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.

#### At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the May 5, 2022 and May 10, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 5, 2022 and May 10, 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

22-154

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

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor's Office for payment;

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve Claim Register for Payment Batches 336837 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant;

and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

\*Discussion: Mr. Boose asked if there was a reason that Tacy Bond's cell phone reimbursement comes out of Disaster Service and not 911. Will ask them about this.

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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Bruce Wilde moved to approve the payment held last week to Ohio School Resource Officers Association in the amount of \$335.00. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

\*Discussion: Mr. Boose does not believe that we should be paying anything for school resource officers. If the Sheriff makes a deal with the schools to provide resource officers it should include all costs. Working with them is great, but we should not have to pay for it.

Ms. Ziemba read the email response from Shawn Newton:

The schools do not reimburse us for training for our SRO/DARE officer. Training is not part of the grant we have with them. They only pay for salary line items. Our officer has attended this annual training since 2018.

Mr. Boose asked for a report of everything paid for school resource officer that doesn't get reimbursed by the schools. Mr. Brady agrees. Mr. Wilde thought that in the future, maybe MHAS would pay for this. Need to look at this before next year to see if someone else can pay.

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

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

22-155

RECULAR SESSION

# IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH GRIFFIN PAVEMENT MARKING, LLC FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT PHASE 2

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 22-141 the bid was awarded to Griffin Pavement Marking, LLC for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2 for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Griffin Pavement Marking, LLC., for such goods and services:

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Griffin Pavement Marking, LLC., Fremont, Ohio for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 2 attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference 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. Tansey said that this is for various striping on an as needed basis.

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

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

\*Contract on file.

22-156

## IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE HURON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board members Ben Chaffee Jr. and Amber Boldman expire on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chaffee and Ms. Boldman wish to be reappointed for an additional term; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby reappoints Ben Chaffee Jr. and Amber Boldman to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board for an additional four year term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026; 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: Two great board members; happy they are willing to continue on this board. They are doing great things out there.

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

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

22-157

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-19-1BJ-2 (DRAW #25), SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MAY 17, 2022

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for payment and status of funds requests have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board's certification;

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the requests for payment and status of funds reports; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for payment and status of funds request as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payments is not in excess of current needs; 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: \$42,200.00 - private rehab - Willard

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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# IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MAY 17, 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:

IT #046

ComDoc Switches (stock replacements) \$1,753.82

**DJFS** 

Oddfellow Productions Video services/Production/JFS promotions \$3,950.00 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: DJFS expense is for comprehensive marketing campaign for children's services and aging. Will lose funds if not used, so decided to use them to advertise for foster care, adoption, adult protective services, children's services and the resource fair within the fair.

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

- Niki Cross JFS Fremont Poverty Simulation Workshop May 13, 2022
- Devin Pollick JFS Fremont Coalition Training-Making the Way Easy- May 12, 2022
- Devin Pollick JFS Fremont EPIIC Training for Grant Deliverables May 24, 2022

#### **SIGNINGS** - none

#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

#### Randy Strickler-Assistant Prosecutor update:

- One Ohio-Region 19 Mr. Boose and Mr. Strickler went to meeting last Wednesday. Approved the commissioner from Medina County, Bill Hudson, to be our representative on the state board to start out with. They felt that Mr. Hudson would be good with the organizational aspect at the beginning, then when we get into the project choosing phase they could switch to someone who is more in the addiction business.
- CCAO meeting last Friday. Their big discussion was whether elected officials could be on the board. Mr. Boose told them that he thought it had to do with the foundation being a non-profit and they couldn't have a public official running a non-profit. They are waiting to get an opinion from the top before they move forward. This has something to do with their 501C3, but they may become a 501C4 instead.
- Discussed why we do not have the opioid money yet. Mr. Boose said that townships or local governments that get less then \$500.00; that money is now supposed to go to the county and this complicates the formula. Also discussed that we were not given guidance, but when we put together something to get organized, they told us we did it wrong.
- Spectrum contract still being reviewed, down to 2 issues. This is the contract for the Administration building increased speed.

#### Vickie Ziemba- Administrator/Clerk- reviewed old business:

- Civil Air patrol request- Mr. Strickler was not sure where we were at on this.
- Handicap ramp at courthouse complete, waiting on final bill with change order from the addition of stone/material. Mr. Welch talked with the architect and they said not to pay anything until they get the paperwork done.
- JFS Roof- Paid contractor, but they still need to finish. Architect was trying to contact them.
- Uniform Guidance Policy sent to us by Amanda Gordon. Mr. Stickler read it and thought it looked ok. Ms. Ziemba stated that her concern was that this policy was specific to this money, but she wanted something that we could use for all federal funds. Mr. Boose said that one of the counties at his meeting on Friday brought up they were taking the whole the whole 10M of ARPA funds and it had no reporting. We then discussed that others did not know all of the requirements for ARPA funds. Ms. Ziemba suggested that the person that said this was probably not the person doing the reporting. It was further discussed that the county auditor was doing the ARPA reporting in many counties.
- Transportation- meeting this afternoon
- HCDC MOU- Mr. Strickler talked with Mr. Bader about it. They have a concern about the termination clause in the agreement which says that either party can terminate at any time for any reason within 30 days' notice. Mr. Bader and the board would either like the clause eliminated, which Mr. Strickler did not think we could do; or maybe expand the clause to a greater period of time because if things are going south it would give more time to discuss the issues and solve them and retract the termination. Mr. Strickler said that they were thinking of a 180-day termination clause. Mr. Strickler told them that this would have to go to the commissioners. The commissioners felt that 180 days were too long and that 90 days would be better. Mr. Brady asked if they could put some type of "for cause" in the contract.

- Mr. Strickler said that then you would argue what the cause is and also, we may not want to get rid of someone for cause. Mr. Boose said that if something was going in the opposite direction of what we want, we need to have an out. Mr. Strickler said that he would call Mr. Bader back and tell him the commissioners would like the length to be 90 days.
- Mr. Boose asked if everyone is in agreement as to their roll in the landbank and is it in the agreement or does it need to be. Mr. Strickler said that would be a separate agreement. Ms. Ziemba stated that it would be an agreement between the landbank and HCDC. Mr. Boose asked if anyone knew what that agreement is. Ms. Ziemba told him that Shawn Pickworth has that agreement, but she does not know what is says. Mr. Boose said that 2 people were spending a lot of time on it for over a year and he wants to make sure that if we are paying him the same amount of money, that we get the same number of hours of work for that. Mr. Wilde thought that it would not be a problem. Mr. Boose said that there was a webinar and we did not find out until right before and it should be their responsibility to forward this information to everybody. Mr. Boose felt his biggest concern was with the Brownfield money and other money that our grants were coming through; these are coming down with not much notice. If we don't have somebody taking charge on this, we may lose out. HCDC is getting good money from the landbank and Mr. Boose wants to know how we will know that we are getting our contract out of that. Mr. Strickler said that Mr. Bader wanted him to let the commissioners know if they had any concerns about HCDC, do not hesitate to call him. Mr. Brady said that he saw the new HCDC Director out at an event in Monroeville. Mr. Wilde told them that the relationships that the new director is building, from the people that he has talked to, have been good.
- Solar panels at landfill- Mr. Wilde told them that President Trump had put a tariff on solar panels coming from China and other parts. A local solar panel manufacturer has filed something with an agency because he believes that the tariff is not being put on these panels coming in to the country. According to the article that Mr. Wilde read, all solar panels have stopped because they can't bring them in, but there are American companies bring them in without paying the tariff on them. This may put a stop to our research for right now.
- Schedule ARPA consultant- She is scheduled to come in May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Let Ms. Ziemba know if you would like the consultant to prepare anything ahead of time. Mr. Boose wanted to put more emphasis on intranet infrastructure. We need to figure out where it is still needed. Mr. Boose remembered that we were told they have an expert in this area. Mr. Wilde mentioned that we ask any questions pertaining to the procurement policy. Mr. Strickler suggested that we send an e-mail asking if the procurement policy which they sent us could serve as our federal procurement policy or is it to tailored to the COVID money.
- Schedule sewer district attorney-John Albers He is scheduled to come in on May 19, 2022. Mr. Stickler told them that Bryson Hamons would be at this meeting and he would invite the people from Willard, Celeryville and Holiday Lakes. Will see if meeting room A is available for this.
- Mr. Boose mentioned that Sandusky County had a similar issue as Holiday Lakes, but on a smaller scale and they resolved it without having to create a sewer district. Mr. Brady said that it was different than a sewer district, but the same principle. Mr. Boose said that had to do with money available because it was along a river and they were worried about raw sewage getting into the river, then traveling to Lake Erie. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if we could ask Mr. Albers about other options.
- Mr. Strickler will e-mail about this before the meeting. Mr. Strickler had told Mr. Albers that we would have a group of people at the meeting from the affected areas. Mr. Albers welcomed the input from the affected people and felt that more data would help him to give better answers. Mr. Strickler said that he had not realized until the second time he talked to Mr. Albers that the people in Celeryville had an engineering study done.
- Mr. Brady told them that he had spoken with Tom Gray from Monroeville and they are starting to experience the same type of issues. Mr. Brady thought that if we heard other alternatives to the sewer district, they may be applicable to other areas in the county. Mr. Boose said that from listening to an Erie County Commissioner it sounds like there is a giant domino about to fall on us and they are going to spend a majority of their ARPA money on their sewer district.
- Letter to Nathan Manning & Dick Stein about drainage issue w/railroad- Ms. Ziemba called Chad Stang at Soil & Water to get some details about the issue and was told that the railroad had showed up and what they were doing would solve the issues. It was supposed to be complete by last Friday. Mr. Stang told her that if it was not complete by then or there were issues; he would let Ms. Ziemba know about them. Ms. Ziemba has not heard from Mr. Stang.
- EMA volunteer corp. training bills- Ms. Ziemba said that EMA had sent a folder for each of the commissioners about this. Mr. Brady said that the question was how many people had received this training each month. Have received several e-mails, but they did not contain any numbers. Mr. Boose said that the training used to be done inhouse and now it is not. Mr. Boose feels that now is the time to bring this up since we are in the process of hiring an assistant director for EMA. Still would like to see the numbers of how many people are being trained a month, since we are paying for this monthly.
- Fairgrounds grandstand Ms. Ziemba stated that the proposal to fix it was under the bid amount. The fair board had already approved the proposal, so they will move forward with it.

- Mr. Strickler said that the fair board has a second estimate for a similar, but different fix than the one they are going to take.
- Mr. Ziemba contacted CORSA to notify them about the Grandstand- CORSA told us if a claim does not need to be filed, then they do not need to be notified about this. We would only need to file a claim if something hit the grandstand or a natural disaster, such a lightning strike occurred.
- Budget & Management roundtable June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Bowling Green Ms. Ziemba will be on vacation, so will not be attending. Ms. Stebel will be attending the roundtable. Ms. Ziemba told them that there is another roundtable in Cuyahoga Co. on June 1<sup>st</sup> if the commissioners would like her to attend. Mr. Boose stated that if she wanted to attend the earlier one she could. Ms. Ziemba asked which commissioner was going to attend or were all 3 commissioners attending; she also told them that it was on a Thursday meeting day. Ms. Ziemba suggested canceling that meeting, since we will be closed the for the Juneteenth holiday the following Monday.

Harry Brady moved to cancel June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to attend the Ohio Budget and Management meeting in Bowling Green. 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

- Board of Elections move Received a rough estimate to re-model the basement from the architect of \$400,000.00, we budgeted \$80,000.00. Mr. Wilde said the we could not do it at that cost. Mr. Brady had told the BOE that we could not move on the remodel at that price. The Director of Elections asked if we could ask Garmann Miller to tell us what can be done for 80,000. They would like a bigger space so they can set up early voting there and not in meeting room A. Mr. Boose felt that it should be resolved if we are paying to re-model. Harry will talk with Mr. Welch about this. Mr. Boose wondered why they wanted a \$400,000 re-model, but settled for what can be done for \$80,000. Mr. Brady told him that they were not engineers and when they started talking about how much duct work needed to be moved, the BOE did not have a clue. Mr. Wilde would agree to the \$80,000 re-model if it frees up meeting room A. Mr. Boose felt that what they are doing now is working. Ms. Ziemba asked what we were doing about this. Mr. Brady told her that he and Mr. Wilde were ok with the \$80,000, Mr. Boose was not, so they were going to have Mr. Welch check on what can be done with the \$80,000.
- Data Center- Mr. Boose looked at the perspective room (Mike Armstrong's room) and was ok with it. Ms. Ziemba asked where we were with this and did we still want to use that room. Mr. Boose thought that Mr. Welch told him he was still waiting on something from Mr. Riedy. Mr. Boose told her that we might want to tell Mr. Welch that we are ready to move. Ms. Ziemba told them that she would talk with Mr. Welch and have him give an update on Thursday.
- CCAO brochure customization. Ms. Ziemba just realized that they were waiting on her to reply. She sent the information with our logo to them yesterday so they can customize it and get it back to us.
- ARPA 2nd traunch Ms. Ziemba asked if they had time this week. Mr. Boose said the only time he could not do it was Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., just let him know when and he will be here. Ms. Ziemba told him she had time today. She will try to do it without him, but may need him there for his id.
- Safe Built
  - o Mr. Wilde told them that he had sent the information/responses he got back from Lisa and the other communities. We still have the \$50,000 start-up fee. One community said that they would pitch in for that fee. Mr. Brady and Mr. Stickler thought that we could negotiate that item with the communities. Mr. Boose asked how it works now. Who pays? Ms. Ziemba told him that there is no county fee for our current inspector. Mr. Wilde asked if they could do it online now. Not sure.
  - o Mr. Boose said that the city of Norwalk has to delay putting in restrooms downtown because of Richland County. Discussed the delay in putting the sign in front of the administration building, due to waiting on Richland County. We now have to wait for electrician for this project. Mr. Wilde asked what SAFEbuilt said about how quickly they could respond.
  - o Mr. Brady liked that SAFEbuilt only inspects what is asked for. Mr. Wilde asked if we ever found the contract with Richland County. Ms. Ziemba said that she had given it to Mr. Strickler. She will also give a copy to Mr. Wilde. Mr. Boose wanted to know about fees and who would pay them. Mr. Brady stated that this might be the next point of conversation. We have spent a lot of time gathering information, but we are at a point where we need to do something with it. If we are going to move forward on this then we need to put it out there to the interested municipalities to tell them what we are looking at, what we need and ask if they are in. Mr. Boose said that it was easy to say that you are in if you don't have money involved. Mr. Brady told him that we would tell them this is your share to give. Mr. Wilde said that he needed to talk with SAFEbuilt because they said that there was room to wiggle there. Mr. Wilde was not sure what we need and asked if we needed all the bells and whistles.

- o Ms. Ziemba stated that there was also an issue with the Health Department and asked if they had gotten that resolved. Mr. Wilde said that he would ask Mr. Strickler about the issue.
- CDBG administration RFQ's have been sent out w/ return date of May 26, 2022. Has received 1 response, 1 read receipt and no response from the 3<sup>rd</sup> request. There are not a lot of people who administer these grants anymore.

#### <u>Commissioner Boose – Old Business:</u>

- Land lab property transfers- Mr. Boose wanted to know where we were at with these. Mr. Wilde told him that the last time he talked with Adam Weaver, he is waiting for the Bick's to say do something because they were going to pay for it. Has not heard anything else.
- Land lab sign has been down for almost a year. Ms. Ziemba told them that the Park District is coming in on Thursday, so we can ask them about this when they come for the meeting. Gary Obermiller is the person coming, he is new to the board, that is why he is coming for the meeting. Mr. Brady stated that he had previously worked as a wildlife offer.
- Mr. Boose discussed if Mr. Obermiller asked what is the commissioners roll with the parks. What would we tell him? Ms. Ziemba stated that the county owns the land, but a judge appoints the board members. Mr. Boose said that this was a huge topic in 1996/1997. It was an issue as to whether the commissioners would fund the park board and how much. At the time, the commissioners said that the park board was an issue of the judge and the commissioners had not planned on putting any money towards that, especially buying the rails to trails, at which time they did not buy it and that's how Lorain County Park District ended up owning the rails to trails property in Huron County. Mr. Brady said that we still feel the same way.

At 10:47 a.m. the board recessed. At 11:06 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 11:07 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; ORC 121.22 (G) (6) Specialized details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office; 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.

\*Discussion: Mr. Boose will not attend the executive session regarding ORC 121.22(G)(2) due to a conflict of interest.

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

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

At 12:17 p.m. Harry Brady moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(2), (3), and (6). 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

### OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS Cont.

#### **Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Niki Cross responded to the e-mails about prevention coalition. Old logo still in after change on name.
- Summit Motorsports Park will be sponsoring a tractor pull in July.
- Mr. Boose thought they had a good meeting on Friday. They did a round table first and that is where you learn a lot.
- Firefighters Meeting Topic- Roadside Safety.

#### **Commissioner Brady updates:**

• Tomorrow is the Wellness/Employee appreciation event at the fairgrounds. Ms. Ziemba & Ms. Webb will be there helping out for most of the day.

At 12:30 p.m. the board recessed.

At 1:04 p.m. the board resumed regular session with <u>Ben Capelle and Matthew Dutkevicz, Transit 911</u> <u>Public Transportation Consulting</u>, discussion of the future of Huron County transit. Present for the presentation: Tim Bergman - Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, Alex McCoy - Huron County Economic Development, Jesse Meyer - Norwalk United Fund, Kristen Cardone - Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Jason Gahring - Fisher Titus Health, Steve Beal - Services for Aging, Carlos Vazquez- Huron County Transit/Senior Express, Devin Pollick - Huron County Prevention Coalition, Mike Magnuson - Norwalk Reflector, Sarah Ross - Norwalk Economic Development, Lenora Minor-Director Huron County Job and Family Services, Niki Cross and Dave White - Firelands Forward .

Commissioner Brady opened the discussion and said that Susan Daugherty from Erie County was on vacation, so could not attend the meeting, but he will keep her updated. He had the attendees introduce themselves, then he told everyone that the consultants wanted to have a meeting with the entities in the county who use transportation. They had sent an e-mail listing some of the things they wanted to find out. These items are: Who uses it, what is it for, where does the funding come from and other items like that.

- Mr. Dutkevicz stated they have been hired to identify the best structure for a countywide transit and is here to gather information on how to move forward.
- Mr. Boose stated how we got to this point. The Commissioners have been hearing a lot about transportation issues and barriers. We appreciate Senior Services, they have done a great job for us so far. Would still like to continue have a relationship with the senior transit. We have continually heard that transportation is an issue for people. This is why we are looking into making it bigger than it is currently and because it's dealing with so many different aspects of the county, it might make sense for the county to take it back. Mr. Wilde told them that Enrichment Services can't be everything for all, there are circles that we can't take care of; people need 2<sup>nd</sup> shift transportation. We don't have the people to do that. Found that many 18-year old's did not have their driver's license, we now offer the classes at EHOVE. How do we get these people to Cedar Point or Pepperidge Farm to work?
- Ben Capelle questioned if at one point we had a county transit board, but moved it to senior services. Mr. Brady told him yes. Mr. Capelle then asked if they knew what the reason was at the time. Mr. Boose said that we were not sure, other than there were some relationship problems with the transit board around 2006. Mr. Boose was a commissioner when it started. But left in 2004 and it moved in 2006. Ms. Ziemba said that she believed there were also some funding issues.
- Steve Beal transit funded by ODOT. SFA area agency, united fund, tax levy. They filed the transit application to ODOT. No 5339 busses. Going to apply for senior express 5310.
- Mr. Capelle asked how they handled the senior calls versus the transit. Carlos Vazquez told him that they had 3 dispatchers. One is for Senior Express, which is 60 and over. The senior buses are moved from the HC transit (when they get a new bus thru 5310 funding) to SFA, then dispose of oldest SFA bus. 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatcher is for Huron County Transit. If a senior needs transportation in county they would call senior express. When a senior needs to go to out of county, ie.. Sandusky, Toledo or Cleveland, they would call Huron County Transit. Senior Express in in county only.
- Mr. Capelle asked if they helped the customer to pick the correct service? Mr. Vazquez told him that they navigate the customer and sometimes have a personal care attendant call to help them out. HC Transit is \$3.00 each way in county and the Senior Express is donation based.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they were utilizing any software. Mr. Vazquez told him CTS for Huron County Transit and an excel spreadsheet for Senior Express.
- Mr. Capelle stated that he was hearing that transportation is an issue and asked what everyone was hearing from people. Is it work, medical or something else.
- Dave White -Firelands Forward told him they feel there is a low labor force participation rate because of employment barriers such as transportation. It is a retention issue for business because people do not have enough money to put gas in their cars or are a single vehicle household.
- Mr. Boose stated that what he was hearing is that it is getting harder and harder to find employees, now some employees are using transportation as an issue as to why they can't get to work. They may say that their car broke down and they have no other way to get to work. We are hearing those kind of things that go along with workforce development. Mr. Vazquez told them that they received a call from someone this week that their car broke down. Scheduled the person, then the person called back to cancel. They told them they are here if they still need a ride.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they had trouble with demand and were they turning anyone away? Is it because they have certain rules in place that don't allow for these kind of things to be handled? Mr. Vazquez said he had one. He just had a driver retire from Huron County Transit. The pay scale isn't the greatest, now having to work drivers overtime and call them in on their days off. Have not turned anyone away as of yet, but trying to avoid that.
- Sarah Ross-NEDC families with 2 people working and one vehicle. If car breaks down or one person has a shift change, so car schedule no longer works, one person will quit their job. Not sure if it is stigma of taking the bus.

- Jason Gahring FTMC –People make health care appointments without having transportation, then try to schedule transportation but, they cannot plan around a known transportation schedule. People will then try to reschedule an appointment have to wait another 7 to 12 weeks to get back in, so they are not getting the healthcare they need, when they need it.
- Kristen Cardone-MHAS planning ahead is a barrier for her clientele. Many clients unable to have a license. Another barrier is hours of services are needed in the evening. The bulk of behavior health services are in Norwalk, there is an issue getting people there from the southern part of county to Norwalk for these services. MHAS is also facing the same workforce shortage as everyone else. So, to expand that way is not an option. It would be easier for them to help fund the piece for transportation. Have looked at expanding home based services, but can't fill current positions, so would have a hard time finding people to go into homes.
- Lenora Minor- JFS-to go with workforce daycare plays a roll. When going to work, needing to drop off children at daycare and get to work. Then getting to daycare from work to pick them up and get home can be an issue. Nonemergency transportation is provided thru JFS, but there are times when it is needed immediately, trying to schedule out 7 weeks is difficult. If there was 24/7 and handicap accessibility availability it would help.
- Mr. Capelle stated he is hearing that there are not a lot of denials and they are doing a good job of meeting the demands. Is the need for a transit system not just about how it operates, but the fact that having it separate makes it able to focus on one thing and make it a focal point for people to understand how it operates? If you are a customer, how do you know where to go today?
- Ms. Ross –does not think that has as much to do with the structure, but spreading the word about it, how it works and ease of use.
- Mr. Vazquez senior express vs transit and answering calls, people get confused. How to get information out that it's for everyone.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked about operating hours/scheduling rules. Mr. Vazquez told him 7 a.m to 6:30 pm. No weekends except Senior express on Saturday for Norwalk. Ask to schedule 24 hrs out or as far out as possible.
- Mr. Boose asked if they contract with CLI industries? Mr. Vazquez takes some clients, but not on a contract. Have contracts with No Bars, which is Monday thru Thursday.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they contract with any others. Mr. Vazquez told him they contract with Kinder Casa through St. Paul, Monday through Friday during the school year. JFS passport program for senior citizens and Senior transports to Cleveland. They also provide Non-emergency transportation. Ms. Minor told them JFS gives out gas vouchers as well.
- Mr. Capelle asked about the long trips and Mr. Vazquez told him they were general public. Mr. Capelle asked if these were done on a system that they have had for a long time. A round trip to Cleveland is 3 hours for a driver. Has it been this way for a long time and not changed? Mr. Vazquez told him it was that way when he started in 2007. During 2020 to 2021 if anybody needed a ride they would just take them to Cleveland, Mansfield or Toledo for medical.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they had a service area. Mr. Vazquez said any HC resident or someone who
  wants to come in to Huron County from say Sandusky. We will go to Sandusky to pick them up and
  bring them here. When Mr. Vazquez started we had border issues with Milan, Erie County would not
  come down to pick up people in Milan, so we started to pick up Milan residents and take them to
  Sandusky.
- Mr. Boose told them that 75% of Milan was in Erie County and 25% in Huron County. Mr. Dutkevicz questioned that they took them from Erie County to another spot in Erie County. Mr. Vazquez told him they also took the people in Milan to places in Huron County and said the people in Milan need help too. Mr. Wilde joked that we annexed all of Milan.
- Mr. Beal told them that the Ottawa County and Cleveland trips were on set days. He was asked if it was set times as well. Mr. Vazquez told them they went to Cleveland and Elyria on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. He was asked if that meant anywhere between the 2 cities. He said they would stop for people from the city of Huron all the way out to the eastside of Cleveland. Mr. Capelle asked how many on a bus and Mr. Vazquez told him it varies depending on appointments and drivers. We only have 7 drivers now. We go to Toledo on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. These trips are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served. Most of these clients call in advance.
- Mr. Dutkevicz questioned if they had an organized workforce. Mr. Vazquez told him no. Mr. Dutkevicz then asked if they had liability insurance, to which Mr. Vazquez said they were covered under the county CORSA.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked who employs the workers? Mr. Vazquez told him that they were senior enrichment employees. Mr. Dutkevicz then questioned if they had health insurance and was told yes.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked where the local match for the Huron County Transit was coming from right now, we get some funding from ODOT, is the county putting in general fund money for the ODAT grant match money? Mr. Boose told him the county put in about \$50,000 a year from the general fund. Mr. Boose told him that the Transit also has contracts and JFS and MHAS give them money as well.

- Mr. Dutkevicz asked what demand was like? How many trips were they providing in a day? A month or year for Huron County Transit? Mr. Vazquez told him about 75 a day. Senior takes overflow. Mr. Vazquez ran a report in the CTS system from the time they got the software in 2018 to 2020 and the did 52,000 trips in that time frame. Hours of service were 49,000.
- Mr. Boose asked them if is it up now compared to then. Mr. Vazquez & Mr. Beal told him yes. Mr. Vazquez told them unfortunately we had the COVID and they still operated during that time. Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they are now doing what they were pre-COVID. Mr. Beal answered yes.
- Mr. Dutkevicz said that it sounds like we're thinking maybe there is more demand but there is an education barrier.
- Tim Bergman GLCAP told them that a lot of their referrals were from the board of DD. Mr. Boose said that they say they don't turn anyone down, but he thinks that the groups aren't sending them to you knowing the hours and limitations. People may not contact them for a ride because they know that there is not a ride available. Mr. Gahring added that FTMC is one of the largest employers in the county and 50% of their Physicians start between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. and they work 12 hours. So, there is no opportunity for them to use this service. Not sure if there are other employers with those restrictions. Ms. Minor agreed about the hours of accessibility.
- Mr. Boose asked if there were a lot of people who call in and say my car broke down need a ride. Can you do it? He does not believe we have Uber of or Lift in this area. He thought that this was an area that when you need a ride, it was either expensive, like that \$700 a week to get somebody to work or we paid a fortune to get someone to drivers' education school.
- Mr. Vazquez told them that they had talked about getting staffing for the later hours. Mr. Boose said DD talked about their clients needing to get a ride to go shopping in the evening because they work during the day.
- Mr. Brady said the he thought he had invited DD. He had talked with Kari, but he may not have been clear, so they may not have taken it as an invitation. Mr. Boose told him that the transportation committee that we had used to include Kari Smith and Mr. Schwartz.
- Mr. Bergman asked what the average fleet size would be for a county of this size- about 55,000 people. 30-32? Mr. Capelle said that there was ton of variation, but about 20 30 is pretty standard. Mr. Bergman asked how many Huron County Transit had and was told 10.
- Mr. Capelle said that you had to have the service to sell it. Do you know of any relationships of direct bill to the state for DD trips? He was told no. Mr. Dutkevicz said that scaling up was not a good process either.
- Mr. Boose mentioned that we know a lot of these were not profitable trips. We ask them to work at night, but they can't afford to work at night.
- Mr. Beal had spoken to a 5311 coordinator about expanding hours and was told that we would have to go through a pilot project and figure out how to fund it. Mr. Beal said that his problem is he did not have data on what the demand would be. I don't know what it would cost to find it or what the return would be on it.
- Mr. Capelle told them that one of the interesting things about transit is the "if you build it, they will come" scenario. We face this every day. You can get data that says this will happen, but until you do it you have no idea.
- Mr. Vazquez told them that they did a pilot fixed route in Norwalk. They did it for about a month and on half and after that it was the same guy. Mr. Dutkevicz said that a fixed can be efficient. We need to figure out what works.
- Mr. Beal told them that he rides a bus often to talk with people. Dialysis would die without them. Mr. Beal said that an advantage they have now is that a lot of his workers are retirees and they care a lot about the individuals.
- Mr. Vazquez no bars staff told him thank you and praised the driver. Mr. Boose told them that the commissioners get very few complaints. Mr. Vazquez told them that not every day will be great. The clients understand and dialysis is a big one. They dedicate time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to go to Willard. There is a high demand for transportation in Willard, especially for MTD and Pepperidge Farm. Ms. Minor said if a line goes down, people are still stranded at work.
- Mr. Vazquez same day pickups are hard sometimes. One of the biggest hurdles is the 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Can take clients to Avery to meet up with Erie County Transit and they can take to Lorain. Mr. Wilde said that when people ride the bus, it is not always best time in their life. Drivers need to be compassionate.
- Mr. Vazquez named some of his drivers and staff that take great pride in what they do.
- Mr. Capelle asked what do you hear of transportation issues. Mr. Wilde told him that the commissioners have a ton of contact with everyone here. Mr. Boose added that they do hear from businesses, who wish we could provide service for drop of the hat calls. Mr. Boose said that these may be the things they don't here because people won't call about this and businesses have also asked about transportation for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. Does not mean they have to stay open the whole time, but may just need to set up a program to work out with the businesses or agencies. May need to set up by appointment or Uber style.

- Need to be able to help with medical appointments, be it mental health or physical health. Mr. Boose understands that transportation is not a for profit industry. We need to sit down and figure out what is needed so we don't have to subsidize everything. He has heard a lot about this in the last 6 years and knows that we may need to subsidize, but wants to do it efficiently. Mr. Boose said that another thing he has been hearing is a handicap accessible vehicle for evenings and weekends.
- Mr. Dutkevicz said that they wanted to talk about our vision. What do we want it to look like say 5 years from now? He is hearing nights, but what else? Mr. Brady told him weekends and off hours. Mr. Brady told him that in the larger city people took the bus because it was more convenient and thought that we needed to create a system that provides convenience and a reason to take it, versus taking your own vehicle. It can help reduce an individual's carbon footprint. It may help that transportation system to a least break even if we get people to use it, not as an alternative, but as a 1<sup>st</sup> choice. Mr. Brady told them that another issue we had is there are larger areas between destinations, such as Norwalk to Willard. There is a larger distance and you may not be able to do a lot of stops in between and it would limit who you are picking up. He hoped that there could be at least a couple of stops in between the municipalities.
- Ms. Cardone told them she thought same day services were needed. We need to sell as benefits.
- Mr. Boose wants to get the same services as Cuyahoga or Cleveland and living here is not a barrier to getting these services.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if there were any other big vision type of things.
- Ms. Ross thought that coordination with other systems and not duplicating the same services. Mr. Dutkevicz asked if she was primarily talking about Sandusky. Ms. Ross & Mr. Boose talked about services in Sandusky and Lorain Counties. Mr. Boose said that it was really confusing in Bellevue to know which system to use. Thought it would be nice to just make a phone call and have 3 or 4 transportation systems working together.
- Mr. Vazquez have taken people from Bellevue for dialysis.
- Mr. Boose said that we have joined with Firelands Forward because they feel that old boundary lines may not be the proper way of deciding whether people get transportation. The work area has expanded from the local city. People don't want to here about lines, they just want a ride.
- Dave White-Firelands Forward, felt we need to integrate public transportation. The route 250 corridor has a lot of employers that we could tie to getting the transportation from southern Huron County to northern Erie County. He said that another thing that would help with is education. Mr. Boose added that the local vocational schools have night classes. Transportation may be a barrier for people trying to better themselves by taking night classes.
- Mr. Capelle stated what he is hearing is there are lot of people doing a lot of different things. Who's the focal point. Mr. Wilde said CLI does a little, someone else does a little and we try to coordinate. Mr. Beal added that we do the majority.
- Mr. Brady said that they asked where do you want to see it in 5 years. He had told them a usable transportation system, that was not just an alternative. Don't want a competition for funding. Mr. Dutkevicz told him that everyone wants to coordinate.
- Mr. Boose stated that no one is saying I want to solve the counties transportation issues. Just want to have a seamless transportation system that people can trust. Ms. Minor added that it be available for everyone.
- Mr. Wilde told them that last Friday, Norwalk school's bus 19 was only dropping kids off in the morning and they had to find a way home with one day's notice. Mr. Brady thought it would be nice if they could be able to call the transit system to say they are having staffing problems and could you pick this route up tomorrow. Either just driver or driver and bus. Mr. Boose would like that a parent doesn't have to call off work because of having to take a child to school.
- Mr. Gahring said that a dependable transportation system would relieve pressure on the school systems and if there was a public transportation system in Norwalk, half of the children could ride the public transportation system.
- Mr. Capelle said the reason he asked the question is that we are doing a great job of serving those individuals, but what we have not heard is; what's the strategy for transportation in Huron County? A dedicated transit system would be beneficial because it can say this is what we want to do.
- Mr. Vazquez felt that getting more busses will be a big item. Mr. Wilde questioned; is that an ask?, wanted to know if we don't have busses because we didn't ask.
- Mr. Bergman said that using them as they had the funding & justify having more need.
- Mr. Vazquez told them that using No Bars as an example, when they took it on in 2018, they were told that they would see 4 or 5 a day, last Monday and Tuesday they had 15 individuals each day, Wednesday we had 30. They also had 4 or 5 people riding to dialysis and that is increasing in numbers. So, we are increasing in numbers and could use another vehicle.
- Mr. Brady told them when he grew up in the Cleveland area, there were no school buses. You either walked to school or took a dedicated RTA bus. What's the best way to approach this because we recognize that we need a dedicated service. We appreciate what the Senior enrichment has done and do not want to yank the senior express away. Mr. Brady wants to see a recommendation of which way we should go and something that is fulltime.

- Mr. Dutkevicz said that he thought that gives us and idea of the vision. What is the strategy or plan for long term local funding? Is their one or do we have any ideas? Mr. Brady told him that he thought we had some in this year's budget. We were talking about using a small portion of income tax for transportation. We recognize that this is going to take some money and will go year by year with budget at first. Will probably take Hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Mr. Boose stated that the commissioners know this will take a major move for us to do this and we wouldn't be here today if thought that all of the different agencies were going to fund it and it was going to work that way. We understand that we are taking a big step and there is money involved, did not talk about levies. Are hoping that we can do it from within our general fund, but if not, then will have to look at other ways.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if we were just planning on putting in seed money or were we planning on putting in continuous general fund contribution every year. Mr. Boose said that we are not pushing SFA out of the business, we are looking at something bigger than we currently have and are going to need to invest money in it. If we need to invest money, then should probably have a board. It would be unfair to throw all of the transportation issues at the Senior Enrichment Board. They are not on the board to do that.
- Mr. Brady told them that we are willing to fund it and put in money. It is a year by year budget item. This current board understands that it is going to take some money and since it benefits the whole of the county, that justifies the expenditure.
- Mr. Dutkevicz said that this led into the next question; Will Enrichment Services Board or the Commissioner Board be involved? Will they delegate this to a different board or body? Mr. Brady told him that before going to Senior Enrichment Services, it had its own Board. We are currently looking at transit having its own Board, with a director. Something under the commissioners, but not necessarily run by the commissioners.
- Mr. Capelle said that they asked because there are typically 3 different formats. A county department, a county transit board, or a regional transit authority. They all emanate from the commissioner's office, but have varying degrees of control. Mr. Boose stated that he did not think we were looking for another department. Mr. Brady told them that we were looking for a board to oversee this. We currently have an airport board and it would be similar.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if they were comfortable if another body will oversee running, purchasing, etc. Mr. Boose told him; what really does not bother him is having to do the day to day operations. We are not transportation specialist and don't want to do the day to day operations.
- Mr. Brady stated that the commissioners would not only provide some funding, but space for a board to have offices. Mr. Capelle stated that we were ready to have a roommate, to which Mr. Brady said yes.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if we anticipated an issue with another body where we would need emanate domain. Mr. Brady did not think so. Mr. Capelle told him that it was unlikely, but when you look at the different ways you structure things, it is one of the differentiating factors. Just wanted to ask the question, just in case.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked about employees. Is SFA keeping their own staff; with new staff at transit. Mr.
  Beal said we don't know. He has not approached it with staff. He thought that transit would need
  people to drive busses, will work with each other. Mr. Dutkevicz interjected that we had no specific
  plans.
- Mr. Brady told them that we were not trying to leave senior express high and dry, but there has been talk of switching over some of the existing employees, but not sure of the timing to do this. Wanted to talk with Mr. Vasquez first.
- Mr. Dutkevicz asked if eventually we were expecting to hire them as county employees. Mr. Brady told him yes.
- Mr. Capelle said that they would work on putting together a draft timeline of high-level steps.
- Mr. Vazquez told them that he was from New York city and he took the subway to school.
- Mr. Capelle asked if there is anything we're missing or haven't talked about.
- Mr. Gahring said that being a resident he understood that there would be different volumes at different times, it will need to be a complex system that isn't always the same. Monday through Friday will be different than evenings and weekends. Mr. Vazquez said that he had thought about that as well and wondered how to operate this system and how to handle the volume issue. Mr. Gahring thought that they should have 2 different systems. A staffed system during the day, something different at night.
- Mr. Brady said that he thought the nuts and bolts would get put together when they look at the best way to approach this, want to make sure that when it is done, it is truly a countywide system. He does not want the people who live in the townships to feel as though they are second class and have to wait in line to get a ride someplace.
- Ms. Ross stated that Willard is a job hub, with a large employment base and would suggest thinking about the Spanish speaking population as well. Mr. Vazquez said that when he first started they were transporting to Celeryville and back. Not sure what happened with that program.

- Mr. Dutkevicz said that the scope of engagement is to provide a technical report about structure and setup from a structure and code perspective, so we are putting pieces in place that will work for us in the future. A lot of operational issues discussed today. It will help them to give us the right statutory structure, then there will be a lot of questions about the operational piece. Transportation can become very expensive and is very robust and complicated. Especially in rural and less densely populated areas.
- Mr. Brady said that he was very happy that Tim Bergman suggested contacting them. Mr. Brady would like to start a relationship with them for transportation issues.
- Mr. Dutkevicz said that their objective to see Huron County successful. They will connect us to resources. There is a good network in Ohio.
- Mr. Wilde asked if there is anything else?

# At 2:47 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 May 17, 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 2:47 p. m.

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