

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 Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector

23-076

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROPOSAL BY GARMANN MILLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENTS AT THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires architectural planning services for HVAC upgrades to the existing HVAC units at the Huron County Administration building; and

**WHEREAS**, Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc. has submitted a Proposal to prepare such documents and services plus reimbursable expenses at the rate of \$25,000 as outlined in the Proposal; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Proposal submitted by Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc., 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:** Mr. Boose would like to put this resolution on hold until we get further along in the budget and decide how we are moving forward with this project before we spend \$25,000.00. Mr. Boose thinks \$25,000.00 is an outrageous amount for the total project and does not think this type of project should need as much management as a building project.

Mr. Boose would like it tabled to look at the costs again and also; we do not even know if we are going to do the project, or even part of the project. Mr. Brady asked to clarify the tabling procedure. Mr. Strickler stated you don't vote on the merits of the resolution if there is a motion to table. Mr. Strickler asked if the motion was to table until a certain date or indefinitely. Mr. Boose said indefinitely.

**Terry Boose moved to table Resolution 23-076 indefinitely. Bruce Wilde 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 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none**

**SIGNINGS –**

Form from Ohio Department of Development adding Ben Martens to the CDBG team. He will be working on our projects with GLCAP and the state requires the form authorizing him to work on our projects.

**Bruce Wilde moved to add Ben Martens to the list. 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*

**Ohio** Department of Development  
Ohio Department of Development / Office of Community Development  
Organization Contacts Form

Organization Name: Huron County  
Organization Number: 1BJ

Personal Information	Designation (if applicable)	User Status (select only one)
Name: Ben Martens	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Executive Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Only (No roles form required)
Title: Community Grants Specialist	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation Specialist	
Phone: 440-552-3690	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> User Account (MUST be included on the Roles form)
Email: wbmartens@ocdcp.org	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Contact	
Address: 127 S. Front St.	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Standards Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Contact
Address: PO Box 590	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Contact	
City: Fremont	State: OH	ZIP Code: 43420
For third-party administrators only: Vendor organization: Great Lakes Community Action Partnership		

  

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Users & Roles Form

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Each user on this form must be assigned at least one security role for at least one OGD program. Multiple roles may be selected when appropriate. If a User already has a User Name, enter it next to User Name.

User Information	View Only	Organization Edit	Application Preparer	OGD File Upload/Download	Application Approver	Report Approver	Report Approver	Amendment Preparer	Amendment Approver	Draw/Address Preparer	Draw/Address Approver	Notes
Name: Ben Martens Phone: 440-552-3690 Email: wbmartens@ocdcp.org User Name, if applicable: BMartens	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	App & admin for CDBG Allocation.
Name: Phone: Email: User Name, if applicable:												
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It is the responsibility of every user to know and understand the following rules:

1. Accessing and using Development information systems is allowed only to perform job duties. Do not use, or permit any other person to use, any Development information system for any other purpose.
2. Do not knowingly include or cause to be included in any record or report created for Development any false, inaccurate, or misleading entry.
3. Do not disclose or share any security codes, such as login information, used to access any Development information system maintained by the agency.
4. Certify the above User email addresses are work accounts only and assigned to one individual only, not shared accounts.

I hereby authorize the individuals listed above to access the OGD information system, as needed to perform their job duties, on behalf of my organization.

Authorized Official (Print) Harry Brady, President Board of Allen County Commissioners  
Authorized Official Signature *Harry Brady*  
Date 2/16/23

**Assistant Prosecutor updates: none**

**Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- Broadband Ohio webinar last Wednesday. They had some great suggestions for us. Mr. Wilde said Mr. Riedy was going to use a couple of them.
- EPA meeting on Monday with GT Consulting. They had the 2 consultants, 2 EPA and 3 people from Huron County. It was non-binding, advisory opinions on the update plan. Mr. Welch stated this was the plan you had to do every 5 years. Mr. Boose asked when it was due. Mr. Welch stated it had to be finalized in April of 2024. Mr. Welch said you start the process 18 months out and once we get the opinions, then you can incorporate them, or do nothing, if we don't want to. But there are some things which we probably should change. It will help to clarify a lot of the stuff the district does. Mr. Welch noted the most important thing which comes out of the meeting is we do not anticipate a gen fee increase in the Solid Waste District plan for the next 5 years.
- SAFEbuilt - They are training an employee, who should be starting soon. Worked with the nursing home and got it back up and running in two weeks. Felt it would have taken three or four months with Richland County Building. Mr. Boose was told that SAFEbuilt basically held their hand for 2 weeks to make sure they were getting things done. Mr. Boose noted after a fire you don't want to skimp on any of the codes or regulations. Mr. Wilde stated we have always asked for service and that was our goal, but not what we usually got.
- Mr. Wilde and Mr. Riedy were on a call with Lexis Nexis and Vital Check yesterday. A third party got the credit card portal up and running. One person did something for Vital Check, we needed to okay what they sent us, Mr. Riedy made some changes and then they will get back to us. Mr. Boose stated he has learned through this process that nothing is as easy as you think it will be. Mr. Wilde noted SAFEbuilt is running, but no one can pay with a credit card right now, they have to pay by check. Mr. Boose asked if they could pay with cash; Mr. Wilde said he assumed so.
- Willard Chamber Banquet tonight.
- Data Board meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Discussing Board of Elections poll books.
- 8:30 a.m. Policy webinar with CCAO. This is different than the one scheduled on February 24 to discuss SNAP. Mr. Boose stated they will give updates to the budget at this phone-in webinar.
- Region 19 – One Ohio update from Tom Stuber.
- Mr. Wilde and Mr. Boose rsvp'd for the Willard fire recap meeting at Willard Depot.

**At 9:15 a.m. County Project Updates - Joel Riedy, Network Administrator**

- New email system is complete. Finished encryption this morning and is ready for users to go live on it. Mr. Wilde asked who would be on it. Mr. Riedy told him, the IT department, Steve Minor, Records Office (they volunteered to be first). Mr. Riedy said he would probably try to get them later today or tomorrow, depending on the Recorder's schedule.
- Mr. Riedy stated that in the brief time the new e-mail system has been up, someone has already tried to attack it; our new security measures did extremely well. Mr. Riedy took a sample of the logs to show them if time permits.
- Backup equipment is arriving and they have started putting it together. They are getting ready to get

the off-site back ups up and running.

- Board of Elections asked Mr. Riedy to assist them with their security directives. They will be required to do live streaming of the ballot box in the front of the building. This is per the state.
- Mr. Boose told Mr. Riedy he had volunteered the IT department to wipe 55 old pads for the Board of Elections, so somebody else could use them. Mr. Riedy said they have a system that they do that for all the old PC's from the county offices. They pull the hard drives and zero them out.
- Broadband - Mr. Riedy has already revised the RFP. Broadband Ohio is reviewing and once that comes back we should be good to go.
- Mr. Brady mentioned the email we had received from Frontier. They wanted to come in and talk about the fiber they are installing. Ms. Ziemba is working on this.
- Mr. Boose asked if we considered Frontier as a provider in the area. Mr. Riedy said the RFP was modified to any ISP (Internet Service Provider). Mr. Wilde noted they were giving it to Broadband Ohio and they said it would go to all the members of the Alliance. Mr. Wilde said Broadband Ohio talked about having a meeting where people could ask Mr. Riedy questions and he would answer, then he thought those questions and answers would go out to everyone in the Alliance. Ms. Ziemba stated the questions and answers would go out to the people who picked up the bid package, not everyone.
- Phone systems have all been upgraded to the current software. They are now able to purchase new phones, new modules or licenses for any offices that may need them. If the software is obsolete they can't get anything for it.
- Mr. Riedy stated he had an item in his budget, which was a fiber length between here and downtown; it cost approximately \$30,000. He was told there is a grant opportunity and asked the commissioners for permission to apply for the grant. Ms. Ziemba explained it was the courthouse security grant, which is the same grant the courthouse has previously gone for.
- Mr. Boose discussed the budget with Mr. Riedy. Mr. Riedy said Ms. Ziemba had helped him and he also discussed how he was prioritizing the budget. Mr. Boose noted when they started IT, they were not sure what the projects would be and it has grown significantly. They discussed whether you should budget everything, or prioritize and budget for some and have a separate list of projects to pick from if needed.
- Mr. Brady asked what network migration meant. Mr. Riedy said in the sense that is listed in his report. The prosecutor's office has their own router and are not part of the big network. We will move them from behind their router to ours; which is much bigger and safer. We have a bigger fire wall and are able to do the network segregation for the VLAN, so they are going to be moving from theirs to ours. Mr. Boose said before Mr. Brady became a commissioner, they had discussions about an IT department and one of the things they learned from Sandusky County was if you have a bunch of those and you get hacked, it is a lot harder to deal with than if everybody is on one. If you are maintaining one system, then you only have to worry about one system instead of multiples. Mr. Riedy stated the more people we have on the big system, the more we are able to monitor and look for network problems and possible viruses. They are all in a VLAN and there are all types of controls which keep them within their own surroundings.
- Mr. Riedy showed the logs from the attack on our e-mail system. He had a screenshot of the firewall that handles the e-mail system and said we had received over 5800 attempts were somebody was trying to login as our system and use it to try to spam the world. The system blocked it and performed fantastically, the load didn't go over 1% while this person was attempting to breach it. Mr. Brady noted the report was broken down by day and hour. Mr. Riedy said they can see where they are, what they are doing, who they are trying to login as and how many times they tried to do it. They can set the system to be reactive and start blocking suspicious activity on its own.

**At 9:36 a.m. Pete Welch, Director of Operatons – Project Updates**

- Garmann Miller contract for HVAC. Mr. Welch was told this had been tabled.
- Block work downtown which needs to be repaired. East side of 22 E. Main. Also, entranceway to Courthouse/front door. They are getting the costs for the repairs right now.
- Mr. Welch is waiting on budget to see what projects they can do.
- Mr. Boose thought when they fixed the awning on the front of 22 E. Main, they used somebody local. Mr. Welch said that was done by Gundlach. Mr. Boose wanted to see if they could do a small match on the side. Mr. Welch asked if he meant sheet metal; Mr. Boose confirmed he meant sheet metal and said he was not talking about the whole side, just where the awning goes around the corner. Mr. Welch thought that would be the most affordable way to do it. Mr. Welch said they could call Gundlach and also Wheeler out of Plymouth. Mr. Minor stated he was not sure if it would match up because it was a lot lower than what is on the front. Mr. Welch thought maybe they could wrap it around and extend it up.
- Landfill – Received cost to clean the north lift and leachate tanks, it was \$28,000. It is difficult to get quotes and he has been unable to get another one.
- Mr. Brady asked if Mr. Welch had a target estimate that was reasonable. Mr. Welch said yes and they were near that estimate. Mr. Welch said it is hard to find companies who work on landfills and the

company he has is out of Bluffton. There is no one local to do that type of work.

- Mr. Welch said he also has to do repairs to the system and has one cost on the repairs, but is trying to get a second cost. Mr. Wilde asked how old the equipment was. Mr. Welch said it was original and the landfill closed in 1998, so it is close to 30 years old. He is hoping to get the second quote by next week and have that wrapped up so he can go ahead. He will probably transfer money from the Equipment Reserve Fund into the Landfill Fund to pay for the project.
- Mr. Boose asked if there was a time limit to get this done. Mr. Welch said this has to be done right away. Mr. Boose noted construction items are being scheduled for a year from now. Mr. Welch said this could be scheduled for 6 months from now.

**At 9:45 a.m. Pete Welch, Solid Waste Management District/Transfer Station rates:**

- Mr. Welch said he had backed a number out. The goal was to try to figure out what our costs are going to be within the next year. Try to incorporate the cost of projects, fuel surcharge, inflation (he used a low number for right now, could go up to 9%, but this will affect people, so did not want to go that high).
- The assumption was that we would intake 46,000 tons this year. In 2022 we were just a little bit under that. They found we are receiving more waste from Richland County, Ottawa and Sandusky. Why is that? It is because there is a \$105 minimum charge per ton to go to Rumpke and they will not go below a ton. If you are a 2-person house in the country, you have to decide if it is worth it to hire someone like Rumpke, Cyclone or BFI if you are only throwing a bag or 2 out. Now that Rumpke has raised their rates, those people are leaving their district and coming to us because we have a low gate rate - \$14.50 for less than 500 pounds. So, Mr. Welch expects that rate to continue.
- Mr. Boose asked if we are allowed to charge more for out of county. Mr. Welch said we could, but we don't see enough of it. The commercial companies don't come here. If you live in Richland County and your trash is being picked up by Rumpke, then they will use their own landfill. Lorain and Ottawa are the same way. If they pick up waste here, it has to come to our facility because of flow control. Mr. Welch noted we could charge more for out of county waste, but we are only seeing residential and that doesn't add up enough.
- Rumpke's rate increase beginning April 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024 is .84 cents per ton. This is the last year on our contract, we will go out to bid for 2024. We will probably do a 3-year contract with 2 one-year renewals. The surcharge for 2022 was \$38,640. So, we can at least expect an .85 cents per ton increase. We had absorbed it this year, but that will have to be built into our new rate.
- Projects for this year
  - New Scale – Mr. Wilde stated the engineering costs had come in for less than what they expected. Mr. Welch said to keep in mind, if he gets lucky, he is paying them \$12,000 now to figure out what it will cost to renovate the pit, compared to if he can put in an above ground scale. Currently we have a pit scale.
    - The benefits of an above ground scale, which he would love to do. It would run parallel to the current scale. They can install the new scale and continue to use the old scale. When the new scale is operational they would shut down the pit scale and backfill it.
    - There are problems with the above ground scale, but if they go back in the pit it will cost more. If they use the above ground scale it won't cost as much, but the problem is when you have a 70-foot scale, you will have 10-foot platforms, then ramps. That is 140 feet which will be used up.
    - For an above ground scale, we will need to move the fence on the outside which is \$10,000. It would be moving the current opening further east so they can pull directly on the scale. Because of doing that he can move the above ground scale a little bit further to the north, which will give him more turning radius on back side of the scale. Mr. Welch stated we have 250 acres and they are all crammed into the one little spot. He said another advantage of the above ground scale is there is value to it. It can be re-sold if needed.
  - North lift station – Mr. Welch is working on that right now and it is coming in around \$72,000.
  - If you look at the cost of projects right now, they are at \$592,000 to pay for those. Mr. Welch said they ran their accounts down as low as possible, but it is getting very uncomfortable on his end.
- Mr. Welch tried to calculate inflation and used 3%, which is probably on the low end. We are sitting roughly, with inflation adjustment, at \$1.88.
- Bottom line, the rate adjustment with Rumpke, if you are looking at .84 per ton and the fuel surcharge of .85 per ton. Projects at \$592,000 and an inflation adjustment of 3% at \$1.88.
- There is money in the Equipment Reserve. He can use that money for operations and for these projects. If he takes a flat rate for the 46,000 tons he expects to process. The money he has in there, you can do a deduction of \$3.46. That is money he has in pocket, the problem is we have a second Equipment Reserve fund, but accessing it is difficult. Mr. Welch was not sure why in the general operating budget of the landfill they didn't have equipment reserve something. It creates more

problems for everyone because when they do their pay-ins every month the auditor has to divide money that goes into the equipment reserve and to the landfill account. Mr. Boose thought that was due to government accounting and what you are allowed to roll over every year versus what needs to go in for a specific use. Mr. Welch said the problem is this is an enterprise fund and we are trying to run it like a business under government regulations. Which is cumbersome to say the least.

- When you look at all of that, we are probably looking at where you probably need to be, a \$6.03 range.
- Mr. Wilde asked about the current rate of \$58.00 a ton.
  - The \$58.00 includes the \$4.50 gen fee, \$4.75 EPA; township .25 cents. The gate rate for residents that you operate on is \$48.50 (\$58.00 minus the 3 fees) Those fees will not go away.
- Mr. Boose asked if he drove into the landfill today with trash, how much would he be charged per ton. Mr. Welch told him \$58.00 per ton. Mr. Welch noted he only had \$48.50 to run the landfill with and any increase would go on top of the \$58.00. Mr. Boose noted the consumer only cares about the \$58.00 fee.
- Mr. Brady noted we are at \$6.03 and are trying to keep things reasonable, but it does cost money to operate. Things have gone up and we have to be able to pay for operating expenses.
- Mr. Brady asked what he was recommending.
  - Mr. Welch met with Rumpke and Allied Waste. He discussed next year's contract with them and what type of increase we will see in disposal. The contract is for transport and disposal. On their end the range of increase between 8% and 12%. Mr. Wilde asked if that was equivalent to .84 cents a ton. Mr. Welch said you could do it that way.
  - Mr. Boose asked if that would start in 2025 and was told it would start in April of 2024. Mr. Boose said he did not want to charge people more than what we have to. He then asked if we could set a new rate now, then know if we get a new contract it might need to change again instead of trying to anticipate what the change may be. Mr. Welch said he would agree with that if we are fine with setting a new rate again. But keep in mind, in 1998 we set the rate at \$54.00 a ton. We went up to \$58.25, then brought it back down because we were taking in too much cash and didn't want to show an account with a lot of money. The \$54.00 did not go up until 2 years ago. Mr. Wilde noted what Mr. Welch showed us is good for a year. Mr. Welch said until our next contract. Mr. Boose said it was only good for a year. They discussed if we did the rate change now to break even, we do not know what will happen next year, we are only guessing. Even though we do not like to change rates all the time, in this instance we are trying to avoid collecting excess money if it is not needed right now.
- Erie County judgment:
  - If we get that, it will be around \$170,000 and would be about \$3.00 per ton of cash we didn't have previously, which could be retracted. But we would have to keep in mind that we paid all of the legal fees as well. We have paid out about \$.5M in legal fees. Mr. Boose noted, even if we win, the judge did not put a specific date as to when it would need to be paid. Mr. Welch thought if we won in appeals court, Erie County has a certain amount of time to appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court and it could get thrown out if they think it's a frivolous law suit.
  - Mr. Strickler said he did not know if that argument was made because he was not involved with it relative to the frivolous suit. They would have to file an appeal and a brief for the jurisdiction as to why the court should take the case. We would have to respond as to why they should not take the case. The Supreme Court would then make a decision as to whether they will take the case or not. Normally they look at whether they are presenting some novel issue in the law or is it just some general area of the law which has already been established numerous times. They would probably say their argument is meritorious because they are presenting this unique issue with contract law. The Ohio Supreme Court will then make the decision as to whether they will take the case or not.
  - Mr. Welch noted we do not know if or when we will get this money. But if we do, the money can be factored in when we look at rates next year.
- Mr. Boose recommended they increase the rate by \$6 knowing we will need to relook at that rate in a year. Mr. Welch suggested they go with \$7. His calculations were a lot of guessing, and \$65 sounded better than \$64.
- There is a process they have to go through to raise the fees;
  - They have to advertise,
  - Hold three public hearings, which could all be held on the same day. They could also be separated and held on Tuesdays for 3 weeks. He noted they were usually held at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Ziemba stated they were held at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Welch suggested they think about it until next Tuesday, then revisit.
- Mr. Brady asked if we could look at the number of commercial vs. noncommercial clients who came to the landfill. Mr. Welch said they have all that information. Mr. Brady said businesses can pass the costs along, but the average residential customer coming into the transfer station will see the raise in fees. Some one who has their trash picked up will not see it right away. Mr. Welch said it should be a 3-year renewal on the contract and they have to wait for a year before they can raise your rates.

- Mr. Welch said he would bring the District plan in on Tuesday, it gives a breakdown of all the commercial, residential and industrial waste. Ms. Ziemba asked if Mr. Welch could forward the plan to them to review before them. Mr. Wilde asked if there was a page or 2 with the numbers he could pull out of the plan instead of sending the whole plan. Mr. Welch said he could do that.

*At 10:10 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 11:18 a.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*

*\*No action taken*

### **BUDGET**

- Discussed changes to the 099 account.
- There were adjustments which were supposed to be made to jail permanent improvements and the \$25,000 for the recorder. These numbers were supposed to be subtracted from the total number.
- Discussed updates to budget.
  - 099 changes
  - 5%
  - Auditor- elected official line was not put in for the ORC amount.
  - 023 changes
  - Bellevue Muni Court line was increased. – 019
  - Jail housing. Increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000.
- Ms. Ziemba said that Ms. Newton from the Sheriff's office gave their 2022 budget expenditures including encumbrances in a report. Ms. Newton stated she does not anticipate spending any more, but maybe \$2,000 out of her medical. Mr. Boose did not want to include encumbrances. Ms. Ziemba stated that was the amount of 2022 encumbrances she has spent and noted Ms. Newton stated she may need to spend more out of the medical hygiene which was encumbered, but wouldn't expect to spend more than \$2,000. She gave her actual numbers for the entire 2022 budget. The 2021 encumbrances were not included.
- Mr. Boose felt they need to lock in whatever number they were going to use. The other commissioners and Ms. Ziemba agreed.
- Mr. Boose thought they should write down what number they used and how that number was derived, so that every year they could use the same number.
- 099- new # \$2,957,644
- No changes to the commissioner's budget.
- Prosecutor
  - Requested \$52,000 to sustain special fund 062. Need to talk with prosecutor, will then review again before final budget.
  - Wanted to keep 3<sup>rd</sup> person for VOCA. Was previously funded by partial grant. Asking for an additional \$42,760.96. Will not be able to fund this request this year. Will add this as an executive session at next Tuesday's meeting.
- 006 – no changes - \$853,815
- 007 – no changes
- Discussed money used for NO BARS. Need to send an e-mail asking if the TCAP money is freed up now that no-bars is not there.
- 008 – no changes - \$552,699
- 009 – no changes
- 010 – no changes
- 011 – no changes
- 012 – no changes
- Juvenile – 4 potential retirements. Discussed the funds available in 099 retirement account. Courts requested an additional \$500.00 in both the Juvenile and Probate court supply lines for postage
  - Juvenile supply line - \$26,000
  - Probation supply line - \$6,000
- 013 - \$477,719

- 016/Probate Court - \$241,288
- 014 – no changes - \$463,823
- 015 – no changes - \$155,000
- Clerk of Courts
  - Salary line - \$2,000
  - Medicare - \$29.00
  - OPERS - \$280.00
  - Mr. Boose noted this was part of the money that the Clerk of Courts had requested the additional \$25,000 in 099 to pay for. Will add the \$2,309 to clerk of court budget and reduce it from the \$25,000 in 099.
- \$505,639
- Coroner – no changes - \$142,967
- 022/B&G – \$1,134,495
  - Mr. Welch sent an e-mail with increase for contracts. Mr. Welch had accounted for the increases to the union employees in the interim budget. The 5% for non-union employees were added to the sheet Ms. Ziembra just gave them. Mr. Boose noted what they had discussed in executive session has not been added. Ms. Ziembra stated there is still some wiggle room in the salary line, so the full amount would not need to be added.
- 024/Recorder –
  - Asked for an extra \$42,400. Mr. Boose asked if the \$42,400 was not in 024. Ms. Ziembra stated this is not in the budget anywhere. This amount is for the redaction project to make document images accessible online. They had requested to use ARPA funds for this project and were told this is a general fund request, Try again next budget. So they are trying again now. Ms. Ziembra noted if they want to do this they can put it in the recorder line or in the capital projects line. If you stick with the theory from last year about paying for the extra's out of 021.
  - Requested to set aside \$50,000 for record scanning. This would be in 021 as well.
  - Requested an additional \$500 for longevity payment. This would go into the salary line. Mr. Boose asked if the payment would need to have Medicare and OPERS taken out for it. Ms. Ziembra stated it would depend how they pay it. If it is a lump sum payment, they do not take out PERS or Medicare, just the tax.

**At 12:52 p.m. the board recessed**

**At 1:12 p.m. the board resumed regular session**

**BUDGET- continued**

- Economic Development- No changes
- 026/EMA – no change - \$115,606
  - Asked for more money for gasoline. It was denied.
- Mr. Boose stated they would need to tell people we couldn't make all of the increases due to inflation to a lot of their accounts which they asked for. That doesn't mean, continue to spend it and we will do transfers at the end of the year. It means live within that budget.
- 027/Public Defender - \$559,925
  - Asked for more because when we budgeted last year, we didn't budget for the full year. So, the amount of money got them through the year, but it doesn't pay for the full salary of the person. They noted this amount is included in their budget already.
- 030/Health & Vital Statistics – \$134,312 - BCMH treatment. \$1,500 – Birth and Death Certificate fees. We are required by law to pay this.
- Children Services- no changes
- Mechanic – sending back to Mr. Welch for review.
- Veterans – no changes
- Soldiers Relief – no changes
- Public Assistance – no changes
- Soil & Water – no changes
- Fair Board – Mr. Boose noted we had told them we would give \$50,000 towards the new building last year, but never did because it wasn't official yet. They have that \$50,000 in their accounting. The commissioners felt they should not give this since we are tight and are giving them the ARPA money.
- Insurance tax/workers comp - No changes- \$65,000
  - Ms. Bursley would be comfortable if they lowered this budget line by \$15,000, but would prefer it stay the same. Discussed workers comp.
- Ditches – for new ditches.
- Airport – was at \$10,000 and the commissioners reduced to \$1,000 because of what they were using it for. Need to let them know.
- County Planning – no changes
- IT – \$276,956

- Discussed extra projects and applying for security grant.
- Real Estate Assessment – increase for 5% raise.
- Jail Housing – The number which came from the budget commission. \$30,000
- Discussed what was left to budget for; 021, 040, 041, 099.

At 1:53 p.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 1:56 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

\*No action taken

At 1:57 p.m. Bruce Wilde 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 February 16, 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 1:57 p.m.

Signatures on File

\*The following bids were opened for the Moriah Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project on Friday, February 17, 2023.

**Moriah Road Superstructure Replacement**  
Bid Opening : Friday, February 17, 2023

REF.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	US BRIDGE	
1	513	Structural Steel Members, Level 1 (interior)	5	EA	\$12,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$ 10,424.58	\$ 52,122.90
2	513	Structural Steel Members, Level 1 (fascia)	2	EA	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$ 10,690.27	\$ 21,380.54
3	513	Structural Steel Members, Diaphragms (C12x30)	22	EA	\$500.00	\$11,000.00	\$ 574.61	\$ 12,641.42
4	513	Structural Steel, Bridge Posts (W6x25)	10	EA	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,085.86	\$ 10,858.60
5	513	Diaphragm Connection Angle (L4"x4"x3/8")	44	EA	\$250.00	\$11,000.00	\$ 54.91	\$ 2,416.04
6	513	Expansion Angle Joints, as per plan	1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 5,275.15	\$ 5,275.15
7	513	Bearing Plates and Anchor Bolts	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 6,619.71	\$ 6,619.71
8	516	1 1/2" Preformed Expansion Joint Filler, as per plan	100	SF	\$10.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 8.58	\$ 858.00
9	517	Bridge Rail - Tubular Back-up	75	FT	\$180.00	\$13,500.00	\$ 164.42	\$ 12,331.50
10	606	Guardrail Post, Off Bridge (W6x15)	4	EA	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 934.43	\$ 3,737.72
11	606	Guardrail, Type MGS	75	FT	\$30.00	\$2,250.00	\$ 27.59	\$ 2,069.25
12	Special	Fasteners & Incidentals	1	LS	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$ 437.25	\$ 437.25
13	Special	Stainless Steel Drip Strip, as per plan	75	FT	\$20.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 45.12	\$ 3,384.00
14	Special	Treated Wood Decking, 2"x6"x24'	230	EA	\$100.00	\$23,000.00	\$ 111.97	\$ 25,753.10
15	Special	Load Rating Analysis	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 8,579.71	\$ 8,579.71
						<b>Project Total =</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 168,464.89</b>