

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.

22-364

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 # 348475 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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




Huron County  
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Payment Type: All Warrant Numbers: All Funds: 001 to 990	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Fund: 001 - General Fund							
Department: Commissioners							
12010222	US Postal Service	348475	2022-0001001	Stamps-Book	\$60.00		
Account 001.001.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$60.00		
Department Commissioners Total:							
Department: Data Processing							
12010222	Sageant Business Systems Inc	348475	2022-0003441	W-2s, 1099 Misc & Envelopes	\$911.83		
Account 001.003.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$911.83		
Department Data Processing Total:							
Department: Prosecutor							
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003041	AA Batteries	\$33.00		
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003041	Disposable cups for guests for coffee and water	\$18.88		
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003041	Post-it notes, Post-it index, index	\$18.00		
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003041	Art/Viral Inkjet	\$20.00		
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003041	Blender cups, Self-heating "COPPER" stamp	\$20.00		
12010222	Animation Mailing & Shipping	348475	2022-0003041	5 cases of copy paper-Prosecutor	\$123.75		
Account 001.008.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$1038.34		
12010222	Thomson Reuters-West	348475	2022-0003441	2022 Jurislaw Law Handbook	\$898.40		
Account 001.008.00182 (Supplies Library) Total:					\$1000.00		
12010222	Frederick Local LLC	348475	2022-0003041	Document destruction	\$30.00		
12010222	Frederick Water	348475	2022-0003041	Water cooler, water cooler	\$31.20		
12010222	Thomson Reuters-West	348475	2022-0003041	Water cooler, water cooler	\$31.20		
12010222	Thomson Reuters-West	348475	2022-0003041	Water cooler, water cooler	\$31.20		
12010222	Wine Bank	348475	2022-0003041	Partial payment for Law of Sentencing	\$463.37		
Account 001.008.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:					\$1,245.62		
Department Prosecutor Total:					\$3,288.66		

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Department: Juvenile						
12010222	Thomas P Kunkle	348475	2022-0001001	Psychological Services 11/18-12/1/2022	\$676.83	
Account 001.010.00300 (Child Support) Total:					\$676.83	
Department Juvenile Total:						
Department: Probate						
12010222	Reedy Herring LLC	348475	2022-0001041	Deposit Ticket Books	\$100.00	
Account 001.010.00075 (Supplies) Total:					\$100.00	
12010222	News R1	348475	2022-0004291	Transcript Preparation	\$1,283.00	
Account 001.016.00350 (Transcripts) Total:					\$1,283.00	
12010222	Catholic Charities	348475	2022-0002001	Adult Advocacy Services July-December 2022	\$9,000.00	
Account 001.016.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$9,000.00	
Department Probate Total:						
Department: Building and Grounds						
12010222	SYNC/Amazon	348475	2022-0003291	Dell Brnli Attachment set	\$250.00	
Account 001.022.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$250.00	
12010222	Trimly Door Systems	348475	2022-0003711	Treasurer's Door	\$1,238.82	
Account 001.022.00280 (Service Contract) Total:					\$1,238.82	
Department Building and Grounds Total:						
Department: Sheriff						
12010222	Cellin LLC	348475	2022-0008441	Book-Searian	\$146.25	
Account 001.023.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$146.25	
12010222	White Automotive Services LLC	348475	2022-0008501	Label on generator	\$1,186.00	
12010222	White Automotive Services LLC	348475	2022-0008501	2 hrs 1 hr credit	\$1,482.47	
Account 001.023.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:					\$1,482.47	
Department Sheriff Total:						
Department: Jail Operations						
Account 001.023.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:					\$1,482.47	
Department Jail Operations Total:					\$1,482.47	



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Warrant Date	Contract	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
11/29/2022	2022-000475	2022-000475	2022-000475	Yingling-Solentteacher spoil level	\$4,056.14
Account 160.160.0275 (Contract/Projects) Total:					\$4,056.14
Department Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$5,208.14
Fund 160 - Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$5,208.14
Fund: 181 - SVAA					
Department: SVAA					
12/01/2022	Treasurer State of Ohio	204475	2022-000475	SVAA de-obligation	\$10.00
Account 181.181.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$10.00
Department SVAA Total:					\$10.00
Fund 181 - SVAA Total:					\$10.00
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District					
Department: Solid Waste Management District					
12/01/2022	Zepher Tire & Supply Co	204475	2022-000711	Roll-Off Truck	\$114.00
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$114.00
Department 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$68.00
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$68.00
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust					
Department: Commissary Trust					
12/01/2022	Wells Commissary Network	204475	2022-001121	October Commissary Stock	\$5,386.52
12/01/2022	Wells Commissary Network	204475	2022-001121	October Commissary Wine	\$1,077.96
12/01/2022	Alco Chem Inc	204475	2022-001121	October Commissary Lube	\$27.56
12/01/2022	Alco Chem Inc	204475	2022-001121	October Commissary Bath Tissue	\$29.25
Account 635.635.00260 (Expansures) Total:					\$10,557.28
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$10,557.28
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$10,557.28
Grand Total:					\$111,302.51
Sign 1: 					
Sign 2: 					
Sign 3: 					
11/29/2022 12:28 PM					V.3.2

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - Terry Boose stated CCAO is hosting a webinar on road use agreements. Mr. Strickler asked to have the email forwarded to him so that he can participate.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE) B-X-20-1BJ-1 (DRAW #4) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request for payment and status of funds report has 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 request for payment and status of funds report; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the request for payment and status of funds report as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payment 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.

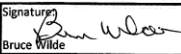
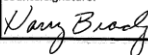
Terry Boose seconded the motion.

\*Discussion: Ms. Ziemba stated this was for the New London Critical Infrastructure administration in the amount of \$2,800.00. Mr. Wilde asked if this was the last payment on this and Ms. Ziemba said there was \$0 left to draw.

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: ODOD OCD P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001	Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857	CDBG E.E. RLF Balance:  CDBG Housing P.J. Balance:  Home Program Income Balance:						
Contact Person Information Name: Angie McConnell Phone number: (419) 332-3098 Email: amcmcconnell@ocd.org	Grant Number: B-X-20-1BJ-1 Draw Number: 4	State Use Only Date: Voucher#: Warrant#						
Project NBR	Project Name:	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Site Number	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
			General					
	2 Administration	1 Administration	N/A	N/A		\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
Total Amount of this Draw:						\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
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: 11/29/22	Signature:  Bruce Wilde		Title: President					
Date: 11-29-2022	Countersignature:  Harry Brady		Title: V. PRESIDENT					
State Use Only: Date:								
Approved:								

22-366

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE.

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested that the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 be waived for said bids and in its stead a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be required; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board of County Commissioners, by a unanimous vote of the entire board, may permit a contracting authority to exempt a bid from any or all of the requirements of O.R.C. §153.54; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve of letting bids for the Supply and Delivery of Concrete; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 9:05 a.m.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids; 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 stated this will lock in the price of concrete for 2023. Mr. Tansey said that they establish a price, it is bid, then when they need it, they just call and the price is already agreed upon. Mr.

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Brady asked what would happen if there was a drop in the price. Mr. Tansey said it could go either way, if the price goes up we win, if it goes down we would lose. Mr. Tansey felt the price on this rarely goes down.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, December 16, 2022 until 8:59 a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 for: Supply and Delivery of Concrete. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

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

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

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

Advertise: December 1, 2022

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**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL.**

Harry Brady moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Installation of Guardrail;  
and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website  
pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested that the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 be waived for said bids and in its stead a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be required; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board of County Commissioners, by a unanimous vote of the entire board, may permit a contracting authority to exempt a bid from any or all of the requirements of O.R.C. §153.54;  
now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve of letting bids for the Installation of Guardrail;  
and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on

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Friday, December 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.;

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids; 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 stated this will lock in the price for 2023. Mr. Tansey commented that if there is an accident or the guardrail needs to be replaced and it is too much for them to do, they can just call the contractor to replace it and the price will be locked. Mr. Wilde asked who got the bid for 2022 and was told Lake Erie Construction.

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

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

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project.

Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

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

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

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Advertise: December 1, 2022

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**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING,  
DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
SENIOR CENTER IN HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract for professional architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the construction of a senior center in Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will be financed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby request Firms interested in providing architectural and/or engineering services relative to this project to submit their Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 10:00 AM on December 22, 2022; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, December 1, 2022, Thursday, December 8, 2022 and posted on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices; 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 stated this is a long time coming and also said they had received an e-mail from Susan Hazel. He called her back and was told she would like to be kept in the loop going forward so it minimizes any issues with her office.

Mr. Boose mentioned that he is assuming we are doing this because it is using ARPA money. Ms. Ziemba said it was ARPA specific for this building and we would need to go out again for the more generalized one before the end of the year also. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure we include the right people in this process and thought we should invite Steve Beal to the architect interview. Mr. Strickler stated Mr. Tkach expressed his gratitude to the board for building in this area. Mr. Wilde said that someone had asked when we think this building will be done and he told them possibly 2023 with many variables.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

### **REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract for professional architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the construction of a senior center in Huron County, Ohio. The project will be financed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Firms interested in providing architectural and/or engineering services relative to this project must submit four copies of their written Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 10:00 AM on December 22, 2022. Faxed or emailed responses will not be accepted or considered. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the offeror's name and 'CONFIDENTIAL – RFQ Architectural/Engineering Services –Senior Center. Envelopes which are not sealed will not be accepted.

Statement of Qualifications shall include the following information:

- Firm Name, Location, and Contact Information
- Firm Profile and History
- Education and Experience of Key Personnel
- Experience with Government Projects, especially senior centers
- Staff Availability for this project
- Knowledge of and Familiarity with Huron County Contracting Procedures
- Demonstrated Success Working Within Budgets and Completing Projects On Time
- Demonstrated Ability to Produce Designs Requiring Minimal Change Orders
- Experience with Planning, Design, Energy Conservation, and Sustainability
- Experience with Interior and Exterior Building Components and Systems



- Construction Administration Experience
- Experience with ARPA-funded projects
- References
- Sample Listing of Projects

Submittals will be reviewed, and finalists interviewed in accordance with Federal procurement standards.

Responding firms will be evaluated and ranked based on the strength of their experience and qualifications relating to the specific needs of this project. It is anticipated that the Board of Huron County Commissioners will enter into contracts with the most highly qualified firm for this project. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive informalities and irregularities in responses received or to accept any portion of any response or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of Huron County.

Project Location: City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio

*Scope of Work:* Provide investigative services, design services, assessments, reports, plans, specifications, cost estimates, schedules, and construction administration for facility construction, energy conservation, and sustainment for this project.

The issuance of this public announcement in no way constitutes any commitment by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in preparation of a response to this announcement or accept other acts on the part of the respondents to procure or contract for services.

This Request for Qualifications may also be found on the Huron County Commissioners' website at: <https://www.hccommissioners.com/legal-notices/>.

BY ORDER OF: Board of Huron County Commissioners, County of Huron, Ohio  
Vickie Ziemba/Administrator/Clerk

Publish: December 1, 2022 and December 8, 2022 in the Norwalk Reflector.  
Posted on County Website

22-369

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AN ADVISORY AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DIGITAL INSURANCE LLC (ONEDIGITAL), BATTLES INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to obtain recommendations for appropriate insurance products, services and tools with respect to its employee benefits programs; and

**WHEREAS**, OneDigital and Battles Insurance Agency, Inc. has the knowledge and expertise in recommending appropriate products, services and tools with respect to employee benefit programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to execute an Advisory and Enrollment Services Service Agreement for professional services with OneDigital and Battles Insurance Agency, Inc. commencing November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 in the amount of \$36,000.00. Agreement will automatically renew for successive one-year terms in accordance with the terms of the attached Agreement; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Advisory and Enrollment Services Service Agreement with Digital Insurance LLC (OneDigital) and Battles Insurance Agency 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. Boose noted that the analysis they provide us with on a quarterly basis is amazing. He felt that they really dig into the numbers. Mr. Wilde thought they were very helpful to us when we were choosing health insurance.

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

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

**SIGNINGS** –Ms. Ziemba stated there was an F permit application dropped off by Adam Gerber for the Monroeville Baseball Alumni event.

*Harry Brady moved to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the F Permit Application for the Monroeville Baseball Alumni event to be held at the Huron County Fairgrounds on February 18, 2023. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

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

##### **Administrator/Clerk updates:**

- Budget review on Thursday
- ARPA project review on Thursday
  - Will review the status of items.
  - Mr. Wilde mentioned Broadband and Mr. Boose thought we need to get that tied down. Mr. Wilde said it was back in their court and stated that Mr. Riedy would talk about it on Thursday. Mr. Strickler commented that he had reviewed the bid package (RFP) again and made some minor changes to it, which did not change the meaning of it. Then he e-mailed it back to Mr. Riedy. Mr. Boose wanted it to be communicated to Mr. Riedy that this needed to get done. Mr. Strickler thought that Mr. Riedy was waiting on him.
  - Ms. Ziemba scheduled a call with McDonald Hopkins this week to talk about the project itself and the steps. Mr. Boose asked that Mr. Riedy be available and was concerned about items that are slowing this process down. He felt that we were meeting with a lot of people and it wasn't all tied down. Mr. Boose thought that 2 years would go by faster than you think. Ms. Ziemba told him it was rolling, but it was a matter of everyone getting their opinion in. Mr. Boose asked her to head that up and push it. Ms. Ziemba told him that she has been pushing. Mr. Boose told her to let them know if they needed to talk to somebody. Ms. Ziemba thought it was under control but they just had to get everyone on the same page. Mr. Wilde commented that every time there was a change it had to be reviewed by everyone again.
- Transportation director interviews - They are getting dates and times. 3 candidates have been selected to interview. Mr. Wilde asked who would be sitting in on the interviews. Ms. Ziemba told him Transit 9-1-1, Lara Hozalski, Harry Brady and herself. Mr. Brady said they had received quite a few applications and reviewed them to narrow it down to 3 for interviews. Transit 9-1-1 also felt the 3 chosen would be worth interviewing. Transit 9-1-1 also commented that if the person did not have a lot of experience with transit, but had grant experience, they could work with that to help them with the transit part of the job. Mr. Boose suggested if they can't get them all scheduled for the same day, they still move forward. Mr. Brady agreed and said that was the goal. Ms. Ziemba saw that we had received another resume and felt it should be sent to Transit 9-1-1 to review.
- Apex RUMA agreement – Mr. Strickler thought nothing had changed since last time and said Mr. Pedder had called, but they have been unable to connect. Mr. Boose asked for the status of the agreement. Mr. Strickler said we have made changes and Mr. Pedder wanted to talk with him about it, but they have been unable to talk. Mr. Boose asked if we were close. Mr. Strickler told him we are fairly close and thought we were just tightening up some things. He asked Mr. Tansey if he agreed. Mr. Tansey commented that he did not think we were ever that far apart. Mr. Strickler stated they were never that far apart, but they just keep inching closer and closer to each other. The engineers have been dealing with a lot of it and have been great at assisting with a lot of those details. Mr. Strickler said they are just ironing out some of the technical engineering items.
- Region 19 One Ohio – Mr. Strickler said the last thing he had heard was when Mr. Hudson sent us an e-mail stating he could not be the representative anymore because he was elected as a judge in Medina County. He had also given a run down of what happened at the last meeting. That was a couple of weeks ago. The commissioners felt that the state has dropped the ball on this. Mr. Boose said that he

does not see any forward movement on this. They keep pushing back on the date we are supposed to be receiving this money and we don't get any updates. Mr. Strickler said he could call Mr. Hudson to see what is going on; Mr. Wilde thought he should. Mr. Boose commented if anyone saw Dick Stein, they should mention it to him.

**At 9:30 a.m. Alex McCoy, HCDC & Sarah Ross, NEDC - Discussion of creating a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

Mr. Wilde had a phone meeting with Mr. McCoy and Ms. Ross last week and said he would let them explain what is going on. Mr. Wilde explained that they needed a letter of support, but he had some questions about collaborating with Erie County Commissioners.

Mr. McCoy had a handout which explained what a CEDS is and what it is used for, but gave a brief description. He said there is a federal agency under the Department of Commerce known as the Economic Development Administration (EDA). It is the only federal agency that focuses exclusively on economic development. They expend money in 3 different areas generally. They give out grants for planning purposes; to undertake economic development planning, strategies, feasibility studies and do technical assistance. If Ms. Ross or himself had a company that was dedicated to coming to the community, they could go to EDA for grants to help pay for engineers come in to do assessments on property to ensure that soil compaction was adequate for whatever building they wanted to put on it. The last thing they give grants for tends to be infrastructure. An example may be for very large projects that might need rail spurs or an overpass.

To have access to EDA funds, EDA requires that a CEDS be adopted. They tend to have a 5-year lifespan and would need to be renewed. The CEDS itself is not a very specific document and there is a CEDS library on the EDA website. This would give a high-level view of the recommendations from the consultants hired in order to do the CEDS. It is a beginning point for coming up with a more comprehensive and robust economic development strategy for Huron County. This is step one in a greater process.

Mr. McCoy indicated they are here today to request a letter of support for a grant application to EDA to be able to hire consultants to help write the CEDS.

Mr. Wilde asked who our EDA representative is. Ms. Ross said we are in the Chicago Region, so our representative is Ellen Hines, who is a local resident. Ms. Hines covers the state of Ohio. She has helped us to kick start this process and is really guiding our timeline because of her insight into how much funds are left in the fiscal year and when is the best time to go for a planning grant. Ms. Hines has pushed us to do this now and shared the map of counties in Ohio who are already covered by a CEDS. We are one of eight counties in Ohio who are not covered by a CEDS. EDA funds regionally and looks at the impact to the regional economy for their projects. That is how we came to be applying for a planning grant together with Erie County. Mr. Boose asked why we weren't part of NOACA. Ms. Ross told him that was the area wide coordinating agency, the metropolitan planning organization that you can be a member of for transportation planning and those kinds of things. Ms. Ross verified that we are not a member of this group. She then said it would be something to consider with the new transportation department.

Mr. Boose said he was very frustrated that this is the first time he has seen this and we are being asked for a signature. He has never heard of it before and all of a sudden, we are asked to do this. He then mentioned that we have had some strained relationships with Erie County. Mr. Boose said that he sits on a regional board and Erie County is a lot bigger than we are and their economic development is a lot different than ours. How do we know that we will not just get absorbed into Erie County as opposed to getting our portion?

Mr. McCoy stated part of the CEDS process is a lot of backup investigation which needs to be done. Typically focus groups are conducted and the consultants work with a steering group which would be comprised of residents from both counties.

Ms. Ross said that our critical role will be ensuring the professional staffs at the table. The groups working on this initially would be HCDC, NEDC, Erie County EDC, Erie County Regional Planning and Greater Sandusky Partnerships. They are all paid staffs at these organizations who have been working on that, so it would be critical for us to ensure our county's representation on the steering committee if this gets funded. In terms of the timeline, she and Mr. McCoy had talked about it in their very first phone conversation. They discussed the landscape here, what we do and don't have and this was one of the first things they talked about. But the timing is coming up because of the fiscal year funding cycle. That part is a little rushed but the good news is that it is not a signature to adopt a plan. It is just to ask for funding to start the planning process. We still have time to make that planning process a little less rushed.

Mr. Wilde asked if we would have any liability as commissioners. Mr. McCoy told him the grant they are seeking is for \$52,000.00. That is the total project, half of that would be federal money from the grant they are seeking, the other half would be a local match. Greater Sandusky partnership and Erie County have pledged sufficient funds to meet the required match. Huron County's match could be considered in-kind contributions of staff from NEDC and HCDC to the effort. Mr. McCoy said that we would have no liability and they are not asking us in any way to commit tax payer funds to the projects.

Ms. Ross said we could write our own CEDS or hire a consultant to do it for us if we want to, but once the plan is in place and the CEDS is in place, if you try for EDA funding for a project they already know that your application is in line with the CEDS. Ms. Ross stated that once the regional CEDS was written using EDA funds, it is not necessarily like anyone owns it. It is more like it covers the region and we are covered if we go to EDA with a project. Mr. Wilde asked about the match. Mr. McCoy told him that the total project was \$52,000, the Federal funding would be \$26,000 and the match would be \$26,000. Mr. Wilde confirmed this money was to write the CEDS. Mr. McCoy told him it was to hire a consultant to facilitate the process and write the CEDS on behalf of the counties. Mr. Wilde then asked if the CEDS would be good for 5 years. Mr. McCoy confirmed the statement. Mr. Brady commented that by doing it this way it would be a rapport building endeavor and then asked if Erie County Economic Development had already approached the Erie County Commissioners. Mr. McCoy said the Erie County Commissioners had already written a letter of support and there was a letter of funding. Ms. Ross said they have a match letter.

Mr. Boose asked if there was some turmoil in economic development in Erie County right now. Ms. Ross told him that the agencies who have sat around the table working on this include all that exist. Mr. McCoy thought what Mr. Boose was asking about was if they are exploring a restructure and perhaps moving from a county department to a more public/private partnership. Both the Greater Sandusky partnership and the county department are on board. With having both staff, Mr. McCoy wouldn't anticipate any lack of continuity for any restructuring that may occur moving forward during this process.

Mr. Wilde asked what the commissioner's role in this would be for both counties and also asked if they both would just be supporting. Mr. McCoy said that they were requesting our support and believe they would be coming back to ask for guidance on appointing people to the joint steering committee who would be hiring the consultant and working with the consultant. Ms. Ross said we would have a voice during the planning process and the real why is preparedness, we don't want to have a project come up where federal funds would be a great supplemental source to make a project happen and not be able to go for them.

Mr. Brady reiterated what they are trying to do with the CEDS is to put together a plan and make sure it works for both counties. Mr. McCoy said they are trying to get a plan which covers at a higher level, then they could go back and ask for money to do a plan that would cover at a lower level. Looking at the recommendations out of that plan, which would be more specific to Huron County, we could then go back and ask for money for feasibility studies for the recommendations we thought would be most advantageous as a community to pursue. Then, depending on the outcome of the feasibility study EDA should be very willing, as Ms. Ross pointed out, to provide construction grants to pursue incubators, work force development centers, etc., in Huron County. Ms. Ross pointed out that on the second page of the handout there was a list of what the CEDS does and does not do. Ms. Ross said that essentially it is a SWOT analysis of the community and talks about economic resiliency. It is very high level and does not provide tasks, projects or anything in that level of detail.

Mr. Wilde asked if this was the only step to get money from the EDA and you can't get money from them without it. Mr. McCoy told him he was correct and also said barring very few natural disasters for example during the COVID pandemic, the federal government waived needing to have a CEDS and were giving EDA hundreds of billions of extra dollars to help communities. Right now, you must have a CEDS and the Federal government is not super funding EDA, it has returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Mr. Boose asked if we had talked to Seneca and Sandusky County, who are more similar to us than Erie County, about funding this. Mr. McCoy told him the issue is the 5-year life span, we can sit around and wait. He has reached out to Richland County. Richland, Ashland and Crawford Counties are in one. They did their CEDS about a year or a year and a half ago. They still have three years before their CEDS renews. Mr. Wilde questioned whether we could get in the CEDS in the middle of its span. Mr. McCoy told him you could not. Ms. Ross said this was because they got EDA funds for planning, so they outlined in the planning grant which counties it covered. Mr. McCoy added the research which was done was specific to those 3 counties and wouldn't include us in the analysis.

Mr. Wilde asked what would happen if we took a little time to look at this; would it be too late for us to approve this on Thursday. Mr. McCoy clarified that he meant in 2 days and said that would be acceptable.

Mr. Wilde asked Ms. Ziemba if all their questions had been answered. Ms. Ziemba stated that their main concern was the letter states we were collaborating with Erie County, yet we had not heard anything about this. Mr. Brady commented that the Erie County Commissioners have not made themselves very friendly to Huron County and there has been an unwarranted lawsuit. This makes it difficult for us to want to interact with them. Mr. Brady felt it was sad because we do have an economic tie with them and he does not want to hamper the potential growth of small business in this county, but he would much prefer to be with Seneca, Sandusky or Richland Counties.

Mr. Boose said approximately 3 years ago, he spent a whole year with Firelands Forward and there were a lot of concerns from Huron County about joining with Erie and Ottawa County. It took a year to work out the details and to make sure Huron County had a say and the by-laws said we were equal to the other counties. Mr. Boose felt there was no way he could move quick enough to pass this, but it only takes 2 of 3

commissioners to pass this. Mr. Boose knows what they went through with Firelands Forward and when he read the first sentence of the support letter it says; the Huron County Commissioners are collaborating with the Erie County Commissioners, which makes it sound like this is all an Erie County Commissioner thing and we are throwing in some support. Mr. Boose feels at this time he would have a hard time signing the letter, but will give it some more thought before Thursday.

Mr. Wilde's thoughts on this are if we don't get a CEDS somehow or another, we will never have the possibility of getting EDA funding. That being said, Mr. Wilde stated we were told that we would put people on the board and he is trusting Mr. McCoy and Ms. Ross that they will make our area known. Mr. Wilde also told Ms. Ross that he knew she had ties to Erie County, so there are some relationships which don't include the commissioners. Ms. Ross said just to distinguish as well, it would be a committee, not even a board.

Essentially it would fall in the hands of the third-party consultants that are selected via RFQ. It would then be a steering committee. It is a little bit different than something like overseeing joint financials for a long period of time or making other decisions aside from contributing your voice to the plan. Ms. Ross also mentioned it was not never, but it would be about 4 years before we could join in with another community.

Mr. Boose asked if you could have your own CEDS. Mr. McCoy told him that a single county CEDS is not permitted; EDA has never done that. The question was asked of Ellen Hines and she told them it would not be looked upon favorably. EDA promotes very heavily on the notion of regionalism, which he can understand and support what the federal government is seeking to do there. To ensure as good stewards of federal tax payer funds that it is benefitting multiple tax payers and multiple political jurisdictions as it moves forward with its funding priorities to ensure they are not building a bridge to nowhere.

Mr. McCoy then said as Ms. Ross had indicated, this steering committee would have a very limited life and would not be an ongoing relationship with Erie County. Once the CEDS is complete, we would use the CEDS for our own purposes and they would use the CEDS for their own purposes and until it came time to renew the CEDS, we would not have to go back to Erie County for anything. Mr. Wilde questioned once we had the CEDS we are on our own and could put in whatever applications we want and would not be fighting Erie County. Mr. McCoy told him we would not need to go back to Erie County to ask for their permission to use the CEDS to apply for any project, technical assistance, a planning grant, infrastructure grant, construction grant whatsoever. Mr. Brady asked if we were in this CEDS with Erie County would it negate the opportunity for us to pursue potentially being in a CEDS with a different county. Mr. McCoy thought they would have to come up with a tactful answer to EDA for wanting to expend funds to renew our CEDS early. Mr. McCoy thought that right now it would be a marriage of convenience.

Ms. Ross told them the support letter was a sample and if there was some wording they would like to change they can do that. Mr. Brady asked if we were to do this and it did not work out, do you have to renew or is it a perpetual roll over and we are stuck with them. Mr. McCoy stated that we would not be stuck with them at the end of 5 years. Mr. Wilde thought that if the CEDS wasn't working we would not have to do anything. Ms. Ross confirmed you would not have to renew it and said they would recommend always being covered by one because you want to be prepared.

Mr. Wilde suggested they change the first line of the support letter to say that the Huron County Commissioners are collaborating with multiple community and economic development organizations within our respective jurisdiction. Then on the lower portion of the letter it talks about Erie and Huron County Economic Development Region, it doesn't talk about Erie County Commissioners and on behalf of the great citizens of Huron County and again Erie and Huron County Economic Development Region. Mr. Wilde asked if anyone was opposed to the new language for the letter. Mr. Boose said that he was not opposed to the new language, but was still not for the letter. Mr. Wilde thought they should drop the Erie County Commissioner language from the letter.

Mr. Brady did not see this as a collaboration. Ms. Ross told the commissioners that this was not a collaboration heavy effort, so much as saying this is how we would like to define our region in the plan. Mr. Wilde said he was trusting Ms. Ross and Mr. McCoy with their knowledge on this subject. Mr. Brady asked when this plan is developed, who gets the final say before it is presented to EDA? Does it come back to the commissioners or is it strictly the steering committee that gets appointed? Mr. McCoy thought it would go to the steering committee first, then whoever the lead applicant is on the grant. Mr. McCoy stated they were not asking Huron County to be the lead applicant on the grant. Ms. Ross interjected that EDA has a roadmap of the steps you have to follow if you want them to approve and you do have to establish the steering committee.

Mr. Brady told Mr. McCoy and Ms. Ross that he appreciates what they do. Mr. McCoy stated their efforts would be fruitless without the commissioners' support. Mr. Wilde asked Ms. Ziemba if she could make the changes to the letter. She told him she would make the changes before Thursday. Mr. McCoy offered to set up a meeting with Ellen Hines if the commissioners would like more information from her. Ms. Ziemba asked if there was a specific date the letter is needed by and Mr. McCoy told her Thursday would work. Ms. Ziemba asked what if it went beyond Thursday. Mr. McCoy said Friday morning would be acceptable. Mr. Wilde told him they could only sign during meetings so it would have to be Thursday or the following Tuesday.

Mr. Wilde confirmed they were trying to get this done now because there were funds left in the 2022/2023 budget with EDA. Mr. Boose asked if this was a 2-year shot and next year you don't have a choice. Mr. McCoy said that the next fiscal year you could anticipate a notice of funding availability to be issued for this opportunity again and told them it does come around annually. Mr. Wilde stated none of them like last minute things but he sees this as preparing and we are not putting funds into it. He does not know what the down side is other than we don't know all the answers to everything, but we are trying to get them.

**Assistant Prosecutor updates:**

- Reviewed Broadband RFQ and sent to Mr. Riedy.
- Reviewed Garman Miller Agreement yesterday and sent to Ms. Ziemba. Ms. Ziemba told the commissioners in order for the elevator project CDBG and ARPA funds to move forward. We need the architect to have a similar contract to the one used for the ADA project at the courthouse. Also, in order for them to be paid and put together the plans and the drawings, so it can go out to bid. Mr. Boose asked how many months this would take. Ms. Ziemba told him the goal was for it to go out to bid in January or the beginning of February and is why he got the contract within 2 days of asking for it.
- Mr. Brady asked if we had received the grant we were waiting to get. Ms. Ziemba told him we have a verbal confirmation and should be receiving the documents this week. Mr. Brady confirmed that we are allowed to use ARPA funds to do the remainder of the elevator and asked if the co-mingling was an issue. Ms. Ziemba stated it is not co-mingling. Mr. Strickler told him to look at it as an additional source of funds. Ms. Ziemba said we have the eligibility letter from McDonald Hopkins as well as the confirmation from the state. Mr. Brady asked how it would impact the choosing of an architectural design firm. Ms. Ziemba told him CDBG would take precedence because their rules are stricter. Mr. Boose said he gets what Mr. Brady is saying, we intend to use ARPA funds for this as well, so we need to make sure whatever we do, we are not back tracking six months down the road. Mr. Brady felt Ms. Ziemba's response was the reason for going with Garmann Miller.
- Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Brady that Garmann Miller were our architect of record when we applied for the grant and they are currently our architect on record. Mr. Brady asked for the next steps. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Strickler had reviewed the contract and sent it back to her last night. Mr. Brady then asked if we would prepare a resolution to approve this and Ms. Ziemba told him hopefully it would be ready for Thursday's meeting.

**At 10:11 a.m.** the board recessed

**At 10:24 a.m.** the board resumed regular session.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS - continued****Commissioner Brady updates:**

- Landbank and Commissioner's meeting on Thursday.
- WIOA meeting Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m.
- Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Annual meeting at noon on Thursday and is being held at Mid-Ohio Conference Center in Mansfield.
- District 9 Meeting at Henry's Barn in Oberlin. Mr. Boose stated this was about the ODOT money that gets dispersed and also said that he is not a voting member. Ms. Ziemba asked who was the voting member and Mr. Boose told her it is Lee Tansey and said we also have somebody from the small villages and thought it was Shawn Pickworth.

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Mr. Boose stated the huge gas station in Texas had put in 25 charging stations for electric cars. All of which were for Tesla's.
- Mr. Brady asked about the e-mail from 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest about their event and wanted to know if anyone had responded. Mr. Boose told him he may go.

**Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- Building department
  - SAFEbuilt application – Mr. Wilde will set up a call for tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. with John Cheatham and Bob Kurtz for Ms. Ziemba and himself to complete the application
  - Mr. Boose asked what this was for and Mr. Wilde told him we had to send an application in to the Board of Building for the state. Ms. Ziemba said it is the State Building Standards and it will have to go before their board to review our request for a change in the building inspectors. Mr. Boose said it would have been nice to do this before we cancelled our other one. Mr. Wilde stated that he was guilty, he did not know we had to do this.
  - Ms. Ziemba said she had contacted the state after our meeting last week when the resolution was approved. They informed her there was an application and a process, they also told her they have one meeting left for the year, which is around December 15, 2022, but we needed to have everything to them by December 09, 2022, if we want to have it reviewed in December. Ms. Ziemba said the goal is to have it on our agenda for approval and signature this Thursday so she can get it to the state contact person. So, they can review it to verify if there is anything missing. This will give us one more shot at the next meeting to get it

- corrected.
- Mr. Wilde stated it was his fault. He did not realize this was needed. Mr. Boose felt that our new vendor should have known this information. Ms. Ziemba did not foresee there would be an issue with it, but would rather have a little bit of cushion. Mr. Wilde said that he would have a discussion with Richland County Building Department as to how to go forward with the change. Mr. Kurtz will be on the phone with him to make sure we have something in writing as to how it will take place with the projects that have already started and will roll into 2023. Ms. Ziemba said one of the e-mails we received said that we need to have a transition plan with Richland County.
  - Mr. Wilde told Ms. Ziemba he would try to set up a meeting with them. Ms. Ziemba asked if he knew what the goal was for the transition. Mr. Wilde said he would like Richland County to finish anything they have started because he thought they would have already been paid through the fees, if not, in our fee schedule with SAFEbuilt, we had an \$85.00 an hour fee for things such as that. Mr. Wilde said they are aware if Richland County didn't do it, SAFEbuilt would follow up with it. Mr. Wilde said that was his plan and if for some reason Richland County is out, then SAFEbuilt will take over. He has already talked about this with SAFEbuilt, but will get it in writing. We need to find out what Richland County wants to do and will be talking to Kara Russell, who is the head of the Richland County Building Department. Mr. Wilde stated he was going to try to contact her today to set up a meeting, then he would call Bob Kurtz.
  - Ms. Ziemba asked if everyone was okay with that direction. The other commissioners were okay with it. Mr. Brady also felt that the new vendor should have known about something like that.
  - Transportation –
    - Mr. Boose said a few weeks ago he was discussing transportation with Ms. Ziemba, especially the budget for it. Mr. Boose is all for hiring the director as soon as possible, but feels we should not plan on running transportation until 2024. He thought this would make Steve Beal feel more comfortable with it, instead of transferring it in the middle of the year. Then we would not have to budget for it. Mr. Boose also commented that if Mr. Beal budgets for us to start on July 1, then they will be done at that point and we better have everything ready. That would include hiring all of our employees and making sure we have enough vehicles. Mr. Boose thinks the idea behind hiring a Transportation Director now is to get a lot of answers to items we may not even know the questions. Mr. Boose feels that we just have so much work to do and it may be hard to get done for that deadline.
    - Mr. Wilde likes the idea of hiring the director now and giving them a year to plan.
    - Mr. Brady stated that Transit 9-1-1 and ODOT both said that July 1 is a very realistic date and is obtainable. Mr. Brady is not opposed to waiting until the end of the year, but the longer the seniors operate the senior express, the more in the red they go. It is a bigger drain on their budget over the course of the year.
    - Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady discussed transportation options and Mr. Brady thought they should get the director on board, then figure out what they want to do and we should also get Transit 9-1-1 involved.
    - Mr. Boose said with Transit 9-1-1 and ODOT, if it was a normal time, he would say we could get it up and running. But we don't know if we will even be able to get employees. Mr. Brady told him that you never know if you will have employees. Mr. Boose said that he was talking about the situation we were in as far as the availability of people in the workforce.
    - Mr. Brady said that he has discussed this with Mr. Beal and Mr. Vazquez. He also asked Mr. Vazquez if he thought his drivers would want to transfer over. Mr. Brady then stated if Mr. Vazquez was in the mix then they would, but Mr. Brady would like to talk with the drivers.
    - Mr. Boose suggested before Mr. Brady has that talk with the drivers, and that he ask Mr. Beal if it makes any difference to him whether we take over on July 1, 2023 or January 01, 2024. Mr. Boose wanted to see what Mr. Beal's thoughts were about this and if it doesn't make any difference to him, then Mr. Boose could change his mind. Mr. Boose thought it would make a difference to Mr. Beal.
    - Mr. Brady will follow-up with Mr. Beal about this.



REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2022

*At 10:45 a.m. Terry Boose 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)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. ORC 121.22 (G) (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 12:54 p.m. Harry Brady moved to End Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (3), and (4). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**At 12:55 p.m.** Harry Brady moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

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

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 29, 2022.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Signatures on file