

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose and Harry Brady. Bruce Wilde absent.

The following also were in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Lori Liles, Soil & Water/Planning Commission; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Jeff Bertram, Citizen; Eric Mesenburg, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Joe Centers, Norwalk Reflector

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 17, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Terry Boose made the motion to waive the reading of the January 17, 2023 minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

23-036

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 Claim Register for Payment Batches #351709 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:**

- Page 8, Children’s Services – paying for adoption fees. Mr. Boose was not against it, but this was the first time he had seen it. Mr. Brady stated he saw that the state will be putting more money to Job and Family Services for adults.
- Ms. Ziemba mentioned this claims schedule contained a then and now. Mr. Boose asked if there was any way to add the then and now’s to the resolution to get it all done at once. Ms. Ziemba told him it was and wasn’t included and went on to say it can’t be part of the claim schedule because the system won’t allow it until it’s been approved by the commissioners, but it goes under the same batch number. Ms. Ziemba thought she could try to add something to the resolution.

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

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

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Data Processing, Department Data Processing Total, Department Treasurer, Department Prosecutor, Department Juvenile, Department Probate, and various vendor payments.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Jail Operations, Department Dog & Kennel, Department Public Assistance, Department Probate, and various vendor payments.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Warrant Date: 1/24/2023 Batch: 351709

INVOICE DATE: DEPARTMENT
12/17/2022 DEPARTMENT

REMIT TO: Amazon Capital Services Prosecutor Remit To (Ac 39.58 Book (Duged)
Danop JIS Remit To (DANOP LTD) 46.57 PRC-Fuel Vouchers December
Great Lakes Community Commissioners Remit To 4634 CHIP-Admin B-C21-181-1
1/17/2022 190 Comprehensive Housing

Signature: *Terry Boose*

Signature: *Xiangyang*

Signature: *Assent*

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Client	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
01/20/2023	Daniel J Warner	351709	2022-000131	Ruuse-Handeager #17 Kgs	\$700.00	
Account 160.160.00275 (Contract/Projects) Total:					\$1,320.00	
Department Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$1,320.00	
Fund 160 - Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$1,320.00	
Fund: 177 - Emergency Management						
Department: Emergency Management						
01/20/2023	Cajal One	351709	2022-001662	November 2022- Paint Supplies/Cleaning Goods	\$69.80	
Account 177.177.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$69.80	
01/20/2023	Tekix LLC	351709	2023-000681	Remote Monitoring & Back-up (12 Months)	\$750.00	
Account 177.177.00525 (Contract Services) Total:					\$824.89	
Department Emergency Management Total:					\$824.89	
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
01/20/2023	Crewland Communications Inc	351709	2023-000781	Mobile Radio Pwr Repair - Greenwch	\$240.00	
01/20/2023		351709	2023-000781	911 Backwidth - All PD's	\$1,071.34	
Account 193.193.00535 (Contract Services) Total:					\$5,201.94	
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$5,201.94	
Fund: 500 - Landfill						
Department: Landfill						
01/20/2023	Removal of Ohio Inc	351709	2022-004032	December Disposal	\$115,660.39	
Account 500.500.00200 (Contract Services) Total:					\$115,660.39	
Department Landfill Total:					\$115,660.39	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department: Solid Waste Management District						

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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01/20/2023	Praxis Ketail & Maravie LPA	351709	2022-004332	December Legal Services	\$2,816.00	
Account 525.525.00225 (Legal Services) Total:					\$2,816.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$2,816.00	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$2,816.00	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department: Commissary Trust						
01/20/2023	Orange Maintenance King Jarvonn	351709	2023-004201	Acropc Ultra Germicidal Bleach	\$34.46	
01/20/2023	Supplies & Service Inc	351709	2023-004201	60 gal black Berz tan bowl microwber cloth	\$511.66	
01/20/2023	Supplies & Service Inc	351709	2023-004201	22 cases of gloves	\$1,692.24	
Account 635.635.00250 (Expensiditures) Total:					\$2,328.36	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$2,328.36	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$2,328.36	
Grand Total:					\$881,656.54	

Sign 1: *Assent*

Sign 2: *Terry Boose*

Sign 3: *Xiangyang*

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none

23-037

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE 2023 CHIP AND SEAL – PHASE 1 PROJECT IN HURON COUNTY

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the 2023 Chip and Seal – Phase 1 Project;

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;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for

the 2023 Chip and Seal - Phase 1 project;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, February 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said the first phase was county roads only. The second phase would be any townships who wanted to join on and would probably go out to bid sometime in March. Mr. Brady asked how the engineer let the townships know when they would need to have their bids to them. Mr. Tansey told him the townships had already received a letter and the information they need. The townships will contact the engineer’s office with the roads they would like to add, then the engineer will organize everything by township. They are working on the list for March now and as the townships call in, they start adding the mileage and get the bid requirements ready. This second phase takes a little longer, whereas the first phase is planned out 2 or 3 years ahead. Mr. Tansey noted the townships usually do about 100 miles a year and have done a good job at keeping up with the program.

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

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of February 10, 2023 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio, 44857, for the following Project: 2023 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than **September 1, 2023**.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

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

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

Advertise: January 26, 2023

23-038

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE MORIAH ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT HUR-TR 165-00.24; PID 117426

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funding for the Moriah Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for said project; 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 Moriah Road Superstructure Replacement Project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, February 17, 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Moriah Road is a township road, but the county is responsible for the bridge. Mr. Tansey stated this is a 100% federal grant to replace the deck, but the county will be responsible for some of the adjacent pavement and guardrail with the local budget. This is similar to the Skinner Road project, which was advertised a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Brady asked about the project details, Mr. Tansey told him this was just a deck replacement and the foundation would stay. Mr. Brady asked how it was determined whether it needed a new foundation and deck or just a deck. Mr. Tansey stated they can tell by the old plans and can visually see. Bridge foundations will usually last through 2 to 3 deck replacements and the decks usually last about 50 years. Foundations usually last about 100 years.

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

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Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

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Advertise:
1/26/2023
2/2/2023

23-039

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE DOLLAR GENERAL STORE, NEW HAVEN TOWNSHIP, HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Wohlwend Engineering Group has prepared a plat and site plan for developer, Zaremba Group, for the construction of a Dollar General Store at the southeast corner of State Route 99 and West Townline Road 12, New Haven Township, Huron County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, said plan has been reviewed in both preliminary and final form and approved by the Huron County Planning Commission; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio has determined that it is necessary to approve the final plat as approved by the County Planning Commission; 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated they had looked at this a couple times in the Planning Commission and there was a lot of good discussion. Mr. Boose stated it looked like it has gone through all the appropriate steps and he appreciated everyone working together to get answers to the questions asked, some by the local residents. The developer answered of the questions.

Mr. Brady noted there had been questions about the roadway, so he and Mr. Wilde had driven by it and discussed the location and drive with Mr. Tansey.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba did not have any updates on any of the projects she was working on.
- Mr. Boose said he knew our ARPA consultant has items for 3 different projects including the fairgrounds and internet infrastructure. Mr. Boose asked where do we go next because some of the items are very time sensitive and we need to get moving on them to get them done. Mr. Boose asked where we were on these items and what do we need to do.
- Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Boose last week when he had left the meeting, they decided to wait until next Tuesday, when they had a full board, to discuss these items. Mr. Brady agreed and stated they wanted to make sure all 3 commissioners were here when they discussed these items because they were important.
- Mr. Boose asked if it was just an agreement, the commissioners saying it was okay to move forward or if a resolution needed to be done and can we have them prepared. Ms. Ziemba stated she would and she also said Ms. Gordon was working on a sub-recipient agreement, but she still needed some information for it. Ms. Ziemba asked Ms. Gordon what information she needed and has not received a reply. Ms. Ziemba will touch base with Ms. Gordon again today.
- Mr. Boose though when we had the discussion Ms. Gordon said we could move forward, knowing that would be part of the deal, but we did not actually need to have that to take the next step. Ms. Ziemba was not sure what the next step is. Mr. Boose told her that is what he would like to know for next Tuesday and felt we are really under time constraints. If Tuesday, we are just going to meet and say go ahead, he would like to actually go ahead if it is a resolution or whatever is the next step. Especially the fair project, which is under time constraints. Ms. Ziemba said she would have a conversation with Ms. Gordon today.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- There were articles in the local newspapers about the sales tax. They stated how positive everything is for sales tax. We heard repeatedly they were doing outstanding in sales tax and reaching all kinds of records. Mr. Boose pointed out on the 2023 report he received.
 - The sales tax for 2022 was up 0.17% for the year vs 2021. Mr. Boose thought that was a little different than what Mr. Tkach puts out in his reports. If there is a mention in the media about working on the budget, people say we should be flush in the money according to the monthly reports we get from the auditor. Mr. Boose did not think that a 0.17% increase was that much compared to the inflation rate, which was from 5-8% last year.
 - Mr. Boose said he has stated in this meeting frequently how disappointed and misinterpreting he thinks the auditor's monthly reports are. Is he not telling the truth? No, you can manipulate numbers any way you want. But it frustrates Mr. Boose to continue to see the headlines stating everything is positive in sales tax.
 - Mr. Boose did not feel the increase in sales tax reflected the increase due to inflation. He also stated he has talked about how to really look at the number and what it really means to the county, but our auditor continues to make it sound like we are flush in sales tax money.
- We received something from auditor that shows our cash balance was \$1.5M less at beginning of 2023 than it was in 2022 and it also shows the carryover is \$1.9M less. Mr. Boose did not know why we were waiting on budget and felt it is going to be a challenge.
- Mr. Boose asked if all of the commissioners had received the letter from Natalee Smith pertaining to roundabouts. Mr. Brady and Ms. Ziemba told him no. Mr. Boose thought it should be sent around and said he did not know Ms. Smith but it came in an envelope from New London Schools. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Webb if she could find out more information about this person at New London Schools.
- Claims schedule last week
 - Payment for Towers
 - Tacy Bond sent an e-mail saying if it is a radio tower site she would be responsible for paying the invoice from the levy funds. She felt since she was responsible for the levy funds and invoices to be paid, if there is an issue with any tower site, she should be included in the

- discussion, so she can pay the invoices.
- Mr. Boose thought she should review what is going to happen, before it happens. Mr. Boose is not a fan of approving the bills after they have been paid or after the work has been done. One of the reasons is that the generators are under warranty for 10 years and Ms. Bond said she has an excellent relationship with the vendor who installed them. Had she been notified there was an issue, she could have contacted the contractor and they could have ordered the parts needed and made the repair at little to no cost. But someone from the Sheriff's office contacted 2 vendors to look at the generator and they submitted one of the invoices this week.
 - Mr. Boose thought it sounded like we may have been able to get it paid under the warranty. Mr. Boose didn't know why we are still discussing this issue and said we have talked about it repeatedly. It started when the generator went out at the landfill. Mr. Boose thought they had held a meeting at the EMA and took a tour of their generator. It was stated the sheriff is responsible for the generator at the landfill and the one inside the jail. They agreed the jail maintenance person would provide some regular maintenance to the EMA generator. Mr. Boose does not remember agreeing that all of the radio towers were the sheriff's responsibility and did not think that would make sense to him since it was levy money and should go through the proper channels. Mr. Boose requested an e-mail be sent to the sheriff's office telling them the EMA is responsible for the generators at all of the radio towers. The only generators which the EMA is not responsible for include the one at the landfill and the one for the jail.
 - A letter was received from Ryan Brotherton thanking Huron County Victims Assistance and Huron County Children's Services for helping him; he thought they went above and beyond what he was expecting.
 - Regional jail meeting yesterday.
 - We are fortunate that Ottawa, Seneca and Sandusky County have invited us to be a part of the meeting. The regional jail title may be a little misleading because they are not talking about eliminating the local jails.
 - They put in an application to the state for a grant to help do some planning and research on the possibility of having a regional facility which would be able to help anyone who is a part of the regional facility in mental health and addiction services related to the jail.
 - Most Sheriff's will tell you 90% or more of the inmates in the jail have some kind of mental health or drug and alcohol related dependency. This facility would not take 90% of the inmates. This is for more of the hard-core issues of mental health which they have. Most jails do not have a 24/7 psychiatrist nor do they have a 24/7 mental health services person because it is very expensive and there are not enough professionals to provide that service either.
 - The state and the governor's office are talking about making mental health and addition services a large part of next four year's agenda. This would be a large step in that direction.
 - The new jail in Franklin County, which cost \$300M, has a separate part of the facility to help with the severe mental health and addiction services.
 - Mr. Boose has invited the Huron County Sheriff's office to every one of these meetings and our sheriff has yet to show up to any of these meetings.
 - The Lucas County jail assistant administrator gave a presentation about their jail. They have been working on this for 11 years. When they talked about the clientele which we are trying to help; even though they are looking into constructing a new jail, they do not want to increase space.
 - They want to build a 370-bed facility. Lucas County is different than the rest of us. A couple of years ago they got the approval from the 20 plus judges in Lucas County which they needed an agreement with. Of the 370 beds, they would like a 30-bed section for the type of inmates which we are talking about. Although this is a small percentage of the inmates, it is a high percentage of the cost and the amount of time which the corrections officers have to spend. They call this an acute mental health issue. They also have a step down, which is an important step before going back out into society. Wherever they go there should be some type of stepdown facility as well.
 - An interesting point which they brought up is not to overbuild; it is not cost effective. This facility is not talking about fully rehabbing anyone.
 - The sheriffs who were present at the meeting are frustrated and do not feel the individuals in the jails should be ours to deal with. Governor Kasich reduced the amount for psychiatric help in the jails by \$58M, which took away the resources the local governments could use. They feel it is the state pushing down on the county, telling them to take care of it and pay for it, it is your problem. When it is really the state's problem. Mr. Brady commented it was the state shifting the costs to save them money on their budget.
 - There was then a conversation as to whose responsibility it is and what kind of approach to take to get the state to accept the fact that it is their responsibility.
 - Toledo has two jails, one for the sentenced prisoners and one for pre-sentenced. Normally you would think of presentenced as short term, but they have had prisoners in there for over 2 years waiting for a pretrial to get done before they are actually charged. Especially murder charges. Huron County has one person in the jail for murder charges.

- Ottawa, Seneca and Sandusky Counties share a Director of MHAS, who was present at the meeting. There was a discussion on the importance of MHAS, as far as giving services and finding providers. It was a 2-hour discussion and one of the things he was happy to see on the agenda was do they want to add other counties.
- They are waiting on grant approval to continue the planning. At this time, they are still open to other counties joining. Mr. Brady thought that made sense, it is just like we do with the juvenile detention. Lucas County has offered their help and told us Summit County has an excellent program to do the same type of services. One of the things Lucas County is concerned about is the shortage of resources.
- Mr. Boose would like to have a meeting and include our Sheriff, if we can get him to attend. We have tried before, without success. He would also like to invite the MHAS director and as many judges as would like to attend the meeting. Mr. Boose would like to share what is going on to the west of us to see if we can get anyone interested in it. Mr. Brady thought we should at least let them look at the information and said if you decide without the information then the quality of the decision is low. Mr. Boose noted they are not asking us to sign anything. This is just to be included in the planning and looking at the needs. Mr. Brady added it is not just the availability of the staff, it is the cost of every county doing it themselves. It would be the same as the juvenile detention.
- Mr. Boose said one of the goals is to reduce the amount of time the corrections officers are spending on mental health.
- They have not set a time for the next meeting. Mr. Boose is not sure if there will be a meeting before, or they are just going to wait until they find out the status of the grant. Mr. Boose will keep the sheriff updated as to when the meetings are scheduled.
- CCAO Board meeting last week
 - Funding for jails is a high priority on legislative platform
 - Next Winter Conference will be at the new Hilton in downtown Columbus.
 - Discussed Region 19 opiate money.
 - There are 4 commissioners who are on the CCAO Board and on the state opiate board. Mr. Boose asked what was going on with this because we have heard nothing. They strongly suggested having regional meetings. Mr. Boose thought the last time we had a regional meeting was approximately 6 months ago and said Commissioner Old from Erie County is the chairman for the committee. We haven't done anything, but a lot of other regions are meeting regularly.
 - The 4 commissioners on the board have stated the current battle they are having is the State wants to take 50% of the money which is going to the regions and would be in control of 50% of our money. The local region's representatives are battling with the state to say no, that is our money and that is what we agreed to a few years back.
 - Mr. Brady commented the state gets money, so they want their money plus half of ours. Mr. Boose agreed and said it was the Governor's and the Attorney General's office's they are battling with. The commissioners said the good news is they have more votes than the state has, but in the mean time we are not getting any money. The hope is there will be money available in the fall of 2023.
 - Mr. Boose said the opioid money which is sitting out there, depending on who you talk too, they also say we really haven't received the money yet. He doesn't know if the regions haven't received the money or the state hasn't. If that is true, then why. Is it because they are not truly formed. They said part of the problem is that it is hard to form a 401C3 because of all the by-laws and other items. Mr. Boose said there was a law suit to try to stop it.
 - Local regions should be meeting and getting their by-laws together, now that the state has theirs and if they want to play off of those they now can. The state has appointed an interim director while they are waiting to hire a director.
 - Mr. Boose is going to try to respond to one of the old e-mails and say maybe it is time for a meeting. He thought he would wait a week to see if Mr. Old does anything, since he is part of the board.
 - There is also a misunderstanding as to; if the regions approve a project, it has to be approved by the state before they can use the money. The question is whether it is the state board or someone else. Mr. Boose thought it could be years before we see the money.
 - Mr. Brady felt it defeats the purpose of having the regions if the state still wants to approve the projects.
- Mr. Boose commended the community for coming together last Thursday during the Willard fire. It could have been an absolute disaster. Especially Chief Reiderman and his crew. Mr. Boose and his wife stopped at some of the other nursing homes on Thursday evening to see if they could be of help, then they stopped at the Willard fire station. What amazed him most was how the community came together, even without the detailed plans. Many of the community leaders and local groups took the initiative to help out.

- Norwalk School District Land Swap/Sale
 - Mr. Boose said he had many constituents ask him if there is any way to move forward on a contract or agreement with Norwalk City Schools and the land at Shady Lane. He told them he was all for it and thought it would be beneficial to both the county and the school district. He was throwing this out to see if there was a next step. Mr. Brady did not respond for a moment, then asked if there was anything else. Mr. Boose said he had been at a meeting last Thursday that Mr. Brady had been in charge of. At that meeting Mr. Brady had wanted to question two State Representatives on a decision they made on leadership. Mr. Boose said that at that meeting Mr. Brady had indicated that their constituents deserve to know the reasoning behind the decision they made that affects our district. Mr. Boose felt the people in our county want to know why Mr. Brady made the decision he made regarding the land. They are not happy with the answer that everything was discussed in executive session. Mr. Boose stated things could still be discussed without talking about exactly what was said in executive session. It was his understanding that the meeting where Mr. Brady indicated he was not for moving forward with the contract had not been in executive session. He said the people out there were waiting for an answer and would love to see a good working relationship between the two.
 - Mr. Brady stated that executive session was exactly that – executive session. Since there was no public discussion at the Huron County Commissioner's, he felt it was a violation of executive session to bring it up. Communication to the school board had been done in executive session, and follow up should have been the same. He felt it should stay there. Mr. Brady did not feel it was in the best interest of the county right now to pursue that.
 - Mr. Boose told Mr. Brady that he could say why he made the decision. It had nothing to do with what happened in executive session. He thought Mr. Brady must have a reason why he did not want to move forward. He did not have to get into detail. The question is why, not what.
 - Mr. Brady reminded Mr. Boose that last Thursday's meeting had been regarding a public vote. There was never a vote, contrary to what was in the paper, for anything with the school. It had been a conversation in executive session, that should have stayed in executive session. He felt that trying to force the issue was a dissention type of thing. Mr. Brady said Mr. Boose should never had mentioned it, it had been done in executive session and Mr. Boose had brought it out. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady then had a heated discussion on what could or could not be talked about after executive session. Mr. Boose stated he had not said anything that had been said in executive session, but he had made it very clear he was for moving forward with a contract that can be in the best interest of the county and the school district. He asked whether they could move forward with working with the Norwalk School District to come up with an agreement on the land.
 - Mr. Brady said the answer was no. Mr. Boose stated that "no" was not an answer. Mr. Brady said it was an answer and he did not feel it was in the best interest of the county. Mr. Boose asked why. Mr. Brady said he would put it out there, so the papers could report it. He did not want to sell any property to the Norwalk City School District. Just prior to the superintendent coming in all three of them had said they were not selling. Then all of a sudden they were selling property. He decided he would look at it to help the Norwalk City School District. But he had sat and listened to Mr. Boose repeatedly say that he would not support a sewer district in the southwest part of the county because it didn't impact enough people. The sewer district would affect 10,000 – 12,000 people. Mr. Brady said he listened to Mr. Boose when he said they should be doing things that majorly impact the county, and not just a select few. He has had people thank him for not making the deal with Norwalk Schools, because what could they do for every other school district in the county? He felt he was responsible for taking care of the best interest of the entire county, not just a local school district. The schools had 20 acres, they could build their school. That was the end of the story.
 - Mr. Boose said it might be the end of Mr. Brady's story, but it was not the end of his. He tried to explain the reason behind executive session. Mr. Brady said he understood what executive session was. He felt Mr. Boose had violated it, and so did some other people. He felt if Mr. Boose wanted to continue to talk about it, he could talk about it by himself.
 - Mr. Boose said he would talk about it by himself. He again explained executive session was for discussion and negotiation. They had spent money on an appraisal so they would know what fair market value was. He assumed they were listening, gathering information and making a decision based on the best interest of the county. They could differ on whether selling or swapping was in the best interest, but he can say he did his due diligence, he listened, they compromised and worked things out. Last he knew they were moving forward on the agreement until he heard on the street that they weren't doing the deal. He didn't receive anything from Mr. Brady, either executive or open meeting. He did not know Mr. Brady had a meeting with the schools. That may have been a time to open negotiations back up. Mr. Brady said Mr. Boose had asked him in executive session. Mr. Boose said he

had asked, Mr. Brady did not offer it. Another heated discussion followed on how things may or may not have happened and if executive session had been violated. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady also disagreed on how the situation had been handled or how it should have been handled.

- Mr. Boose thought it was unfortunate that he still didn't know if the constituents of Huron County know why we are not moving forward. Mr. Brady said it was because of Mr. Boose, because he sat there and said it wasn't worth it to do a sewer district for the people in the southwest of the county. 10,000 or more were going to be impacted, but it wasn't enough. He felt that now Mr. Boose expected him to kowtow to the pressure Mr. Boose was bringing on to change his mind. Because if you don't think it is worth it for 10,000 people, how is it worth it for a few hundred, or maybe 1,000 people? Mr. Boose said it was a totally different situation, and you couldn't compare the two. Mr. Brady said he sure could. He felt that Mr. Boose did not like the decision he had made so he had purposely taken it to the papers. He is not going to change his thought pattern because he has had people thank him. Mr. Brady thought it was the end of the story. Mr. Boose said it may be the end of the story for Mr. Brady, but it was not for him. He thought it was in the best interest of the school district that they have a discussion so they could come to an agreement that would benefit the whole county. He asked Mr. Brady if he would be willing to continue that discussion. Mr. Brady said the answer was no, because he did not believe it was in the best interest of the county. He had already explained that. He wanted to move on and asked Ms. Ziemba if there was any other business to come before the board. Ms. Ziemba told him she had nothing.

At 10:19 a.m. Harry Brady moved to adjourn. Having no second, Mr. Brady called the meeting 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 January 24, 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 10:19 a.m.

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