

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.

The following also were in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 24, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

23-062

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:**

Bruce Wilde 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 the Claim Register and Then and Now's for Payment Batches #352831 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:**

- Payment to Franklin County for mental health – Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Ziemba had received an explanation for this bill. Ms. Ziemba stated she was told by law if there was an individual who ended up having a mental illness episode in another county, who has to go before that court and maybe be hospitalized. That would come back to the residence county. They gave an example scenario of: If you went to the airport and something is triggered and they think you are having an episode and need to go before the court immediately for possible hospitalization. It would come back to the home/residence county. Mr. Boose asked if this was an inmate and was told no, it was a resident. Ms. Ziemba said she was told they used to have much more than this and the cost wasn't as high as it could have been because this individual ended up agreeing and signing himself into the hospital for treatment. Mr. Brady asked if we would have to pay for the treatment. Ms. Ziemba told him not the treatment, she thought it was just the court costs. Mr. Boose said he was confused as to why Huron County. Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Strickler said it was because he lived in Huron County. The episode happened while the person was in Franklin County, so the person had to go to Franklin County Probate Court. Mr. Strickler noted his office has attended probate hearings in Cuyahoga County for somebody from Huron County who was at the Parma Hospital where there is a psychiatric ward.
- 9-1-1 bills - Mr. Boose did not understand the explanations and would like to hold the two payments until Mr. Riedy can come in to say this is something he can't do. The first payment is on Page 15 to Tek Rx and the other is to The Ohio State University for 9-1-1 – Vmware server maintenance 3-year contract. Mr. Boose wondered why we were doing an IT contract with Ohio State. Mr. Wilde said that Ms. Bond had sent something. Mr. Boose had received it, but did not understand. Ms. Ziemba thought Ms. Bond had stated that Mr. Riedy uses them as well. Mr. Boose asked what Mr. Riedy uses them for. Ms. Ziemba read excerpts from the e-mail Ms. Bond sent: "Mr. Riedy is aware of the licensing and he has an account with them for his servers as well. I usually renew yearly." Mr. Boose would like Mr. Riedy to say those are things he cannot do. Ms. Ziemba told them it is called OAR net, Ohio super computer center.
- Mr. Riedy arrived at the meeting and the commissioners asked him about the bills. Mr. Boose asked if there was some reason why we could not do what Tek Rx is doing. Mr. Riedy said he was not sure what the claim is for. Mr. Brady told him it was a service agreement for maintenance on the servers at 9-1-1. Mr. Riedy advised that he had not been completely trained on that yet and thought the bill

was for their yearly maintenance agreement. Ms. Ziembra noted it was a month late. Mr. Riedy said they were approved for training, but the person who is supposed train them has been unavailable. Mr. Brady asked if anyone else could do it. Mr. Riedy replied not right now. Mr. Brady asked when they thought the training would take place. Mr. Riedy was not sure and told the commissioners they had a different person who was going to train us, versus the people doing the maintenance. The person doing the training has not been available and he does not know why. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Riedy to find out the person who would be doing the training and when. Mr. Riedy said we have all the credentials and could log into the system if we need to, but have not been specifically trained and he does not want to shoot from the hip. Mr. Boose asked where they do maintenance from. Mr. Riedy said most of the time they do it remotely. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy if he could ask to be part of that. Mr. Riedy said we could. Mr. Brady noted the commissioners had wanted us to do this if it was within our capabilities. Mr. Riedy stated general maintenance items were within their capability, but he wanted to be fully trained before he did that.

- Ms. Ziembra said the other bill they had an issue with was to the Ohio State University and Ms. Bond said Mr. Riedy uses the same thing for a backup server. Mr. Riedy said that is their hypervisor and noted we don't use the same software, but Ms. Bond consulted Mr. Riedy about this. Mr. Riedy said that is what they use for all of their virtual machines. They have a smaller version of a data center, like ours, but use a different brand. Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Riedy could not do that work. Mr. Riedy said it was for licenses. Mr. Brady confirmed that in order for them to use it they need to have a license. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy to come back at 10:30.
- Ms. Ziembra asked if they still wanted to hold the payments and was told no, but they would like to see us get the training from Tek Rx.

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

Warrant Type: All	Warrant Dates: 2/16/2023 to 2/16/2023	Warrant #	Amount			
Funds: 001 to 950	Payment Batches: 352831 to 352831					
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
<b>Fund: 001 - General Fund</b>						
<b>Department: Commissioners</b>						
02/16/2023	Column Software PRC	352831	2023-001091	Request for RFOV Architectural/Engineering	\$38,64	
Account 001.001.00025 (Advertising & Printing) Total:					\$38,64	
02/16/2023	Person's Value	352831	2023-001091	Value	\$18,00	
02/16/2023	Column PRCAD	352831	2023-001091	Column PRCAD	\$60,00	
02/16/2023	2023 Membership Fees	352831	2023-001091	2023 Membership Fees-Vicke Ziembra	\$875,60	
Account 001.001.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$912,14	
<b>Department: Commissioners Total:</b>						
02/16/2023	US Bank Equipment Finance	352831	2023-000004	Equip. 600-098178-000	\$481,32	
Account 001.003.00275 (Contract Services) Total:					\$481,32	
Department Data Processing Total:					\$481,32	
<b>Department: Treasurer</b>						
02/16/2023	Tadon Media Network	352831	2023-003161	display ads first half collection 2023	\$327,60	
Account 001.005.00325 (Advertising & Printing) Total:					\$327,60	
02/16/2023	Admission Mailing & Shipping Solutions	352831	2023-003001	Postage meter ref. Q1 2023	\$297,66	
Account 001.005.00625 (Contract Services) Total:					\$627,26	
Department Treasurer Total:					\$627,26	
<b>Department: Human Resources</b>						
02/16/2023	County Local Council Coordinators Association	352831	2023-001141	2023 Membership	\$615,40	
Account 001.012.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$615,40	
Department Human Resources Total:					\$615,40	
Department Juvenile Total:					\$175,00	
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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/16/2023	Column Software PRC	352831	2023-000701	Legal Notice Publication	\$268,29	
Account 001.015.00025 (Advertising & Printing) Total:					\$268,29	
<b>Department: Juvenile</b>						
02/16/2023	Ill Incorporated	352831	2023-002761	Electronic Monitoring January 2023	\$1,000,00	
02/16/2023	Deletion Care January 2023	352831	2023-002761	Deletion Care January 2023	\$4,990,00	
Account 001.016.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$5,990,00	
Department Juvenile Detention Total:					\$5,990,00	
<b>Department: Probate</b>						
02/16/2023	Frederick County Probate Court	352831	2023-000821	Frederick County Probate Court	\$150,00	
Account 001.016.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$150,00	
Department Probate Total:					\$150,00	
<b>Department: Clerk of Courts</b>						
02/16/2023	Bellwell Insurance Group Inc	352831	2023-000304	Ribson Avey	\$145,76	
Account 001.017.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$145,76	
Department Clerk of Courts Total:					\$145,76	
<b>Department: Coroner</b>						
02/16/2023	Henry Soehn Inc	352831	2023-002904	Spinal Needles	\$145,79	
Account 001.018.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$145,79	
Department Coroner Total:					\$145,79	
<b>Department: Building and Grounds</b>						
02/16/2023	Ohio State Corners Association	352831	2023-002004	2023 Annual Membership Dues	\$3,122,00	
Account 001.018.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$3,122,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Lab Fee	\$250,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-1430-22	\$150,00	
02/16/2023	Military Services of Northwest Ohio LLC	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-1020-22	\$75,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-1194-22	\$250,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-1140-22	\$350,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-2118-22	\$350,00	
02/16/2023	Luis County Coroner	352831	2022-000002	Autopsy A-1198-22	\$350,00	
Account 001.018.00625 (Contract Services) Total:					\$3,192,00	
Department Building and Grounds Total:					\$7,159,79	

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Gasoline, Blush, and various maintenance services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Synthetic Oil, Engine oil, and various mechanical parts.

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/15/2023	Yankee LLC	30281	2025-000791	911 Server Maintenance Contract & Back-Ups	\$1,874.00	
Account 185.185.00525 (Maintenance) Total:					\$1,874.00	
Department 911 Total:					\$2,174.00	
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$2,174.00	
Fund: 186 - Commercial Building Department						
Department: Commercial Building Department						
Account 186.00000 (Private Rehab) Total:						
Department Commercial Building Department Total:					\$238.92	
Fund 186 - Commercial Building Department Total:					\$238.92	
Fund: 189 - Comprehensive Housing						
Department: Comprehensive Housing						
Account 189.00000 (Private Rehab) Total:						
Department Commercial Building Department Total:					\$571.42	
Fund 189 - Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$571.42	
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Account 193.193.00525 (Contract Services) Total:						
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$4,202.21	
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$4,202.21	
Fund: 197 - EMA Hazmat						
Department: EMA Hazmat						
Account 197.00200 (Equipment) Total:						
Department EMA Hazmat Total:					\$591.65	
Fund 197 - EMA Hazmat Total:					\$591.65	

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/15/2023	Ohio Insurance LLC	30281	2025-001721	Firearm Safety Consulting	\$3,000.00	
Account 550.550.00250 (Expenditures) Total:					\$3,000.00	
Department Health Insurance Total:					\$3,000.00	
Fund 550 - Health Insurance Total:					\$3,000.00	
Grand Total:					\$338,088.57	

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/15/2023	Treasurer State of Ohio	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$10,685.73	
02/15/2023	County SWMD	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$16,610.23	
02/15/2023	Franklin County	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$20	
02/15/2023	Franklin County	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$75.20	
02/15/2023	Franklin County	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$110.20	
02/15/2023	Franklin County	30281	2025-003811	January Fees	\$14.86	
Account 500.501.00280 (District/Local Fees) Total:					\$32,733.37	
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:						
Department: Landfill						
Account 500.501.00280 (District/Local Fees) Total:						
Department Landfill Total:					\$18,448	
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					\$18,448	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department: Solid Waste Management District						
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:						
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$7,754.80	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$7,754.80	
Fund: 590 - Health Insurance						
Department: Health Insurance						
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$7,804.80	
Fund 590 - Health Insurance Total:					\$7,804.80	

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Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/15/2023	Public Assistance	30281	2025-001721	71.1 PRC-Kinship-Utilities- W Tocek	\$3,000.00	
Account 550.550.00250 (Expenditures) Total:					\$3,000.00	
Department Health Insurance Total:					\$3,000.00	
Fund 550 - Health Insurance Total:					\$3,000.00	
Grand Total:					\$338,088.57	

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**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. Roger Hunker, Bellevue.** Mr. Hunker provided an update on the Feichtner building. He stated the fair board has the proposal from the architect. It sounds like they plan to sign it this week.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziembra where we were at on the next step. Ms. Ziembra stated she had received an e-mail from Ms. Gordon yesterday. Mr. Strickler said he had spoken with Ms. Gordon yesterday because she had some questions for him. Ms. Ziembra said Ms. Gordon's e-mail said it was coming along and she would have a draft to Mr. Stickler in the next day or 2. Mr. Boose emphasized that he would like to get this done as soon as possible.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Hunker if he knew where we were on the railroad meeting. Mr. Hunker said no, but Ms. Ziembra had sent him the contact's information last week. Mr. Hunker had been away and did not get back until last night, so he will try to get an e-mail sent to Congressman Latta's office this week. Mr. Hunker planned to e-mail Carolyn Bick as well.

23-063

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PERU CENTER ROAD AT TOWNLINE 12 ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS; HUR CR 045-00.00; PID 111115**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-019 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Peru Center Road at Townline 12 Road Intersection Improvements; HUR-C.R.-045-00.00; PID 111115; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

<b>Erie Blacktop, Inc.</b>	<b>\$538,675.53</b>	
<b>Gerken Paving, Inc.</b>	<b>\$634,243.10</b>	now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Peru Center Road at Townline 12 Road Intersection Improvements; PID 111115, as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to Erie Blacktop, Inc, Sandusky, Ohio in the amount of \$538,675.53; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this is one of the road projects for the year. Mr. Wilde noted there was a \$96,000 difference in the bids. Mr. Tansey said they like it when they get the end result. Mr. Boose thought it had to do with the construction industry being swamped right now and it depends how badly they need the job. Mr. Boose thought some companies, such as Erie Blacktop, would not want to lose a close job, so they give a good bid.

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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23-064

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVMENT MARKING - PHASE 2**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-030 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project – Phase 2 for the Huron County Engineer; and

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:20 A.M from the following:

<b>Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC</b>	<b>\$101,500.00</b>	
<b>Oglesby Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>\$115,620.00</b>	
<b>American Roadway Logistics, Inc.</b>	<b>\$119,350.00</b>	
<b>Dura Mark, Inc.</b>	<b>\$121,980.00</b>	now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC, Fremont, Ohio, with all prices effective until December 31, 2023; and further

**BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Brady said they had discussed this previously and it is now approved. He noted it was for various times of the year, as needed. Mr. Tansey agreed. Mr. Brady asked if Mr. Tansey expected to spend all of the money; Mr. Tansey replied that it would be pretty close.

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

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

23-065

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE SKINNER ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; HUR TR 106-00.62; PID 117439**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-022 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Skinner Road Superstructure Replacement; HUR-TR-106-00.62; PID 117439; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, February 3, 2022 at 9:10 a.m. from the following:

<b>U.S. Bridge division of the Ohio Bridge Corp.</b>	<b>\$283,883.88</b>	now therefore
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**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Skinner Road Superstructure Replacement Project; PID 117439; as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to U.S. Bridge division of the Ohio Bridge Corp., Cambridge, Ohio, in the amount of \$283,883.88; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this is a bridge deck replacement and we are putting back the same as the existing.

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

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

23-066

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR OUTFITTING OF TANDEM AXLE CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

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

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



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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Outfitting of Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, 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; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Outfitting of Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; 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, March 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said the cab and chassis are supposed to arrive next month. By doing this now, we will be able to send it right back out as soon as it arrives. Mr. Brady asked how long it takes to outfit it. Mr. Tansey told him 6 to 9 months because much of it is custom. Mr. Wilde noted we are using ARPA funds for this project.

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.

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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.

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23-067

**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 #8) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Bruce Wilde 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 a general administration draw down in the amount of \$4,634.00.

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

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



**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services entered into a ten (10) year lease agreement on October 8, 2019, Resolution 19-296, for the premises located at 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio 44857; and

**WHEREAS**, the rental amount, per the terms of the lease, are to be fixed semi-annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to affix the rental amount as set forth on the schedule attached hereto and identified as Amended Attachment A, 2023-2024 Payment Schedule; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Amended Attachment A of the Huron County Job & Family Services Lease Agreement, 2023-2024 Payment Schedule, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained it was a ten-year lease, but the payment schedule increases every two years. They update the utilities and included the roof replacement. Ms. Ziemba stated the new monthly amount is \$8,109.12.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-070

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WALGREEN, CO.**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, including Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies, Distributors and Pharmacies accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Walgreen, Co., to resolve its governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, as a party to this litigation, desires to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with Walgreen, Co.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by Walgreen, Co. to resolve its governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the president of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the approval of the within settlement by the Board on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, including but not limited to the Settlement Participation and Release Form, 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. Strickler explained he was asking them to approve five settlements today. He received all of the documents and there is a bit of confusion. He first received the Walmart one, then they said to back that off because they wanted us to use a certain document. He told Ms. Ziemba to pull that off on Thursday, then on Friday he received all the settlements. He did not have the document with him that told how many years this would be paid over.

Mr. Boose thought it was amazing we are passing 5 agreements and still have no idea how much it is and when we are getting it. Mr. Strickler said he had the information but forgot to bring it with him and apologized. Mr. Boose asked if we are going to get it this year.

Mr. Strickler stated we would not be participating in the Meijer’s settlement, they sent that to us by mistake. We don’t have a Meijer in our county, that is why we can’t be included in that settlement. Mr. Strickler stated Walgreens will be paying out up to \$5.52 Billion over 15 years. This is a total amount with everyone included in the settlement.

Mr. Boose feels the state Attorney General has not attempted to explain how or when we will be receiving money from this settlement. They discussed that we don’t know how we will be using this money and can’t make that decision yet because we don’t know when we will be receiving it and how much.

Mr. Strickler said when he was in Columbus with Joe Hintz and they were negotiating the One Ohio Memorandum. They had all the parties in the room who were parties to the suits. The Attorney General got up and said he had his 2 suits filed and if we can’t agree on anything, then he was going to prosecute his suits and the state of Ohio will get all the money and you won’t get anything. Then the Governor got up, was very conciliatory and said we need to get an agreement together. We need to do this so everyone can share in it because it won’t be to anyone’s benefit if just the Attorney General does this and everyone else has to litigate their claims separately, so why don’t we agree on this now. Mr. Strickler noted we have one of the better state agreements because the local governments are getting 30% of the money, in some states it is only 15%. Also, 55% of the money is coming down through the regions.

Mr. Boose said he attended a Stepping Up meeting on Friday and he told them we would be receiving opiate money soon and will need the help of some of the groups to decide where this money should go. They asked if they could get a copy of the MOU, so they knew how the money could be spent. Mr. Strickler said he could send it to Ms. Cardone for distribution to the other groups. Mr. Boose stated he received an update after the Region 19 meeting last week. Mr. Boose thought the state now had the 501(c)3 status.

Mr. Wilde asked if we could vote on all of the resolutions at once. Mr. Strickler said they would all need to be voted on separately because he had intentionally put each on a separate resolution, so they could be sent to the opioid resolution settlement center.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-071

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WALMART, INC.**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, including Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies, Distributors and Pharmacies accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Walmart, Inc. to resolve its governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, as a party to this litigation, desires to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with Walmart, Inc.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by Walmart, Inc. to resolve its governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the president of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the approval of the within settlement by the Board on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, including but not limited to the Settlement Participation Form, 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. Strickler said Walmart will pay up to \$2.74 Billion in 2023 and all payment will be made within 6 years.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-072

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CVS HEALTH CORPORATION AND CVS PHARMACY, INC.**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, including Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies, Distributors and Pharmacies accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., to resolve their governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, as a party to this litigation, desires to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. to resolve their governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the president of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the approval of the within settlement by the Board on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, including but not limited to the Settlement Participation and Release Form, 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. Strickler stated that CVS would be paying up to \$4.90 billion over 10 years.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-073

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, including Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies, Distributors and Pharmacies accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., to resolve its governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, as a party to this litigation, desires to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. to resolve its governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the president of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the approval of the within settlement by the Board on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, including but not limited to the Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form, 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. Strickler said Teva Pharmaceutical will pay up to \$3.34 billion over 13 years and are to provide either \$1.2 billion of its generic version of the drug Narcan over 10 years or an agreed upon cash equivalent over 13 years.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-074

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALLERGEN FINANCE, LLC, AND ALLERGEN, LIMITED**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County, Ohio (herein “County”) is a county government formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, including Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies, Distributors and Pharmacies accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS**, a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Allergen Finance, LLC, and Allergen Limited, to resolve its governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, as a party to this litigation, desires to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with Allergen Finance, LLC, and Allergen Limited.; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Proposed Settlement by Allergen Finance, LLC and Allergen Limited, to resolve its governmental entity claims in Huron County, Ohio; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the president of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the approval of the within settlement by the Board on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, including but not limited to the Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form, 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. Strickler stated Allergen would be paying up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years. Mr. Strickler noted these were the ones that needed to be in by April 18. He also asked if Ms. Ziemba could e-mail the signed resolutions to him, then he can upload them to the portal.

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

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

*\*On file*

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none**

**SIGNINGS - none**

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

**Assistant Prosecutor updates:**

- Mr. Strickler said he had discussed the Garmann Miller AIA agreement with Ms. Gordon. He will finish that either later today or first thing tomorrow morning. Mr. Boose asked if he was supposed to meet with them, since he is now the commissioners point person for the Senior Center. Ms. Ziemba said she spoke with Mr. Welch and was told once the architect agreement has been signed they will set up a meeting to review the plan for moving forward.
- Mr. Boose asked if the agreement had a one-time rate versus the percentage rate. He noted that he had only seen a percentage rate and said we had asked them to give us both. Mr. Strickler was unsure of what the agreement said about the rate.
- Mr. Boose said he had looked through the agreement and did not see a project dollar amount. He also thought we might be able to do a percentage amount and cap it. Mr. Brady asked if we could send an e-mail to Garmann Miller and ask for those figures. Ms. Ziemba stated Ms. Gordon was going to be calling Garman Miller and asked if Mr. Strickler knew. Mr. Strickler thought Ms. Gordon wanted to wait until the agreement was signed before she talked to them. Mr. Boose thought we should let Ms. Gordon know what we want her to talk to Garmann Miller about.

**Administrator/Clerk updates:**

- Ms. Ziemba said last December a payment had been held to Cleveland Communications in the amount \$11,050.00. She received an e-mail from Ms. Hozalski yesterday, stating this should be getting closed out soon and payment made. They said it is an acceptable claim; we don't have the check yet, but



were forwarded the e-mail from CORSA. Mr. Brady asked if we wanted to make a motion to release the payment.

***Bruce Wilde moved to release the payment to Cleveland Communications which was held in December. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:***

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

- Senior Center – Ms. Ziemba spoke to the farmer. He said to keep him posted. The plan is for him to plant soybeans. He said he would like to get out to plant in early May and harvest in September. Ms. Ziemba told him after the contract is signed and we have the first meeting we will know more about the timeline, when they will need to be on site and how much land they will need.
- Mr. Boose noted if we need to get soil borings, usually there is some type of agreement with the farmer. Ms. Ziemba said it was in the contract. Mr. Strickler said he had just looked at the contract yesterday and if we are going to take land away, we have to give them notice and pay them an agreed upon amount. Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziemba thought it would be great if they could do that before he plants. If we could at least stake it out then the farmer would know and there would be no reimbursement. Ms. Ziemba said the farmer has already put the winter fertilizer on the field.
- Mr. Boose did not know what is included in soil borings and how much it disrupts the land, but he knows in the area we are building, it is very important that we get good soil borings before we start. Ms. Ziemba thought Mr. Boose should ask these questions when they have their first meeting with Garmann Miller, then let her know the answers. Ms. Ziemba will then get back with the farmer. Mr. Brady did not think the soil borings were a terrible disruption, but thought it would be nice if they could be done before the farmer plants. Ms. Ziemba said he also plants between JFS and the Sheriff's office.
- Ms. Ziemba sent an email to the State Representatives and Senators requesting funds to assist the affected counties with the 2024 solar eclipse. Mr. Boose noted Ms. Ziemba had discussed this with Mr. Mead.
- Mr. Mead was in a meeting with other legislators, who told him to get this in quick so they can get it in the budget. Mr. Boose thought by the time they got it in the budget it would be too late. Unless you are 100% prepared and ready to go with the project on the day you get the money. The budget won't be approved until July 1, then it takes a long time for the process to happen once it passes.
- Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Mead had put together the volunteer group which they asked him to do. Ms. Ziemba stated he had not done that yet; she asked him to get that together by March. Mr. Wilde thought he was doing some coordination with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Boose was adamant that Mr. Mead not include economic development or tourism, this is EMA. Mr. Mead had gone to some of their meetings and they were talking about the tourism part. His part is the safety service and he has not put it together. Mr. Mead wanted law enforcement, fire and the mayors to be invited.
- Mr. Boose thought he would need to involve the people who we might need money for and does not need a committee so big it is not workable either. He also thought Mr. Mead should take the report we received and see how it fits into Huron County. None of that has to do with tourism.
- Mr. Boose said whoever wants to do anything with tourism should run it by EMA, in case it causes some issues, but that is not the direction we want to be looking in. When Mr. Boose talked to the State Representatives and the Senator, they wanted to know why we needed the money and that is what we need from Mr. Mead. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Mead was getting that together to send to the other person and was also sending to Ms. Ziemba.
- Ms. Ziemba has forwarded the contact information she has for Congressman Latta's office to Mr. Hunker. Congressman Latta's Office had not reached out to Mr. Hunker yet, that is why he asked for their information.

**At 10:00 a.m. Cecelia Blevins, Ben Kline, Board of Elections and Rachel Ruffer, Secretary of State's office – 2023 budget discussion:**

Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Blevins for meeting with him yesterday and said it was really confusing to compare it to other years because each year is unique. Then, last year there were 3 regular elections. Mr. Boose said she had met with him to explain what this year would be like for the budget for this year.

Ms. Blevins provided a packet of information. She adjusted the PEO and the PO pay for the May election. Only 17 precincts will be open, which is 8 polling locations. They will only need 35 poll workers, instead of the usual 115. That will save a lot of money and she was able to cut the budget there.

Ms. Blevins stated they would have some more expenses due to HB 45. She had some detailed notes for this and gave Mr. Boose a copy of them. They are not sure about some of the costs. The envelopes which they purchased in 2020, because the state redesigned them and they told us to get enough due to the supply issue. They purchased 60,000 envelopes, 20,000 of each kind. They are now changing the wording on those because

HB 45 changed the wording. They will probably be changing 1,000 of those for this year by putting labels on them, if it is doable. Going forward, they will wait to see where the litigation goes, because HB 45 is in litigation and they do not want to spend money if they don't have to.

Ms. Blevins said another item from HB 45 is money for new poll books/pads. They received the allotment on Friday and know how much is going to be paid out and what the county will be reimbursed for. The total for 55 new poll pads is \$52,525.00. Mr. Boose asked how many poll books should we order. Ms. Blevins said we have 55 currently, the quote is to replace all 55 at \$300 each. Mr. Boose thought even if they only use 40, they will need backups. In the future, some of those will break and/or wear out and if you try to order the exact same thing, they may or may not have them. If they order extra's they will be prepared. Mr. Boose thought they should order those because they have elections coming up. Mr. Boose told Ms. Blevins if the commissioners approved that today she did not need to wait until we got final budget done before she ordered them. She has enough money in her interim budget, but that does not mean if they do that they will have enough money for the rest of the year in the interim budget. If we make sure the money is in the final budget, then they can.

***Terry Boose moved to approve the Board of Elections move forward with the ordering of 55 poll books and that we take that into consideration in the final budget. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:***

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

Ms. Blevins said the county owns the 55 old tablets which are being replaced. They can donate them to a school or to other county entities after they have been wiped clean. Apple will pay us \$13/each. Mr. Brady asked if she had reached out to any entities yet and was told she had not reached out. Mr. Boose said the IT department would wipe them. Mr. Strickler said there was a whole process you had to go through to give things like that away. Ms. Blevins said they would have to get new cases as well because the new pads would not fit in the old cases. So, they would need to get rid of the old cases too. Ms. Blevins indicated some of the poll workers had expressed interest in the pads and cases. Mr. Boose thought that would be nice but was not sure if we could do that. Mr. Brady thought we could look at that after we received the new ones and the old ones were wiped. Mr. Wilde asked how old the poll books were and Ms. Blevins told him they were purchased in 2016.

They may need an extra person to work the general election for the Republican side because they have a clerk whose Mother's husband is running for Mayor and she will not be able to touch any ballots for Norwalk City.

Mr. Wilde asked what NCOA is. Ms. Blevins said it is the National Change of Address for which they have to send letters out to. They have already done the big mailing and in the past, would get reimbursed by the state. The state has not indicated they will be reimbursing and that is the amount they have already spent for it. Mr. Brady asked how much that cost was and Mr. Wilde told him \$2,750.40. Mr. Brady noted they mail out a lot of items and pay for a lot of postage.

Mr. Boose noted they had something that was encumbered from 2022, but they are waiting on invoicing. Ms. Blevins said it was the ward maps. Mr. Boose said if this takes too long and the auditor says they are cut off then we need to make sure they have that money in the final budget. Ms. Blevins said the amount is \$750.00. Mr. Brady asked why they were waiting and Ms. Blevins said they were still working on the new ward maps for the precincts. Mr. Brady asked if they had changed and Ms. Blevins stated they had changed in 2022. Ms. Blevins stated they would try to get the invoice today, but the company had a couple more things they needed to get done for us.

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Ms. Blevins had plans from Garman Miller for downstairs. Mr. Boose stated they had a list of everything for contract services. Discussed having to print out ballots and not knowing what the paper costs will be this year. Mr. Brady asked how Ms. Blevins thought the changes the state made to obtaining ballots would affect us. He said we used to be required to obtain them within the state, but now we can go outside the state. Ms. Blevins did not think it would affect us because we never had to get a bond and bid it out. It was the bigger counties who had to stay within the state. They couldn't get good pricing, so it will benefit them.

Mr. Wilde asked when the yearly payment for the scanners ended. Ms. Blevins said they pay those through 2024, then we can buy them out for \$1. Mr. Wilde stated if we bought them out we wouldn't have that payment in 2024-2025 and asked what the life on those scanners is. Ms. Blevins stated we would still have to pay for licensing and any upgrades that come with the software. She said if they would like her to get the costs for the upgrades as they come along, she can do that. Mr. Wilde was hoping the costs would go away. Ms. Blevins noted if we lease the scanners then we would always get the automatic upgrades with the software. Mr. Boose asked if she could get the costs for the licensing and upgrades in 2024 for the next year for to help us decide if we want to do the buyout. Ms. Blevins thought they would be able to give us something.

Garmann Miller plans. Mr. Wilde asked about the demolition. Ms. Blevins said they had talked to EHOVE last year and they were available in December to do it. But would have to check with them again for this year to see when they would be available. Their teacher said that is something they could do. They can do it at 10% of the cost of the demo. Mr. Brady asked if she had only been given prints or did she get any type of architect's estimate. Ms. Blevins said they only got prints and had not asked for an architect estimate. Mr. Boose asked if the demolition included the asbestos or are we leaving it where it is and going over it. Ms. Blevins told him they did not specify either way about the asbestos, but had removing some of the ceilings and duct work. Mr. Boose asked if it talked about flooring and said that is where you get into the possibility of asbestos. Mr. Boose thought the health department had put their flooring on top of the old flooring.

Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady discussed going over the old floor to encapsulate it and mentioned that carpet may be easier. Mr. Boose mentioned using the same flooring that was used in the bathrooms.

Mr. Boose said, budget wise, they made a list of projects during the interim budget which they thought they would do this year. Mr. Boose did not think they would be able to do all of them. He was not sure how we will determine what projects to cut and thought they would have to prioritize. Mr. Boose said they would have to determine which projects would be done within the next couple of months.

Mr. Brady was glad to have something that gives a better idea of usefulness of basement. This year we are shaving, but can still put this on a list of future projects. They discussed the state giving them money for some of the elections.

Mr. Brady asked if the Board of Elections had thought about doing a public seminar explaining how the election process works. Mr. Kline said he went to Willard Schools to educate them and will go to Norwalk tomorrow. He has reached out to some of the churches and other organizations to see if he could come in to talk with them, just to let them know this is the house bill and a this is how it affects you. Mr. Boose was glad they were doing this in the schools.

Ms. Blevins said they were opening the logic and accuracy testing up for the public to watch. When they do that, they can see how they process the machines and how they make sure they work correctly. Board of Elections will make an announcement about that. Last year they had someone with a lot of questions and records requests, they told the person the best way to learn the information was to become a poll worker. The person said they would not do it again, but they did learn a lot. Mr. Brady noted people don't trust the process because they don't understand how it works.

**At 10:31 a.m. the board recessed.**

**At 10:40 a.m. the board resumed regular session**

**At 10:40 a.m. Todd Corbin, Dave Ditz, Shawn Newton, 2023 Sheriff budget discussion:**

Mr. Corbin said they were down two deputies. Ms. Newton said her figures were based on hopefully replacing them, one in April and one in May.

In the interim budget, they have to go by the ORC for the Sheriff's salary, so that will have to be raised to the \$45,491 in the 023 and \$45,192 in 036.

The Salary line item is in accordance with their 7% raises. They have different items in their contract, such as an insurance stipend for 6 people on the road and 8 in the jail. Mr. Boose did not understand why that did not come out of the insurance account at first. Then thought the answer was because it has to go through payroll. Ms. Newton said yes.

Mr. Wilde asked about the 023 Road Account and if the ones in the longevity flow/vacation payout/education stipends and insurance stipends are in that total. Ms. Newton told him yes. He then asked if the overtime estimate, sheriff and courthouse lines were separate lines and was told yes. He then asked if the later items were not in the total. Ms. Newton told him no, but she included the lines so she could figure out the PERS and Medicare.

Mr. Brady asked if the total for salaries included the two deputies they wanted to replace. Mr. Boose told they were partly figured in. Ms. Newton said she figured it from the pay periods in April and May.

Mr. Wilde asked about the educational stipend and said it was not very much. He was told it is contractual. Ms. Newton said they have to request it and it is based on whether they have a bachelors, associates or whatever their degree is. She said they get it once a year. Mr. Brady asked if this is for classes that are outside of what would be training for their job. Ms. Newton told him no, this was for the degree they have. Discussed that a lot of people who are hired in have their degrees and the stipend helps to attract people.

Mr. Brady asked if there was anything in the contract about paying for an employee's college tuition. Sheriff Corbin told him no and said the union did not ask for it, but thought it could be something they may ask for in the future. Discussed it would be a good incentive. Sheriff Corbin said they give 24 CPT hours a year for continuing education. Mr. Brady asked how the Sheriff's office would gain if the employees obtained their

bachelors or masters degrees. Sheriff Corbin stated they would have a higher caliber of officer. It would translate into better report writing, courtroom testimony, critical thinking and opens the avenue to send them to school to become an instructor, then we could train in house. Sheriff Corbin stated one of the items they are trying to work toward in the future is to host training inhouse. He would like to have people come here for training and us benefit from it.

Mr. Boose said he looked at the OPERS and his initial thought was if the contract was going up by 7% then OPERS would go up the same. He remembered last year they had not budgeted a full year for the 3 new officers.

Mr. Wilde wanted to make a comment about utilities. He said Mr. Ditz usually came to us about water and we have budgeted \$50,000.00 since 2017, but last year they returned \$10,722.90. Mr. Wilde noted Mr. Ditz told us he was doing some things to lower the bill. Mr. Ditz said the employees working in the jail are the ones making it happen. Mr. Brady wanted to discuss the future electric rates, which will probably go up significantly. Mr. Wilde said they had budgeted \$80,000 for electricity last year and turned back in \$16,000.00. Mr. Ditz said they had switched over to all LED lighting in the jail.

Mr. Ditz wanted to discuss the roof vents. These are the exhaust fans on top of the jail and they will need to be replaced. Mr. Wilde asked if it was permanent improvement and said we have money in Permanent Improvements. Sheriff Corbin said he had not put this in his budget and noted the current exhaust fans are 25 years old and run by a belt. The new ones do not require a belt, are much quieter and more efficient. They have replaced a couple of them, but use the parts from the old ones to keep other ones going.

Mr. Boose noted we are being funded by grants more and there is a shelf life when you purchase something and you eventually need to replace it. We are relieved to get the grant, but the items are not funded forever.

Mr. Boose said the commissioners wished they would consider using Mr. Riedy and the IT department. Sheriff Corbin said he had talked to Mr. Riedy and did not know if Mr. Riedy had told them the conversation. Sheriff Corbin stated Mr. Riedy told him some of the servers they require are out of his skill set. He may have it in time but not right now. Sheriff Corbin said he uses Mr. Riedy when they can. Mr. Wilde said he appreciated that. Mr. Boose told Sheriff Corbin to talk to the other departments if he has any questions about the kind of job they do. Sheriff Corbin stated he sat down and had a discussion with Mr. Riedy at the EMA office. They went back and forth about some things, but the sheriff will use Mr. Riedy and the IT department for items which they can, but the services they are using right now are a little bit outside Mr. Riedy's skill set. Mr. Brady asked if there was something we could do to help Mr. Riedy and Mr. Sell get up to speed and able to help with some of these items: he thought we would be willing to do that. Let us know if they need a certification or something else. Sheriff Corbin reiterated that Mr. Riedy had told him some of the systems the Sheriff's office operates on are outside his skill set.

Mr. Wilde thanked the Sheriff for coming in early to discuss the budget.

***At 11:10 a.m. Bruce Wilde 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. 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 12:33 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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

***\*Action taken: resolution 23-075***

23-075

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TERMINATION OF ALEXANDER BROWNING**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Operations and Human Resource Director recommends the termination of Alexander Browning, probationary employee. This termination comes in the best interest of the county and is appropriate under the county's personnel policy; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Alexander Browning's termination effective February 14, 2023; 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

**At 12:35 p.m. the board recessed**

**At 1:08 p.m. the board resumed regular session.**

**Budget Discussion:**

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Stebel to do some calculations.

$$\begin{aligned} \$22,740,469.94 - 683,660.15 &= 22,056,809.79 \\ \$22,056,809.79 - 25,000.00 &= 22,031,809.79 \end{aligned}$$

He noted this was approximately \$130,000 less than interim budget and said that was the new starting number.

Mr. Boose asked if the \$25,000 received from Ms. Hazel was appropriated in final budget or after. Ms. Ziemba said it was her understanding it was part of the overall total. She said she did have an email from Ms. Hazel requesting a small amount of it. Mr. Boose said he had discussed it with her. She would like them to set the money aside in case she needs it for Clerk of Courts. Ms. Ziemba suggested they either put it in Contingencies or Transfer Out if they think she will need it. Mr. Boose agreed and said they needed to add it back in, which brought the number to **\$22,056,809.79**.

Mr. Wilde was in favor of a 5% increase for employees. Mr. Boose had no problem with that number. He asked if they should immediately go to each budget and increase it by 5%. Everyone agreed that would be the best thing to do. Ms. Stebel said Ms. Ziemba had a total, it was going to be about \$200,793.00. This included Medicare and PERS.

Mr. Boose had Ms. Stebel do the calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \$22,056,809.79 - 200,793.00 &= 21,856,016.79 \\ \text{That is the new number after incorporating in the 5\%.} \end{aligned}$$

Mr. Boose noted that amount did not include any increases from last years budget for 023, 036 and 020.

**020/Board of Elections. Final budget number \$614,573.93.**

That included the \$52,525.00 added into Contract Services. Approximately \$18,000.00 of that will be reimbursed. The board did not include any of the other requests knowing that, if at the end of the year they don't have enough money, then they will have to add money to Board of Election's budget because they had more expenses. Mr. Boose would like to be sure the list was attached to Ms. Ziemba's final copy of the budget in case we need to go back, then we have that information.

**023/Sheriff - final budget number \$2,896,990.00.**

The board reviewed this budget line by line. After discussion they decided to not include the two deputies the Sheriff wanted to replace. They felt that if the economy were to tank next year and they would have to lay off employees, they would have to pay their unemployment to the dollar. The only way to be safe was to anticipate that may happen and not hire anyone.

**Salary Employees** reduced by \$75,650.40. **\$1,992,995.60**

**Supplies.** Leave at **\$95,000.00** with the understanding that if gas prices increase considerably the board will put more money in at the end of the year.

**OPERS** reduced by \$13,692.72. **\$373,367.28**

**Medicare** reduce by \$1,096.93. **\$32,352.07**

No changes were made to the other line items.

**036/Jail Operations. \$4,014,445.00.** The board agreed to leave Jail Operations where it was.

**007/Board of Revision.** No changes.

**009/Common Pleas/Jury.** No changes.

**010/Common Pleas/Adult Probation.** No changes.

011/Common Pleas/Appeals. No changes.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS - continued**

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

Stepping Up meeting- They discussed the opioid money and how we as a county would move forward in spending it, whether it is \$30,000 or another number. Mr. Boose thought we need an all-inclusive group making that decision. He does not want to leave the judges out of the decision on how to spend the money. He also did not want to leave MHAS out of the decision. MHAS said when they give their money out, there are certain things which they don't give money out for because they may have a grant that says they can't give it out for that. One of those items is in peer recovery for transportation. If a peer recovery person goes out to somebody's house and talks them into going to get treatment, sometimes they may take that person to treatment. They discussed this as a good use for some of the money.

Trying to figure out what that money can be used for might not be easy. Except for in the future if we are going to something and somebody has something to be funded and they say they can't fund it because the grant won't allow it. If it fits the MOU; which is why he asked Mr. Strickler if they could get a copy, then they would know what it can and cannot be used for. Mr. Brady felt getting people to counseling is a part of the step.

Mr. Boose noted there may be groups out there who need the money and we don't even know who they are. He does not want to waste that money and mentioned to Ms. Cardone that it may be important for us to work closely with MHAS on this. Who would know more about what people are asking for than them. This year MHAS ran out of money. They said they were working on the reserve level and they can't fund everything. That does not mean everything should be funded, but if there is something in there that sounded like it was going to work, how do we know if we don't get a group together. Mr. Boose would rather not make up a new group, but find a group which is already out there to use, then add it to their agenda or meeting.

Mr. Boose thought the meeting they were at may be a good one if they can get the people to go. He noted the attendance was not that good. Mr. Brady agreed.

Mr. Boose noted the topic for this meeting was recidivism and it was lower than he thought it would be. Mr. Wilde asked if that was at the jail. Mr. Boose said yes, that was part of it. He had received some numbers for it and said recidivism for the second time is pretty high, but there is not as many 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> times as he thought there would be. Then there are questions as to how you consider that, because some people are arrested, put in jail, then the charges are dropped, so they are never convicted. Are they considered part of being back in jail? The question is how are you going to use that number? Which is the important question. The goal of Stepping Up is to reduce recidivism. You need to be consistent, whichever way you do it.

The people in attendance at the meeting were: MHAS, 4 providers, the Sheriff's office and the Jail Office. Mr. Wilde thought if they explained it was about funding they may have some of the people who are not attending, come to the meetings. If we announce it is going to be a little different because we will be talking about opioid settlement money, you might get more people.

Mr. Brady said they received the official letter about No Bars, so Oriana House was going to try to pick up some of that. Mr. Boose said at one time the judge told him they may be asking for some of the opioid money for No Bars program. Then he heard that the No Bars had stopped and he did not think they had enough money.

Mr. Boose thought he would go to the MHAS meeting and discuss what they had just talked about.

**Meetings**

- HCDC meeting – 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.
- Firelands Forward Zoom meeting– 9:00 a.m. tomorrow - Mr. Wilde will attend this.
- FCFC- 9:00 a.m. tomorrow – Mr. Brady will attend this.
- Veterans meeting – 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

**At 2:22 p.m.** Mr. Wilde moved to adjourn. Mr. 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 February 14, 2023.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**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 2:22 p.m.

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