

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 June 28, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the June 28, 2022 minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

22-199

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

**DJFS Fund #115**

MNJ Technologies      Fujitsu FI-7160 Document Scanner      \$1,071.00      now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 as listed above;      and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy if he had reviewed this at all. Mr. Riedy though this may have been an item recommended by the State. Ms. Ziemba stated this is to replace a broken document scanner. This was the lowest of 3 quotes.

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

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

22-200

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (GRANTOR) AND THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (GRANTEE) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 (the “Effective Date”) AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 (the “Termination Date”)**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee has been determined to be an eligible recipient of CDBG and/or HOME funds and Grantee has been awarded CDBG and/or HOME funds from the Grantor for use to finance eligible activities that may generate Program Income as defined herein;      and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor has recognized the positive impact on community development initiatives when the use of Program Income is locally determined, and Grantor has permitted the establishment of Revolving Loan Funds within local political subdivisions to meet the primary development goals of: 1) improving the affordable housing stock; and 2) providing for the affordable housing needs of low-and moderate-income persons in designated areas of the Housing Revolving Loan Fund;      now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby agrees to execute the necessary “Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement” for the period beginning January 1,

2022 through December 31, 2026 as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Brady thought this was a wordy document.

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

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

*\*Agreement on file.*

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

22-201

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW WHEEL LOADER**

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA program appropriates funds to provide support to State, local, Tribal and Territory governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County has applied for and received ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of ARPA as described in H.R. 1319, and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Purchase of One (1) New Wheel Loader; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

**WHEREAS**, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Engineer’s request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to acquire the Wheel Loader under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned equipment must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Purchase of One (1) New Wheel Loader for the Engineer’s Office. The purchase shall be financed with funds received through ARPA; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on August 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; 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 an amount set. Mr. Strickler reminded him that they were going out to bid; they never have a preset amount. Mr. Tansey thought it would be about \$200,000.00. Mr. Boose said that his concern was that we get it right for the total number of dollars that we are requesting. Mr. Tansey told him that his request was for around \$970,000.00. Mr. Tansey said the wheel loader would be around \$200,000 and the truck would be around \$230,00 to \$240,000. Mr. Boose asked about the rest of the money. Mr. Tansey told him they would use it for a salt shed, then said that the cab and chassis was only about \$120,000 and once it is delivered they will have to bid it out again to get the plow, hydraulics and everything else. The remaining will be the salt shed, which will be about \$100,000.

Mr. Tansey told them that they were thinking about getting requests for proposals in to have a consultant do the final design on the salt shed. Mr. Tansey was not sure if the ARPA consultant would be here today and wanted to ask if the cost of a consultant, to do the design, would be eligible under ARPA. Mr. Tansey said that they would need a full set of plans to bid it out and they were going to do the preliminary work, but are backlogged with design on bridges. They would like to bid it in January or February of next year. As the costs come in, if they were over the approved amount, they know they will be responsible for the overages. Mr. Tansey told them they have a good idea of what prices will be, but in the current environment prices are all over the place. Just received an e-mail that there is a 34% surcharge on stainless steel, which is in the bed of the truck. Mr. Tansey said that they think they know what the prices for the items will be, but with prices jumping all over the place it could be different. Mr. Tansey also told the commissioners that he did not think that the amount for the 3 items they are requesting should go over the requested amount.

Mr. Tansey said that they may not be able to bid the outfitting out until we get the trucks and said it is taking a year to 18 months to get the truck.

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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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of August 1, 2022, until 8:59 a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 for: The Purchase of One (1) New Wheel Loader. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com/> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise: July 8, 2022  
July 15, 2022  
July 22, 2022

22-202

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS**

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Purchase of One (1) New Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

**WHEREAS**, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Engineer’s request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to acquire the Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned equipment must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Purchase of One (1) New Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis for the Engineer’s Office. The purchase shall be financed with funds received through ARPA; and further

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### **IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – *none***

#### **9:11 a.m. Project updates:**

#### **Joel Riedy, Network Director- IT updates:**

- We were denied for the federal grant which we applied. It was for the broadband wireless towers. Mr. Riedy said it looked like the federal government concentrated more on tribal areas.
- The materials for the courthouse wi-fi system arrived. The project is almost complete. The entire wi-fi system in the courthouse was replaced. Mr. Boose asked what a syslog server was and Mr. Riedy told him that is what they use to monitor all of the security logs. All but one access point has been installed. They are trying to figure out how they are going to get a drop into the Juvenile Court, Magistrates Courtroom.
- Mr. Boose told them that they did not get the security grant at the courthouse.
- Access points for the Administration Building are beginning to arrive. They replaced one in the big meeting room downstairs (Meeting Room A).
- Spectrum did the internet upgrades for the Administration Building and the Downtown Offices. We were able double the bandwidth in those buildings. Mr. Riedy told the commissioners that we back up one of the downtown offices to this building and what used to take almost 2 hours to run, now takes only 18 minutes.
- The fairgrounds project is complete. All of the access points have been tested. There is an issue that is independent of North Coast Wireless. They are having some electrical problems from storm damage a couple of weeks ago out there. They have not been able to bring the system up completely, all at once. They have been bringing power inverters out and testing all of the access points as individuals and every one of them came online.
- Mr. Boose asked if anyone had seen whether they were working on the grandstand at the fairgrounds and no one had.
- The Data Center is still on track for an August 18, 2022 delivery. The room is coming along. Electrical was run to it and is supposed to be hooked into the generator tomorrow. Fiber is in the room and the fiber circuit was tested. Will be starting on the HVAC for the room.

- Replacing the public PC’s in the recorder’s office.
- One more PC to replace in the public defender’s office, then all of the PC’s in that office will have been replaced with grant money.
- Averaging 94 trouble tickets per month throughout the county. Mr. Wilde asked if doing all of the upgrading should help cut down on the trouble tickets. Mr. Riedy told him yes and also said that the type of tickets have changed. It used to be a lot of PC’s crashing, now it is more questions as to how to do something or can we do this. Mr. Wilde confirmed that hardware issues were not the number one issue anymore and Mr. Riedy told him no.
- Mr. Boose talked about ARPA infrastructure money and said that he was at a meeting where the governor talked about more state money for internet infrastructure. Mr. Riedy said that there is a rumor coming out of the Ohio Broadband Office that they may start building middle mile fiber. The details to this are not solid yet. They are talking about building fiber loops around the county and giving various ISP’s access to this and leasing it out to them. Mr. Wilde asked if this was the state and was told yes. Mr. Brady asked if they were looking at doing this in most counties or only in targeted areas. Mr. Riedy thought that it would be targeted. Mr. Boose said that he had heard the target was lower economic areas and also said that he is concerned that we did not have a plan for moving forward on our internet infrastructure, we only have until the end of 2026 to spend the money. Mr. Boose said he had been told that with the last state grant money, Spectrum is out in some of the rural areas doing markings and things. He is not sure if they have started work from that grant. Mr. Riedy said part of what makes that hard to find out is that Spectrum gave large chunks of addresses which they say they will cover. He has asked them to narrow that down, but they were not able to narrow it down. Mr. Boose thought maybe we could go to the Ohio Broadband Office and say we need to know what will be left after the grant. Mr. Riedy said that he would reach out to them. Mr. Brady asked if Mr. Riedy was keeping an eye on what they are doing. Mr. Riedy told him that he checks in with the 2 companies who have been awarded money in Huron County, which is North Coast Wireless and Spectrum. Mr. Riedy said that North Coast Wireless has a very targeted area and he is sure that they would love to expand. He also said that Spectrum cast a wide net. Mr. Brady said that Spectrum received a big chunk of money because of that wide net and he hopes they start implementing it. Mr. Brady would also like to keep a close watch on what these companies are getting done; to help us determine what we can do.
- Mr. Wilde told them that Frontier has popped up with fiber now and they weren’t a player before, but now they are telling the exact streets in the Norwalk area where you can get it. Now that comes into play. Mr. Boose said that it doesn’t sound like they are putting it into areas that don’t already have internet. They are just trying to compete in the most profitable business areas and only considers someone to be a player if they are willing to do the last mile. Mr. Wilde did not know what their goal is. Mr. Riedy said it had been over a year since we had reached out to Frontier and the last time he had spoken to them, they did not seem interested in expanding into the rural areas. Mr. Riedy said that he could reach out to them again to see if that was still the case. Mr. Wilde said that they are coming to the fore front in the local area. Mr. Brady would like them to run fiber to his home as his service is extremely slow and costly. Mr. Boose said he would love to see him get that, but we have to come up with some type of plan. Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Wilde said that he would meet with Mr. Riedy next week.

IT Current Projects			
Department	Project	Status	7/7/2022
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	Complete	
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	Complete	
Admin building	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Admin building	Wi-Fi upgrade	equipment on order	
Law Library	Switch upgrade	equipment on order	
IT	Configure Intrusion Prevention System	Complete	
IT	NTIA Broadband Grant	We were not selected	
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	Complete	
IT	Phone system 4 digit dial	in progress, system is operational	
Courthouse	Wi-Fi upgrade/replacement	95% Complete	
Title Office	Router, firewall upgrade	on order	
Recorder	PC replacement	on order	
IT	Internet speed upgrade	Complete	

**Pete Welch, Director of Operations – B & G updates:**

- Administration Building roof- Waiting for assessment. Will have the final copy of the assessment before Thursday of next week. From what Mr. Welch understands the Administration Building roof and the downtown roof will look at next year's budget to do.
- Veteran's entrance - Talked with John Wasiniak and he is still a month out. He has ordered the materials, but is still waiting on them. As soon as the materials come in he will work us into his schedule and thinks that will be about a month. Mr. Welch said that hopefully it will be done by August. Mr. Boose asked what our deductible is. Mr. Welch told him \$2,500.00. Mr. Boose asked if we were getting \$2,500.00 from the Veterans Service. Mr. Welch said that HR handles the insurance claims. Mr. Boose said that they needed to talk to HR and figure this out, he wants to know where the money is coming from. Mr. Welch asked if we needed to bill the Veterans Service and Mr. Boose told him that someone needed to talk to the Veterans Service. Mr. Welch did not know if HR has done that or not. Mr. Boose told him not to put too much pressure on HR as they are down a person. Mr. Welch then verified that Mr. Boose would like him to call Veterans Service. Mr. Boose said that he is assuming that we will not get any money from CORSA. Mr. Welch told him we would be getting money from CORSA. The Veterans will be out \$2,500.00. Ms. Ziemba told them that when the check from CORSA comes in, it does not go to Veterans, it goes to the General Fund. Mr. Boose asked if the check would be for just under \$4,000.00 and was told we would know when the check comes in. Mr. Boose said it was key to know because if it doesn't cover everything, then we need to talk to the Veterans. Will need to talk to them about the deductible of \$2,500.00 and anything that CORSA does not cover.
- JFS roof – Mr. Brady went out with them last week and they went through the punch list, then sent it to the contractor. The contractor responded this morning and will meet with us this afternoon. Mr. Brady will go out with Mr. Welch, the architect and a representative from Advanced to look at the JFS roof to review the punch list, then ask when they are going to complete the job, including the efls. Mr. Wilde asked about the object sticking out from the membrane. Mr. Welch asked if the manufacturer of the membrane is going to warranty that when it is installed like that; he did not think they would. Mr. Boose wanted everyone to remember the history of the roof at JFS. The reason we are having to replace it; is because of the bad job that was originally done on the roof when it was built. We are all very disappointed in the work from this contractor and would not use them again.
- Downtown boilers – Energy Controls are now under contract. Will put the gas booster on as well. Matt Finney is meeting with Columbia Gas tomorrow to see if there is a way to increase the gas pressure. They had originally told us they could not, but will double check. Mr. Welch told Energy Controls to hold back on purchasing the gas boosters until we hear what Columbia Gas has to say. Mr. Wilde asked if that was \$103,000.00. Mr. Welch told him that was the combined amount to repair the boilers and install the boosters. Mr. Welch thought the boosters were \$44,000.00 and the rest was to repair the boilers. The boiler repair has to be done, but trying to avoid the boosters if possible. Mr. Brady asked if they could boost the gas pressure without us having to do anything; are we still going to put some type of alarm on it to notify us if the gas pressure drops? Mr. Welch said that he had talked to Mr. Finney about that and was told that they are available and is looking into them. Mr. Brady felt that either way, it would be something practical to look into for that purpose. If Columbia Gas boosts it, we don't know if they will have a drop in pressure at some point. Sometimes it's a matter of; do you spend the money to put the boosters on because then you control it yourself. Mr. Welch said that he is not putting a lot of stock in the fact that they can do it.
- Jail sewer/grinder project - No movement.
- Courthouse lighting – Mr. Stively told Mr. Welch that the fixtures should be in by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Mr. Welch contacted the courts to try to arrange some dates to get in there. The problem is that it will take about 4 days to complete. Trying to find 4 days that the court can shut down is difficult. Working with Nate Perani to find some dates. Might be able to do it Labor Day weekend by getting an extended weekend. Mr. Boose told him as long as it does not cost us extra. Mr. Welch told him he understood. He is trying to work with the courts and Mr. Stively. If there is an additional cost, they have to have lights.
- Administration Building elevator- The grant has been submitted. Hopefully we will have back this fall.
- Administration Building sign – received an e-mail from Brady Sign. Mr. Boose said he had asked Mr. Minor to respond to Amy Leibold and tell her not to pay any invoices. Mr. Boose asked what is going on in this world that you get zero service from these companies. We have a top-notch company in this area working on this and it is not done yet. They can't even say when they are going to finish it. Mr. Boose said that until that is up and working, we should not pay another bill. Mr. Welch confirmed that all of the electrical has been completed. Mr. Minor told him yes. Mr. Wilde said that it all comes down to their laborers. Mr. Brady said that the interesting thing is that they are still doing business and still out on other jobs, but keep putting us off.
- Jail roof - Progressing on time. They are roughly 85% done. Within their 12-week window to get the job done. On schedule to be done in 3 weeks. Will get another report this week.
- Shady Lane demo – We got an estimated cost from the architect. Mr. Boose asked if they were

going to talk about that when they come in on July 19, 2022. Mr. Welch told him yes and that architects usually come in high on their estimates. Mr. Boose said that he had questions such as; why do they have that we are buying dirt when we have a mountain of dirt sitting right next to the dog pound.

- Garmann Miller- When they come in on July 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., we have given them an hour. Mr. Welch asked if he should give them more time. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde felt we should give them more time and suggested 90 minutes. Mr. Boose said that one of the factors would be if they had all of the information ahead of time and have plenty of time to review it. Then there will be no surprises when they come in. Mr. Welch told them that we should get the report in by Thursday of next week. They would have it for the weekend before.
- Facility Dude is now Brightly.- Went to seminar. They are developing software, so you could develop a database inventory on your facilities. They recommend you do an assessment of all your facilities. They say it will take a couple of years to complete the database. Will start working towards this. They recommend tying in your IT Department with this. Mr. Brady asked if they were given an estimated cost for the program and was told no. Mr. Welch said that we only pay for part of the cost for the facility dude program right now. CORSA picks up the rest of the cost. Mr. Welch felt that it was relatively cheap for what we get out of it. Mr. Welch said that he was looking at it and knew that he had 14 work orders in progress. We have completed over 3500 projects. People send what they need to have done, it gets approved or disapproved, they issue it to the maintenance guys, they sign off when they get it done and he gets it back when it is completed. Mr. Welch said that it would track a lot if things. Mr. Welch said that he could track items by facility now, but not individual items. Mr. Boose wanted to go back to the current Facility Dude Program. If Mr. Finney is doing preventive maintenance and finds something that needs to be done, does that get put into Facility Dude? Mr. Welch told him that preventive maintenance does and there is a section for actions completed. So, if they were doing preventive maintenance and found something else that needed to be fixed, he could fix it, then document it in the actions completed section. Mr. Welch did not think he could search it that way. Mr. Boose said that your system is only as good as the data you put in it and wants to make sure we are putting everything in it. Mr. Welch felt that they are usually pretty good about doing that. Mr. Welch said he thought that Brightly was on the right path to help us look at the future cost from next year until the following year, then 5 and 10 years out. Mr. Welch said that we did not have any records as to when this roof was installed. Now we are creating these records and when the next people come on they have access and they know what we know and will be ahead of the game. Mr. Brady asked if the maintenance person found a major item that could not be done right away while performing the preventative maintenance, can they document it. Mr. Welch told him that he usually gets a phone call about something like that. He would create another work order, which he could sign and approve, then the work could be done.
- Building assessment- Final report by July 14, 2022
- Courthouse security - They did not receive the Ohio Supreme Court Technology Grant. The amount of the grant was for around \$100,000.00. When they came to the commissioners, prior to the budget this year, they were asking for \$47,500.00. They came back this week and re-adjusted that to \$75,003.00. They are asking for more than was budgeted. We had told them we would do the job if they did not get the grant, but the costs were \$47,500 at the time. They did not know that they had to replace the hardware on the doors and that is the extra \$26,000.00 in the new cost. Mr. Welch reminded them if we approved the new amount, it would now have to go out for bid and you would have to add the costs for doing that. Mr. Welch thought they would have to discuss this at a future date. Mr. Boose was not sure that we need put this off. Mr. Boose said that we could do up to the budgeted amount this year. He did not know about the bid part of it. Mr. Welch said if it was under \$50,000.00 it did not have to go out for bid. Mr. Welch said that he would respond to them and say that we would pay up to \$49,999.99 on the project, what can you do with that amount, it has to be spent this year and we could possibly give more money next year.
- Ms. Ziemba's office- Received one quote to finish the job. Found a contractor who has some downtime next week and should get a quote from them today or tomorrow. They are Strecker Construction on Route 113.
- Mr. Boose told them that he saw a new construction company on Facebook out of New London.
- Magistrate's Courtroom – This room is on a separate air-cooling unit and it is on its last leg. Mr. Welch is getting quotes for it to get the cost. He is going to be out of the air season in a couple of months. Mr. Finney has been able to keep it going for now. It could be a project he could push off until next year. Mr. Boose said that this was not in the budget and we have not talked about this before. The unit is very old.
- Mr. Brady said that he would like to see the carpet replaced at the auditors and JFS after the assessment since we had already budgeted for it. Mr. Welch said that he would recommend priority wise, that the HVAC/air handlers get replaced in the Administration Building. Mr. Welch thought the we had only budgeted around \$123,000.00 for the project. That has been re-adjusted to \$173,000.00 now. Mr. Brady said that whatever he thought was more important. Mr. Welch said that he was more concerned about the funding.

- SW District Policy committee meeting in August - Mr. Welch needs dates from Mr. Wilde. Mr. Welch is going to Columbus for a meeting with GT Environmental to review everything they have completed with the plan update on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month and he wants to do a policy committee meeting in August. If Mr. Wilde gives him some dates, he will push the policy committee towards those dates. Mr. Wilde told him almost any Wednesday in August. The fair is August 15 to 21, so not that week.

PROJECTS July 7, 2022

PROJECT	Architect/Eng.	Contractor	Est. Cost	Award/Start Date	Completion Date	Comments
Ad Building Roof	Garmin Miller					Waiting for Garmin Miller assessment report to be presented on 7/19. 2023 Budget?
Downtown Office Complex Roof	Garmin Miller					Waiting for Garmin Miller assessment report to be presented on 7/19. 2023 Budget?
JFS-Veteran's Ent.			\$6,320			Project awarded to Wasinak Construction for \$6320. At least one month out from start of project.
JFS Roof	Garmin Miller	Advance Const.	\$390,369	6/8/2021		Garmin Miller presented final punch list on 6/26. Meeting on 7/8 to discuss Punch List and EFFIS completion w/ACG.
Downtown Boilers			103,860	6/28/2022		Approved quotes from Energy Controls to repair the boilers, upgrade the controls, and instal an Etter gas booster system for \$103,860 on 6/28.
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		Fixtures are expected to arrive next week. Meeting with Stively and courts for implementation schedule this week.
Administration Elevator	Garmin Miller		\$490,764			Grant submitted. Should know this Fall.
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		\$56,400			Fondation and electric completed. Brady Signs will be installing the sign this week. Electric costs unknown.
Jail Roof	Garmin Miller	Chaney Roofing	\$366,140	6/8/2021		Roughly 85% complete with ballast removal and membrane installation. Next GM inspection today or Friday.

PROJECT	Architect/Eng.	Contractor	Est. Cost	Award/Start Date	Completion Date	Comments
Shady Lane Demo						GM completed estimate (\$944,000 to 1.2 mil) on 6/30/22.
Building Assessment	Garmin Miller		\$24K - \$48K			Meeting with Garmin Miller on 6/6/22 1:00 to review draft report.
Courthouse Security			\$47,500			Juvinile Court did NOT obtain Ohio Supreme Court Tech. grant. See email from the courts asking for \$75,003.
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
Vickie's Office						Ongoing. One cost for \$26,754. Strckler Const. to quote.
Magistrate Ct Room						Waiting for quotes (Wilkes and Wadsworth)
	Garmin Miller		\$115-\$135K			Do we want to start preparing bid specs? Waiting for assessment.
	Garmin Miller		\$100K			
	Garmin Miller		\$173,363			
	Project Changes					
	New Projects					
<b>COMPLETED PROJECTS</b>						
Courthouse Ramp		RMH Const.	\$22,401		5/2/2022	Completed
Performing Arts Door		Koch	\$4,750	3/3/2022	4/21/2022	Completed
Admin Shelving Units	In house	PBS	\$12,320		5/16/2022	Completed
Admin Bathrooms		Legends	\$46,463		2/22/2022	Completed

*At 10:00 a.m. Harry Brady moved to enter into Executive Session 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; 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; and ORC 121.22 (G)(4) preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Terry Boose seconded the motion.*

*\*Discussion: Mr. Wilde did not attend an executive session regarding ORC 121.22(G)(2) due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Boose did not attend a different 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 11:33 a.m. Harry Brady moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(2), (3) and (4). 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.*

**SIGNINGS – none.**

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

Dive Team funding - Mr. Mead wanted a few more days to look at the budget.

Jail cameras -Ms. Ziemba had a discussion with Sheriff Corbin and they would prefer not to use the 052/Out of County account. He has concerns that the money may be needed towards the end of the year because of the fuel costs. He has also had a couple of things that he did not plan for that went down in the jail and they have had to utilize some of their funding for these items. Sheriff Corbin would prefer to use the Jail Permanent Improvement Fund/315 for the cameras. Ms. Ziemba told him she would have to bring it back to the board for approval. If it was approved she could put a resolution on for next Tuesday to get the proposal approved and put the funding source in. Mr. Wilde said that he was for using the 315/Jail Permanent Improvement line.

Mr. Boose talked about the 052/Out of County account and said that the sheriff uses that money like it is a profit of money that comes into the county, without understanding that there are expenses that may be higher than what we are bringing in. It's not like there is extra revenue that he can just go out and spend. That money is just paying our expenses and is not additional money. It is money to pay expenses for the operation of the jail. Mr. Boose asked what money was used to pay for the camera system previously. Ms. Ziemba read to them that the 052/Out of County account was used to purchase the last set of cameras. Mr. Boose stated that it was ok for them to use that account to purchase the cameras 2 years ago, why is it not okay to use it today. Mr. Boose said that if the sheriff wants the cameras, he should accept what they want to do. Otherwise, he is making the decision that he does not need the cameras that bad. Mr. Wilde asked if they used the 052/Out of County account money, where would the rest of the money come from. Mr. Boose told him they had agreed on Tuesday to use the 021/Capital Improvements account. So, half of the money would come from his money and half would come from our money. Mr. Wilde asked why it wouldn't all come from his money, to which Mr. Boose answered that he didn't have enough. Mr. Wilde said that he had enough in the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account. Mr. Boose said that the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account was not his money. Mr. Boose stated that Jail Permanent Improvement/315 money is under nobody other than the commissioners. Mr. Wilde asked if we could use it for whatever we want and Mr. Boose told him jail related. Mr. Wilde did not think Jail Permanent Improvement/315 should be used as a savings account. Mr. Boose reminded him of the plans they had for that money during budget. Mr. Boose said that main item was work release and the second item was for mental health services to be provided, including workforce development. So, when people come out of jail, they are ready to go to work. As opposed to being thrown out on the street with nothing to go for them. Mr. Wilde asked between now and then, what happens if something needs fixed or done that would be appropriate for the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account.

Mr. Brady said that he is okay either way, but has talked to Ms. Ziemba and is inclined to think that pulling it out of Jail Permanent Improvement/315 makes sense, although he understands about leaving it there to

save for the bigger projects. Mr. Brady felt it would be easier to track later if it was all pulled from one account. Mr. Boose said, so it doesn't make sense to take it out of the same account that we paid for all of the other cameras with. Mr. Brady said that if we had enough money in that account to take for whole amount, yes. But if we have to take it from 2 or 3 accounts to do it, then you are splitting up accounts and it makes sense to not do it that way. Mr. Brady also knows with the costs going up, we may end up using the money in 052/Out of County account to cover additional things that are going on, pertinent to the jail and we would have ended up paying for out of the General Fund anyway. Mr. Brady said that he gets what Mr. Boose is saying about using the fund and knit picking it away. Mr. Boose said that is exactly what we are doing. Mr. Brady told him it is not because we would put the cameras in the jail and they would be there for whatever the life expectancy of a camera is. Mr. Boose said or until they decide there are more blind spots. Mr. Brady told him that is why he asked that question. He can understand that you try to lay things out and put a grid in to see if you are covering everything, but eventually you find that you are not going to get it all. Mr. Brady asked where we could spend the 052/Out of County account money. Ms. Ziemba told them that when she looked it up, the only thing she could find was in the minutes from 2009 that stated it is for jail operations. Nothing specifically said which account. Mr. Boose asked who makes the decision on money spent in 052/Out of County account. Ms. Ziemba said that according to the auditor, the sheriff needs to submit a request to use the funds, then the board makes that determination as to whether it is an appropriate use of the funds or not. At that point we can do the transfer out of 052/Out of County account. Ms. Ziemba said that this was from the notes at the auditor's office, they do not have any legislation stating this. Mr. Boose said that at a minimum we should wait until our prosecutor can say who can or cannot use the money in 052/Out of County account. Mr. Wilde said that right now it sounds like the sheriff has to request it. Mr. Boose would like the prosecutor's opinion. Mr. Brady did not want to drag this out. Mr. Boose said that the sheriff was dragging it out, he could approve what we have. Mr. Brady said that we could approve what we have.

They discussed that the auditor's office told Ms. Ziemba that we could not transfer money from the 052/Out of County account into the 021/Capital Improvements because 021/Capital Improvements was not a sheriff's account. Mr. Brady asked if the sheriff's office was short on money at the end of the year due to the price of fuel, where would they get the money if they used the 052/Out of County account for cameras. Mr. Wilde said that they had told the sheriff they would pay for fuel if they ran short at the end of the year. Mr. Boose said that there is another option. If the sheriff deems that the cameras are essential and he needs them as soon as possible, then he can approve the use of 052/Out of County account to pay for the cameras and it can be transferred out to 021/Capital Improvements or to another sheriff account and agrees to use that money for the cameras and the rest comes out of 021/Capital Improvements. If he can wait, we will find out from the prosecutor who has authority over the 052/Out of County account and can it be transferred into 021/Capital Improvements. Mr. Brady said that he would like to have the answer to that question regardless of how we go forward.

***Mr. Brady made a motion to have the Prosecutor answer the question of who controls the 052/Out of County Jail fund and if it is something the Sheriff has to request; secondly, can 052/Out of County be transferred into 021/Capital Improvements. 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***

Mr. Wilde stated that he is okay with the 052/Out of County account, once we figure out what we can do with that. Then it would totally come from 021/Capital Improvements, otherwise we do 052/Out of County account to a sheriff's fund because they won't allow us to do it some other way.

Mr. Wilde wanted to make sure that the sheriff knew if we use the 052/Out of County account money for the radios that we would help the department at the end of the year if they were short due the high cost of fuel and other items. Mr. Boose is not willing to say that whatever he wants, we will give him in transfers in the future. But we had told him if there are things that are beyond his control, for instance; utilities, food and gas, we have to feed the prisoners, but he does not want to give him a blank statement.

Resource Solutions at EMA. Mr. Gillmor just started this week. Ms. Ziemba asked if it was okay for EMA to continue to employ Resource Solutions for the month of July, so it gives Mr. Gillmor and Mr. Mead a chance to put a plan together as to how they are going to take over the volunteer corps. Mr. Boose asked what the volunteer corps was going to do in July. Mr. Brady said that it was actually utilizing volunteer corps to get Mr. Gillmor up to speed on how they have been doing it. Mr. Brady is ok with paying for July to help Mr. Gillmor get familiar with how the system is set up now. Mr. Wilde is also in favor of this. Mr. Wilde wondered how many times a year these volunteers are utilized. He was told whenever there is an event or natural disaster. Mr. Boose said that they were used during COVID to help out with parking at events. Ms. Ziemba said that they helped at recent storm events. They were also utilized in the winter storms to drive essential people to work.

*Mr. Brady made a motion to continue to employ Resource Solutions for the month of July. Mr. Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*No – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**Commissioner Brady update:**

- Willard City Council meeting-Tuesday. Most of the meeting was residents talking about a property management company in Willard, who also own a lot of properties all over the area. People are having a hard time getting ahold of them and can't get them to fix things. They have upped the rent and in one place it was by 65% in the last 2 months. Mr. Wilde said that it was happening in Norwalk as well and Mr. Brady said that this was happening in 5 counties in Ohio, with properties which this company is managing. Mr. Boose asked if HUD was at the meeting and was told no. He also asked if HUD had been contacted. Mr. Brady said that they had contacted the housing authority and were told to get a lawyer. Mr. Boose said that he strongly suggests that if the city is having an issue, that the city contact HUD. Mr. Boose said that there is a HUD office in Norwalk. They have been to our meetings several times and say, if you need anything, contact us. Mr. Boose said that it sounds like the cities need some help. Mr. Brady said that the City of Willard has forms that people can fill out if maintenance is not being performed and they can use these to put pressure on the landlords. Mr. Hamons was going to try to set up a meeting with the director of the property management company. Mr. Brady was told that this company was very unapproachable and unresponsive. Some people are trying to start a group to help with this issue. Mr. Wilde suggested that Mr. Brady send an e-mail to Mr. Hamons and tell him to contact the HUD office in Norwalk, he believes Jessica Hunter is the contact person. Mr. Boose said that we have a federal agency that was set up for just such issues and we need to turn it over to them.
- Mr. Brady is hoping to make it to Painted Cowgirl ribbon cutting tomorrow.

**Commissioner Boose update:**

- New London - Road dedication this Sunday.
- Mr. Boose was misled on information he received which indicated schools had received safety funds which they could have used for a Resource Officer over the past year. What they were told is they could use up to \$100,000.00 of the money that the state gives them. It has nothing to do with getting additional money. Mr. Boose thought it was last week that he said the schools all got additional money for safety, but they did not get extra money.
- 2-1-1 information line - Ms. Cardone is going to see if the MHAS board would be willing to pay part of 2-1-1. Mr. Boose said that if they did this, it sounds like they would probably have to take it out of reserve money because they just finished their budget. They had to cut some items that people were asking for due to budget constraints. Mr. Boose did not have high expectations that MHAS would be able to contribute to 2-1-1 this year. He then asked what Ms. Minor told them about contributing. Ms. Ziemba told them that Ms. Minor said their title XX monies have been used but will know more by the middle of July regarding any other funding that might be available to utilize. Mr. Boose cautioned that they were asking us to make a decision before August and we are already into July. Mr. Brady asked if anyone had reached out to NEDC or HCDC ? He knew that it was not community development, but it is helping to make the communities better. Mr. Boose did not think anyone had, so Mr. Brady said that he would ask.

**Commissioner Wilde update:**

- SAFEbuilt –Mr. Wilde forwarded an e-mail with results. A few communities mentioned that they would like to put it in next year's budget. Mr. Wilde will continue to work with Ms. Hivnor on this. Mr. Strickler said that Mr. O'Hara had called him to ask were we were at on this. Mr. Strickler told him that we were still in the process of talking with the other cities and villages. Mr. Strickler also told him that he believed that we would be moving forward with this, but were waiting for SAFEbuilt to get back with us. Mr. Wilde told him that we were looking to finalize funding and other things which are in the e-mail. Mr. Boose said that the e-mail looked like a majority of the cities and villages have agreed to pay their fair share. He was wondering if, while we were waiting for a couple more to respond, we are moving forward. So, when they say yes, we are ready to roll and not waiting until they respond to get things moving. Mr. Wilde said that he needed to find out how serious they are and there are 2 or 3 that would like to do January 1, 2023. We may have another call back to them to see if we can get the funding right now can we move forward.
- Mr. Strickler said that if the county establishes the county building department, then the villages and cities would designate us as their building department. It will take a legislative act on our part to:
  - A. Create the building department.
  - B. Contract with SAFEbuilt to operate the building department. (A&B can be done together or separately) The other communities would have to designate our county building department

as their building department.

- Mr. Boose said that he was assuming that the payments that the cities or villages would make, would be to the county. The county would then pay the whole bill to SAFEbuilt. Mr. Boose then said if we need to do that and get reimbursed in the 2023 budget, we could move forward in September or August. Why wouldn't we do that? Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Wilde said that he would reach out to them again. Mr. Wilde told Mr. Strickler he had the business cards for the senior director, regional manager and local contact, if he needed to prep for the resolutions. Mr. Strickler said if they had some templates that he could use then he could modify them for our use. Mr. Boose said that he is assuming that we will not be taking on the plumbing. Mr. Strickler said that the health department is already doing that, so we would establish it and exclude the plumbing.
- Landbank – Got official word that we received \$500,000.00. There was a question as to whether Norwalk was going to do the old fire station and as of right now, they have not made a decision. If they don't, which would be around \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00, we have back-ups to use that money. Mr. Boose said that what is important is whether city council can make the decision as to what to do with the money if they do not want to do the old fire station. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde said no. They said it was the Landbank's. Mr. Boose said that someone may want to talk with Mr. Loughton. Mr. Boose said the question was whether Norwalk could decide where that demolition money could be used.
- Youth Grant writing- next Wednesday, July 13, 2023 - 6:00pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Ms. Webb is making reservations for them.

**Administrator/Clerk update:**

Ms. Ziemba had an update on the jail cameras. In 2020 the commissioners did a resolution to transfer money from 052/Out of County account into the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account and from 099/General Fund account into the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account to cover the expenses of the camera project in 2020. So, it was paid out of the Jail Permanent Improvement/315 account and it was ok to do in 2020. Mr. Strickler said that if the auditors did not contest it at that time, then it is probably a proper transfer. Mr. Strickler was asked if we would get an answer from the prosecutor's office by Tuesday and he said maybe, as long as he received the written documentation he needed.

**At 12:25 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 July 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 12:25 p.m.

Signatures on File