

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 were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX/Building Fundraising Committee; 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 Trustee/Apex/Building Fundraising Committee.* Mr. Hunker asked if there was a timeline to get the commissioners signature on the agreement with the Fair Board.

Mr. Brady said when the Fair Board decides to move forward and have all of their questions answered. They have a call with Amanda Gordon and Adam Weaver tomorrow to help answer some of those questions. When that meeting is complete, we may have a better idea.

23-156

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor's Office for payment;  
now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register for Payment Batch #357303 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant;  
and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:**

- Mr. Boose noted they need to approve the Norwalk Concrete payment that was held last week
- Competency evaluation – Mr. Boose noted it has been a while since one of these was done and said the price has gone up. They noted one was \$3,000.
- Page 3 – Mr. Boose said they had previously talked about getting information pertaining to any accidents. He then asked what the repair to Chief Ditz's truck was due to. Ms. Ziemba did not know and said she would have to follow up with Mr. Welch or Mr. Minor to find out from the mechanic.
- Page 3 – Disaster Service – vehicle insurance. Mr. Boose thought it was interesting we charge them insurance for the vehicle but not the building. Ms. Ziemba said we do charge, but it is usually Special Funds. She is not sure about this one. Mr. Boose thought we billed to special funds to make sure we were reimbursed. Ms. Ziemba said that is correct and noted the special funds pay for the vehicle insurance but she was not sure about this one. Mr. Boose asked if we should hold this payment. Mr. Brady and Ms. Ziemba thought we should hold this payment. Mr. Wilde commented that the payment is going to the commissioners. Mr. Brady wanted to verify it is going to the right account.
- Page 4 –CORSA Claims - Mr. Boose said there was a time when we used to see every CORSA claim. Ms. Ziemba stated they get forwarded, but it takes a while before we see them so we probably forget about them. Ms. Ziemba was not sure when these were from and would need to have the paperwork to see. She was not sure if it was from last year or early this year. She said it could be one of the accidents involving deer. Ms. Ziemba stated they are copied on them all the time. Mr. Boose said he never sees a CORSA claim. Mr. Brady said he doesn't either. Ms. Ziemba stated she forwards them when she receives one. She stated it has an unusual name. Ms. Ziemba said she would re-forward them. Mr. Brady thought it would help if they could note what it is for in the claim schedule.
- Mr. Boose had various conversations with Ms. Minor about the Claims Schedule. He said they spent \$250 on a taxi to get someone home from work. He noted on the way to work public transit its open, but on the way home it is not open so we are paying cab fees.
- Page 7 – Special Funds, Juvenile/Probate Court. Their Zoom license is paid for through an employee. The Auditors office looks at that kind of thing. Mr. Boose would like to figure out how to pay this without going through an employee. It is \$1,600.
- Mr. Boose also had a discussion with Mr. Mushett yesterday regarding Beck security. Mr. Mushett was going to discuss this with Ms. Harris.

- Page 8 – R & I Construction – The local share of the project cost for Baseline Rd Bridge is \$24,000. Mr. Brady commented that Mr. Tansey goes out for as many grants as possible and this price is pretty good to be able to replace a bridge or bridge deck. Mr. Tansey noted the Federal Highway portion of this was over \$400,000.
- On page 11 – Mr. Boose does not remember seeing Family & Children First having so many payments. He discussed this with Ms. Minor, who explained even though Family and Children’s First Council falls under JFS, their bills are totally separate. Mr. Wilde asked if Mr. Boose had an updated version of the claims schedule because those bills had been removed from it in the new one. Ms. Ziemba noted there were some changes at the auditor’s office and Ms. Horvatich had to make some corrections on Monday because she was off last week. Mr. Brady said Family & Children First are having a lot more payments.

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

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

Ms. Ziemba said they had 3 payments on hold and she would like the commissioners to address each one and tell her whether they would like to pay them or not.

- Active Shooter Alice Training - \$749.00 which was held on 4/18/23. Ms. Ziemba asked if they received the answers they were looking for about this. Mr. Brady said no. Mr. Boose said he was still waiting on the request he gave last week. Mr. Wilde noted he was not here on that day and asked if the issue is where it is being paid from. Mr. Brady told him the issue was if it is active shooter training pertaining to the school, because it is the 2 school resource officers who went to the training. The question was whether the school is paying for this. The answer came in after the meeting was over. They were told there would not be a reimbursement from the schools for this training and the K9 Officer needed additional training to maintain his license as a K9 Officer. We asked why it was this training and not something else. Also, why is it only the school resource officers going to this training and not a regular deputy. Mr. Boose added that the descriptions for the bills say nothing about the K9 dog training. Mr. Brady said they had asked Mr. Strickler about the contract. Mr. Strickler said when he did the contracts between the Sheriff and the schools, the sheriff pays for the training and the schools reimburse. Mr. Strickler talked to the sheriff and asked if there would be an issue with the schools paying this and was told there should not be. Mr. Boose noted that is not the answer we received from the sheriff on those line items. The answer we received was they could use that knowledge for other things in the county and it is not fair for the school to pay for it. Mr. Boose disagrees with that statement. Mr. Brady said he would agree if it were a road deputy going to the training.
- The second hold is for a hotel room for Deputy’s Seaman and Stocker for \$422.52. Ms. Ziemba thought the 2 claims go hand in hand. Mr. Boose said there has been some confusion between the e-mails he sent and what is in the description of the claim. There is training for the K9 Officer, who also happens to be a School Resource Officer. Mr. Boose doesn’t see anything which shows we are paying for the K9 training. Neither of the claims say anything about K9 Training or Officer. The lines say: ALICE Training and Hotels for Seaman and Stocker, who are the 2 Resource Officers. Mr. Wilde stated we still need to get clarification and asked if one of these could be paid by the Sheriff. Mr. Boose thought they should be paid out of the policing funds because those are the funds, if he gets paid for services he gives, then the money would go into that fund. Mr. Wilde wanted to ask the Sheriff to do that. Mr. Boose said they asked the Sheriff and he disagrees. Mr. Wilde felt until we agree on where it should be paid from, it will sit.
- Ms. Ziemba verified those 2 claims will remain on hold.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> hold was for Norwalk Concrete in the amount of \$2,495.

***Harry Brady moved to remove the hold and pay the Norwalk Concrete bill which was held at the April 18, 2023 meeting. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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

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**Claims Register for Payment Batches**

Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$2,349.38	
307303	2023-002801	CASA Travel Expense Reimb	\$427.08	
307303	2023-002801	Electronic Monitoring	\$427.08	
307303	2023-002801	OCSS Communication Services 1/1-3/30/2023	\$5,162.70	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$87.00	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$2,463.28	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$500.00	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$500.00	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$3,308.13	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$3,308.13	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$1,000.08	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$1,000.08	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$61.86	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$100.00	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$100.00	
307303	2023-002801	ESBA Prescription Fuel Vouchers March 2023	\$10,275.54	
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307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$71.43	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$652.56	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$871.26	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$671.26	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$7,385.86	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$5,819.40	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$13,259.46	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$13,259.46	
307303	2023-002801	Column Issue	\$156,822.92	

Sign 1 *Bruce Wilde*  
 Sign 2 *Terry Boose*  
 Sign 3 *Harry Brady*

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307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$823.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$823.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$1,247.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$500.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$2,393.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$5,555.44	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$528.72	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$238.16	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$7,308.16	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$695.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$585.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$585.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$585.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$664.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$564.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$564.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$564.00	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$63.63	
307303	2023-003191	Roundup	\$50.00	
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**Huron County Claims Schedule  
Approval/Holds**

To The Huron County Auditor's Accounting Department

Everything on the claims schedule has been approved by the Huron County Commissioners and all warrants are to be released.

The following have NOT been approved by the Huron County Commissioners and should be held until further advised.

AMOUNT	VENDOR	DISPOSITION & DATE
\$749.00	Active Shooter (ALICE) Training	HOLD - 4/18/23
\$422.52	Hotels for Dep Seaman & Stocker	HOLD - 4/18/23
\$2,495.00	Norwalk Concrete	HOLD - 4/18/23 Released - 04/25/23

Submitted by: *Cherise Webb* Date: *04/18/23*

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Table with 3 columns: AMOUNT, VENDOR, DISPOSITION & DATE. Row 1: \$633.04, Huron County Commissioners - vehicle insurance, Hold - 04/25/23

Submitted by: Vickie Ziemba Date: 04/25/23

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At 9:23 a.m. Nik Katsaros, First Energy Solutions:

Mr. Katsaros came in to check on us and noted 2 weeks ago we had back to back weekends with very severe weather. Huron County was mainly spared the severe damage. The first storm had 80 MPH winds and the second storm had similar wind speeds. Mr. Katsaros stays in touch with the EMA.

At 9:30 a.m. Lee Tansey, Engineer/Annual Report:

Mr. Boose questioned why Willard is attempting to use Permissive Tax Funds after the road project was complete. Mr. Tansey said they have been talking to him for 6 months about this and has tried to convince Willard to plan ahead. To do another project to use the funds and not go back with it. That is not the proper way to do it and it sets a bad precedent. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Tansey to elaborate about it a little bit. He has read the e-mails and noted it wasn't just that they were going back on projects which was already done, but were also trying to recoup grant money. Mr. Brady asked if that was correct.

Mr. Tansey said they were funded through Ohio Public Works at 68%. That is where the county needs to come in. If you were reimbursed or paid through Ohio Public Works, you would be double dipping. They can use the permissive tax to pay the local share. But it needs to be spelled out exactly. If they are asking for \$100,000 and \$68,000 was already paid for, then the remaining \$32,000 would be eligible for Permissive Tax. Mr. Tansey said the money is there to pay for that project. There were multiple different projects and roads.

Mr. Wilde noted Mr. Tansey had a discussion with the finance director. Mr. Boose said the letter they received from the finance director was after he had talked to Mr. Tansey and they still want to move forward with it. Mr. Boose added in all of the years he has approved permissive taxes, he has never done it with projects like this. Mr. Strickler said he would recommend to the board that they not approve this. But Willard can apply it to a project for this year, which has not been done yet. The money will still be there, they just cannot apply it to this project because it has already been done, plus there has already been grant money used for that project. Mr. Tansey noted the money they have in the permissive account is sitting there, it doesn't go anywhere. Mr. Boose did not think they were trying to double dip in a bad sense. Mr. Strickler commented that he was not saying that in the illegal sense. He said they are trying to use 2 different pots of money instead of their own money. They are not doing anything illegal, but cannot do it because of the way the statute works. Mr. Tansey said the first step is to send the engineers an estimate and a set of plans of exactly what they are requesting. Mr. Tansey said he sent them an example. Wakeman was the last one to do it. They followed the proper procedure and copied the letters. It is all in the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Brady noted it is not that we don't want to give it to them, they just need to follow procedure.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if they do not want to approve this, what should they do. He knows if they are going to approve it they need to do a resolution. Ms. Ziemba felt it would be prudent to still have a resolution. There should be some type of paperwork to follow along with the project. She would prefer to do a resolution and have them vote it down. Mr. Boose asked what paperwork would we have. She said we would have the resolution to go along with the packet they sent us. They sent the request in writing. This way there is a way to track it in the years to come. Mr. Brady said if it makes her comfortable as the administrator they could do it. Ms. Ziemba said if they wanted to do a motion and a second today to deny the request it will be in the

minutes and she can put the minutes with it. Mr. Boose said he would prefer to do it that way. Mr. Brady was fine either way. Ms. Ziemba said if they did this today it would be done.

*Bruce Wilde moved to approve the request from Willard to use Permissive Tax. Terry Boose seconded the motion.*

*\*Discussion: Mr. Wilde wanted to note the money could be used in the future, it won't go away. We hope they will follow procedures for the next projects. Mr. Boose noted by doing this, there is no loss of money, we are just not agreeing to use it for the submitted project.*

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

*No – Terry Boose  
No – Harry Brady  
No – Bruce Wilde*

Mr. Wilde did a quick review of Mr. Tansey's report and they noted the revenue was \$7M and the expenses were \$6.2M. Mr. Tansey said last year they were conservative because they knew this year would be a big construction year. He said normally they would be closer to the same number. Mr. Tansey said they always have to budget for a harder winter and include fuel, labor and salt. Mr. Brady commented the Engineer's office is doing a lot of things around the county and nobody can say that money is not being well spent.

Mr. Tansey said the report is a summary of all their projects last year. It talks about where the revenue comes from and how they spend it. There is a summary of the bridge inventory and where they are going with it. They also gave a breakdown of the costs in a project and how the money gets eaten up quickly. Mr. Tansey said the report is on their website.

23-157

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR OUTFITTING THE TANDEM AXLE CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution #23-121, the County Engineer requested approval for the reletting of bids for Outfitting the Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and opened on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:20 a.m. from the following:

<b>Henderson Products, Inc.</b>	<b>\$93,193.00</b>	
<b>Kalida Truck Equipment</b>	<b>\$94,300.00</b>	and

**WHEREAS**, these bids have been reviewed by the County Engineer as to their compliance with applicable terms, conditions and specifications of the bid with a recommendation that such bid be awarded to Henderson Products, Inc., Bucyrus, Ohio; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for Outfitting the Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck, to Henderson Products, Inc., Bucyrus, Ohio; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*\*Discussion: Mr. Tansey noted ARPA paid for the truck and would pay for the outfitting. There is a possibility they may have this by the end of the year, although not likely.*

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

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

23-158

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution #23-122, the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Single Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and opened on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:10 a.m. from the following:

**Cleveland Freightliner, Inc.** **\$116,303.00** and

**WHEREAS**, these bids have been reviewed by the County Engineer as to their compliance with applicable terms, conditions and specifications of the bid with a recommendation that such bid be awarded to Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., Parma, Ohio; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Single Axle Cab & Chassis Truck, to Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., Parma, Ohio; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this would be the third truck. It will either be all or partial ARPA. Once the truck is delivered they will bid out the outfitting. Mr. Tansey thought this truck would not be ready for use until the fall of 2024.

Mr. Brady asked if they will rotate older trucks out of the fleet when they get the new ones. Mr. Tansey said they usually rotate the older ones for use in the summer to haul dirt and rock. So, will keep them for that use until they wear out. Then they auction them out; they are usually bought for farm use. Mr. Tansy commented they usually have 10 trucks ready to plow.

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

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

23-159

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE OLD STATE ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; HUR CR 052-06.49; FY2023; PID 117424**

Terry Boose moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-123 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Old State Road Superstructure Replacement; HUR-C.R.-052-06.49; FY2023; PID 117424; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

**R & I Construction, Inc.** **\$439,348.16** now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Old State Road Superstructure Replacement; HUR-C.R.-052-06.49; FY2023; PID 117424, as recommended by the



Huron County Engineer to R & I Construction, Inc, Tiffin, Ohio in the amount of \$439,348.16; and further

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

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

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this project is 100% Federally Funded. The construction will probably begin in August or September on this project. This bridge is located just north of Peru Olena.

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

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

23-160

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH R & I CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE AUSTER ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT DESIGN BUILD PROJECT; HUR-T.R.-154-00.57; FY2023; PID 117396**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-103 the bid was awarded to R & I Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$1,070,001.00 for the Auster Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Design Build Project; PID 117396; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio for the Auster Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Design Build Project as attached hereto and expressly incorporate 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:** This is also 100% paid for by a Federal grant. They will pick the old truss up, get rid of it and put a new truss on. This will also be done in late summer. Mr. Brady asked about the number of bidders for these projects. Mr. Tansey said there are not too many and some of them team up with U.S. Bridge to do them.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-161

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ROADWAY LOGISTICS, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT PHASE 1; HUR-CR-VAR-PM-FY2023; PID 115864**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-104 the bid was awarded to American Roadway Logistics, Inc for the amount of \$163,470.00 for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 1; PID 115864; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with American Roadway Logistics, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with American Roadway Logistics, Inc, Norton, Ohio for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 1; HUR-CR-VAR PM-FY2023; PID 115864 as attached hereto and expressly incorporate 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:** This is another Federal project which uses safety money. Federal pays 80%, we pay 20%. Mr. Brady asked if this was for specific items or was it scattered. Mr. Tansey told him this one has specific roads picked out. Phase 2 will include roads which the engineers feel need it and the townships can add to it. This one has exact roads and is scheduled out with federal funding.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-162

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SARVER PAVING CO. FOR THE OLD STATE ROAD RESURFACING PHASE 2 PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-125 the bid was awarded to Sarver Paving Co. for the amount of \$198,669.00 for the Old State Road Resurfacing Phase 2 Project; for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Sarver Paving Co., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Sarver Paving Co., Ashland, Ohio for the Old State Road Resurfacing Phase 2 Project for the Huron County Engineer 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:** This is a resurfacing project from Townline 12 to just south of SR 162. Mr. Wilde thought there were many bids for this project. Mr. Tansey said there were and said paving jobs usually have 6 to 7 bidders. He noted that most all of the local paving jobs have a different contractor.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-163

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY AIR FORCE ONE TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL TWO AIR HANDLING UNITS AT THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Director of Operations has indicated a need for the replacement of two air handling units at the Huron County Administration Building and has solicited quotes for the same; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal from Air Force One was the only quote received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Operations recommends accepting the proposal from Air Force One in the amount of \$49,897.00 to provide and install the two air handling units; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Proposal submitted by Air Force One for the purchase and installation of two air handling units for the Huron County Administration Building in the amount of \$49,897.00, 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

*\*On file*

23-164

**IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 14-119 AND APPROVING AN UPDATED HURON COUNTY CREDIT/PROCUREMENT CARD POLICY**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 14-119, IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING HURON COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY, as adopted on April 17, 2014, needs to be repealed and replaced to reflect changes in the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Assistant Prosecutor has revised the Huron County Credit Card Policy to reflect the needed changes; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves repealing and replacing Resolution 14-119 with the updated Huron County Credit/Procurement Card Policy 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. Strickler explained this was based on the Ohio Revised Code. He also took things out of the general statute which said here is what you are allowed to do. He looked at Huron County’s policy and several other county’s policies to compare. Mr. Tkach made a couple of suggestions after the first draft, so he included those in the policy as well. Mr. Strickler thought it is a fairly complete policy until the legislators change the law.

Mr. Boose noted that at the last CCAO Board meeting it was mentioned that there is a bank in Ohio which CCAO has worked with and supposedly they give good deals on fees and other items to counties. Ms. Ziemba stated she is aware of it. She noted the group who was looking into different banks was not in favor of it. Ms. Ziemba added that there is no bank in our area. Mr. Strickler stated there is another reason for that.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-165

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ELEVATOR PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Huron County desires to seek bids for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project. The improvements proposed are to be funded through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the County and American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“ARPA Funds”). and

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

**WHEREAS**, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project. must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks 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 Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project. The purchase shall be financed with funds received through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the County and American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“ARPA Funds”); and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on May 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.; 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:** The commissioners noted this has been a long time coming and is needed. Mr. Brady said Ms. Ziemba has worked on getting us to this point with CDBG. Ms. Ziemba told them this has always been a funding issue.

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

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

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project will be received by the Huron County Board of Commissioners at their office, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio, until Friday, May 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and then at said office opened and read aloud.

Plans, specifications and bid forms may be secured at the office of the Huron County Commissioners, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Additionally, a required pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Huron County Commissioners.

Each bid must be accompanied by either a bid bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount with a surety satisfactory to the Huron County Treasurer, or by certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit upon a solvent bank in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount in favor of the aforesaid Huron County Treasurer. Bid bonds shall be accompanied by Proof of Authority of the officials or agents signing the bond. The estimated cost of the project is: \$490,764.00.

Bids shall be sealed and marked as "Huron County Administration Building Elevator Project - DO NOT OPEN" and delivered to:

Huron County Board of Commissioners  
180 Milan Avenue  
Norwalk, OH 44857

The County will not assure responsibility for bids forwarded by mail and no bid will be accepted after specified hours above.

The notice to contractors will also be posted on the Huron County website at <https://www.hccommissioners.com/legal-notices/>, beginning April 26, 2023.

The project is funded by Federal Community Development Block Grant funds and American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.  
All bids are to be in whole dollars.

Attention of bidders is called to all the requirements contained within the bid packet received, particularly to the Federal Davis-Bacon Wages, various insurance requirements, various equal opportunity provisions, and the requirement of the payment bond and performance bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Huron Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to award the bid on the basis of the lowest and best bidder as it deems to be in the best interest of the County of Huron, Ohio.

Huron County Commissioners

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**At 9:59 a.m. the board recessed.**

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

**At 10:10 a.m. Pete Welch & Isaac Livengood, SWMD – Projects:**

Mr. Wilde explained they have been talking about the scale and have worked to come up with options for us. This has to be done and the sooner the better.

Mr. Welch said the scale works, but it requires a lot of maintenance. It needs to be put back in the tolerance every 2 months instead of every 3 months, so it costs us to do it more often. If it goes out of range they come in and put it back in range, re-test the weights, then the Auditor's office comes out to verify it and it is good to go. Mr. Welch said they have been dealing with the scale going out of range for the last 12 months.

Mr. Welch had bid documents for a new scale and gave them to Mr. Strickler for review.

Mr. Welch said the most cost-effective plan, which he was trying to avoid at one time, is to go back in the current pit. He said they have 2 contractors coming out this week to go underneath and inspect the base of the pit. If the base is still good, which our engineers believe it is, then we can go in the pit. Mr. Welch wants the opinion of people who actually do this type of work to make sure before we bid this.

Mr. Welch stated we will need to renovate the pit because we are going to go with a bigger scale so you can't split weigh trucks, it will be 70 feet. They will need to take it out 10 feet on one side. They will keep the base and re-pour 2 walls; the pillars will need to be reset and the scale will be placed in the pit. In the mean time they will need to place a temporary scale parallel to the current scale and they will weigh trucks in and out that way until the new scale is in place.

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Welch to discuss the advantages of going in the pit and noted there were savings. Mr. Welch said if we go with an above ground scale we would have an asset which could be sold at a later date. Scales seem to hold their value except our current one did not. Mr. Welch said our current scale is only 12 years old. The scale before that was original to when the landfill opened. Mr. Boose asked why this scale only lasted 12 years. Mr. Welch said the quality of the material was not very good. He noted it rusted out a lot

faster than it probably should have and there is no warranty. The only worth for that scale will be for scrap. The two we are looking at are manufactured in US and we are hoping the quality is better.

Mr. Wilde explained that by staying in pit, they will not have to move the gate. Mr. Welch added they also would not have to increase the turn radius on the south and north side. If they went above ground with a scale that is 14-inches above the ground, they would need to have 10-foot platforms on each side, plus the ramps. With the ramps and the platforms and the 70-foot scale; we would need to dig out the berm to the south so they can turn the trucks. By going back into the pit; they will not have to do that. The costs would come down considerably by going back in the pit.

When we received costs last year, they were around \$97,000 or \$98,000. Mr. Boose asked if that cost was just for the scale. Mr. Welch told him it is for the scale and the concrete work. The scale they looked at last spring costed between \$58,00 and \$65,000 for just the scale. The rest of the cost is for the concrete work.

Mr. Brady clarified we need to put this out to bid. Mr. Welch agreed, saying we need to go out to bid ASAP. The worst-case scenario is the scale breaks completely and you can't weigh trucks in or out. The auditor would come in and shut it down because it is not working and you can't charge people for what you don't know. Now you are in an emergency situation and will need to get a rental scale there ASAP.

Mr. Welch said a rental scale is not something you can find the next day to have brought out and set up. Mr. Boose asked if you could have it on notice. Mr. Welch told Mr. Boose he was working on that right now with Ashland Scale and Brechbuhler out of Mansfield. They both have been able to find scales for us, but haven't been able to give a timeframe of how soon they can get the scale. Mr. Welch is meeting Ashland Scale tomorrow and on Thursday or Friday with Brechbuhler at the site. They should have an idea of how fast a scale can be brought in, delivered and set up by the end of the week. Mr. Welch is hoping to have dates by next week.

Mr. Brady said if they were to put this out for bid, there would be a temporary scale out there anyway. Mr. Boose said if needed. Mr. Welch said when they are working on the new scale they would have one because we still have to weigh trucks in and out.

Hopefully it will not be ae worst-case scenario and the auditor shuts us down. This happened to Erie County a couple of years ago and the auditor finally shut them. They were weighing trucks at Schlessman Seed Company. They made a deal where the trucks would weigh in at the seed company, dump the trucks at the landfill and weigh out at the seed company again. This only worked for a little while, then they started weighing the trucks at Barnes in Huron. Mr. Welch said we do not want to get to that point.

Mr. Strickler asked where the costs would fall because you can declare an emergency action if the cost is under \$100,000, then you can buy it without competitive bidding. Mr. Welch said last spring it was under \$100,000. He also said that someone talked about increasing the statute and asked if that would happen anytime soon. Mr. Boose was not sure about the emergency action. Mr. Strickler said he just checked the current version of the bill and it is still at \$100,000.

Mr. Boose said he is confused because Mr. Welch just brought them in a bid document and now Mr. Welch is saying we are not bidding it. Mr. Welch told Mr. Boose that he didn't say they were not bidding it because he does not know where those costs will fall. He said last spring it was under, but he does not know the current cost. Mr. Strickler has to be able to say this is an emergency action, he cannot make that call.

Mr. Brady said the issue he sees is that we have numbers from a year ago and we can be pretty sure they will be higher. If they weren't \$3,000 away from the threshold we would be a lot more comfortable saying it but does not believe that is what we think it will cost. Mr. Brady asked if the emergency depends on what the actual cost is. Mr. Brady explained that we could say we thought the cost will be \$99,000 therefore we are declaring an emergency. But when the costs come in it is \$110,000.

Ms. Ziemba stated we would need three quotes. Mr. Strickler stated that the statute says the estimated cost is less than \$100,000. Ms. Ziemba thought the statute also said you need to have three quotes. Mr. Strickler thought you should have 3 quotes if practical. Mr. Brady asked if we are getting 3 quotes what is the difference between doing that and bidding it out. Ms. Ziemba told him time.

Mr. Boose asked what Mr. Welch's request to the commissioners is. Mr. Welch said he did not have a request, he was just letting them know what was going on. Mr. Welch said he should have estimated costs and the availability of a scale by Tuesday of next week. Mr. Welch noted that funding is always going to be an issue right now. Mr. Boose said we understand, but don't have a choice.

Mr. Boose said he does not know about these things, so he is going to wait until Mr. Welch comes forward with a recommendation to the commissioners of what needs to be done. They will not do anything until Mr. Welch asks for it.

Mr. Wilde said he meets with Mr. Welch every Monday morning about the Landfill/Transfer Station and would like to keep on top of this. He emphasized this is really important for everybody. Mr. Boose said

because it is really important for everybody; that is why we made the statement that we are making. Sometimes stuff goes a long time before there is anything done on it. Mr. Welch said he will know a lot more by next Tuesday. He will have estimated cost and scale availability.

Mr. Brady agrees with Mr. Boose and asked Mr. Strickler if the estimated costs end up being under \$100,000 if we could then declare an emergency. He added we hope to know by next Tuesday. Mr. Brady also noted that if we have the information by Tuesday, we could have a resolution prepared by Thursday if it is an emergency. He noted if it is not an emergency than we would still need to get it out to bid.

Mr. Wilde said Mr. Welch has done a lot of work behind the scene to get everything figured out. Mr. Brady just wants to keep a timeframe because this is an issue which we need to move on. Mr. Welch said he would keep the commissioners posted via e-mail as he gets information in. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Welch and Mr. Wilde to think about where the money could be taken from to pay for this. They will need ideas so they are ready to move on it as well.

It was requested to add an Executive Session to next Tuesday's meeting to discuss landfill personnel.

Mr. Brady commented if they are coordinating the installation of a new scale, we will need to have a temporary scale. Mr. Brady does not want to see extra costs incurred because we took too long to move forward. Mr. Wilde agreed.

Mr. Boose requested an Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss purchase or sale of public property.

Mr. Brady asked about the timeframe for the air handlers for which they had just passed a resolution to purchase. Mr. Welch told him approximately 6 months and noted the last ones we ordered will be installed next month; they were approved last November. Mr. Brady asked if we are replacing the ones that were really bad. Mr. Welch noted we are replacing the ones which need to go in ASAP and said to keep in mind they all still run. Mr. Welch told Mr. Boose it was hot up here recently because the chiller was not on and said we do not turn that on until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brady wanted to make sure the south end of the top floor would not be as hot as it was last year. Mr. Welch told him we will be able to push air around better. Mr. Welch said we ordered units 1 and 2 today and those are downstairs. Units 7 and 8 are on the top floor. Mr. Brady asked if those 4 would be done by the end of this year. Mr. Welch told him yes and added they better be done by the end of August.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

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

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to remind Ms. Cross to get the request in to them sooner. Mr. Boose asked who was attending Friday's meeting. Ms. Ziemba explained she would be driving separately.

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

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

- Niki Cross – JFS – Columbus, OH – OFCFC Association Meeting – April 28, 2023
- Roland Tkach & Shannon McFarland – Auditor – Smithville, OH – CAAO District Meeting – May 12, 2023

#### **SIGNINGS – none**

Ms. Ziemba received a request for permission from Oasis Church to hold a prayer gathering on the steps of the Courthouse on Thursday, May 04. They wrote the following “*It is a National Day of Prayer. The intention is to pray for our communities’ families, leaders and future. They would like to set up at 5:15 p.m. and assemble at 6:00 p.m. The assembly should last no longer than an hour. They will use a PA system for music and for the pastors to speak. It is their intention to conduct themselves in a way that would honor our community, it’s leaders and God. They also intend to leave the premises in as good or better condition, making sure that all literature and trash is cared for properly. They have been doing this service successfully for the last several years and appreciate all of the support from this office and the City of Norwalk.*”

**Terry Boose moved to approve the request from Oasis Church. 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

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS****Administrator/Clerk updates:**

- Ms. Ziemba asked about Transit 911. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Brady should have a discussion with them as soon as possible to continue moving forward. Mr. Boose said they had 2 options. One was to look for a director like they did at the end of last year, but it hadn't work out for us very well. Mr. Boose would like to see us look at option 2 which would be to look at something regional. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Brady said he was happy to see when he read the report that they were all on the same page. Mr. Brady will try to talk with them within the next 2 weeks. He would like to reach out to Seneca and Ottawa County's Regional Transit to get some idea's back from them and to see if we would be interested.

**Assistant Prosecutor updates: - none****Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- TAC meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boose said he saw the agenda, but will not be able to attend due to another meeting. He suggested making sure that everyone is on board as to the way the process works. He also noted that the approval by the advisory board does not mean they can move forward on projects. Mr. Boose also thought the levy should be brought up and would like to let them know that in order for us to move forward on any levy we need a detailed 5-year plan with major expenses. It needs to be every year for the expected length of the levy. Mr. Brady would like to see the request for the last one, where we are at now and going forward the next 5 years, what they anticipate and what they want to accomplish.
- Chamber breakfast tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.
- Muck Crop breakfast Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boose said he would be there.
- NEDC – They will have Firelands Forward at the meeting to talk about the housing study.
- Family Dependency Court at 2:30 on Thursday.
- Ashland on Friday for Legislative
- Monroeville – Mini Main Street, which is for kids, will be having an open house at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

**Commissioner Brady updates:**

- Mr. Brady will be at the breakfast and the TAC meeting, but will leave to go to Columbus for the CEBCO retreat. He thought there would be some discussion on the wellness program. He will try to get is simplified.

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Last Wednesday Mr. Boose had a CCAO board meeting which was followed by a reception at the State House. He discussed many topics with Senator Gavarone and Senator Manning.
- Friday there was a meeting in Tiffin for the NW commissioners and legislators. Now that we have been redistricted, part of the county is in NW Ohio and part is in NE Ohio. So, they had meetings 2 weeks in a row. Mr. Boose thought this meeting was worthwhile and had some good discussion about issues CCAO has, such as Indigent Defense.
- Mr. Boose was at another meeting on Thursday evening. Representative Stein was in attendance and his response generically about the budget and cuts to local governments was that he needed further discussion with us and did not feel they were true cuts; they were adjustments to the Governors budget. Mr. Boose disagrees. The same thing was said about the OMHAS budget. Which means Huron County MHAS budget is being cut. On Friday he received an e-mail from Ms. Cardone explaining that even though we are getting more money, it is less money to spend on the things we want because of the mandated things in with it. Representative Stein's said that hopefully other state reps heard about this earlier, so they had a chance to get it in and make some changes to the budget.
- Monday morning Mr. Boose had a meeting regarding the OneOhio money the County is receiving. The meeting was attended by 3 representatives from the City of Norwalk, one judge and some providers. They forgot to invite Willard but will make sure they are invited to the next meeting. The City of Norwalk was all for doing what is best for the county and the City of Norwalk. If that means joining our money together then let's do it. If it makes sense to combine the money for projects and do some things together that would benefit everybody then do it. They are still in control of their money and if they find a project they want to do on their own, the money is still theirs. They suggested setting up two committees. One would be for Huron County to discuss needs and wants. They discussed a lot about transportation and felt the local group should have connections to Region 19.
- On Friday, the Ottawa, Seneca and Sandusky county commissioners told us they were awarded \$350,000 for a study on regional mental health jail facility. We still have an opportunity to join that, but at this time our Sheriff's Office is not interested in doing that. A couple of people at the meeting said they would talk to our Sheriff about this.
- Workforce Development meeting yesterday afternoon. They discussed things from Firelands Forward and the housing study. Will need to talk about action plans after the study comes out.
- Mr. Boose read an article yesterday on the budget and some cutbacks which the house made to the



governor's budget for childcare. It was going to be used especially for high demand jobs and for certain economic conditions, such as 200% below the poverty level. There was also money to help figure out how to increase the childcare workforce which is a very big issue. This had either been eliminated or cut back from the governor's budget. They discussed how childcare affected workforce development. The 2 issues are cost and availability.

- Tomorrow Mr. Boose has a meeting at the Conservation Club.
- Thursday he will try to attend NEDC, but he is definitely going to attend the Muck Crop breakfast.
- Friday is the meeting in Ashland.
- Statehouse report has a lot of good issues in it
  - Governor DeWine announced County Jail Grant Recipients.
- Meeting with Garmann Miller and Senior Services last Wednesday. It was very good as far as taking it to the next step. He thought the soil borings would be done within the next week or 2. Ms. Ziembra stated they should be onsite today. Mr. Wilde said the farmer had planted his crop out at shady lane.

Ms. Ziembra asked Mr. Wilde to check on the date of the Chamber breakfast because he said tomorrow, but on the calendar Ms. Ziembra was looking at, it said Thursday.

Mr. Boose said he forwarded an e-mail to the other commissioners and it is an article titled: State Plans Vary for Spending \$26B in Opioid Settlement Funds. It is done by KFF Health News. He noted it is a very good article.

***At 11:08 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. 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 11:20 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(2). 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 11:20 a.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 April 25, 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 11:20 a.m.

Signatures on File