

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose, Harry Brady and Bruce Wilde.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the May 17, 2022 and May 19, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 17, 2022 and May 19, 2022 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JUNE 2, 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>B&G</u>		
Wasiniak Construction, Inc.	brick pier repair/JFS	\$6,320.00
<u>IT</u>		
ESI	Cisco Smart Net/Office Building firewall	\$1,200.89
		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. Welch asked if we had a service agreement that could be used. After discussion it was decided the job could proceed with the approval of the proposal. Mr. Welch will work on drafting a service agreement so we have one on file.

Mr. Boose asked if the IT request was for the data center. Mr. Riedy told him it was for the one put in downtown. Mr. Boose asked if the over \$1,000 requests could be sent to them a couple of days ahead of the meeting for them to review.

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 - none

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

- Terry Boose & Harry Brady, Commissioners, to Bowling Green, Ohio for the Erie Basin RC&D Quarterly meeting on June 10, 2022.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

JUNE 2, 2022

SIGNINGS

Letter of Support for Norwalk Arts Center trying to have Norwalk Theatre listed on National Register of Historic Places.

Harry Brady made the motion to approve signing the Letter of Support for Norwalk Theatre. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Abstain – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde



**HURON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Terry Boose * Harry Brady * Bruce "Skip" Wilde

Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk

June 2, 2022

Ms. Abby Marshall
Survey & National Register Manager
Ohio History Connection
800 E. 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211-2037

Re: Norwalk Theatre, Norwalk, Ohio

Dear Ms. Marshall:

The Huron County Board of Commissioners wish to express their support of the Norwalk Theatre being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Since their formation in 2018, Norwalk Arts Center has been working to resurrect the iconic Norwalk Theatre that had been sitting vacant since 2009. Having the Norwalk Theatre listed in the National Register of Historic Places would provide additional resources to the Norwalk Arts Centre for this purpose. Therefore, this designation is critical to the renovation process and furthering the mission of Norwalk Arts Center.

The Board is pleased to support the Norwalk Arts Center to in their efforts to restore the Norwalk Theatre and promoting art in the community.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Terry Boose

Harry Brady

Bruce Wilde

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Remediation of asbestos at the Old Jail. This was an opportunity to have the asbestos removed from the old jail with a grant from Brownfield/Land Bank. Mr. Strickler explained it was a "Clean Hands" Affidavit. He was not sure the County could sign it. The County built it, and the County was the one that put the asbestos in the building. However, that was standard practice at the time. He would research it. Mr. Wilde suggested contacting the consultant that is helping Mr. Welch. Mr. Strickler asked if they could call the consultant about this; he thought it would be quicker answer. Mr. Wilde asked if he and Mr. Strickler could call the consultant after the meeting today. Mr. Strickler agreed. Mr. Wilde asked if everyone agreed about signing this document. Mr. Welch told them that Brownfield is very complex, he has worked with them in the past on underground gas. He said that Brownfield always looks at the end use of the property also and felt that those answers my have to be given. Mr. Wilde suggested they ask the consultant that question as well. Mr. Boose thought that it would become nothing if the asbestos was not taken out.

Mr. Brady had a constituent ask him about the 3 windows at the old jail that were broken. He asked if we could please do something with it so it doesn't look so crappy. Mr. Boose suggested taking the broken glass out.

At 9:20 a.m. Project updates:
Joel Riedy, Network Director- IT updates:

Department	Project	Status	6/2/2022
Common Pleas	Install new switch, install new Wi-fi	complete	
Common Pleas	Install new wireless phones in courtrooms	Complete	
Juvenile Court	Install new network switches	Completed	
Juvenile Court	Server upgrades for courtview system	To be complete 6/3/22	
JFS	Install new router,firewall and router	Complete	
Office Building	New Fiber Switch install	Complete	
MHAS	Server grant	Has moved to testing phase.	
MHAS	Technology grant		
	Adult Probation	Complete	
	Public Defender	in progress	
Fairgrounds	Wi-Fi install	in progress	equipment 90% installed, tower 6/17
Admin building	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Admin building	Wi-Fi upgrade	Consulted with cisco 5/31/22 looking for alternative part numbers	
Law Library	Switch upgrade	equipment on order	
IT	Configure Intrusion Prevention System	Complete	
IT	NTIA Broadband Grant	No final announcement	
Recorder	Staff PC Upgrades and repurpose computers	Complete	
IT	Syslog Server	Operational, this is an ongoing project	
IT	Electronic Information Storage center	equipment on order	eta 8/18
	Working on room prep	fiber has been pulled into the room.	
	Connecting all sites.	in progress	
Adult Probation	Network upgrades/recable	Complete	
Recorder	Switch upgrade	Complete	
Recorder	Fiber run	Complete	
Engineer Office	Firewall Replacement	Complete	
Admin building	Core upgrade	Completed	
Prosecutor Office	Switch upgrade/Replacement	on order* IT department loaned them a tempoaraly switch	
IT	Phone system 4 digit dial	in progress, system is operational	
Courthouse	Wi-Fi upgrade/replacement	on order	200 day ETA

- Will finish up a big job with Juvenile Court this Friday. Have finally gotten all the steps done that are necessary to complete their case management system upgrade on their server. Will be doing that job after hours this Friday. Hoping to get it done by 8 or 9 in the evening. If necessary, the will work over the weekend to make sure they are up and ready to go by Monday.
- Finished all the upgrades with adult probation department. Replaced all PC's and monitors. Migrated all of their data over and installed newer versions of all their software.
- Phone system – We can now call direct extensions from the Administration building to anybody downtown. We have the ability to do 4-digit dialing. This would not have been possible without the router and firewall upgrades they have done. Mr. Riedy said to use it, you would press the number 5, then the 4-digit extension you wanted to dial. He is working on getting the system to recognize number patterns, so eventually we would not have to hit the number 5.
- Started work for the data center room downstairs yesterday by pulling a fiber optic line into the room. Hoping to get the other end connected and test it to make sure the fiber is solid and ready to go. Have connected all of the buildings that are going to be using the data center. They are all talking to each other, except for one. Hoping to get that resolved next week.
- Fiber speed upgrade- hoping to see that happen in the next 7 to 10 business days. This will be for the Administration building and downtown. Will quadruple the bandwidth in the Administration building.
- Fairgrounds project- 90% complete. All major legwork has been done. A few access points left to hang. Mr. Boose asked if anybody was using the ones that are up. Mr. Riedy said that he would contact North Coast Wireless to see if they can look at their monitors to see if there are. Hoping to pour concrete pad for the tower next week. Mr. Riedy believes it will be located to the right of the fair office. They are planning to stand the tower up on June 17, whether permitting. It is an 80 ft. high. Will be near complete after the tower is installed. Waiting on the fair board's electrician to run the power for all of the devices.
- Law Library has agreed to purchase all new wireless access points for the courthouse, so will replace 12 of them. That should upgrade the access for all levels. The existing system is close to 10 years old. The access points are 200 days out. He is working with Cisco to see if there are some alternative part numbers available for a comparable price. He is also having the same discussion for the administration building to finish the WI-FI.
- Mr. Welch asked if Mr. Riedy had a firm date on the delivery of the equipment for the IT room. He wanted to make sure they were prepared to unload and to put it where it needed to go. Mr. Riedy said they had pushed the delivery date back to August.

- Mr. Welch said that at one time they had discussed having a county website. Mr. Riedy said we had a lot of departments that were interested in that and thought they had some funds for it. Ms. Ziemba did not think that was one of the projects that was going to be funded this year. Mr. Welch did not want to spend a lot of money on the SWMD website if we were going to do a county one.
- Mr. Brady asked him if it was not in the budget for this year and they put it in the budget for next year, would that be workable for him. Mr. Welch said that they are going thru the plan and update right now and adding a lot of things to the solid waste website.

Pete Welch, Director of Operations - B & G updates:

PROJECTS June 6, 2022						
	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 Complex 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.
JFS-Veteran's Ent.			\$12,810			Advance Construction provided cost est. of \$12,810 and Wasinak quoted \$6320. Need service agreement!!!
JFS Roof	Garmin Miller	Advance Const.	\$390,369	6/8/2021		Work in progress. According to Advance, the should be done in two weeks. EFIS Change Order approved.
Downtown Boilers						Received quote to replace all 3 boiler from Energy Controls for \$207,968 and \$36,478 to repair from BoilerTech. (1) Waiting for 2nd repair quote.
Jail Sewer/Grinder	Garmin Miller					Meeting held with Architect, Jail Personel, and City on 1/20. Researching options and what other jails have implemented. 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. Estimate delivery time, mid June. Will follow up next for schedule.
Administration Elevator	Garmin Miller		\$490,764			Proposal to design and prepare bid specs submitted to Board on 1/27 for review. Garmin Miller discussed with Board on 3/17/22.
UST Shady Lane	BJAAM		\$33,980	5/20/2021		Remediation Plan submitted on 12/2/21. Waiting for BUSTR'd approval. RAP out for public commnet (4/6)
AD Bldg Sign	Brady Sign					Approval by Richland County with conditions. Tenative start date 6/24.
Admin Bathrooms		Legends	\$46,463		2/22/2022	Project near 99% completed. First floor "Women" bathroom will be re-painted.
Courthouse Ramp		RMH Const.	\$22,401		5/2/2022	Completed. Waiting for CO clarification from RMH.

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Jail Roof	Garmin Miller	Chaney Roofing	\$366,140	6/8/2021		CRM start the week of May 1. Roughly 40% (plus)of ballast has been removed and membrane installed.
Building Assessment	Garmin Miller		\$24K - \$48K			Meeting with Garmin Miller on 6/6/22 1:00 to review draft report.
Courthouse Security			\$47,500			Ohio Supreme Court Technolgy grant submittied on 2/14/22 for \$123,000. State awards grants in June.
Courthouse Floor		Midstate				Waiting on Assessment from Garmin Miller
Law Library Doors		Koch	\$7,112			Law Library Board looking for second cost.
Old Jail						
Recorder's Ceiling	Garmin Miller					Waiting on Assessment
Performing Arts Door		Koch	\$4,750	3/3/2022	4/21/2022	Completed
Admin Shelving Units	In house	PBS	\$12,320	\$12,320	5/16/2022	Completed
	Garmin Miller		\$115-\$135K			Do we want to start preparing bid specs????
	Garmin Miller		\$100K			
	Garmin Miller		\$173,363			

- Wasiniak was going to do the pier at JFS.
- Courthouse lighting. Still expecting delivery in the next few weeks. Will then have to work around the Judge's schedules.
- June 24 is the expected date for the sign at administration building. Mr. Boose asked about who would be running the sign and from where. Would like to know how to use it when we get it installed.
- Jail roof. They are roughly 40% done.
- Garmann Miller building assessment - Mr. Welch is going to review it with them on Monday at 1:00 p.m. They will review the draft before they publish the final. Mr. Brady will also attend the review.
- Mr. Welch asked if we had an update on the ARPA funding. Wanted to know about the carpeting for JFS and auditor. Was told the money was in permanent improvements for this.

- Mr. Welch asked if he could get bid specs prepared for carpeting at the office building and JFS. They said he could.
- Downtown boilers. Energy Controls looked at them originally. They were the ones that were part of the installation of the original boilers; subcontracted with Walters out of Fremont. They had originally indicated they could not be repaired, they would have to be replaced at a cost of approximately 1/5M\$.
- CORSA sub-contracted with Investa Forensics. They came to look at the boilers, we told Investa that energy controls said they needed to be replaced and sent him the quote. The person from Investa talked to Boiler Tech out of Columbus, who is a certified rep for Clever Brooks, which is the model of our boilers. Energy controls is also a rep for our Clever Brooks.
- Boiler Tech provided a cost to repair of about \$38,000. However, they cannot work in this area. The territory we are in belongs to Energy Controls, who told us we would need to replace the boilers. Mr. Welch explained this to our CORSA insurance contact Al Francis and Robert Haukner from Investa Forensic. Mr. Welch called Energy Controls back and told them that we had a cost to repair the boilers, and told them they needed to give us a repair cost. They are supposed to provide a cost to repair and is waiting on this.
- Mr. Welch will then have to discuss that number with CORSA. However, the parts are still 10 weeks out. Mr. Boose would like to see this on Tuesday's agenda if we get the quote before then. Mr. Boose asked if we could share the \$38,000 quote. Mr. Welch said we could, they are not competing against each other. Mr. Welch also told them to keep in mind that Boiler Tech has never come out to look at the boilers, they were just basing their claim on the information that Investa Forensics' gave them.
- Mr. Boose asked about JFS. Mr. Welch said they did put membrane on the north portion. He has reports it does not match. Mr. Welch was headed out that way to take a look at it. Mr. Boose asked what else needed to be done out there. Mr. Welch said he would let them know after he goes out there and takes a look. Gutters are not all the way done. The EFIS is not done. Discussed this was a contract issue. Also discussed materials still left on the premises.
- Mr. Boose questioned the possible funding listed for the AD roof and told Mr. Welch no. Mr. Welch asked about the downtown roof, and was told no.
- Mr. Boose did not want to see the Admin elevator to die. Ms. Ziemba said it would be on the agenda for Tuesday, she was working on the grant and it would need to be submitted by the 14th.
- Mr. Boose asked about the underground storage tanks at Shady Lane. Mr. Welch explained they were still out for public hearing with BUSTR.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**Commissioner Brady update:**

- Mr. Brady stopped and met with Judge Weisenberger yesterday. Wanted to learn what they do. Still has many more meetings this week.

Commissioner Boose update:

- Mr. Boose was in Columbus yesterday. He is on an advisory committee to replace the gas tax. Reviewed 29 different options to replace, then added more options. Will report back to CCAO. One option is to take sales tax derived from automobiles and give it to transportation. One individual said that the local governments would not go for that, so this was changed to take it out of the states portion of the sales tax. The state would reimburse the county for the portion that they lose. Mr. Boose thought this was a pretty good option. One of the confusing aspects of this is they are just looking at replacing the dollar amount of money that comes in through the gas tax. The goal is that when they switch from one tax to the next tax, we bring in the same amount of money.
- The reason that is an issue, is that how the money is distributed is extremely important. Right now, the gas tax is divided by 88 and every county gets an equal amount. The fees from registration go in all different ways. When you start manipulating those, you will manipulate who gets the money. Mr. Boose told them that the only way he could get his hands around this is to say that all of the money that we are trying to collect goes in one giant transportation pot, then it's up to someone else to figure out how to divide it. Instead transportation goes into all different pots. The total replacement should equal what we are collecting.
- Mr. Boose told them about the toll roads in Charlestown SC and said that the toll road had different fees, depending on the lanes you wanted to use. He told them they were talking about this because we are about to build a huge new bridge between Kentucky and Ohio in Cincinnati. It will be a toll bridge. Mr. Boose told them if you go thru this bridge during rush hour, you may have to pay a higher rate than if you went thru it during off hours.
- Mr. Boose said that they would not replace it with one thing, it will be multiple things. Mr. Stickler asked if they were going to eliminate the gas tax altogether. Mr. Boose said there would be 2 gas taxes, just like today. The federal government and the local. Mr. Strickler asked what about the state. Mr. Boose answered by saying that was yet to be determined and is part of the 29 to review, but his guess would be no. Mr. Boose also said that there is 9 of those 27 different versions of the gas tax and by versions he is talking about how you collect it.

- Mr. Boose said the way the federal government collects gas tax now is at the rack; which is the refinery. When it goes out of the refinery and goes to the distributor it is charged and paid to the federal government. Since that is the federal government, they did not get into the specifics. They were told the state portion was collected by retail, but that is not how it works. Let's assume there are 3 layers; rack, distributors and retail. Mr. Boose said it was collected at the level just above the retail. If he was delivering to a retail gas station. He would send them a bill and it would have the tax in it. The tax is paid based on when it was sold. If it was sold in January the distributor would have to pay it by the end of February. The distributor pays it, but the retailer collects it. The reason that is important is that one of the 5 reasons which they base their ratings is how easy it is to collect a tax. A couple of examples of this is; pay based on the value of your car at registration, pay based on the MPG of the vehicle. Mr. Boose told them that since electric is in the mix, you can't just have one source of collection.
- Mr. Strickler asked if that is why they started the \$200.00 if you had a hybrid. It is an annual fee/tax because you would not be using as much gas with the hybrid. Mr. Boose told him yes, but there is a different rate for hybrids versus electric. Mr. Boose said that there will soon be another version of electric that you don't run on the electric. The vehicle charges itself and runs on what is stored in the batteries. There is a constant regeneration.
- There is also a version of electric car that you replace the batteries with charged batteries. You can have a set at home charging, then swap them out.
- Mr. Stickler asked how electric cars are lowering our carbon footprint if we have to produce electricity to charge the batteries. Mr. Boose said that since he brought that up, another variation of tax is the carbon tax. You pay a carbon tax when you register and there is a formula derived for a carbon tax. There is also an electricity tax. Mr. Boose told them that these are all things that people were already doing or other states are looking at. Some have been disasters and some there is not enough data back to determine whether they work or not.
- Mr. Boose said that they are adding 2 more to the 29 and one of those would be paying something when you buy your car from one of those variables. Mr. Boose said that this plan was originally going to be for 40 years; he thought that they had narrowed it down to 20 years. But really don't know what will happen after 10 years. Will the federal government require you to have the MPG so high that that you have to go to electric?
- CCAO will be having a webinar on tips and best practices.
- Ohio Lake Erie Commission quarterly meeting at Put in Bay on June 08. Mr. Boose thought these were worth attending.

Commissioner Wilde update:

- Ribbon cutting – Haven Hypnosis – tomorrow
- Hills Ribbon Cutting- 70th year- tomorrow
- Firelands Historical Society -open house- Saturday 1-4.
- Board of Revisions- Monday

At 10:19 a.m. Harry Brady moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. 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 10:48 a.m. Harry Brady moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(3). 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 10:48 a.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 June 2, 2022.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

JUNE 2, 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 10:48 a. m.

Signatures on File