

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 November 3, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 3, 2022 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

22-330

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 # 347365 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. Brady noted a lot of people were going to Winter Conference this year.
- Stratitude (Strategy for Gratitude) Seminar. Mr. Wilde attended and one of the key points of keeping people is allowing them to train. Mr. Wilde felt that by taking the whole office to the Winter Conference we are allowing them to grow and see a little bit more.
- Common Pleas Court getting a gun. Mr. Stickler thought it was for the Bailiff.
- Paying for Juvenile Detention in Erie, Seneca and Wood Counties.
- Lightbulbs.
- Gasoline from Engineer.
- Final payment on Courthouse cameras.
- Unsure if final boiler payment has been made.
- Final roof payment made.
- Charter Communications for Sheriff. Would be nice to have Mr. Riedy do a study to see if that is the cheapest option.
- Sheriff vehicles have a lot of electronics, that is why disassembling radios and moving to new vehicles is expensive.
- Insurance and taxes. Mr. Boose asked about the Wellness Premium Holiday Incentive. Ms. Ziemba will have to look.
- Mediation. Neither are from Huron County.

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

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

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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. Wilde thought the next few resolutions were all the same. Mr. Tansey said these were all newly funded projects and this is the first step to authorize them. Mr. Tansey also told them these were part of the infrastructure, so they would be done quickly. 3 of them are for next year, 1 is for 2024 and 1 is for 2025. There is 1 more round for 2026 which we should be getting the applications for in the next couple of weeks. The \$45M from the State of Ohio for local bridges needs to be spent in 5 years. It sounds great, but getting it spent in 5 years is where the hiccups come in.

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

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

22-332

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOUGHTONVILLE ROAD DESIGN/BUILD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; HUR-T.R. 105-00.39, FY2025

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Boughtonville Road Design/Build Bridge Replacement Project (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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

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

22-333

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUCKINGHAM ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; HUR-T.R. 181-00.43; FY2025

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Buckingham Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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 asked where this road was located. Mr. Tansey told him it was south of Willard and south of Bullhead Road, by the Muck Farms.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-334

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MORIAH ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; HUR-T.R. 165-00.25, FY 2023, PID 117426

Harry Brady moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Moriah Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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 asked what they meant by “superstructure”. Mr. Tansey explained it was a deck only replacement and said that the Boughtonville Road project is a complete replacement. The funding sources look for a deck replacement so it can be spent quickly. Most of these are deck replacements, but Boughtonville is a 2025 project, so it is a full replacement. The other ones are saving the foundations by putting a new deck

on top and will move fairly quickly. The goal of the program is to move fairly quickly.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-335

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OLD STATE ROAD BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT; HUR-C.R. 052-01.43, FY 2023, PID 117424

Harry Brady moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Old State Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-336

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAND HILL ROAD BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT; HUR-C.R. 040-03.16, FY2024, PID 117737

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Sand Hill Road Bridge Deck Replacement Project (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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 this was the bridge which was damaged by the accident. Mr. Tansey told him no, this bridge is south of Route 20. The bridge that was damaged by the accident is scheduled for 2025 and they have already started the process for that bridge using the traditional path.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-337

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER TO SERVE AS THE RESPONSIBLE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SKINNER ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; HUR-T.R. 106-00.62, FY 2023, PID 117439

Harry Brady moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS; Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may coordinate the activities of the Department with other appropriate public authorities and enter into contracts with such authorities as necessary to carry out its duties, powers and functions; and

WHEREAS; the Skinner Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project (herein after known as “the project”) is a transportation activity eligible to receive federal/state funding; and

WHEREAS; the Huron County Engineer (LPA) has received funding approval for the project listed above from the ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for the federal/state funds involved; and

WHEREAS; it is the mutual desire of both ODOT and the LPA to have the LPA serve as the responsible lead agency for the administration of the project; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorizes the Huron County Engineer to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the above-mentioned improvements; now therefore

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

22-338

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH R & I CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY BASELINE ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT; HUR-C.R.-011-03.41; FY2023; PID 104081 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 22-300 the bid was awarded to R & I Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$959,805.00 for the Huron County Baseline Road Bridge Design/Build Project; for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio for the Huron County Baseline Road Bridge Design/Build Project 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 said this was just east of Plymouth. Mr. Tansey also told them the bridges that are being fixed have been in the planning for 5 years and there will be another bridge fixed next year. Mr. Tansey went on to say that our stretch of bridges on Baseline will be replaced next year. He said there will be almost \$3M invested in those bridges. Mr. Boose asked when the first county roundabout would be put in. Mr. Tansey said they are accident driven, but most of the high accident areas are on state routes and the county doesn’t really have the traffic volumes or accident history on any road that sticks in his mind, so there are none planned.

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

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

**Contract on file*

22-339

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH R & I CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY ROME GREENWICH ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT; HUR-T.R.-0076-04.50; FY2023; PID 113115 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 22-309 the bid was awarded to R & I Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$1,193,555.00 for the Huron County Rome Greenwich Road Bridge Design/Build Project; for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio for the Huron County Rome Greenwich Road Bridge Design/Build Project 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**Contract on file*

22-340

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustments:

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	010	00175	001	\$1,000.00		010	00475	001	\$1,000.00

	Adult Probation - Supplies					Adult Probation – Other Expenses			
	027	00475	001	\$1,110.00		027	00125	001	\$1,064.00
	Public Defender Other Expenses					Public Defender Salaries			
						027	00460	001	\$ 46.00
						Public Defender Medicare			

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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:** Ms. Ziemba explained Adult Probation was moving money from the Supplies line to Other Expenses line to cover gasoline for both vehicles and upcoming maintenance on the vehicles through the rest of the year. The Public Defender moved money to payout the accumulated vacation pay to an employee who is leaving their office. Mr. Strickler said they had lost an Attorney, who is going to the Erie County Public Defender’s Office.

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

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

22-341

IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 22-307 APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 20, 2022

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-307, **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 20, 2022** needs to be repealed and replaced due to an incorrect product code and quote for licenses for the servers housed in the data center; and

WHEREAS, the IT Director has submitted an updated quote from CDWG for the Microsoft Windows Server 2022 Standard license – 16 cores, for the servers housed in the data center in the amount of \$6,672.60; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby rescinds Resolution 22-307 and approves the updated Quote (No. 1C92R9D) for the Microsoft Windows Server 2022 Standard license – 16 cores, in the amount of \$6,672.60, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated 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:** Ms. Ziemba explained that Mr. Riedy had put in an incorrect product code when requesting the quote for licenses for the servers housed in the data center. The cost doubled for the correct licenses.

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

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

**On file*

22-342

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment within the Sheriff’s #023 and Jail #036 account; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustments:

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	023	00125	001	\$12,000.00		023	00126	001	\$12,000.00
	Employee Salaries					Overtime			
	023	00400	001	\$9,200.00		023	00175	001	\$9,000.00
	PERS					Supplies			
						023	00460	001	\$ 200.00
						Medicare			

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	036	00400	001	\$ 200.00		036	00460	001	\$ 200.00
	PERS					Medicare			

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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:** Ms. Ziemba explained they were moving roadside money from salaries to overtime to supplement the overtime line, due to the increased caseload on the road, especially the detective bureau and dispatch. They also moved roadside money from the PERS line to the Supplies line because of the rise in gasoline prices and moved roadside money from the PERS line to Medicare line to supplement the Medicare line for the remainder of the year. Lastly, they moved Jail money from the PERS line to Medicare line to supplement the Medicare line for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Wilde said that the Sheriff had requested \$5,000.00 more for supplies and fuel. Ms. Ziemba stated that request was not part of this resolution and asked if they could address this resolution first, then discuss that request later.

Mr. Brady thought moving from Salary to Overtime is basically the same thing. Mr. Boose noted overtime is paid at time and a half. Mr. Brady said he understood that, but it was still part of salaries and they were not moving it to something totally different. Mr. Brady was hoping by having more road deputies, we could cut down on overtime. They have hired quite a few deputies, but have also lost quite a few deputies. They are still not fully staffed.

Mr. Brady said the question he really wanted to ask about is the moving from PERS to Supplies for gasoline. Mr. Brady noted that the commissioners had said because the gasoline situation was an unknown, when we got to the end of the year, we would be willing to put additional money in for gasoline. Mr. Brady thought that moving money from PERS to fuel is like they are moving it from benefits to supplies and wondered why there was so much money left in PERS.

Mr. Boose said it is because they did not hire those people at the beginning of the year, therefore, since it took time to get the employees hired, not all the money was spent. Mr. Brady stated that we had told them we would cover the additional costs of gasoline. Mr. Boose said that the bigger question is why is Medicare short and thought it was an easy calculation. Mr. Brady hoped they had planned their budget for next year correctly.

Mr. Boose stated that the interim budget for this year is down from last years interim budget by \$.5M and felt that some management is needed to be done to keep gasoline costs as low as possible. Mr. Boose would like to see the Sheriff's policies for next year to keep gasoline costs down.

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

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

22-343

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY HILL'S INTERIORS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE CARPET AT THE HURON COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the carpet in the Children's Services and Family & Children First areas of the Job & Family Services building needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations received three quotes to remove the existing carpet and install new carpet tiles and recommends the project be awarded to Hill's Interiors in the amount of \$28,500.00; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the proposal submitted by Hill's Interiors for the removal of existing carpet and installation of new carpet tiles in the amount of \$28,500.00 as attached hereto and expressly incorporated 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. Brady noted they had put money in the budget, but it was more than they expected, so he would like to take a look at this when they did the budget so they could figure out the cost to do the rest of it. Mr. Boose said that the problem with doing the rest of it, is making sure they can still operate. Mr. Boose thought it would be easier to do it department by department. Mr. Brady would just like to get it done quicker. Mr. Boose asked if we knew when this would be done. Ms. Ziemba said the quote says it will take 3 to 4 weeks from the date of order to receive the materials.

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

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

**Proposal on file*

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

- Lara Hozalski – HR – Columbus, Ohio – County Loss Coordinators Winter Conference – December 9, 2022
- Harry Brady – Commissioner – Columbus, Ohio – CEBCO Board of Director meetings – January 27, February 24, March 31, April 27 & 28, June 30, July 28, September 29, October 27, 2023.

Ms. Ziemba noted there was an online Sunshine Training sometime in December. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde would both need to take the course.

SIGNINGS - none**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS****Administrator/Clerk updates:**

- Ms. Ziemba reminded Mr. Boose he wanted to discuss fuel for the jail. Mr. Strickler explained it was for transports to the courthouse, juvenile detention and that type of place.
- Sheriff requested more money for gasoline and they wanted to take money out of the natural gas line and move it to the supplies line for gasoline. Mr. Boose explained the money in those accounts came from the Commissioners, who pay the utility bills. Mr. Boose said you never know what the utility bills are going to do, so you have to make sure you have enough money in those accounts to cover the bills.
- This year is unique because of the price of gasoline. Mr. Boose's concern if we take money out of that line, then 3 years down the road it comes up again and they say we did it 3 years ago. There may be different commissioners in office and the precedent could be if there is extra money in there, let's use it. We are setting a horrible precedent if we do that.
- Mr. Boose looked at the accounts the sheriff controls and there are three different account's which have money in them and could be used for this transfer. Mr. Boose would like to email recommendations to the Sheriff/Jail.
 - Unemployment line – We have needed very little money for this line and Mr. Boose can't see any reason for needing unemployment for the rest of the year. There is \$4,663.71 in that account.
 - Hospitalization – has 21% of the money in there. This could be used also.
 - Medical hygiene – There is currently \$152,167.00 left in that account. So far this year we have spent \$245,709.00 for the first 10 months. That is approximately \$25,000.00 a month, so we would only need about \$50,000.00 more in that account for the rest of the year. Leaving an extra \$100,000 in that account.
- Mr. Boose said that we agreed to look at gasoline charges for the rest of year and felt if they looked at the three accounts he mentioned, they would be a better place to take the money from than the Natural Gas account.
- Mr. Boose reminded the other commissioners that when looking at some of the reports next year, if you look at natural gas and we transfer it out, it looks like we spent more money on gas than we did. Then if we have a problem with gas next year and we go back to look, they would say it is the same as last year.
- Mr. Boose also wants to challenge the sheriff's office to manage what we give him in interim and final budget. We have to deal with the price of gasoline. Mr. Boose would hope, knowing this, that they change some policies to keep it down or spend less in other line items. Mr. Brady supports Mr. Boose's idea of sending them recommendations.
- Mr. Wilde stated that we had promised them the gasoline and the budget has money in it, so pick a fund that has excess to move it from. Mr. Boose stressed that there are still ways to manage the budget. Mr. Wilde asked if the money which is not used will roll over. Mr. Boose replied yes, but kind of. Jail money would roll back into the jail, not the general fund.
- Transportation – Ms. Ziemba has received three applications for the Transit Director job. Mr. Boose asked if there was a plan to move forward. Ms. Ziemba said that was a question for Ms. Hozalski and Transit 9-1-1 and did not think there was a date set. Mr. Brady felt they should try to move forward. Mr. Boose explained he wanted to move forward because if he was sending in his application for a job, he wouldn't expect it to be looked at a month or 2 later. The longer you wait, the less chance you have of the person still being available. Ms. Ziemba will check if there are any more applications, then move forward.
- Mr. Boose also wanted to move forward the with EMA position. He understood they were redoing the job description, but he was afraid if they put it aside, it could be a long time before they get to it. Ms. Ziemba stated she will make sure Ms. Hozalski is working on it.
- SAFEbuilt – Mr. Wilde explained to Mr. Strickler that Ms. Ziemba needed a copy of the final agreement. They also needed to get the fee schedule to her. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Boose if he wanted them to wait, since Mr. Boose would be gone next week.
- Mr. Strickler asked if we had heard back from Richland County Building Department after we sent the letter cancelling our contract with them. No one had heard anything.
- SAFEbuilt called to let us know they are bringing on Seneca and Wyandot counties. They asked if we needed anything.
- Mr. Strickler asked if they would be getting more inspectors since they will be covering more areas. Mr. Wilde said they told him they can pull inspectors from other areas if needed. Mr. Boose thought we should bring this concern up with them. Mr. Strickler said his concern with this is; why do we want to change if we will have the same issues as we did with Richland County. Mr. Wilde said he would be talking with them today and will voice this concern. Mr. Wilde was going to get everything to Ms. Ziemba and hoped we would have everything needed for next Tuesday.
- Mr. Boose wanted to add something else. Ms. Ziemba had given an updated budget. As of right now

it balances with the budget commission's amount. That doesn't mean changes can't be made and we probably won't pass it until right before Winter Conference. There is still plenty of time to look at it. Mr. Boose is still looking at several accounts.

- 099/Transfer Out account – one year ago it was at \$3,886,000.00 and for the interim budget this year it is at \$2,250,000.00, which is \$1.5M less. All Commissioner accounts need to be looked at. Mr. Boose hopes we have an opportunity to look at these more in the final budget and wanted to point out that we are already down by \$1.5M in that account. There will not be a lot of extra money in the final budget unless we get a huge carryover that will allow us to increase the interim budget. The interim budget has no increases for contracts or raises. Mr. Boose said that is where we do all of our capital projects.
- Mr. Boose said we have a long-term plan for our capital projects and he has asked Mr. Welch to bring it in so they could update it. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady to review the budget that she and Mr. Boose worked on and let her know if there is anything they see as an issue or would like to have changed. Mr. Boose said they had a significant amount which had changed or was not included in the previous interim budget. There was over \$3M in items they put in the interim budget.
- Mr. Strickler asked about raises and asked if they were going to give the county employees raises in the interim budget like last year and Mr. Boose told him no.

At 10:00 a.m. Josh Jasinski, Dog Warden – Cost Analysis Public Hearing.

Mr. Jasinski stated the hearing for the cost analysis of the Dog Warden's Office is to determine how the fees match up to the actual costs.

Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Jasinski to state the current costs and where he thought the fees should go.

Mr. Wilde stated the item descriptions and Mr. Jasinski said the costs and proposed new fees

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| • Seizing & delivering to pound – | Actual cost - \$138.39 | current fee \$10.00 | proposed fee \$20.00 |
| • Serving & posting notice – | Actual cost - \$29.00 | current fee \$5.00 | proposed fee \$5.00 |
| • Housing & feeding (per day) – | Actual cost - \$17.33 | current fee \$8.00 | proposed fee \$10.00 |
| • Destroy – | Actual cost - \$31.87 | current fee \$25.00 | proposed fee \$50.00 |
| • Adoptions – (plus tag fee) | Actual cost - \$184.72 | current fee \$18.00 | proposed fee \$45.00 |
| • After hours seizing & delivery– | Actual cost - \$25.83 | current fee \$5.00 | proposed fee \$10.00 |

Mr. Wilde asked if anyone wanted to speak for the hearing, hearing none, Mr. Wilde called a second time for anyone to speak in favor, hearing none, Mr. Wilde called a third time for anyone to speak in favor.

Mr. Boose wanted to comment that these were very minor increases compared to the costs, which have gone up since 2004 and he would recommend that we adopt the increases when it comes time to do it. Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Jasinski and all of his staff for all the work they put into this. Mr. Boose thought this helps them to get a better understanding of what the costs are and sometimes it really surprises you when going from \$1.62 a gallon to \$3.60 a gallon. Mr. Brady said that when he saw the numbers he was amazed at how low they still were.

Mr. Wilde called for testimony against, hearing none called twice, hearing none called thrice. Hearing none, Mr. Wilde closed the public hearing.

At 10:06 a.m. Mr. Wilde adjourned the hearing

Ms. Ziemba noted that she would prepare a resolution to adopt these fees and should have it for Thursday's meeting. Ms. Ziemba said the new fees would take effect on January 01, 2023.

Mr. Brady asked how it was going with the adoptions at Mr. Jasinski's office. Mr. Jasinski told him it depends on the time of the year. It also moves with the economy. If prices are up, adoptions go down a little. They have about 5 right now, but they get a lot of people calling to release their dogs to them. Mr. Jasinski said that is not their job, but they try to help if they can. A lot of them get out right away. Mr. Brady asked if people were looking for specific breeds. Mr. Jasinski did not think so. Mr. Boose thought people might want a pure breed dog more than a mixed breed. Mr. Jasinski said they had been doing a drawing to decide who would get a dog, but it was controversial, so they went to taking applications. They determine who is the best fit for a dog and they have the right to refuse an adoption.

Mr. Wilde noted that in 2021 they had 205 dogs claimed and 162 dogs adopted. They also had 13 EBI (Euthanasia by Injection).

Mr. Boose said that Franklin County has just passed a new policy that unless it is a service animal, no more dogs can be brought in to public offices because they had so many that people would use the dog kennels dogs to get people to come to their offices and were having to clean offices more because of the dogs.

Assistant Prosecutor updates: – none

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Mr. Brady did not attend Friends of Mercy, but did make it to the Township Association meeting on Thursday night.
- South Benedict corridor meeting yesterday. They are looking at ways to beautify that section coming in to Norwalk. The area is predominately in Norwalk, but the intersection of Benedict and S. Norwalk Road is in the county. It is very difficult to get across this intersection. They discussed the different options and acquiring the property if needed.
- Mr. Boose suggested if someone brings up wanting a traffic signal that Mr. Brady ask those people what if it is something other than a light? Would you feel the same way? Mr. Boose doesn't want people to think a traffic light is their only option. Mr. Brady said that even though it is not within the city limits, Norwalk is willing to work with the county and ODOT. Mr. Boose thought that S. Norwalk Road /Benedict Ave. intersection was in the city limits.
- Mr. Brady said it was interesting the way they sloped the bridge, it is hard to see traffic.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Workforce Development meeting. Mr. Boose discussed businesses trying different work schedules to see what works. Mr. Wilde said they had discussed this at a meeting he attended. Mr. Boose said the businesses can share their experiences with different scheduling options.
- Mr. Boose thought that a local business was opening a new line in January and we were picked over other areas of the state or country because of our ability to get things done. Mr. Boose said we complain about our workforce issues, but it could be worse. It was found that we don't market some things well enough.
- Discussed Goodwill Industries going back to normal hours finally and hiring high school students to cover the 5 to 8 p.m. shift. Goodwill Industries also has a grant to train people 55 years or older on new skills. Currently the grant only allows the people to work at a nonprofit organization or governmental agency. They don't have anyone from Huron County in this program.
- Besides having someone over 55 that would like to do this, you would need to have a place for them to work.
- Mr. Boose noted that Nathan Manning's Office rarely misses a meeting.

At 10:28 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:35 a.m. Harry Brady moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual; 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; and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:55 a.m. Harry Brady moved to end executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (G)(2) and (G)(3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

****Action taken***

Terry Boose moved to authorize Randy Strickler to release the Prosecutor's Opinion on transfers and expenditure of money to the Elections Board, the Director and Assistant Director as well as the Auditor's Office. Harry Brady 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 11:55 a.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 15, 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 11:55 a.m.

Signatures on file