

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 December 6, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 6, 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

22-383

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE NEGOTIATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME, OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 710, CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC UNIT**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a three-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the Huron County Board of Commissioners and the Huron County Custodial/Maintenance/Mechanic Unit (AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 710) has been negotiated and ratified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Operations has presented the agreement and recommends its adoption; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of the Huron County Custodial/Maintenance/Mechanic Unit (AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 710) collective bargaining agreement 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

*\*Agreement on file*

22-392

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES GRANT AMENDMENT FORM/FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY (TO REPLACE ATTACHMENT A, PAGE 1 OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners approved the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Court Grant Agreement on May 19, 2022, Resolution 22-161; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County Juvenile Court wishes to amend said agreement due to changes in personnel and has submitted an Amendment Form/Fiscal Accountability (To Replace Attachment A Page 1 of the Grant Agreement) for approval; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners have reviewed and hereby approve the Ohio Department of Youth Services Grant Amendment Form/Fiscal Accountability (To Replace Attachment A Page 1 of the Grant Agreement) 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 read the explanation from Juvenile Court “the court needed to make some personnel changes due to the recent resignations and new hires. This amendment reflects the jockeying around we have to do to continue our programs.”

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

22-393

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #5) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for payment and status of funds request as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payments is not in excess of current needs; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was for general administration in the amount of \$4,634 and repair assistance in the amount of \$3,281 for a home in New London. Mr. Boose clarified that the administration fees were for more than just this one home. Ms. Ziemba stated the administration was for 3 different items.

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

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

State of Ohio  
Office of Community Development  
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		OSBG E.E. RLF Balance: OSBG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information: Name: Sheri Stork Phone number: (615) 312-4130 Email: ssstork@glcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-1BJ-1 Draw Number: 5		Date: Voucher#:			
Project #	Project Name	Activity #	Activity Name	Project Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/ Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/ Site Budget (\$)
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4634.00	1235000.00	77160.00
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair		3281.00	23875.00	20594.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					7915.00	147375.00	97754.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date:	12/15/22	Signature:	[Signature]		Title:	Resident	
Date:	12-15-2022	Signature:	[Signature]		Title:	PRESIDENT	
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

22-394

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR MEETING THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF HURON COUNTY FOR 2023 (INTERIM BUDGET)**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to ORC 5705.38, Huron County may pass a temporary appropriation until an amended certificate is received based on actual balances as of December 31, 2022; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby adopt the attached temporary budget to be known as "temporary appropriation for 2023" as attached 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. Boose asked if we had received anything from the auditor's office. Ms. Ziemba told him when they submitted, everything equaled out and there were no issues. Once this is done she will break it apart and send it to all departments. Mr. Boose noted this was the interim budget and did not include raises, which they will review for final budget. This doesn't mean there will not be raises, it just means they will decide during final budget.

Mr. Boose stated one of the reasons they do an interim budget versus a final budget is they don't know what the rollover will be and, in our county, it is a significant amount of money. Mr. Boose said we have a lot of work to do in the next 3 months and next year there will be lots of changes to the budget, but none of the departments should have a problem getting through the first quarter. There is no guarantee they will end up with that amount of money in their budget. Mr. Wilde commented he hears of other counties doing their final budget already and they don't know what their carry over is. Ms. Ziemba had asked that question previously and was told the carryover goes toward the following year. Mr. Boose said the way we do it is a little more current, but every county does things differently.

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

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

*\*On file*

**At 9:08 a.m. Public comment - none**

22-395

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE ERIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Economic Development Corporation for the development and management of the Firelands Forward Collaborative (Workforce Development Initiative); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners will provide funding in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be applied to the Firelands Forward Collaborative programming for the time periods of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Agreement with the Erie County Economic Development Corporation as attached hereto and expressly 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. Wilde clarified this is for Firelands Forward. Mr. Boose said they met yesterday and talked about the revenue they would be receiving. They are in good financial shape and the cash flow will be good. They appreciate the money we give them. Mr. Boose noted we give more than any other county commissioners to this group. Most other counties get more money from private industry. Discussed doing strategic plans and they are done more often now than they used to be done. Mr. Wilde noted it is actually Firelands Forward Collaborative and is 3 counties working together.

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

22-396

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCIES ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT #021**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds is needed for the #021 Capital Improvement account in order to purchase vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys as follows:

FROM:	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	041	00572	001	\$238,220.00		021	00200	001	\$238,220.00
	Contingencies –transfers					Capital Improvements - Equipment			

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the appropriate journal entry; 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. Wilde said this was for 4 new cruisers for the Sheriff and we know how difficult it is to get cruisers, so this year we will encumber money for the cruisers and when it comes around next year we will have the money. Ms. Ziemba explained things have changed as far as purchasing in cruisers. Now they want you to have them ordered by December in order to get the prices locked in and to get the orders placed because they stop taking orders early in the year.

In order to stop jockeying it around to get it to go through January, if you can budget for it to be released or to have the order released in December. By doing it this year, it will look like we purchased 8 cruisers instead of 4, but we are really getting on track. We will budget for 4 additional this year, then it would be at the end of the year next year and we will continue doing it at the end of the year each year. This will eliminate the back and forth hassle of trying to get prices held.

Mr. Boose said on Tuesday they were questioning whether there would be other expenses because there usually are. Mr. Boose felt we don’t need to have Mr. Ditz come in now, but will need him before final budget, so they can budget for the extras. Ms. Ziemba was told the only additional expense would be the radios. Mr. Boose noted a lot of times they can use the same radios and just pull them out of the old vehicles.

Mr. Boose thought they had all discussed planning to order new cruisers in December every year instead of the first of the year. Ms. Ziemba stated it would still be in their final budget for 2023, but the ordering will not take place until November or December. Mr. Wilde mentioned they have spent \$1M to \$1.5M for cruisers and he does not know what other commissioners have spent. They feel safety is important and are rotating 4 new vehicles in each year and out.

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

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

22-397

**IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASING FOUR (4) 2023 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Sheriff has requested to purchase four (4) 2023 Ford Utility Interceptors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff presented a quote, that is less than or equal to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program Price, for four (4) Ford Utility Interceptors with Ready for Patrol specifications., at a total cost of \$238,220.00, from Statewide Ford Lincoln, 1108 W. Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the purchase of four (4) 2023 Ford Utility Interceptors with Ready for Patrol specifications, at a total cost of \$238,220.00, from Statewide Ford Lincoln as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Sheriff to order such vehicles and the Huron County Commissioners' Administrative Assistant to prepare the appropriate purchase order to the vendor in the amount listed above; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commissioners' Administrative Assistant is hereby authorized and instructed to process the payments for the approved items from the Capital Improvement account 021-00200-001 Equipment; 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

*\*On file*

22-398

**IN THE MATTER OF ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, PROPERTY OWNER LAURA J. WHEELER, CO-EXECUTOR OF DELORES A WHEELER TRUST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4640 PLANK ROAD LLC**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, an Expedited Type I petition of the above mentioned property owner was received by the board of Huron County Commissioners pursuant to Section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code to annex property into the City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements for filing an Expedited Type I petition have been met pursuant to Section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the annexation petition shall be and hereby is GRANTED; 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 stated she had brought up this annexation on Tuesday, the next step was to send out the map, the petition and everything else out to be reviewed by the engineer's office, EMA office and the tax map office.

Ms. Ziemba received their responses and the tax map office states;" *I recently reviewed your correspondence and a copy of the petition for the proposed expedited Type I annexation from the Township of Norwalk to the City of Norwalk for land owned by Teresa Frank and Laura Wheeler Co-Trustees, and 4640 Plank Rd. LLC. The legal description and plat have been approved by the tax map department. The adjoining property owner information is also accurate according to the records on file. My only concern for this proposed annexation*

*is currently the property which they are requesting to be annexed into the city of Norwalk is described as 2 descriptions and in 2 separate entity names, we cannot use the combination description which is on the annexation plat until the parcels are put into the same entity name.”*

The engineer’s response is from John Damm, Deputy Engineer and it says; *“As requested the annexation plat was reviewed as submitted, the date on the survey is June 2022, information and comments were discussed with the Huron County Tax Map Department and Contractors for Design Engineering firm, which is the survey firm of record. The annexation plat, as originally submitted should not be approved for the following reasons: 1. A parcel of land has transferred from the city of Norwalk to the Miller family. The instrument number and ownership information are not shown on the survey or listed in the legal. A land hook is shown on the survey between the City of Norwalk and said parcel, this would indicate said parcel being still owned by the City of Norwalk*

*2. Mathematically the south line does not add up to the overall distance as shown on the annexation plat. There are several typographical errors as well as the survey firm has been made aware of; the first is year 2000 is listed under Huron County EMA instead of 2022. The second is Coles Land Development LLC’s, the deed book and page are missing from the legal.”*

EMA’s response was yes, they approve. It was noted they look at different criteria.

Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler if he had any comments. He said his only comment was while this is a Type I expedited annexation, aside from the technical issue which the engineer brought up. He is not sure they can approve it because they are trying to join 2 separate properties, with 2 different property owners and feels the cart is before the horse. Mr. Strickler thinks they need to decide whose name the property will be put in and have it all in one party’s name. Then they can join. The legal description, as he understands it, the description describes both these properties as one, but they are owned by 2 different people. Mr. Wilde said when he looked at the map, there is a sideways z that hooks properties together and the city of Norwalk was still hooked. Mr. Strickler does not know what needs to be change on this because he is not a surveyor, but from a legal standpoint, combining 2 parcels with 2 names is fatal to this.

Mr. Wilde asked if this was corrected what would happen, Mr. Strickler said it could come back. Ms. Ziemba asked if they would have to re-petition and Mr. Strickler said yes, they would have to correct all the errors and re-petition. Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Strickler they had submitted a check of \$25.00 for the filing fee, we take our expenses out and return it, then asked if we should return the full amount. Mr. Strickler said it would be up to the board. Ms. Ziemba asked if we could hold it if they are going to refile. Mr. Strickler said it would be up to the board and it would be within their authority to do that. Mr. Boose said they had not used the money and it would make sense to give them the option of taking it back or leaving it to be used later. Ms. Ziemba told them the only expense in it so far is \$1.50. Ms. Ziemba believes they will re-file, so would like to give them the option of leaving it on record and deduct the fees from it. Mr. Brady asked if this would need a motion and Mr. Strickler told him yes.

***Harry Brady moved to give the property the owner the option to have their filing fee refunded or held by the Board should they choose to re-file the petition. 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*

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

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

#### **At 9:27 a.m. County Project Updates:**

##### **Joel Riedy, Network Administrator**

- Data Center
  - Juvenile Court is mostly live. It has gone very well and they only have one server left to migrate over. They will need to coordinate this with the vendor. Mr. Wilde asked if it is because we don’t have control over this. Mr. Riedy said we do but will need some assistance, the big part on which we will be working with the vendor is the web portal portion of it. There are some specific pointers imbedded in the software which will need to be changed. It will go a lot smoother if we work with them.
  - Recorder – Mr. Riedy has been working with their vendor, DTS, to get it up and running. They have the test environment working and are getting a date to do a full migration. Mr. Wilde asked if they did this on a weekend. Mr. Riedy said for Juvenile Court they did and for a lot of the migrations they need to be done during off hours so they don’t interrupt. Usually they go to that department at the beginning of the day on Monday to make sure startup is as

expected. Judge Cardwell asked if they were on the data center because he couldn't tell the difference.

- Email system – We are starting to get some of the parts for this but unfortunately, they sent us the wrong spam filter. Mr. Riedy thought it would take about 2 weeks to get the correct one. Mr. Brady asked if it would be a weekend thing when they changed this over. Mr. Riedy said parts of it would be, but right now nobody is using the “huroncounty-oh.gov” so they can get all those pointers set up without affecting anyone. Mr. Brady was concerned he would not get his e-mail over the weekend. Mr. Riedy told him when they do the move it will be for an office/department and that office will not be able to send e-mails during the day when they are redirecting all of the pointers. When they bring the office back up all their e-mails will be held and as soon as they bring the recall systems back up everything which was queued will be delivered. Mr. Riedy told the commissioners there was no way to do the migrations without taking it down. Mr. Brady wanted to make sure each department would be notified when their e-mail would be taken down. Mr. Riedy reassured him every department would be notified well ahead of time. And they make a point to migrate the old e-mail over to the new system.
- Battery backup replacements at EMA. Mr. Wilde stated when he was at their meeting yesterday he asked about their equipment and was told most of the 9-1-1 equipment is being paid for by the levy.
- Title office – Mr. Riedy has done an extensive amount of troubleshooting in the past week. They are having a lot of trouble with the phone lines and the DSL circuit. This took a lot of time, so it took away from project time. They finally got it resolved at 8:00 p.m. on Friday.
- HB2 update on broadband. Mr. Riedy reached out to both North Coast and Spectrum.
  - North Coast is making significant progress and has a lot of their fiber run already. From Fitchville Road up by Route 250, part of it is already live. They told Mr. Riedy they would post the fiber progress updates on their website just for us.
  - Mr. Riedy spoke with Brian Young from Spectrum and was told they have not been able to run any new HB2 fiber yet. They have been held up by the permitting process and by the design. Mr. Brady said he spoke with Mr. Young during Winter Conference at the round tables. Mr. Brady told Mr. Young he thought North Coast was already installing fiber and Mr. Young was very surprised. Mr. Riedy thought smaller companies can sometimes move faster.
  - Mr. Boose commented that Spectrum may be doing work all over the state and have to prioritize. He also said it was nice to know that we have made a contact with them and they know we are looking.
  - Mr. Wilde went to the broadband seminar and talked to the gentleman in charge of Ohio broadband, who gave him the website: [broadband.ohio.gov](http://broadband.ohio.gov). He told Mr. Wilde to go there anytime to look at updated maps, it has lots of information.
  - Mr. Boose stated he did not know if this was related to the federal government, but he was in 2 seminars where they said the new maps, which the federal government came out with, are incorrect. Mr. Riedy added unfortunately that is the data we are forced to use.
  - Mr. Riedy told the commissioners several of the bid packets have been picked up. Mr. Boose spoke with someone right after this went up for bid, who told him they would be interested. They asked Mr. Boose many questions which he could not answer, so he directed that person to Mr. Wilde.
  - Mr. Boose talked about CCAO and broadband infrastructure. He said some of the commissioners in other counties are disappointed it was left to the individual counties to provide internet infrastructure and feel the state should have a plan. The State has a department for this who receive \$1M a year, but they don't really have a solid plan. Mr. Brady agreed with this statement.
  - Mr. Riedy felt the county knows where their gaps in coverage are the best. Mr. Boose thought we might, but other counties don't feel they have a handle on it. Mr. Brady asked if these were smaller counties or larger. Mr. Boose said probably smaller, but some may be a little bigger than us. Mr. Brady said we are fortunate to have an IT Department to help with this.
  - Discussed the agricultural need for internet. Mr. Wilde was at a meeting where they said John Deere is coming out with an all AI tractor. Mr. Boose said a farmer in Huron County was planting corn and halfway down the row, the tractor just shut down. They could not figure out why, so they ended up calling John Deere to come out. John Deere said they didn't have internet access. What had happened is the internet company mistakenly cut them off for nonpayment.
  - Discussed the internet speeds within the county buildings.
  - Mr. Brady thanked the previous commissioners for starting an IT Department and Kathleen Schaffer for her beautiful display in the Treasurer's window downtown.

Department	Project	Status	12/14/2022
MHAS	Technology grant		
IT	NTIA Broadband Grant	We were not selected	
IT	Syslog Server	Operational, this is an ongoing project	
IT	Electronic Information Storage center	PDU on back order untill april	
	Connecting all sites.	in progress	
	Department migration	in progress	
IT	Phone system 4 digit dial	in progress, system is operational	
veterans office	Router/firewall upgrade	on order	
Phone system upgrades		75 Complete	
Email system		wrong part number was delivered	
EMA	UPS replacement	on order	

Department	Project	Status	12/14/2022
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	Complete	
	Adult Probation	Complete	
	Public Defender	Complete	
Fairgrounds	Wi-Fi install	Complete	
Admin building	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Admin building	Wi-Fi upgrade	Complete	
Law Library	Switch upgrade	Complete	
IT	Configure Intrusion Prevention System	Complete	
Recorder	Staff PC Upgrades and repurpose computers	Complete	
	Working on room prep	Complete	
	Electrical	Complete	
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	
Courthouse	Wi-Fi upgrade/replacement	Complete	
Title Office	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Recorder	PC replacement	Complete	
IT	Internet speed upgrade	Complete	
Recorder	Wi-Fi upgrade	Complete	
IT	Penetration test	Complete	
Common Pleas	Text notification system	Complete	
Adult Probation	new camera monitor	complete	
Prosecutor Office	2 new computers	complete	
Recorder	2 new computers	Complete	
IT	Fiber install	Complete	
Victims Assistance	New Computer	Complete	
Dog Warden	PC replacement	Complete	
Recorder	2 PC replacemnts	Complete	
Common Pleas	PC replacement	Complete	
Adult Probation	Auto attendant	complete	

### IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – none

### SIGNINGS - none

### OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

#### Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- RUMA webinar – Watched it yesterday and picked up some tips which he may incorporate into our RUMA. Mr. Stickler will get together with Doug Green then resubmit to them. They discussed the other entity may not like some of the changes, but we are here to protect the citizens of Huron County.
- SAFEbuilt is moving along. Mr. Strickler asked if they were here working on their computer. Mr. Wilde said Bob Kurtz was invited here today to look at the office, Steve Minor will be moving a desk into the office. There is wi-fi on that floor, but they still need a phone. Mr. Riedy will get that hooked up for them.

#### Commissioner Brady updates:

- HEALING Communities meeting yesterday.



- Talked to Engineer Tansey about the bridge in Plymouth. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Brady to provide some background information. Mr. Brady explained the bridge is on the main street which runs through Plymouth and goes over a railroad. Mr. Brady said about 4 trains a day go under the bridge and 1100 cars a day use the bridge. The railroad had closed the bridge because it is in bad shape. The walkways are bad and the bridge needed to be replaced about 20 years ago. It is 70 years old.
- Ashland Railroad owns the bridge and they are ones who put the sign up to close the bridge, but then said they do not know if they own the bridge. Everything points to them owning the bridge. Mr. Tansey is doing more research and working with the engineer down there. Nobody on this side of the line wants to own that bridge because it needs to be replaced right now. Mr. Boose asked if it was on the Huron county or Richland County side. Mr. Brady told him both because it splits the county line. The north side of the bridge is in Huron County and the south side of the bridge is in Richland County.
- Mr. Tansey thinks the railroad is sitting on information which shows they actually own it because if they had information which showed they didn't own it, they would have already produced it. All the records that have been found so far indicate that it is owned by the railroad. It used to be a CSX spur which was sold to Ashland Railroad.
- In 2019 the Huron County Engineers did a study and were kicked off the bridge by the railroad while trying to complete the study. There is a history of the railroad acting like they are the owner. It may end up in litigation because the railroad doesn't seem to be inclined to fix the bridge, so now nothing is happening. Marilyn John, State Representative for Richland County took this for her side and Dick Stein was at the first meeting. The last meeting was virtual and Mr. Brady could not attend, but was told in the meeting Ms. John was pushing for the counties to take ownership of the bridge. We did not agree with this.
- The bridge is about a block west of Route 61, near Plymouth city hall and when they first closed the bridge they did not place road closed signs where they were supposed to go. Mr. Tansey and the Huron County Engineers helped the City of Plymouth by providing signs.

**At 10:05 a.m. the board recessed**

**At 10:20 a.m. the board resumed regular session**

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Mr. Boose said last week he was contacted by Roger Hunker regarding ARPA money for the fair building. Mr. Hunker invited Mr. Boose to attend the committee meeting for the hog building they want to build at the fairgrounds. Mr. Boose attended the meeting. There were about 10 people at the meeting, some of which were fair board members. They are moving forward with the building and have talked with Mr. Strickler about a couple of issues. Mr. Strickler stated we represent the fair board.
- A couple of months ago we were concerned about the costs and making sure all the rules were followed. A positive is they did not take it as a negative and tried to figure out how to do it correctly. Someone then told them to go to their commissioners about this. The committee now has almost \$1M for the building. They think they may reach the \$1M goal by the end of the year, which includes the state and county portion.
- They have hired an architect to put a bid packet together and had hoped it would be done by now but it looks like it may be the beginning of January before they get it. One of the key bits of advice was if they are going out to bid they better have the money.
- There were opportunities for several grants, but they will need to get moving in order to take advantage of them. They would like to start on the building right after the fair in 2023 and have it done for the 2024 fair. The vendors are saying their schedules are filling up and the materials are harder to get now, so they would probably be looking at the beginning of summer, so if they want to start in August they better get on their schedule soon.
- The question comes down to the building itself. They have the opportunity to make it just a hog barn and would be used only one week a year or they could store boats in the winter.
- We need to invite the committee to come to a meeting to discuss possible uses of building. These uses could be just to house the hogs, or have junior fair offices. It could also include a conference room to be used by 4-H all year round. There is a need to have animal shows all year round as well.
- Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady toured Wood County's new barn and ours would not be anywhere near that size. Their thought is if we could supply money for the uses which are not animal related, and is community related, it would benefit the whole county. For us it would be a project for the whole county and once we build it we would not have to worry about the maintenance and operation.
- We told them we could not give money to the group and would have to give it to the fair board. Members of the committee who are on the fair board stated the fair board is aware of this and have already discussed asking the commissioners for money.
- Discussed tourism as a bucket to use ARPA funds with this. Mr. Brady asked if the committee would have a rough idea of how much they will need when they come in. Mr. Boose said their challenge is to figure out what should go in the building and what do we tell the architect to put in the building. They have been playing with numbers for over a year and thought \$1.5M, but if the building will need

- heating and air conditioning it, the building will probably cost around \$2M.
- The challenge is deciding what to put in the building. They discussed putting handicap bathrooms in the building. Mr. Boose talked about grants which could be used for the building and also discussed doing the building in phases. If we receive the grants, we could do other things to the building. With the grants they are looking at, we are being told you have a better chance of getting them if you apply in January.
  - Mr. Boose said he did not think they would be able to start building before this summer because we will need to hear more and will have to talk to our ARPA consultant. Mr. Boose thought the consultant would be here in January.
  - Ms. Ziemba confirmed the consultant would be here on January 05, 2023 and stated they would be reviewing the RFQ's for the architect for the Senior Center that day. Ms. Ziemba said the sooner Roger Hunker gets her the letter of expanded uses, the better the chance she has of being able to research it. We have talked through a few but very minimal information was given. If we have expanded use that opens it up for a lot more possibilities in the bucket which is above the revenue replacement. Mr. Boose thought it is essential our consultant has some information to look at before the meeting. Ms. Ziemba emphasized the sooner the better because we have no idea if she is off for the holidays.
  - Mr. Wilde stated Roger Hunker was supposed to come to the commissioners meeting next Tuesday. Ms. Ziemba suggested a member of the fair board should come to the meeting as well.
  - Mr. Boose said the final number they talked about needing would be \$1M from us and they would have \$1M, so they are looking at a \$2M building. They discussed wanting to use it for more than just storing boats.
  - Mr. Wilde asked about the week between Christmas and New Years and whether they would need to meet on December 27, 2022. Ms. Ziemba had the interim budget on her desk. She also said Beth Horvatic had asked to be notified if they would be having the meeting, so they could let people know if there would be another bill run. The commissioners could have a meeting if they wanted to see if there were more bills to be paid, otherwise they would be paid first thing in January. There is nothing on the schedule for that date. Mr. Wilde asked for a motion to cancel the meeting.

***Harry Brady moved to cancel the December 27, 2022 meeting. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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

***At 10:53 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)(4) preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. 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 11:30 a.m. Harry Brady moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (2) 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***

Ms. Ziemba told the commissioners she had received an e-mail from the Public Defender's office stating the dues for the Huron County Bar Association included the Continuing Legal Education for the year which is required for all attorneys who work in Huron County.

*Terry Boose moved to release the payment for the Public Defender’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 11:33 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 December 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 11:33 a.m.

Signatures on file

\*The following bids were opened for the Installation of Guardrail on Friday, December 16, 2022

**INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL BID TAB**  
*Bid Opening: Friday, December 16, 2022 9:00 a.m.*

REFERENCE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	LAKE ERIE CONSTRUCTION		CUYAHOGA FENCE	
				UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE
1	202	GUARDRAIL REMOVED	LF	\$ 2.00	\$	2.50	\$
2	517	BRIDGE RAILING, TUBULAR BACK-UP	LF	\$ 149.50	\$	145.00	\$
3	606	GUARDRAIL, TYPE MGS	LF	\$ 23.60	\$	25.00	\$
4	606	GUARDRAIL, TYPE MGS, 9' POSTS	LF	\$ 25.40	\$	35.00	\$
5	606	GUARDRAIL, TYPE MGS, LONG SPAN, AS PER PLAN	LF	\$ 26.80	\$	38.00	\$
6	606	ANCHOR ASSEMBLY, MGS TYPE E	EA	\$ 2,780.00	\$	2,850.00	\$
7	606	ANCHOR ASSEMBLY, MGS TYPE T	EA	\$ 1,295.00	\$	1,100.00	\$
8	606	BRIDGE TERMINAL ASSEMBLY, MGS TYPE 1	EA	\$ 2,435.00	\$	3,250.00	\$
9	606	BRIDGE TERMINAL ASSEMBLY, TYPE 4	EA	\$ 980.00	\$	1,200.00	\$
10	626	BARRIER REFLECTOR, TYPE A2	EA	\$ 10.00	\$	11.00	\$
11	614	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	LS	\$ 245.00	\$	250.00	\$
12	624	MOBILIZATION	LS	\$ 540.00	\$	500.00	\$

\*The following bids were opened for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete on Friday, December 16, 2022

**SUPPLY AND DELIVER OF CONCRETE BID TAB**  
*Bid Opening: Friday, December 16, 2022 9:05 a.m.*

Wm. Dauch Concrete			
ESTIMATED QUANTITIES	TYPE OF MATERIAL BID	SUMMER PRICE PER CUBIC YARD	WINTER PRICE PER CUBIC YARD
400 CUBIC YARDS	ITEM 511 CLASS QC 1 CONCRETE	\$ 146.00	\$ 152.00
50 CUBIC YARDS	ITEM 511 CLASS QC 2 CONCRETE	\$ 152.00	\$ 158.00
50 CUBIC YARDS	ITEM 511 QC 1 CONCRETE (#8 MIX)	\$ 152.00	\$ 158.00
50 CUBIC YARDS	ITEM 613 LOW STRENGTH MORTAR BACKFILL, TYPE 2	\$ 90.00	\$ 96.00
10 CUBIC YARDS	ITEM 705.22 NONSHRINK MORTAR	\$ 140.00	\$ 146.00

  

LIGHT LOAD CHARGE: (LESS THAN 5.5 C.Y)	\$ 70.00 / LOAD
DISCOUNTS:	\$4.00/ YARD DELIVERY TO 150 JEFFERSON ST