

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; Susan Hazel, Clerk of Courts, Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen, Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – *Roger Hunker, Lyme Township.* Mr. Hunker spoke to the contacts at Representative Latta's office. He was talking to someone in BG and DC at the same time. They are trying to contact the railroad to see what they can put together for us. When talking to the person in DC, Mr. Hunker was told there is only one representative from Norfolk and Southern for the whole state of Ohio and he may be busy right now, so she will let us know when she can put something together.

Mr. Hunker asked if the commissioners had any updates on the fair building and said they were moving forward. Mr. Boose asked if they had a drawing now; Mr. Hunker said they had a preliminary drawing. Mr. Strickler stated he spoke to Amanda Gordon about the fair building yesterday. Mr. Boose asked if there was anything we needed to do. Mr. Strickler said she was going to get back with us tomorrow.

Mr. Brady asked Mr. Boose if he wanted to be the point person for the fair building. Mr. Boose agreed to be the point person for the fair building.

Mr. Boose stated they were having the first meeting regarding the Senior Center on March 15. The architect set up the meeting with all the appropriate people being invited. Mr. Boose asked if we had heard back from the architect about the percentage versus project fee. Mr. Strickler noted the percentage was 7%. Mr. Boose asked if we could get back to them and remind them they promised us a fixed price as well.

Mr. Strickler asked if they wanted him to ask the architect about the pricing. He said he had sent the contract to Ms. Gordon for review and to add the ARPA language. He said they would be discussing that tomorrow. Mr. Boose noted that it was Ms. Gordon who suggested getting a fixed price. Mr. Strickler said he could call Chris Monnin at Garmann Miller.

23-084

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

Terry Boose 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 #353829 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.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:**

- Mr. Boose noted there was another Cleveland Communications bill on page 9. Was concerned we would have them on every claims schedule now.

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

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department of Corrections, Department of Probation, and Department of Juvenile.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
03/02/2023	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications	303829	2025-000771	Collie Change Collins Tower Generator - Fin C	\$205.41	
	Account 183.183.00200 (Equipment) Total				\$205.41	
03/02/2023	One Eselon	303829	2025-000791	Collins Tower Electric	\$168.84	
	Account 183.183.00025 (Contract Services) Total				\$168.84	
	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$417.25	
	Fund: 500 - Landfill				\$417.25	
03/02/2023	Department: Landfill	303829	2025-000891	Uniforms	\$48.88	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$48.88	
03/02/2023	Renel	303829	2025-000891	ELL-90 S, ELL-44 S, Union S	\$88.33	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$88.33	
03/02/2023	Neuro Care Commissions	303829	2025-000891	Pipe Range Clear Cement, Chester	\$308.39	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$308.39	
03/02/2023	Coast Energy Inc	303829	2025-000891	DFE Pump	\$188.97	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$188.97	
03/02/2023	Chas Corp	303829	2025-000891	Uniforms	\$21.81	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$21.81	
03/02/2023	Chas Corp	303829	2025-000891	Uniforms	\$289.95	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$289.95	
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	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$21.81	
03/02/2023	Chas Corp	303829	2025-000891	Uniforms	\$13.25	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$13.25	
03/02/2023	Chas Corp	303829	2025-000891	Uniforms	\$118.00	
	Account 500.500.00100 (Contract Services) Total				\$118.00	
03/02/2023	Neuro Care Commissions	303829	2025-000892	Oil Change & Tire Rotation	\$4,086.00	
	Account 500.500.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$4,086.00	
	Department Landfill Total:				\$4,086.00	
	Fund 500 - Landfill Total:				\$4,086.00	
03/02/2023	Department: Solid Waste Management District	303829	2025-005841	January Consulting OT	\$443.00	
	Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:				\$443.00	
	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$443.00	
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$443.00	
	Fund: 520 - Helder Trust				\$443.00	
	Department: Helder Trust				\$443.00	

REMIT TO: Great Lakes Community Cor
 3281 CHIP-1963 Chenango Rd
 4634 CHIP-General Admin

INVOICE NUMBER: B-C-21-18U-1
 DEPARTMENT: 190 Comprehensive Housing
 190 Comprehensive Housing

TOTAL VALUE: 3281 CHIP-1963 Chenango Rd
 4634 CHIP-General Admin

Signatures: *Bruce Wilde*, *Telby Bruce*, *Kelly Brady*

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
03/02/2023	Department: Helder Trust	303829	2025-005801	Child Abuse Prevention Walk/HC Case	\$1,500.00	
	Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:				\$1,500.00	
	Department Helder Trust Total:				\$1,500.00	
	Fund 620 - Helder Trust Total:				\$1,500.00	
03/02/2023	Department: Commissary Trust	303829	2025-040201	January secure deposit fees & fee credit	\$5.25	
	Account 635.635.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$5.25	
	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$5.25	
	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$5.25	
	Grand Total:				\$309,142.05	

Signatures: *Bruce Wilde*, *Telby Bruce*, *Kelly Brady*

23-085

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) AND HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS (CONTRACTOR)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 and rule 5101:12-10-45.2 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Huron County Child Support Enforcement Agency is authorized to enter into this contract with Huron County Clerk of Courts hereinafter referred to as "Contractor" for the purchase of services on the first day of January, 2023;

WHEREAS, this contract will be effective from the first day of January, 2023 through the 31st day of December 2023 unless terminated according to the terms of paragraph 23 of the attached contract;

WHEREAS, Huron County CSEA desires to enter into agreement with the Contractor, and agrees to purchase for, and Contractor agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in attachment;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the above mentioned agreement as attached hereto and incorporated herein;
and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Hazel said she brought the paperwork they would need to sign. She explained the amount was \$28,000 and they could not go over. Since 2004 they have brought in almost \$1/4M of Federal Funds into the county. It is a 2/3 to 1/3 agreement. So, we are also agreeing for 1/3 and how we have handled that in the past; that’s part of the consideration when you are looking at the clerk’s budget on an annual basis. In 2022 they brought in \$13,809 and the counties portion was just over \$7,000.

Mr. Boose said last week they learned how an elected official at the prosecutor’s office helped to bring in 4E money. This week we hear 4D. Mr. Boose noted this was thanks to Ms. Hazel and her work back in 2004. He also said that a lot of other counties do not do this.

Ms. Hazel noted it is extra work. She said that every month she has to do a budgeting and bill for the exact number of docket entries they do in total, then the number of docket entries that qualify as 4D from the work they do for Children’s Services. Ms. Hazel stated she had her year in review brochure done and she brought a copy for each of the commissioners.

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

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

**Contract on file*

23-086

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH GARDINER FOR THE LEVEL ONE SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE AIR-COOLED SCROLL CHILLER AT THE HURON COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES FACILITY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations recommends entering into agreement with Gardiner for the Level One Scheduled Maintenance Program for the Air-Cooled Scroll Chiller at the Huron County Job & Family Services Facility;
and

WHEREAS, the agreement is effective from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024, and shall remain in effect from year to year unless terminated by either party at the end of the anniversary date by giving at least thirty days written notice;
and

WHEREAS, the agreement price is \$4,200 per year, paid annually. The price is to be adjusted in future years as provide in the terms of the agreement;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into an agreement with Gardiner for the Level One Scheduled Maintenance Program for the Air-Cooled Scroll Chiller at the Huron County Job & Family Services Facility as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;
and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose noted we have done this for a while. Mr. Bettac started it because there is a lot more maintenance to this facility than you think of. Mr. Brady noted the chiller was part of the air conditioning system and you don’t want that to be out in the middle of summer. Doing regular maintenance on your HVAC equipment is a very smart thing to do.

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

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

**On file*

23-087

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDMENT ONE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HURON COUNTY, OHIO AND SAFE BUILT OHIO, LLC

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners (“County”) and SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAFEbuilt, LLC (“Consultant”) entered into a Professional Services Agreement on November 22, 2022 resolution 22-363, for the enforcement of the Ohio Commercial Building Code and the Ohio Building Code (except plumbing) within the jurisdictional limits of the participating municipal corporations and townships within Huron County; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Services Agreement permits a change to the scope of services by agreement or amendment executed by both the County and Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the County and Consultant desire to amend Agreement Exhibit A, 1 List of Services to include Contractor Registration Service and Exhibit B, 1 Fee Schedule to include Contractor Registration Service rates; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement between Huron County, Ohio and SAFEbuilt, Ohio, LLC, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde explained they were going to make sure the contractors are registered and real. Ms. Ziembra told them it says: *The list of services is amended to include contractor registration service. A consultant will screen the applicants at intake to ensure that all contractors applying for a permit are properly licensed.*

Mr. Boose stated we are officially 2 months into this and he has heard zero complaints. Mr. Wilde has heard good things as well. Mr. Wilde noted they have a few more things to do to complete the process. Ms. Ziembra stated Mr. Riedy has a few more calls to make. Mr. Brady noted that the County Administrator is a valuable asset.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

23-088

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM NECESSARY FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE PY 2023 COMMUNITY HOUSING AND IMPACT PROGRAM (CHIP) FOR HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract with a qualified consultant to perform necessary functions related to the PY 2023 Community Housing and Impact Program (CHIP) for Huron County, Ohio; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby request qualified consultants interested in performing professional planning and application preparation services and grant administration and implementation services for the PY 2023 CHIP Grant for Huron County to submit their

Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 2:00 PM on March 16, 2023; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, March 2, 2023 and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was for the grant we receive to help residents with their homes. The state changed some of the rules for applying. Now we have to go out for a Statement of Qualifications for anyone wanting to administer the program. This is for the FY23 grant cycle. Mr. Wilde noted we don’t have a lot of people who want to administer the grant. They noted that GLCAP has done a great job and have many funds they can use and comingle with or use instead of the CHIP funds.

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

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

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS

The Huron County Board of Commissioners will be receiving Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified consultants to perform necessary functions related to its PY2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). Scope of work includes development of a grant application, convening the Huron County Housing Advisory Committee as required for the grant application, preparing an environmental review record, carrying out a fair housing program, performing residential property inspections (including lead-based paint risk assessments and clearances), overseeing pest inspections, and administration and implementation of the CHIP Grant.

Consultants interested in providing these services should submit a SOQ for consideration. The SOQ should include information regarding the consultant’s ability to perform professional planning and application preparation services; grant administration and implementation experience; technical training, education, and the consultant’s personnel experience of individuals to be assigned to CHIP projects within Huron County. Also, SOQs should include information relative to experience with Federal/State compliance, consultant’s CHIP specific experience, qualified personnel availability, quality of work, and history working with Huron County.

Statements of Qualifications should be sealed and sent to the Huron County Commissioners’ Office, Attn: Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave, Suite 7 Norwalk, OH 44857 no later than **2:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023.**

The complete request for Statement of Qualifications may be viewed and/or obtained at the Huron County Commissioners’ Office, 180 Milan Ave, Suite 7 Norwalk, OH 44857 or on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices.

To Newspaper: Publish in Legal Section on March 2, 2023.
Please provide one (1) affidavit

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose questioned Mr. Stevens attending the meeting and felt Mr. Stevens was very new and would not be able to give any advice. Mr. Boose knows we want him to learn, but he may be too new to be in an advisory role. Mr. Brady also felt he did not need to go unless there was a critical reason. Mr. Wilde suggested they allow Ms. Ziemba to make the decision after she discusses it with Mr. Mead.

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

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

- Art Mead – EMA – Seneca County – EMAO meeting – March 17, 2023
- Art Mead & Kye Stevens – EMA – Seneca County – Full Scale – April 08, 2023

- Jan Tkach – Recorder – Columbus, OH – Spring CE – April 19-20, 2023
- Joanna Crockett Diaz Del Valle – JFS – Tampa, FL- Home Visit – March 07, 2023
- Alex Siemer & Stephanie Upton – JFS -Lewis Center, OH – New Director Fiscal Orientation – March 20-21, 2023

Mr. Boose mentioned there was one thing on the Claims Schedule he forgot about earlier. JFS paid rent to the Fairgrounds and he thought it was the same amount as last year and they allowed other people to use the space. Mr. Boose wants to find out if they are doing the same thing this year. The Firefighter's Association would like a spot at the fairgrounds to do recruiting.

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba said they received 11 RFQ's for the general architect to pre-qualify for 3 years. Discussed when they would like to go through them. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde would like to do it next Tuesday. Mr. Brady will not be here, but will review before then.
- Ms. Ziemba had given them budget sheets which were updated after the last meeting. Since that time, we have also received updated budget sheets which were turned in by Victim's Assistance; Dr. Harwood also requested an extra \$25,000 for an investigator. Ms. Ziemba gave them updated numbers for the miscellaneous other lines. 040 and indigent defense. The Veterans Office re-sent their budget; they needed to make some adjustments within their lines. Ms. Ziemba made those adjustments and did not change their bottom line. Mr. Riedy rearranged his budget, but did not change his bottom line. Ms. Ziemba said she has those updated sheets, but the commissioners do not have the last two because they came in yesterday and this morning.
- Ms. Hozalski from HR would like to put on Ethics training this year and would like to get it scheduled. She will need to contact the state for that. Ms. Ziemba asked if they would like the training open for everyone or the elected officials and department heads only. Mr. Boose felt they should open it up to everyone. Ms. Ziemba asked if there was a certain time they may want it or were they happy with anytime it could be scheduled. Mr. Wilde thought a noon meeting would work. Ms. Hazel stated their offices have to stay open so they could not send everyone at the same time. Mr. Wilde asked if they could do it through a webinar. Mr. Brady asked if we could record a live person for employees who could not make it. Ms. Ziemba suggested having 2 sessions in one day.

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler said he spoke to Amanda Gordon yesterday regarding Garmann Miller and the Cooperative Agreement with the fair board.
- Mr. Boose asked if they could discuss the subpoena the county had received. Mr. Strickler said he talked to the lawyer who sent the subpoena and told her any documents we had would be provided to her. If we don't have them he will tell her we don't have anything. He explained we had received a subpoena for a personal injury case in Columbus. We are not involved in the case, but were subpoenaed for certain documents. Mr. Strickler suggested the lawyer subpoena ODOT for the documents because he thought ODOT would likely have those documents as opposed to our office. He also suggested she subpoena the Ohio State Highway Patrol for some of the other documents. He said he did not know if the Board of Commissioners would have what she was asking for but would make a diligent search for it and would give her whatever we have. If we do not have anything, Mr. Strickler will send an e-mail that says we don't have any of the documents that were requested. They discussed that a traffic study was requested.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Willard Fire recap last Wednesday. Well attended, the state was there. Willard Fire Chief ran through everything as it had happened. Discussed the help that came in from the community. The person from the state talked about their fire doors going to the roof which helped keep the fire from coming through from the roof. Discussed the older building has sprinklers that just come down and newer buildings have sprinkler heads going down and up. They will revise the sprinklers in this building while they do the repairs. Discussed people were calling the 9-1-1 line to ask for information about the fire. Went around the room to ask for suggestions as to what people thought could have been done better. Mr. Boose noted that Chief Reiderman was all about learning.
- Wednesday morning Mr. Riedy, Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Wilde met with Frontier. They had 2 Frontier employees from Pennsylvania talking about all the fiber that was going on and their pricing. They are very competitive when you take the \$30.00 off. 100mb up and down would be free with the \$30.00, 500mb up and down would be \$39.99 and 1gb up and down would be \$69.99. Mr. Boose asked if they were only interested in cities where there are lots of customers or are they willing to go out to places where there is a lack of infrastructure. Mr. Wilde said he thought because they were doing strictly fiber, the return on investment for one house is not good. Mr. Boose said Spectrum was doing that. Frontier was interested in what we are doing. We told them the RFP would be coming out. They were not interested in fiber and wireless. They felt fiber was the future and did not think anyone

- needed a gigabyte. Mr. Brady discussed the pricing in his area. Mr. Brady also noted Frontier was upgrading their customer base and the prices were going down.
- Thursday Mr. Wilde attended the Norwalk Economic Development meeting. A lot going on with them.
 - Land Bank. They are having great results from the demo guy. He was conscientious about how he performed the work. He delayed a job because it was too windy and did not want stuff blowing around, then he did it in the rain to keep the dust down. Mr. Brady noted this person's quotes were significantly lower than other prices. Land Bank is getting 11 more properties deeded to them and Mr. Wilde thought many of them would be tear downs. Mr. Brady said they have learned that some homes are not able to be rehabbed.
 - CCAO webinar about Medicaid and SNAP last Friday. In March the amounts will go down significantly. 1 in 3 Ohioans are on SNAP and 1 out of 4 Ohioans are on Medicaid.
 - The decrease in SNAP will be \$126M per month. Mr. Wilde stated that he contacted our food bank to let them know they will need to be prepared in March. Mr. Boose asked how they are educating the people which this affects about the changes and thought that would fall on our JFS.
 - Mr. Wilde stated that Medicaid caseload is 2.5M people and they will be re-enrolling and checking everybody at a rate of 9% every month for the next year. The people on Medicaid will come off a little bit at a time. Mr. Boose noted Medicaid takes up over 50% of the state budget.
 - 2024 Eclipse meeting at the Chamber.
 - April 8, 2023 will be a big day for the press. NEDC and Chamber will be making an announcement. They had representatives from many cities and villages in the area at the meeting. They had a representative from BWC who said they have grants available for signage. Mr. Wilde asked them about porta pots because part of their thing is safety and hygiene and he thought the porta pots would be considered hygiene but was told they are not. Mr. Boose hopes that all of the local organizations can take advantage of this the way they want to and have their own organized way of doing it. But take into consideration what a large amount of people can do to an area. He thought they should include cleanup in their preparation.
 - Mr. Boose asked about the report Mr. Mead had. They discussed asking for a meeting with our local reps and how long it takes to get money from the state.
 - Mr. Wilde told them Mike White, who is the safety service director, said he has access to a report from Kentucky, who had the same thing in 2017 and someone had written a plan. Mr. Brady said the plan supposedly won some awards. Mr. White is going to obtain that plan to review.
 - Mr. Boose feels we should take care of our residents during this to make sure they can get to the hospital if there is an emergency. We also need to keep it in perspective and spend the county's money wisely.
 - Mr. Brady thought about Ottawa County, who has about 40,000 residents, but on the weekend they have about 240,000 and they manage it every weekend. He thought it would be prudent to ask them how they do it.
 - Mr. Wilde talked about county employees and traffic. Mr. Boose thought we should ask what other counties are doing that day. Ms. Ziemba said that Ms. Hivnor from the city of Norwalk stated they would probably be shut down that day.
 - Mr. Riedy and Mr. Wilde are meeting with Josh Mandel at 2:30 today to discuss broadband. Mr. Mandel will discuss getting federal money for internet infrastructure in the rural counties.
 - Tomorrow there is a Firelands Forward breakfast. Mr. Boose thought it was moved, will forward e-mail.
 - Tax Incentive Review Committee Meetings. Wednesday in Bellevue and Thursday in Norwalk
 - Family Life Counseling – Mr. Wilde is going to have a conversation with Ms. Wilson, who is the new director over the Norwalk sites.
 - Family Dependency Court meeting Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
 - Commissioner Boose requested a brief Executive Session before budget.

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Thursday Mr. Brady had CCAO General Government & Operations. Mr. Brady said they discussed changing form of government. There is a bill which they want to introduce to go from 6% to 10% of the voters having to sign it. CCAO does not believe this is something we need to address right now.
- Mr. Brady asked Mr. Petty about the VOCA grant and getting more money. Mr. Petty said they were working on that and there is some movement in trying to get more money in the budget for Victims Assistance in Ohio. They said because the number of cases were down during COVID at the federal level, the pool was drying up. They are seeing more money potentially coming. Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Ziemba had sent an e-mail to our state representatives. Ms. Ziemba told him no; but she had sent an e-mail to Victim's Assistance and Mr. Strickler to give her what their points are.

- Friday, Mr. Brady was in Columbus for a CEBCO meeting. We lost some money last year, but they took \$10M of member equity to buy down the increases. They were expecting to lose around \$14M last year, but it was less than that. Not counting unrealized losses on investments, the actual overages came out to be the actual \$10M. They are pleased so far this year and feel it should be a good year. They discussed insurance providers are making a ton of money on Medicare, but the actual providers are losing money.
- Mr. Wilde mentioned he had a CORSA renewal meeting on the 23rd of March.
- Next Monday, 4-H Leader banquet.
- Counties Current- Mr. Wilde recommends the other commissioners read an article in the February 27, 2023 issue. The title is: Pending Attorney General Opinions may impact Board of County Commissioners Authority.

At 10:46 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 11:35 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 DISCUSSION

018/Coroner – The Coroner made an additional request of \$25,000. The board all agreed this should be done. No one was sure what direction the coroner planned to take, so they were not sure which account to put it in. Ms. Ziemba will call him to see where he wants it, but will put it in Contract Services for now

040/Miscellaneous – \$350,000 budgeted last year. Mr. Boose suggested moving 040-00569 up to \$300,000. Takes it up to \$450,000 overall. Mr. Boose suggested they increase Attorney Fees by \$25,000 also. Takes it up to \$475,000 overall.

Victim's Assistance – Mr. Boose thought they were paying benefits for one employee. They had said they were not going to do that. Mr. Boose noted they had received a grant and the employee's benefits were paid out of the grant, so we agreed to it. Then the grant ran out and they said we need to pay for the benefits part of it. Mr. Brady said we were paying the match which was \$15,000. Mr. Boose said there was approximately \$40,000.00 in addition to the \$15,000.00. He thought they may have also had a discussion with Juvenile Court about grants going down and we may have to pay for benefits.

Ms. Ziemba stated Juvenile Court has a grant for which they negotiated the match would be the benefits. Mr. Brady noted in this case you could either pay the \$15,000 as a salary or as benefits.

Mr. Boose said there are 2 ways to have someone do the work for you. Bring them on as an employee or contract with them. One concern when bringing them on as an employee are the extra benefits which are paid. This was mentioned when they discussed grants. Mr. Boose believes we specifically said we were not paying the benefits. Mr. Brady noted we don't typically pay benefits for employees in special funds and this was a special fund.

Mr. Boose was unsure if the house bill they mentioned would really require them to do more work. Mr. Wilde stated he had discussed this with Ms. Ziemba and to his knowledge, it never says that Victims Assistance is going to have to do the legwork and the mailings. It talks about the courts, the prosecutor and law enforcement. Ms. Ziemba stated that law enforcement has to give the victim a form to fill out with contact information.

Mr. Boose noted if Victims Assistance asked law enforcement if they wanted them to do it, law enforcement would probably say yes, but the requirement is not on Victims Assistance. If you went to the Sheriff and the Judge and say you have a federal grant called VOCA, which is for Victim's Assistance and I can do this for you through this grant. It is different than if you say I can do this, but don't have the funding to do it. Then come back and tell the commissioners we have to do this, so you have to fund us.

Mr. Brady was unsure of their expenditure out of that and asked if they had enough money. Ms. Ziemba stated they had enough, but this request is from July through December. So, they had enough money to get them through the end of June. Mr. Boose said the majority of their money goes to salary. Mr. Brady's concern is the victims who are helped through this. He is not interested in just flat out funding 3 people, but does not want to end up with only one person or no people at all. He doesn't want the victims in the county to have

nowhere to go.

Mr. Boose said when he looks at the budget, they have enough money for at least 1 and a half people. Which means we would be cutting one person, not 1 and a half. Mr. Wilde said he is proposing we give them 2 people. Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Boose stated whatever Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady say is fine, but said they will be in the same position next year if we do that.

Mr. Brady heard this money is supposedly coming and they have put money in the state budget. He noted we would have to let them know, if the money does not come through, then we won't do this next year. Mr. Boose asked if it comes through and they give us some money, does that mean they can hire someone? Mr. Brady said no. Mr. Boose then asked if that money would take care of the money we gave them. Mr. Brady thought it would.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Boose discussed grants and not being able to sustain salaries when the grant ends. Mr. Boose suggested, to get them to the point where they can keep 2 people. They would need to get more money coming from the state, which would need to be equal to or less than the money we put in. This would replace the money we put in. The second suggestion is creating a plan to promote getting the grant. Mr. Brady agreed with Mr. Boose and felt they need to actively start pushing this with the state for funding.

Discussed the current employees at Victims Assistance. Decided if we give extra money to Victim's Assistance, then Victim's Assistance will need to decide whether they get rid of a person and have 2 full time people or if they want to cut back to 2 part time and one full time person. Mr. Brady just wants to make sure we have coverage for the courts.

The board agreed to increase Victim's Assistance by \$24,000. Bringing the total to \$39,000. Remaining goes into Contingencies.

Mr. Brady said over the course of the next 6 or 9 months, the VOCA Program needs to make sure that if they are not getting funding and they need to, then they need to figure out what they are going to do next year.

041/Contingencies – Mr. Wilde thought the amount going into Contingencies was \$39,969.94
Total: \$289,664.94 per Ms. Ziemba. Mr. Boose said that is less than last year.

Ms. Ziemba asked what her direction should be. Should she reprint the sheets and have the commissioners review them one more time then give an approval or disapproval on Thursday. Mr. Boose was not sure if we wanted to announce we are where we need to be, last chance or if she wanted to go to the people who look at the money the commissioner's control and make sure we are comfortable where they are. Mr. Boose felt we had already told them last chance.

Ms. Ziemba already talked with Mr. Riedy and he made some adjustments so he could do the projects he would like to do and pay them out of the correct lines. She e-mailed Dr. Harwood and if she does not get a response, she will call him. Discussed Coroners budget again. Decided to put the additional funds in Contracts for now.

Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba she could announce they intend to pass the budget 2 weeks from today. Discussed if that had to be done.

At 12:14 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Harry Brady 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 28, 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 12:14 p.m.

Signatures on File