

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

The following also were in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the March 16, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the March 16, 2023 minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Roger Hunker, Lyme Township.* A 4-H youth, Luke Albright, showed at the Dairy Expo in Columbus and had a junior champion Jersey who went on to be the supreme over all the groups, in both the junior and open show. This was an animal which he raised at his family farm. Mr. Wilde asked where he was from and Mr. Hunker said Willard. They discussed the farm.

Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Hunker or Ms. Ziemba had heard anything from the railroad. Mr. Hunker had not, but commented that it was loud this morning. Ms. Ziemba said she has not had any communication since she put them in contact with Mr. Hunker. Mr. Hunker said he has heard nothing since his phone call with Bowling Green and Washington.

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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 #355963 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:**

- Page 3 – Children's Services. Mr. Boose noted we were already paying second quarter and asked if we were paying second quarter for everyone. Ms. Ziemba explained this is 031/Children's Services and our quarterly is 035/Public Assistance.
- Sheriff – tow cruiser. Mr. Boose said they are on our insurance and we don't hear about any accidents. Can we ask about them, if it is a mechanical issue or an accident we need to know about it. Mr. Wilde thought if it was an accident Ms. Hozalski would be involved. Ms. Ziemba said if a claim was filed then Ms. Hozalski would be involved, along with us. Mr. Boose would like this information on an ongoing basis. Ms. Ziemba said she would ask Mr. Welch about getting information from Mark Kleinhenz.
- Page 6 – IV-D contracts back to 2022. Check with Ms. Minor and Ms. Leibold to find out why we are eight months behind. Mr. Strickler said with their IV-E, they submit bills quarterly and they would be submitting the bill for the 1st quarter soon. They usually get paid towards the end of the month or the beginning of the next month. Ms. Ziemba said she would ask why this is 8 months behind.
- Page 9 – generators. We received 2 more bills for generators. The payment to Burkett was because it was under warranty for parts only, we had to pay for labor. Cleveland Communications didn't go with a local company for the repair and then we have to pay the bills. Mr. Boose thought we could have gone with Ken Smith, who is local. They discussed the many issues with these generators. Mr. Boose suggested asking 9-1-1 what their plan is to get a handle on generator costs and said we need to be good stewards of the tax payer's money.

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

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

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Commissioners, Department: Sheriff, Department: Jail Operations, Department: Public Defender Commission, Department: Children's Services, Department: Mechanical.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Building and Grounds, Department: Sheriff, Department: Jail Operations, Department: Public Defender Commission, Department: Children's Services, Department: Mechanical.

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Jail Operations, Department: Juvenile, Department: Police Muni Court, Department: Public Muni Court, Department: Building and Grounds.

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Mechanical, Department: Jail Operations, Department: Professional Services, Department: Children's Services, Department: Public Defender Commission, Department: Children's Services, Department: Mechanical.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Warrant Services, Sheriff's Office, and Public Assistance.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for departments like Community Commissions, Special Projects CP, and Records Technology.

Claims Register for Payment Batches					
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
04/06/2023	Treasurer State of Ohio	355983	2023-000701	Victim Advocacy Conference - Boster & M Doughty	\$250.00
Account 181.01.00300 (Training/Travel) Total:					\$250.00
Department SVAA Total:					\$493.80
Fund 181 - SVAA Total:					\$493.80
Department: 811					
04/06/2023	Wire Bank	355983	2023-000791	Fuel - March	\$85.07
04/06/2023	Advanced Communications	355983	2023-000791	Cell Phone - LaShelle	\$60.00
04/06/2023	Thy Bank	355983	2023-000791	Cell Phone - Tony March	\$175.07
Account 185.00380 (Training) Total:					\$320.14
Department 811 Total:					\$175.07
Fund 185 - 811 Total:					\$175.07
Fund: 186 - Commercial Building Department					
Department: Commercial Building Department					
04/06/2023	Home Care	355983	2023-001841	Quarterly Payment-Building Department	\$30.08
Account 186.00480 (Administration Fees) Total:					\$30.08
Department Commercial Building Department Total:					\$30.08
Fund 186 - Commercial Building Department Total:					\$30.08
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					
04/06/2023	Veranety Wash Labor - Collins Generator	355983	2023-000771	Veranety Wash Labor - Collins Generator	\$768.50
Account 193.193.0200 (Equipment) Total:					\$768.50
04/06/2023	American Electric Power	355983	2023-000791	Wagner Tower Electric - Mar	\$202.45
04/06/2023	Frontier	355983	2023-000791	811 Bellphone Router - Mar	\$341.28
04/06/2023	Frontier	355983	2023-000791	811 Bellphone Router - Mar	\$341.28
04/06/2023	Frontier	355983	2023-000791	Tower Generator Service	\$1,158.81
Account 193.193.00250 (Contract Services) Total:					\$1,843.32
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,956.81
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,956.81
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District					
Department: Solid Waste Management District					
04/06/2023	OT Environmental Inc	355983	2023-000941	EPA Monitoring	\$800.00
Account 525.025.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$800.00
Department 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$800.00
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$800.00

Claims Register for Payment Batches					
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount
04/06/2023	WEX Bank	355983	2023-000501	Fuel for Truck	\$31.76
Account 525.525.00300 (Travel) Total:					\$31.76
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$31.76
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$31.76
Fund: 620 - Harter Trust					
Department: Harter Trust					
04/06/2023	Travel Design by Ananda Musik	355983	2023-000501	CHM Ananda Prewerion Walk T Signage 2023	\$3,870.00
04/06/2023	Capital One	355983	2023-000501	Foster Care Families Easter Gift Cards	\$650.00
Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$4,520.00
Department Harter Trust Total:					\$4,520.00
Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$4,520.00
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust					
Department: Commissary Trust					
04/06/2023	R-J Bank Protective Systems Inc	355983	2023-000501	Meal detector and installation	\$7,100.00
04/06/2023	Shelby & Service Inc	355983	2023-000501	Trash Bags, turn towels, gray ragger sprayer, pot	\$1,164.70
Account 635.635.00250 (Expanditures) Total:					\$8,264.70
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,264.70
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,264.70
Grand Total:					\$165,371.84

Sign 1 *Kathy Buehler*

Sign 2 *Toby Bone*

Sign 3 *Bruce Wilde*

23-143

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PY2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZE GLCAP TO ADVERTISE FOR SAME

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for program year 2023 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), federally funded programs administered by the Office of Community Development (OCD);

and

WHEREAS, CDBG and HOME programs can fund a broad range of planning, community improvement and housing related activities that must be designed to primarily benefit low-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of elimination of slum and blight or meet an urgent need within the community;

and

WHEREAS, the County may be eligible for the following PY2023 Community Development programs: Allocation Program, Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP), Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Residential Public Infrastructure Program, Critical Infrastructure Program, Economic Development and Public Infrastructure Program, and the Target of Opportunity Program;

and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to set a public hearing to provide citizens with pertinent information about the above listed programs, including an explanation of eligible activities, program requirements and application due dates;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners now hereby sets the first of two public hearings for April 20, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Huron County Board of Commissioners Board room, Top Floor, Huron County Administration Building, 180 Milan Avenue, Ste. 7 Norwalk, Ohio 44857. A copy of the Public Hearing Notice is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of the this will be published in a newspaper of general circulation on Monday, April 10, 2023 and on the County's website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link;

and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was setting the first Public Hearing. GLCAP will come in and explain all of the public grants which we are eligible to apply for from the state and the Ohio Department of Development. It will also be the first Public Hearing for the CHIP Grant. We are starting the process of

applying for the new grant period. The grant periods are every 2 and a half years. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziembra to make sure they are prepared to give a really good description of the purpose of the meeting. Ms. Ziembra stated they always bring in information about what the grant is for, who is who is eligible to apply for the grant and the time period.

Mr. Boose verified this could not be used for commercial buildings. Ms. Ziembra said it could not. Mr. Boose said there are people in New London who own a commercial building which needs a new roof and asked if anyone knew of any type of help which may be available to them. Ms. Ziembra suggested sending it to Economic Development. Mr. Boose said these people were referred to us by the Mayor of New London. Ms. Ziembra said she could still reach out to GLCAP to see if they know of anything which is available. Mr. Wilde thought GLCAP would take to long and wanted to get it to Huron County Economic Development and to Norwalk Economic Development.

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

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

**On file*

23-144

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JOHN SCHWARTZ FROM THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter of resignation of John Schwartz from the Huron County Solid Waste District Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of John Schwartz effective January 1, 2023; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to thank Mr. Schwartz for his services on the Board; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde explained that Mr. Schwartz sat on the board and the next resolution was to fill the vacancy. It was felt the new person would be a better fit because he has recycling experience.

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

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

23-145

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Huron County Solid Waste District Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Johnson has expressed interest in fulfilling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mr. James Johnson to this Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. James Johnson to the Huron County Solid Waste District Board; 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.

Code.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated Mr. Johnson was with Firelands Local LLC.

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

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

23-146

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Clerk of Courts has various equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said they wanted to get rid of a server without hard drive or memory, monitor, miscellaneous obsolete minor pieces from office tech equipment. Mr. Boose said that some of this is recyclable and asked if we were recycling it. Ms. Ziemba did not know what they are doing with it and thought they were probably taking it to the landfill, but would have to ask. Mr. Boose wanted us to ask her to recycle the equipment. Mr. Wilde was told the Bellevue Goodwill sends all of their electronic recyclables to Dell.

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

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

**On file*

23-147

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 4, 2023

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$5,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Landfill

Bluffton Aeration Service Clean out leachate collection tanks and two lift \$28,380.00
Stations; dispose of waste water and sludge

Job & Family Services

Warwick Communications Phone system support contract \$ 7,431.40
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; 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

9:30 a.m. Jeanette Ott, Fair Rental Coordinator - temporary beer permit for the fair.

Also present, Dick Wiles, Fair Board.

Ms. Ott explained they would like to have a Beer Garden at the Huron County Fair this year. Several surrounding communities and counties had a beer garden with great success. They netted a pretty good profit and had no incidents. Lorain, Medina and Richland County Fairs have all had one.

Because it is not in our constitution to have a beer garden during the fair yet, we can have a non-profit organization put the liquor license in their name this year. Ms. Ott contacted Brad Cooley, Superintendent of Norwalk City Schools and they are willing to do that and will allow all three boosters; athletic, academic and music to put that license in their name or Norwalk City School district. The boosters would be the ones who would run it and man it for the duration of the fair. 30% of the profit would go to the boosters and 70% of the profit would come back to the fair grounds for various improvements.

Ms. Ott said she submitted a formal request with those items and asked if they had any questions. Mr. Boose thought they need to define where it will be. Ms. Ott told them it would be on the north side of the grandstands. Mr. Boose asked if it had anything to do with the grandstand. Ms. Ott said they would allow grandstand attendees to drink beer in the grandstands. For safety reasons there would be one entrance into the beer garden. The patron's ID would need to be scanned and would show the person who is working if the patrons are of legal age to buy beer. They could either purchase a ticket for the beer and go to another counter to get it or they could do that in one spot. They would allow 2 beer sales per person, per transaction. Once they are scanned they will get a colored wristband. There are different color wristbands for each day of the week. A sheriff deputy will be in the beer garden at all times. There would be someone at the 2 grandstand entrances checking for wrist bands and not allowing beer cans to go out into the fairgrounds. Beer would only be allowed in the beer garden and the grandstand.

Mr. Boose asked how that would affect the general public going to the grandstand. Ms. Ott said it wouldn't because if they are not carrying a beer, then they would not need a wristband. If they choose to get a beer after they go into the grandstand, then they would go to the beer garden and would show their ID, then get a wristband. They would get a beer then go back to the grandstand.

Mr. Brady had 2 concerns. He would like to see a family friendly section of the grandstand, where there is no alcohol allowed. Mr. Brady asked if they have looked at doing something like that. He then asked what controls are in place to keep people from getting inebriated. Ms. Ott said what other fairgrounds have done to counteract that problem is to price the beer higher. That has helped out. They know they can't control people from bringing in their own beer. They feel the price point is the biggest deterrent. Discussed that a person could only purchase 2 beers at one time, but that could go back as many times as the want.

Mr. Strickler said his concern was who would be paying for the liquor insurance. Ms. Ott said she spoke with someone at Copley Insurance and found the fairgrounds is covered by the insurance which they already have. They would also purchase an additional rider at \$250.00 for the week of the fair. It would be additional coverage for them. Mr. Strickler said another item he would want is for the group who is serving the beer to be additionally insured. He does not want the insurance company coming back saying the fair board wasn't there serving the beer, it was the Norwalk boosters, so we won't cover it. He said those are his concerns from an exposure liability standpoint. Ms. Ott thought that was a good idea and said they recommended that everyone who will be working in the booth should receive TIPS training. Mr. Strickler also thought they should do that training.

Mr. Brady was concerned because the commissioners own the fairgrounds and would be named on a lawsuit if something happened. Mr. Strickler thought the county should be an additional insured on the rider as well. Mr. Boose asked if you always have the right to refuse to sell beer to someone. Mr. Strickler told him yes. Mr. Boose asked if the other counties who are selling beer allow it in their grandstand. Ms. Ott said they do. She said when she attended the Madison County Fair their booth went out to the fairgrounds or up to the grandstands. Mr. Boose asked Dick Wiles what the Fair Board said about this. Mr. Wiles stated the Fair Board voted to look into it and said they have been talking about this for years.

Mr. Brady said there are people who go to the fair who don't drink and don't want to be around alcohol and he does not want to start something which will make people not want to go into the grandstands because they

don't want beer spilled on them or they don't want their children around it. Mr. Brady thought if this goes through they should consider making a section of the grandstands where no alcohol is allowed. Ms. Ott said that was wise and thought they could easily do that. Mr. Strickler said the law allows them to sell beer but noted there is a part of the fair board statute which talks about no spiritous liquors.

Mr. Boose said one of the concerns he had when he heard you can do it in the grandstands is how do we make sure there is a family friendly area. He knows if you have a tent set up with a fence around it and that is the only place to purchase it, then you are limited. Ms. Ott agrees.

Mr. Brady said he is not against this; he feels most people are cognizant of other people and try to be good citizens. He is glad there would be a Sheriff 's Deputy present. This would act as a restraint.

Mr. Wilde said not all people may understand what family friendly means, so they should state no alcohol in this area/section.

Mr. Boose commented this is being done by other counties already and we can learn from them. The Fair Board does a great job at managing what happens at the fair grounds all year. As long as there are policies set, they can give it a try and possibly designate the first year as a trial. If it doesn't happen to work, they don't have to do it again.

Mr. Brady felt it is a feasible endeavor and is an opportunity for the boosters to be able to raise some funds for things they support. Mr. Boose thought he heard this may be opened up in the future to boosters at other schools or other non-profit organizations. Ms. Ott said since it is not in their constitution, they can put it up for ballot in their constitution and vote on it this August. If it is approved and goes in the constitution then the fairgrounds can be the permit holder and could have a different organization work each day of the week. In Cuyahoga County they net \$85,000 a year from their beer garden, but they have a gun club that comes in and works a day. So, there are other organizations and we would like to spread the wealth. Ms. Ott noted that Sheriff Corbin had asked to have other organizations there as well.

Mr. Boose asked what the commissioners needed to do. Ms. Ziemba stated we do not need to do anything and said if the Fair Board approves this, then an F permit would need to be approved by the commissioners.

Ms. Ott discussed the eventual possibility of a year-round permit and also noted they had only planned on having the beer garden open at the fair for limited hours, possibly just in the evening or for grandstand events. She thought they may not be able to get workers for all day and proposed being open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., then Friday and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. Mr. Wiles thought they may have to look at that because there is a curfew at midnight, so they would need to have everyone off the fairgrounds before then.

Mr. Brady asked if Ms. Ott had run this idea by the Sheriff. Ms. Ott said she had and was told the sheriff is fine with providing the manpower, but would like them to spread out who gets the 30%.

Mr. Boose said he had previously discussed the idea of having an electronic sign in front of the fairgrounds. Mr. Boose wanted people to think about this idea if they hear about a grant opportunity. Mr. Boose noted there is a grant for signage for the 2024 solar eclipse. Ms. Ziemba stated that was not specific to the eclipse, it was for anything safety related. Mr. Boose thought the sign could be used for many items.

At 10:00 a.m. 2nd Public hearing for proposed Transfer Station rate increase. Pete Welch, Isaac Livengood and Nick Shullick in attendance.

Mr. Wilde read a statement giving the purpose of the meeting:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss pros and cons, and opinions of a specific project, in this case the adjustment of the Huron County Transfer Station solid waste disposal rates. As we are aware, three public hearings are required under statute (ORC 5310.35) and this is the second of the three. The first Public Hearing was held last week on March 28th.

As presented to the Board of Commissioners on March 7th, Rate Adjustment Calculations indicating a minimum increase of \$6.03 per ton. This calculation was based on projected costs including:

- *Replacing the scale at the facility;*
- *Repairing the North Lift Station;*
- *Cleaning the leachate holding tanks;*
- *Disposal and transportation increase for this year; and*
- *Inflation.*

Based on discussions, it has been determined an increase of \$7.00 per ton of solid waste for disposal would be proposed to be appropriate to meet projected costs for 2023. The Huron County Commissioners would review the financial status of the operation in the end of 2023, beginning of 2024.

The disposal cost would be increased to \$65.00 per ton from the current rate of \$58.00 per ton. The gate rate of \$65.00 includes all fees levied from the State of Ohio, Solid Waste District and Township.

Commissioner Brady called once for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Commissioner Brady called twice for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Commissioner Brady called thrice for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Commissioner Brady called once for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Commissioner Brady called twice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Commissioner Brady called thrice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.

Mr. Wilde stated the third public hearing will be this Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Brady adjourned the hearing.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch if the front door of the downtown office building had been fixed. Mr. Welch said he would have to ask Mr. Minor, but said Stanley was waiting for a motor for the door. Mr. Welch thought the door was working, but was not sure if the part was installed. Mr. Boose noted it is the front door and would make a bad impression if it is broken.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

- Roland Tkach – Auditor – Dublin, Ohio – CAAO Executive /Legislative Monthly Meeting – April 06, 2023
- Nikki Cross & Tracie Sebolt – JFS – Findlay, OH – Trauma Conference – May 08, 2023

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Minor received two quotes for the repair of the Linwood Avenue side of 22 E. Main Street. The first quote is for brick and mortar and was \$3,000. The second quote is for the fabricated metal covering and is \$3,475.00. They asked Mr. Welch to come in to answer questions. Mr. Brady asked if it was sufficient to have a motion to proceed with one of the options, depending on what they choose to do. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Minor just needs some guidance. It doesn't meet the threshold of needing a resolution for approval. Mr. Strickler said they should do a motion for the record. Mr. Boose said the reason he is bringing this up is the sign went all the way down on the wall and the metal part we are talking about is just the top right. Mr. Boose does not know if there are other things which need to be done, but there is wood at the corner which needs to be pulled off, it was only there to hold the sign. Some items we can do ourselves, but they have not been done yet. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure if we went with the metal covering that we would be taking care of the whole issue on the side of the building. Mr. Brady thought taking the metal around the corner of the building would look nice and thought we should repair the masonry below it. Mr. Brady thought it would end up being a combination of the 2 repairs. Mr. Boose also did not think it would be one or the other. Mr. Wilde agreed and said he would like the metal. Mr. Boose likes the metal and thinks it would match, but feels it is not an either/or decision. Mr. Boose thought eventually they would be painting the wall because they had filled in a doorway.
- Ms. Ziemba said the Sheriff received a request from Mitch Zurcher. There was a problem in the jail kitchen with the wall that surrounds the dishwasher. Mr. Zurcher said there should be stainless steel added to the walls to prevent black mildew from forming. The wall has not been properly sealed to prevent this problem. The Sheriff does not have it in his budget to deal with this issue, and asked if Fund 315 can be used to correct this problem. It would be a permanent improvement in the kitchen. Could you please make the commissioners aware of this issue? Mr. Brady thought this would be a permanent improvement and we do not want a health issue there. Mr. Wilde said he was for the

stainless steel and said in his business stainless steel is the answer. Mr. Boose asked why it took 25 years for this to come up and wants to make sure we are resolving the problem by doing this. Mr. Boose thought if it was something which needs to be taken care of, then they should get quotes for the repair. Mr. Boose noted what starts out as a simple project usually grows larger. Mr. Boose feels the use of Fund 315 money for this is an appropriate use of that fund, but is not sure he would approve it until he knows the costs and what they will be doing. Mr. Brady agreed with Mr. Boose.

- Mr. Welch had joined the meeting and they went back to the repairs at 22 E Main St. Mr. Brady said they would like to see the metal go around the corner and may need to have some of the mortar repaired as well. Mr. Welch said he would get a ladder and go up there to look at it, then would report on it Thursday. The commissioners told Mr. Welch there was some wood which needed to be taken down as well. Mr. Boose does not want to spend a lot of money, but wants it to look a little better.

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler had an answer on the Transfer Station scale. He did not think they could do an advance. They can always take money from the General Fund and put it wherever you want. The problem is putting it back in the General Fund. Because this is a special fund, in order to do this, you would have to get the approval of both the court of common pleas and the tax commissioner. Mr. Strickler is not sure if we want to roll the dice on the tax commissioner. Mr. Strickler was not sure if the Judge would have an issue with it if they explained why we are doing this and feels the tax commissioner is a bigger unknown. We would need to do a petition to the judge explaining why we are doing it and what the law is, then give him a judgement entry to sign to approve the transfer back from the Transfer Station Fund to the General Fund. Mr. Strickler noted if the tax commissioner says no then we are done and you have just paid for it out of the General Fund. Mr. Wilde felt General Fund was the way to go and if money should come back to us from the lawsuit then it would go to the General Fund. Mr. Strickler said that an advance is like loaning money in between funds. The landfill fund needs x number of dollars and we will give it to you from the General Fund with the condition that you pay it back within the year. The problem is getting it back because it is a special fund. If it was a fund which just received money from the general property tax it wouldn't be an issue. The Transfer Station Fund is a Special Revenue Fund because the money going into it comes from the fees that are generated at the transfer station. Special Revenue Funds have different rules. Mr. Strickler said Mr. Wilde was correct about the money from the lawsuit. If we get that money it has to go to the General Fund because that is where the law says it has to go, but what we do with it after it is put in the General Fund is at the commissioner's discretion.
- Mr. Boose emphasized the scale needs to be done now, so if and when the money comes, it is a totally different discussion. Mr. Boose does not want to be nonchalant about this, but our budget is less than last year and we still have a list of capital projects to do. Mr. Boose remarked that any General Fund money they use for this will shorten the number of projects we will be able to do this year. We do not have money sitting around to use on whatever we want and if we want to use the General Fund for the scale project, then we will need to prioritize our projects for the year and decide which ones we will not be able to do.
- Mr. Boose stated he drove by Cook Road and there were still items in the right-of-way. Mr. Strickler will have Mr. Draper drive by and take a look.
- Mr. Strickler called Anna Rodriguez on the opioid matter. Mr. Strickler explained we received an e-mail stating they had only received one of our settlement agreements. Mr. Strickler said he had an issue with the portal and did not receive a confirmation that his upload was received, so he called them and asked if he could e-mail them. He was told he could do so and he did. He then received an e-mail from the person which said they received all of the documents. Mr. Strickler then received an e-mail while he was on vacation stating they had only received 1 of the 5 documents. Other people got involved, then when Mr. Strickler got back from vacation he called and left a message They then left him a message stating they had everything they need. Mr. Strickler thinks that the portal automatically sent the e-mails because it did not see all of the documents.
- Mr. Boose discussed figuring out how to use this opioid money. Ms. Cardone asked if she should organize a meeting with all of the entities in the county who will be receiving opioid funds. Mr. Boose thought that was a good idea, then Ms. Cardone asked him if he could find out who those entities are. Mr. Boose found out at the CCAO meeting that there is a list of people who received the opioid money and he was sent the list. Mr. Boose listed the entities in Huron County who received these funds:
 - Huron County Commissioners
 - City of Norwalk
 - City of Willard
 - Village of Monroeville

- Ms. Cardone is setting up a meeting with these four entities and providers. This will help everyone in determining how they want to use their money. We have already received \$110,000 of our money and Mr. Boose feels we need to start looking at ways to use this money to help with the issue. Discussed using this money to fill gaps in funding for these issues.
- Mr. Brady noted that MHAS can really help point us in the right direction for using this money. Mr. Wilde added that MHAS has made great strides over that past several years.

Commissioner Brady updates:

- CEBCO annual board meeting last Friday. They said the estimate for last year was pretty accurate. CEBCO received a fairly sizeable rebate for the pharmaceuticals. This helps all the member counties. They now have 46 counties. Mr. Wilde asked about forwarding our bloodwork results to our physician, he had to print and fax his results to his Physician. Mr. Brady said they are having a CEBCO Retreat at the end of April. He said one of the items they will be discussing at the retreat is the wellness program. It is administered by Healthworks. They discussed allowing spouses to use one login.
- Ride along with JFS tomorrow
- WAEDEC (Willard Area Economic Development) meeting tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Boose registered himself for the meeting on the 19th, Ms. Webb registered all of the commissioners for the meeting on April 21 and no one has been registered for the meeting on April 28. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde would like to go to the meeting on the 28th, Mr. Brady will be at the CEBCO retreat on that date.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Board of DD breakfast last Wednesday.
- Tomorrow morning is the ride along at JFS. Mr. Boose reminded him to be prepared for the video.
- Victim's Assistance training at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Ziembra said that was today and is the reason Mr. Strickler left this meeting.
- Records Retention meeting Thursday afternoon.
- Thursday morning there is an economic meeting for Main Street businesses.
- Mr. Wilde brought up Good Friday. Most of the downtown county offices were closing at noon. Mr. Brady clarified the employees were not using their personal/vacation time for this. Mr. Boose said if all the staff wants to take time off that day, they can. If that means closing the office early, he is okay with that. But if someone does not have time available, we should be open. Mr. Wilde clarified that he did not want to give the employees the time off, even though every other office was doing it. Mr. Boose said government gets plenty of time off. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde understand Mr. Boose's statement.

Commissioner Boose update

- WIOA meeting last week. Good things are happening with WIOA and JFS seems to be spending all of the money that is available for workforce development. Mr. McCoy from HCDC said today it is expensive to be poor. Inflation seems to be making it harder for the lower income. Mr. Boose noted that the 2nd SNAP payment was always at the end of the month. The WIOA meeting was at the end of the month and JFS was starting to get the calls from people asking where there 2nd payment from March was. Even though they tried to get the word out, not everyone heard. Mr. Boose noted JFS is working hard to get the word out. They don't make the rules. Mr. Boose said that SNAP ends in March and Medicaid does not end until May.
- Board of DD breakfast last Wednesday.
- Workforce Development meeting next Monday. Mr. Boose asked if the other commissioners would like to attend this meeting, Mr. Wilde said he would.
- At 1:00 on Monday Mr. Boose has a phone call with Representative Swearingen. He will discuss HB434. The one which Victims Assistance stated would cause them to spend a lot more time and effort. Mr. Boose wanted to discuss how we were going to pay for the extra time it was going to cost the local government.
- There are a lot of meetings tomorrow.
 - Firelands Forward at 8:30.
 - 10:00 meeting on the new Senior Center to review the building design.
 - Catastrophic Leave meeting at 10:00. Mr. Wilde will fill in for Mr. Boose at this meeting.
- Thursday there is a Commissioner meeting. Mr. Wilde will attend a Records Retention meeting that afternoon.
- April 26 is Technical Advisory Committee for 9-1-1. There is also another meeting for the Planning Committee that day.
- CCAO scholarship. \$2,000.00. Five available throughout the state; one for each district. Must be in by May 5.

- Multigenerational Leadership on Monday, June 12.
- CCAO saying if you speak to your legislators, make sure to make them aware of the effects of the budget and HB1.
- Indigent defense reimbursements - we only received 70%.
- ARPA portals open for reporting today.
- Received an email from Tom Stuber about tracking the opioid cash. There are \$50B in opioid settlement dollars across the nation.
- Statehouse report.
 - CCAO is suggesting they move the local government funds from a 1.66% reimbursement to a 2.5%. What they are asking for is a 50% and the amendment that is out there is less than 2%. The 2.5% they are looking for is what it used to be before it was cut.
 - They are asking for next generation 9-1-1 funding money and want to use some of the money for MARCS System.
 - Transportation budget passed.
 - Took out \$1B for rural counties. They increased the force accounts and this will now be adjusted annually.
 - \$5M each year for Regional Transportation Planning Organizations to oversee Rural transportation planning grant programs.
 - \$15M per fiscal year for workforce mobility programs to be administered by ODOT to provide grants to regional transit authorities. The grants must be used for transporting the workforce within or between regional transit authority service territories or supporting the employment needs of economically significant employment centers located within or near the service.
 - ODOD fund for road improvement at economic development sites received \$15.2M each fiscal year and may be used for public airports. Mr. Boose suggested sending a note to our airport board about the transportation budget and those funds. Ms. Ziembra verified that was in the statehouse report.
- State eliminated August elections, but now they want something, so they want to hold a special election this August. Mr. Boose thinks if they want it, they need to pay the total cost. Mr. Brady agreed.
- House Concurrent Resolution 6 is asking congress to eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision.
- Tonight, there is a meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the committee to build the new barn building at the fairgrounds, as well as a couple of the Fair Board members. This meeting is to review the contract which Mr. Strickler and Amanda Gordon put together. It is needed in order to move forward with the building. There have been questions about some of the contract. Mr. Boose noted one of the items in the contract was that 4-H groups would be able to use the building for free. After further review and discussions, there are some concerns that this statement is too open. If you look at the history of things which have gone on at the fairgrounds which the fair board had to make decisions about. They would love to be able to provide a space for 4-H to have their regular meetings. Previously some of the 4-H groups wanted to do fundraising and garage sales. They are going to try to resolve that and have talked to OSU extension. A suggestion was to have the meetings approved through the OSU extension. Discussed who would be in charge of letting the groups in the building and who would clean up.
- Mr. Boose suggested they put these items in an appendix to the contract rather than in the middle of it. He also thought some items could be left to the discretion of the Fair Board/OSU extension.
- They will also discuss the reporting requirements. The ARPA money being used for this project does not have the strict reporting requirements, but anytime you are using Federal money, there are other restrictions. They are also using state funds, which may have other restrictions.
- Mr. Boose noted for our projects the architect would help to ensure that all of the ARPA, Federal and State requirements are being met. The Fair Board will need to ensure someone is doing that for their building. Mr. Brady thought we should let them know what is expected and noted when we did the roof, the architect would not release the money until the contractor provided prevailing wage numbers.
- Mr. Brady asked when the fair board is going to vote to proceed with the project. Mr. Boose stated they would vote after the agreement with the commissioners is complete. They are meeting tonight because they need answers to items in the agreement. Then we can have any changes added and taken back to the boards for approval.
- Ms. Ziembra stated they would not be doing any reporting to the US Treasury like she does for ARPA. She is the only one who will be doing that reporting. Ms. Ziembra also said their bid documents will need to be sent to Amanda Gordon to have the ARPA language added. All of the contracts will also need to be sent to Ms. Gordon for the addition of ARPA language, including ones between the Fair Board and vendors. We will need to hold copies of all the contracts as well because at some point we

will need to produce them, whether to upload into a report document or for auditing. When it comes time to draw down money, we will need copies of all the payroll to verify it is prevailing wage.

- Mr. Boose noted it is very similar to what we do with the engineer's office. Ms. Ziemba agreed and said the only difference is the engineer's projects are in the commissioner's name. Ms. Ziemba stated when they need to draw down money, they would have to use all of their money first and once it gets to the point where they need ARPA funds, they will need to send a pay request to the commissioners stating xyz has been completed, here is the invoice for it, here is the prevailing wage payroll for it and here is the architect's signoff. Then we can cut a check to the Fair Board and the Fair Board will pay the vendor. We do not pay the vendor because our agreement is to provide money to the fairgrounds and they are acting on the commissioner's behalf. Ms. Ziemba asked if she would be needed at the meeting. Mr. Boose felt she should be there.

Mr. Brady would like to decide what to do about Friday before they adjourn. He did not think it was fair to wait until Thursday to decide. Mr. Brady gets what Mr. Boose said about having already added a holiday, but that holiday was forced on us by the government. Mr. Brady feels that closing the office at noon and not forcing employees to take leave shows the commissioners appreciate what they are doing. Also, it is Good Friday and people are getting ready for the weekend. Mr. Brady said he would like to make a motion to close the office at noon on Friday without people having to use their leave time.

Harry Brady moved to close the Commissioners' Office on Friday at Noon, without the employees having to take personal or vacation time. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion: Mr. Brady understands what Mr. Boose said previously, but is in favor of this and feels they can do this to show employees they are appreciated. Mr. Wilde also understands what Mr. Boose said. Mr. Boose said he is for supporting staff, but feels he can support the staff by allowing them to take time off by shutting down. He asked how many holidays and personal days employees received and felt they received a generous amount of days off. Mr. Wilde feels we should go with PTO days instead of our current system.***

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

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

At 12:01 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on April 4, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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