

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 October 18, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF 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 #346271 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 about legal notice publications and wanted to know about Column Software PBC. Valerie Stebel told him that is actually the Norwalk Reflector.
- Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler about "prop damage surcharge". It was thought this was a copier property damage surcharge.
- Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if he knew why the Sheriff was charged more than the judges for LEADS. Mr. Strickler explained that the Sheriff is the main LEADS provider in the county. The judges and prosecutor's office are considered non-terminal agencies and the Sheriff is considered a terminal agency. All the reports go to the Sheriff and he faxes them to other departments.
- Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if he had heard of Salmon Law Office. Ms. Stebel said that was J. Michael Salmon from Toledo. He was appointed counsel on a Common Pleas Court case.
- Mr. Boose had a lot of questions for Ms. Minor.
- Dive Team expenses are being paid.
- BMV purchased adhesive strips from Ohio Turnpike. These are for the EZ Pass transponders.
- Mr. Boose noted there were 3 paper purchases that had not come through our office. They thought it might be different sizes. Discussed the commissioners cost for copy paper had gone up. Ms. Stebel said that an e-mail would go out to all the departments letting them know after the first of the year the price for a case of paper will be going up. We have a pallet and a half of copy paper left from the last purchase.

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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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
10/24/2022	Commissioners	346271		Warrant Type: All	\$899.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.022.00526 (Travel) Total:			Warrant Numbers: All	\$1,038.41	
10/27/2022	Travel	346271		Funds: 001 to 990	\$1,038.41	
10/27/2022	Gas-Jail	346271			\$1,038.41	
10/27/2022	Gas-22 E Main	346271			\$44.93	
10/27/2022	Gas-22 E Main	346271			\$44.93	
10/27/2022	Gas-158 Sheriff Lane	346271			\$480.36	
10/27/2022	Account 001.022.00527 (Gas) Total:				\$1,570.88	
10/27/2022	Department Building and Grounds Total:				\$7,112.69	
10/27/2022	Department Sheriff					
10/27/2022	Amazon Capital Services	346271	2022-000801	Shawnigha Blum salaries	\$45.30	
10/27/2022	Account 001.023.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$45.30	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000841	Enrichment Uniform-Neville	\$14.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.023.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$94.95	
10/27/2022	CCT Financial	346271	2022-000851	Reimbursement for Pagers for office	\$78.95	
10/27/2022	Wilcox Garage LLC	346271	2022-000861	Copier Lease for Chd. Ref. Call & Dispatch for 1	\$135.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.023.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:				\$316.05	
10/27/2022	One Peace Officer Training Academy	346271	2022-000891	Search Warrant Prep-Clawson 6/29 - 6/29/22	\$275.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.023.00280 (Training) Total:				\$1,000.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.023.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$2,315.91	
10/27/2022	Department Sheriff Total:				\$202.08	
10/27/2022	Department Disaster Service				\$492.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.026.00151	346271	2022-001511	Frontier Phone Bill ERM Bldg	\$202.08	
10/27/2022	Department Disaster Service Total:				\$69.45	
10/27/2022	Department Public Defender Commission	346271	2022-002871	Scheduling Calendar	\$12.05	
10/27/2022	My Jackson	346271	2022-002871	Postage Reimbursement	\$48.30	
10/27/2022	Account 001.027.00175 (Supplies) Total:					

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10/27/2022	Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center	346271	2022-002891	Hotel Stay for Dave Lingo 11/16-11/18/22	\$268.06	
10/27/2022	Account 001.027.00300 (Travel) Total:				\$268.06	
10/27/2022	Department Public Defender Commission Total:				\$346.95	
10/27/2022	Department Health Vital Statistics					
10/27/2022	Huron County Public Health	346271	2022-002901	Health Vital Statistics Fee: 030-00963	\$1,224.80	
10/27/2022	Account 001.030.00963 (Fees) Total:				\$1,224.80	
10/27/2022	Department Health Vital Statistics Total:					
10/27/2022	Department Jail Operations					
10/27/2022	Amazon Capital Services	346271	2022-000891	Post It's & book for inmate library	\$32.43	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00176 (Supplies) Total:				\$122.29	
10/27/2022	Frontier Railway Inc	346271	2022-000901	Medical Unit for inmate R. Emery 10/0/22	\$85.35	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00177 (Medical/Hygiene) Total:				\$1,114.54	
10/27/2022	Amazon Capital Services	346271	2022-000921	Wall the boiler & inciner	\$8.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000931	Enrichment uniform-lev	\$272.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000941	2 blu white-hulband	\$80.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000951	1 uniform-hulband	\$80.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000961	Enrichment uniform-Moore	\$14.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000971	Enrichment uniform-cable	\$12.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000981	2 blu white	\$12.00	
10/27/2022	Lady Stone Promotions	346271	2022-000991	2 blu white-shader	\$182.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$1,172.08	
10/27/2022	CCT Financial	346271	2022-000941	Copier lease for Jail 10/15 - 11/14/22	\$363.34	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00275 (Contract/Repairs) Total:				\$300.00	
10/27/2022	Lee A Webster-PHO Inc	346271	2022-000951	Assessment Report-bloque	\$1,100.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$697.07	
10/27/2022	Columbia Gas	346271		Gas-Jail	\$567.07	
10/27/2022	Account 001.038.00527 (Gas) Total:				\$3,517.16	
10/27/2022	Department Jail Operations Total:				\$841.31	
10/27/2022	Department Miscellaneous					
10/27/2022	Friends Local LLC	346271	2022-003491	September Court Services		

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10/27/2022	Peacock Video	346271	2022-001871	Referrals for Jones	\$24.96	
10/27/2022	Sortes GA	346271	2022-001871	Referrals for Jones	\$88.76	
10/27/2022	Account 001.013.00030 (Lodging & Meals) Total:				\$83.71	
10/27/2022	Huron County Commissioners	346271	2022-001891	16,450 Annual Fee: 10/1/2022-9/30/2023	\$600.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.008.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:			Vehicle Maintenance 2016 Equinox	\$767.34	
10/27/2022	Department Common Pleas Total:				\$1,097.73	
10/27/2022	Department Juvenile					
10/27/2022	Reusch Associates Inc	346271	2022-000441	File Folders	\$69.50	
10/27/2022	Account 001.013.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$469.50	
10/27/2022	Department Juvenile Total:				\$469.50	
10/27/2022	Department Probate					
10/27/2022	Ruella Gross	346271	2022-002011	Spanish Interpreting	\$25.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.016.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$25.00	
10/27/2022	Department Probate Total:					
10/27/2022	Department Clerk of Courts					
10/27/2022	Lafayette, Gary	346271	2022-001491	2 Large Print Calendars	\$44.00	
10/27/2022	County Office Products	346271	2022-001491	Weekly Planner	\$10.99	
10/27/2022	Account 001.017.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$54.99	
10/27/2022	Department Clerk of Courts Total:				\$54.99	
10/27/2022	Department Police Maint Court					
10/27/2022	City of Newark	346271	2022-002091	Wireless or Juven Fees	\$161.02	
10/27/2022	Newark Municipal Court	346271	2022-002091	Legal Services 3rd quarter	\$3,400.00	
10/27/2022	Account 001.019.00554 (Novelty) Total:			Legal Services-3rd quarter	\$7,351.02	
10/27/2022	Department Police Maint Court Total:				\$7,351.02	
10/27/2022	Department Building and Grounds					
10/27/2022	Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$999.05	
10/27/2022	Reed	346271	2022-002091	Mops, spray bottles, gloves, universal maid and 1	\$999.05	
10/27/2022	The Shelton Williams Co	346271	2022-002091	Black Prep	\$13.95	
10/27/2022	Account 001.022.00275 (Repairs Maintenance) Total:			Paint-Artist Bldg	\$16.45	



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10/27/2022	10042022 4:16 PM	340271	2022-00244/1	equipment use reimburse	\$1,083.44	
Account 180, 180, 00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$1,083.44	
Department Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$6,256.00	
Fund 160 - Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$6,256.00	
Fund: 177 - Emergency Management						
Department: Emergency Management						
Account 177, 177, 00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$199.98	
Department: Emergency Management					\$199.98	
Account 177, 177, 00255 (Contract Services) Total:					\$2,970.09	
Department: Emergency Management Total:					\$3,170.07	
Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:					\$3,170.07	
Fund: 185 - 911						
Department: 911						
Account 185, 185, 00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$1,350.00	
Department: 911					\$1,350.00	
Account 185, 185, 00380 (Training) Total:					\$25.00	
Department: 911 Total:					\$1,375.00	
Fund: 185 - 911 Total:					\$1,375.00	
Fund: 190 - Comprehensive Housing						
Department: Comprehensive Housing						
Account 190, 190, 00525 (Contract Services) Total:					\$4,634.00	
Department: Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$4,634.00	
Fund 190 - Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$4,634.00	
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Account 193, 193, 00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$180.00	
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					\$180.00	

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10/27/2022	10042022 4:16 PM	340271	2022-00079/1	CONEP WIGA Youth RM5-Sept 2022	\$4,997.08	
Account 123, 123, 00235 (Shared Travelers) Total:					\$4,997.08	
Department WIGA Total:					\$10,513.18	
Fund 123 - WIGA Total:					\$10,513.18	
Fund: 124 - Special Funds-JPC						
Department: Special Funds-JPC						
Account 124, 124, 00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$1,621.60	
Department: Special Funds-JPC Total:					\$1,621.60	
Fund 124 - Special Funds-JPC Total:					\$1,621.60	
Fund: 131 - Records Technology						
Department: Records Technology						
Account 131, 131, 00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$431.66	
Department: Records Technology Total:					\$431.66	
Fund 131 - Records Technology Total:					\$431.66	
Fund: 132 - Clerk of Courts-Tile						
Department: Clerk of Courts-Tile						
Account 132, 132, 00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$22.00	
Department: Clerk of Courts-Tile Total:					\$22.00	
Fund 132 - Clerk of Courts-Tile Total:					\$22.00	
Fund: 139 - Common Pleas Computer						
Department: Common Pleas Computer						
Account 139, 139, 00441					\$154.08	
Department: Common Pleas Computer Total:					\$156.08	
Fund 139 - Common Pleas Computer					\$156.08	

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10/27/2022	10042022 4:16 PM	340271	2022-00169/1	MS Office Home & Business	\$292.50	
Account 139, 139, 00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$232.50	
Department Common Pleas Computer Total:					\$232.50	
Fund 139 - Common Pleas Computer Total:					\$232.50	
Fund: 145 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 145, 145, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$165.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$1,393.03	
Fund 145 - Childrens Services Total:					\$1,393.03	
Fund: 146 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 146, 146, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$68.12	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$72.69	
Fund 146 - Childrens Services Total:					\$72.69	
Fund: 147 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 147, 147, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$63.18	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$68.00	
Fund 147 - Childrens Services Total:					\$68.00	
Fund: 148 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 148, 148, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$200.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$200.00	
Fund 148 - Childrens Services Total:					\$200.00	
Fund: 149 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 149, 149, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$168.19	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$168.19	
Fund 149 - Childrens Services Total:					\$168.19	
Fund: 150 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 150, 150, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$248.88	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$248.88	
Fund 150 - Childrens Services Total:					\$248.88	
Fund: 151 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 151, 151, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$13,836.54	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$291,353.04	
Fund 151 - Childrens Services Total:					\$291,353.04	
Fund: 152 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 152, 152, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$305,189.58	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$305,189.58	
Fund 152 - Childrens Services Total:					\$305,189.58	
Fund: 153 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 153, 153, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$4,444.46	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$4,444.46	
Fund 153 - Childrens Services Total:					\$4,444.46	
Fund: 154 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 154, 154, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$270.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$270.00	
Fund 154 - Childrens Services Total:					\$270.00	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
10/27/2022	10042022 4:16 PM	340271	2022-00169/1	MS Office Home & Business	\$292.50	
Account 139, 139, 00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$232.50	
Department Common Pleas Computer Total:					\$232.50	
Fund 139 - Common Pleas Computer Total:					\$232.50	
Fund: 145 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 145, 145, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$165.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$1,393.03	
Fund 145 - Childrens Services Total:					\$1,393.03	
Fund: 146 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 146, 146, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$68.12	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$72.69	
Fund 146 - Childrens Services Total:					\$72.69	
Fund: 147 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 147, 147, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$63.18	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$68.00	
Fund 147 - Childrens Services Total:					\$68.00	
Fund: 148 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 148, 148, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$200.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$200.00	
Fund 148 - Childrens Services Total:					\$200.00	
Fund: 149 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 149, 149, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$168.19	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$168.19	
Fund 149 - Childrens Services Total:					\$168.19	
Fund: 150 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 150, 150, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$248.88	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$248.88	
Fund 150 - Childrens Services Total:					\$248.88	
Fund: 151 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 151, 151, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$13,836.54	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$291,353.04	
Fund 151 - Childrens Services Total:					\$291,353.04	
Fund: 152 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 152, 152, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$305,189.58	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$305,189.58	
Fund 152 - Childrens Services Total:					\$305,189.58	
Fund: 153 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 153, 153, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$4,444.46	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$4,444.46	
Fund 153 - Childrens Services Total:					\$4,444.46	
Fund: 154 - Childrens Services						
Department: Childrens Services						
Account 154, 154, 00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$270.00	
Department: Childrens Services Total:					\$270.00	
Fund 154 - Childrens Services Total:					\$270.00	

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Warrant #
10/27/2022	Signatures Reg. Journal Supplies & Service Inc.	346271	2022-001371	Unit geminal black & emu nu army buff	890.40
Account 635.02090 (Expenditures) Total:					\$90.40
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$90.40
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$90.40
Fund: 775 - BMW					
Department BMW					
10/27/2022	One Jungle and Infrastructure Commission	346271	2022-004041	20 Adhesive Strips	\$20.00
10/27/2022	Ther	346271	2022-004041	1 (50477) Consider 775 Weight Paper	\$75.00
10/27/2022	Ther	346271	2022-004041	2000 Adhesive Strips	\$15.00
Account 775.775.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$200.47
Department BMW Total:					\$200.47
Fund 775 - BMW Total:					\$200.47
Grand Total:					\$501,950.13
Sign 1: <i>Brent Dreyer</i>					Sign 2: <i>Toby Boose</i>
Sign 3: <i>Karen Prelipp</i>					

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**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment** – *Karen Prelipp, Chairwoman, Huron County Board of Elections.* Ms. Prelipp read from a prepared statement. Ms. Prelipp said that Cecelia Blevins, the Director of Board of Elections has advised the board that the budget she submitted has been rejected by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Blevins said that she was told by Mr. Boose that she needed to follow the rules that were given to her and everyone else had followed the rules. Ms. Prelipp went on to tell the commissioners that the statement cast doubt on the election process in Huron County and she strongly objects to that characterization. Ms. Prelipp told the Commissioners that Ms. Blevins and her staff are dedicated individuals and are following the rules set forth by the Ohio Revised Code and directives from the Secretary of State, Mr. La Rose. Ms. Prelipp said the section pertinent to my remarks today are in Title 35, Elections Chapter 3501, Election Procedure - Election Officials. Section 3501.14 Compensation for Director, Deputy Director and Employees of Board states the Board of Elections shall at a vote of not less than 3 of its members, fix the annual compensation of its Director and Deputy Director who are selected in accordance with section 3501.09 of the Revised Code. She continued by saying also applicable today is the portion of the elections official’s manual published by the Ohio Secretary of State. It reads in part, Chapter 2, Boards of Election Organization and Operation, Human Resource Management #1- Compensation, the board sets the salaries of the Director and Deputy Director and other employees by a vote of not less than 3 of its members.

Ms. Prelipp then said, let’s establish how we arrived at today. On October 12, 2021 our director met with the commissioners to discuss budget and salary increases. Ms. Blevins was told that the Board of Elections has to approve the salaries. On December 20, 2021 the Board of Elections met in executive session and approved the pay increase. Due diligence was taken to ensure parity with similar sized counties. The Board of Elections director and deputy director hourly wages are still slightly less than the average of other department heads in Huron County. On December 14, 2021 our budget was approved by the commissioners with resolution 21-396. Now we come to this budget process and Mr. Boose’s remarks that they did not follow the rules. Her questions are; What rules did they not follow? Why will the commissioners not approve a budget line item that is the current salary of the director and deputy director? She feels it is imperative in this climate of discord that it be made clear the voters in Huron County Ohio can be assured that their vote counts, the person they cast their vote for is accurate. Publicly casting doubt on the capabilities of our dedicated staff at the Board of Elections is a disservice to them. We have a difficult time as it is to find volunteers to do this important work and to have any hint of inappropriate behavior only makes it more difficult. She asked Mr. Boose to explain why he did not agree with the budget line item for current salaries.

Mr. Wilde told her that they do not answer questions during public comment.

Ms. Prelipp also wanted to know the rule that was not followed and said the Board of Elections would like to be put on the agenda for a commissioner meeting.

*Roger Hunker, Lyme Township.* Mr. Hunker provided an update on the Feichtner building. He said they received numbers after the sale. The kids were given the opportunity to donate some of their money from the sale and they raised over \$50,000.00 from what the kids donated. They are doing a livestock trailer raffle, which has gone all over the country. They expect to raise another \$50,000.00 from that raffle. Most recently they were awarded \$10,000.00 from AG Credit Mission Fund. They should be getting some press releases from that soon.

Mr. Hunker told the commissioners they have been talking to an architect, who is working on a bid packet for them. Mr. Wilde thanked him for starting a bid packet and told him that was fair for the community. Mr. Hunker also said that he talked to Mr. Strickler yesterday to make sure that were going down the right path with the bid packet.

Mr. Strickler said Mr. Hunker, Dick Wiles and himself had a meeting yesterday regarding this. Mr. Boose thought that the commissioners had budgeted \$50,000 to go to this building. But felt they needed to decide whether that would be done this year or next year at the absolute minimum, so they have it to put in their budget file. Mr. Hunker stated that they have applied for several grants and are waiting for responses.

**At 9:21 a.m. Dr. Jeffrey Harwood, Coroner budget:**

Dr. Harwood explained that they are still doing things the same way as when he came on 26 years ago. He is the main coroner and he has 2 physicians who help him. Dr. Bob Secor is the chief deputy coroner and he gets a stipend of about \$1,600.00 a year and Dr. Glen Trippe helps out and gets a stipend of about \$500.00 a year. Dr. Harwood stated that both his deputies were retired from their main jobs and did not want to work as much on the coroner cases. Dr. Harwood said he sometimes get cross coverage from Erie County.

Dr. Harwood explained that most all of the counties around us, of a similar size, have more of a dedicated death investigator availability. But he is old school and is available for calls 24/7, if he is in the area. Most of the coroners in other counties have said they will do all the paperwork, but wanted someone else to do the other stuff. Dr. Harwood discussed the typical number of cases and the caseload. There were 10 suicides this year and there are typically 6 in a year. Also, there were only 2 highway related deaths this year and usually there are about 6 a year. Mr. Brady said he appreciates that we have a coroner because there are counties who do not.

Dr. Harwood stated that Ottawa County is using a coroner from Union County, who told them they needed to hire someone to work the investigation for the cases since he did not reside in the area.

Dr. Harwood asked about obtaining an investigator. They discussed the options for paying the person. Dr. Harwood told the commissioners some counties are paying per diem to be on call and others are paying per hour and do not get the per diem when they are on call with no calls. Mr. Brady asked if Dr. Harwood could research this over the next several months to see if he could find someone who would want to do this and also ask which type of payment would appeal to them.

Mr. Boose said there were several ways you could budget for this. The first being worst case scenario. If it would cost too much, then you would not want to entertain that, but if it is a reasonable amount you could. Mr. Boose told Dr. Harwood he could come back towards the end of the year to ask for more money if it was an unusually high year.

Mr. Wilde noted that Dr. Harwood had not put anything in his budget for OPERS or Medicare. Dr. Harwood said he did not know how to do that. Mr. Brady said he liked the fact that Dr. Harwood said he was not sure which way to pay an assistant, but here are some scenarios.

22-309

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE HURON COUNTY ROME GREENWICH ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT; HUR TR 0076-04.50; FY2023; PID 113115)**

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 22-267 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Huron County Rome Greenwich Road Bridge Design/Build Project; HUR-TR-0076-04.50; FY2023; PID 113115; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accord with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project will be provided in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, October 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

**R & I Construction, Inc.**

**\$1,193,555.00**

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Huron County Rome Greenwich Road Bridge Design/Build Project; HUR-TR-076-04.50; FY2023; PID 113115, as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to R & I Construction, Inc, Tiffin, Ohio in the amount of \$1,193,555.00; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer's Office; 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 noted this was a big project and asked if this would be done next year. Mr. Tansey said the contractor will team up with another engineer to fine tune the project. Mr. Wilde verified they had asked for these funds in 2017. Mr. Tansey said that most of the federal projects are 5 or 6 years out on the books before going out for construction. Mr. Tansey stated this bridge was between Alpha and Omega Roads and is an old truss bridge. It has a fairly large span, so that starts to cost more.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-310

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) DUMP BODY AND SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT ON ONE (1) 2023 SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 22-256 the bid was awarded to Henderson Products, Inc. for the amount of \$101,427.00 for the Provision and Installation of One (1) Dump Body and Specified Equipment on One (1) 2023 Single Axle Cab and Chassis for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Henderson Products, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Henderson Products, Inc. Manchester, Iowa for the Provision and Installation of One (1) Dump Body and Specified Equipment on One (1) 2023 Single Axle Cab and Chassis for the Huron County Engineer as 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 clarified this was not the ARPA truck. We already have the cab and chassis, now this is bidding out all of the outfitting. This truck will not be in service until next year. Mr. Tansey said the hydraulic system is 30 weeks out and they will not begin to put the truck together until spring, but it should only take a month or 2 to build.

Mr. Tansey said they would be signing the contracts for the ARPA funded equipment next Tuesday. The loader is through CAT of Ohio and they think it will be delivered by December. The truck will not be delivered until next fall. Mr. Tansey said we currently have 3 loaders and gave their locations. He told the commissioners we always need 3 loaders, so when the new one goes into service, the old one will be a back-up. We currently use a backhoe as a back-up.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

*\*Contract on file*

22-311

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00  
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 25, 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:

<b><u>EMA</u></b>		
Norwalk Heating	Vent system for back generator	\$2,286.00
<b><u>Commissioners</u></b>		
Strategic Solutions	Scanning/Commissioner’s office files	\$7,943.13
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 stated the vent system for the back generator was at the EMA. They checked to see if our staff could fix this and were told they could not.

Mr. Boose said we already have money in the budget for Strategic Solutions and this came in a lot less than we had planned, so Ms. Ziemba has indicated she would like to keep moving forward on the project. Mr. Wilde said the files in the commissioner’s office were massive but now they are getting more manageable.

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

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

**At 9:51 a.m. Nik Katsaros, First Energy:**

Mr. Katsaros said elections are coming up and First Energy does a lot of work in preparation. They are sent a list of all of the poling locations and on election day these locations are considered a critical facility. On normal, non-election days the administration building along with hospitals, police stations and schools are all considered critical facilities and they do their best to maintain power as quickly as possible. They don’t do any planned work on election day near the poling locations because they do not want to accidentally cut off power to a poling location.

Mr. Katsaros said he has been with First Energy for 12 years and this year has been one of the busiest for him, not only for storms, but grid modernizations. Mr. Katsaros said that since the pandemic people are not willing to wait, probably because they are working from home. He said they have a distribution control center in Akron and they can open up switches, so if there is a car/pole accident they can isolate the accident and restore power to many customers automatically.

Mr. Brady told Mr. Katsaros he commended the electric company for working with home owners on getting power set up to their homes, so they do not have to deal with high voltage.

Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Katsaros for their promptness in taking action when we have called them.

**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



**SIGNINGS – none****OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS****Clerical Assistant updates:**

- Soil & Water 2-stage ditch. Mr. Strickler hasn't heard anything on this subject and needs to follow-up with Chad Stang, Mr. Stang had called him, but he was unavailable. Mr. Brady said when he was at the Muck breakfast he asked Ben Wiers how he felt about this and Mr. Wiers was in agreement with this project.

**Assistant Prosecutor updates:**

- Mr. Strickler had no updates.
- Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if they could discuss SAFEbuilt. Mr. Strickler forwarded the updated contract to Mr. Wilde. Mr. Wilde said that the only change to the contract was to correct the company name which was wrong. Mr. Strickler said that they had also eliminated some language he had asked them to take out. We also took plumbing out of the contract and will continue to use Richland County Public Health for plumbing. Mr. Strickler talked about the difference between Richland County Building Department, who we have issue with, and Richland County Public Health, who we have no issues with.
- Mr. Wilde noted they had been working on the fee schedule and have adjusted some items on it.
- Mr. Strickler told the commissioners that we need to give Richland County Building Department notice by Friday October 28, 2022. He has already prepared a notice of termination and e-mailed it to Ms. Ziemba. He told Ms. Ziemba we would need to put it on County Commissioners letterhead. He has also prepared a resolution to re-establish the Building Department, adopt the Ohio Basic Building Code, request recertification of our building department, enter into the agreement with SAFEbuilt and adopt a fee schedule.
- Mr. Boose asked if they could make a motion at today's meeting to permit Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziemba to give notice of termination to Richland County Building Department.

***Harry Brady moved to authorize Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziemba to send notice to Richland County Building Department to terminate the contract. 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***

**Commissioner Brady updates:**

- Tomorrow morning is the business breakfast at St. Paul's Gathering space.
- Mr. Brady will not be at Landbank on Thursday. He will be out of town.
- Friday he will be in Columbus for the CEBCO Board meeting.
- Mr. Boose asked if they had attended the MHAS meeting last Friday. Neither Mr. Brady or Mr. Wilde had been able to attend the meeting. Mr. Boose said that it had not made it to the calendar. Mr. Brady said it was on his calendar, but he must not have forwarded it to Ms. Webb. Mr. Boose suggested comparing their calendar to the board's at the beginning of each week and if something is not listed they can send it to Ms. Webb.
- Mr. Brady noted that he would be in the New London Halloween Parade
- Willard Christmas Parade - Mr. Brady will attend as a commissioner. Ms. Clements will register him for the parade.

**At 10:14 a.m. the board recessed.**

**At 10:27 a.m. the board resumed regular session.**

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Mr. Boose reminded the board of the call from Sandusky County a few weeks ago regarding a regional jail. Mr. Boose said they had decided at the meeting that they were unsure of the services they needed, so the consultant who was at the meeting suggested they apply for a grant to plan what they might need. On Friday they found out they would be able to get the planning grant. The problem is the grant application is due at the end of November. They received an e-mail from the consultant on Sunday stating he wanted to meet on Wednesday. Mr. Boose told him he would try to make it and also asked Ms. Ziemba to forward the e-mail to the Sheriff's Office.
- Mr. Boose said one of the things that came up at this meeting was that CCAO is going to ask for the full amount for jails. They were not sure if the information they had was outdated. He brought this up at CCAO on Friday and they thought it was a good number at the time but they understand if we are asking for the dollars, we need to ask for enough. So, they may be putting out another survey to try to update information, if for nothing more than to update the cost of materials. Mr. Boose said the consultant's concern was that we would be telling them the amount of money we thought we needed, but if we need more, the legislature will say that is what we told them we needed.

- The Governor and Lt. Governor want to hear what we would like out of the budget for next year. Mr. Boose said the reason for that is our CCAO Board has an ex-finance chairman and an ex-vice chairman of finance to give suggestions of what to do. The suggestion from the chairman was if the governor has it in his budget before giving it to the house, it is a lot easier if it is already in there than if you have to add it, then go back to get permission from the administration. Mr. Boose thought there were several things in the budget, such as money for the jail and 100% reimbursement for indigent defense.
- Ohio Chamber of Commerce released an economic blueprint too Ohio. Mr. Boose said the group is very respected in Columbus. Mr. Boose feels some items are broad, such as reduce barriers to employment, modernize Ohio's workforce for in demand occupations now and in the future, also improve affordability that allows for generational wealth building. Mr. Brady felt the last item meant if you can leave your children money due to being able to afford to build your assets, then they can build as well.
- Talked about legislative platform at CCAO meeting. There were also several speakers. One of the speakers was from the EPA who discussed all the available grants. Mr. Boose thought if the Sewer District moved forward in Huron County it would be to their benefit to sit down with the EPA. He also said the EPA is not your enemy and has a lot of things to offer.
- The next presentation at the CCAO meeting was about the lack of volunteer firefighters. Ottawa County Commissioner Mark Stoll and the Ohio Fire Marshall are on a committee to look at the issue and try to help resolve it. They said in Ohio the average volunteer fire department needs 30% more firefighters. Mr. Boose said that part of the issue is training and the cost of gear. Some area's have gone to specialized positions that can only do certain things which do not need as much training.
- Friday's CCAO meeting. They are asking everyone to sign up for Winter Conference as soon as possible. Mr. Wilde will not be able to attend the Blue Jacket dinner.
- Mr. Boose had previously asked about having Mr. Welch and Mr. Riedy attend the trade show at Winter Conference. Ms. Garrett with CCAO told Mr. Boose to sign them up as affiliate members and put a note that she had told them to do it that way. Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Boose that the CCC-EAPA meetings at the conference seem to be very good and relevant to what is going on now.
- Huron County Stepping Up meeting was held last Friday.
- Latest sales tax report. It is up a bit. Mr. Boose said if you look at what we get from the state, we are actually down a little bit compared to last year.
- Legislative Platform was sent to us. They underline what was added and cross out what is taken out.
- Mr. Boose had information from EPA that showed all the grants available.
- Adam Schwiebert is leaving CCAO. He will be going to the Montgomery County Library Association and will be a legislative liaison with the State and Federal government. Rachel Massoud-Reedy is pregnant and due April 1. John Leutz and Cheryl Subler will be picking up Mr. Schwiebert's duties.
- Mr. Boose received an email from Huron County Chamber of Commerce. They are looking for people to be on their Board of Directors.
- Discussed Halloween parade and merchant trick or treat.
- 2022 Regional Business Expo. – November 22.
- Light Up Norwalk 2022 – November 26.
- Jingle & Mingle on December 8. The Board will be in Columbus at Winter Conference.
- Letter from John F. Adams, Chief Bureau of Adult Detention.

**Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- NEDC on Thursday, followed by Land Bank.
- Business and Professional Breakfast tomorrow morning.
- Mr. Boose noted that on Thursday there was an 11:45 NEDC Board meeting. Mr. Wilde said he would attend.

*At 10:58 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. 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 did not attend due a conflict of interest.*

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2022

*At 11:11 a.m. Harry Brady moved to end executive session ORC 121.22 G(2). 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*

Mr. Brady wanted to discuss transportation. They have advertised for the Director's position. OPTA has put out the word that we are looking for a Transportation Director. Transit 911 sent a list of publications they would like to advertise in, but there is a cost to do this. Ms. Hozalski was concerned about the budget to do this. Mr. Brady told her they had anticipated the costs and put some money in the budget for that. Mr. Boose thought they should make it more official and pass a vote to use money from other expenses.

*Harry Brady moved to use Other Expenses to pay to advertise the Director of Public Transit position. Terry Boose seconded the motion.*

*\*Discussion:* Mr. Boose asked if they wanted to set a dollar amount limit on this. Mr. Brady thought there had been a budget of less than \$1,000.00 for this. Mr. Wilde said less than \$5,000.00. They agreed to the latter amount.

*Harry Brady moved to rescind the first motion. 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*

*Harry Brady moved to pay an amount not to exceed \$5,000 out of the Other Expenses line of the transportation budget for advertising the Director of Public Transit position. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**At 11:29 a.m.** Harry Brady moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on October 25, 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 11:29 a.m.

Signatures on file.