT**

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwalk's Enterprise Negotiating Zone Committee has investigated the application of EXTOL of Ohio, Inc., and has recommended the same to the Council of the City of Norwalk and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwalk has granted a tax exemption for new real property acquired in conjunction with the project equal to one hundred percent (100%) on all real property improvements acquired as a part of the project for a period of ten (10) years after the completion date of the project period; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is in receipt of a certified copy of the Norwalk City Council Resolution, passed and signed by the Mayor, to which was attached a copy of the agreement (number 11-1) between the City of Norwalk and EXTOL of Ohio, Inc., including a Compensation Agreement with the Norwalk City School District and EHOVE, exempting real property for ten years; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the agreement in place between the City of Norwalk and EXTOL of Ohio, Inc., concerning the negotiations of benefits set forth for the Norwalk Enterprise Zone; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board be and she is hereby authorized and instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor, Huron County Treasurer, the City of Norwalk, EXTOL of Ohio, Inc., Ohio Department of Taxation, and the Ohio Department of Development in line with this action; 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.

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

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Joe Hintz

Aye – Larry J. Silcox

Discussion was had in regards to the senior enrichment bond resolution Daivia Kasper stated that she has done some research in regards to the concern that she discussed yesterday in regards to combining a ballot issue that has a tax levy to pay back the bonds along with a tax levy for current expenses. Ms. Kasper stated that she did not find an authority to do this and stated that she feels that they need to be pulled a part.

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Cheryl Nolan was able to forward some of that email on to Peck Schaffer and Tom Wilson called Ms. Kasper around 5:00 p.m. and stated that she was correct. After further discussion it was found that Tom Wilson is in Erie County today and could stop by this afternoon to discuss the procedure for placing this issue on the ballot. Mr. Fegley spoke in regards to having the money to build the facility but not having the funds to maintain and operate the facility. Mr. Bauer stated that this is also a concern of his. It was decided to talk with Tom Wilson this afternoon in this regard.

**At 9:30 a.m.** Joe Hintz moved to adjourn. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION**

The Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 10, 2011.

**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 9:30 a.m.

Signatures on File