

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

The following also were in attendance: Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – none.

At 9:07 a.m. County Project Updates - Joel Riedy, Network Administrator:

- Mr. Boose asked for an update on the internet infrastructure project. Mr. Riedy said we have revised the RFP and it has been sent to Ms. Gordon, he is expecting it back shortly. Ms. Ziembra said it should be back before Mr. Brady gets back from vacation. They will vote on it, then it will go out for bid.
- We applied for a Court Technology grant and should know something about it in May.
- Mr. Riedy and Mr. Minor met with one of the vendors for the JFS ethernet drops, they wanted to look at it again before they gave a quote. Mr. Riedy is hoping to have that quote next week .
- EMA training is going well. Mr. Riedy said they are going into what their infrastructure looks like; the more he and Mr. Sell get into it, the more it looks similar to something they have done with all the other county offices.
- Clerk of Courts is going live with new email system this Friday. They are also ready to move to the data center. Mr. Riedy is working with the vendor of the Clerk of Courts software to get the environment set up for them. Mr. Boose noted they have had this software for a long time. Mr. Riedy said the software just had a major upgrade and he had been waiting for all of the bugs from the upgrade to get ironed out before moving them to the data center.
- Recorder’s office will be 100% on the data center a week from this Friday.
- Ordered eight monitors for 9-1-1. Mr. Boose thought it would be a good idea for Mr. Riedy to attend the TAC meetings. The next meeting is April 26 at 9:00 a.m.
- Mr. Riedy said because of their training for 9-1-1; they have been looking at our network and will be making some design changes to the network to improve its security and efficiency.
- Mr. Boose said there is a strong possibility of 2 new buildings going in, in the next 2 years. They are Senior Services and the Fair Board. After they get moving Mr. Boose feels it would be beneficial for the IT department to offer some help. Neither one of the buildings will be high tech. But may need a small server room. In one of the designs there is an electronics room where they will be teaching and you can use computers. He does not know if a server room could be attached to that or part of that room. He does not want to add a lot of money to the cost of the building but feels it would be beneficial to both of them if the IT department was included in some of that. Mr. Riedy said they would gladly help.
- Mr. Boose thought they were already helping Senior Services, but Mr. Riedy said they had not been helping them. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy to reach out to Mr. Beal and said Senior Services has a technology grant right now. Ms. Ziembra thought the District 5 Agency on Aging were the ones who were doing their IT. Mr. Boose did not think District 5 would be involved in the building and said they were helping them to upgrade now. Mr. Boose said the plan is to have District 5 design it so it will work both in their current building and the new building. Mr. Boose thought it wouldn’t hurt for Mr. Riedy to touch base with Mr. Beal and noted that Mr. Beal may want District 5 to do it all, which is fine.

Department	Project	Status	4/5/2023
IT	Electronic Information Storage center	PDU on back order	until april
	Working on room prep	Complete	
	Connecting all sites.	in progress	
	Electrical	Complete	
	Department migration	in progress	
veterans office	Router/firewall upgrade	on order	
Phone system upgrades		Complete	
Email system		Complete	
EMA	UPS replacement	complete	
JFS	Network Rack Relocation	Complete	
Prosecutor's Office	Network Migration	in progress	
IT	Backups	Complete	
Board of Elections	Printer Maintenance	Complete	
IT	Phone auto attendant	Complete	
Building department	Web page	Complete	
Sheriff	Gis Update	Complete	
Titles	UPS replacement	Complete	
JFS	children services wiring	Complete	
Board of Elections	camera live stream	Complete	
Courts	Technology Grant	Completed should know in may.	
JFS	phone relocation	waiting on quotes for wiring	
IT	EMA training	ongoing	
Clerk of courts	email migration	4/7/2023	
Clerk of courts	data center migration	currently planning tbd	
recorder	finalize data center migration	4/14/2023	
EMA	Dispatch Monitors	on order	
EMA	network changes	in progress	

At 9:19 a.m. Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor:

- Mr. Boose asked about the front door of the Office Building that was not working properly. Mr. Minor stated it is still not working and the part is not in yet. Mr. Boose noted if we continue to have issues with the door he may entertain replacing the whole door. It is original to the building.
- Administration Building roof – Mr. Minor stated they have talked to Roof Connect and Garmann Miller. We have given Roof Connect all the information they asked for and now they are asking for the square footage, so he will get that to her today.
- Downtown office complex – Mr. Minor thought this might be on hold. Mr. Boose was not sure it has to be put on hold. It was noted the longer you wait, the less chance it will be done this year, the higher the pricing will be and you will have a harder time finding a contractor because they are all bidding into the fall. Mr. Wilde thought we would need to put some dates on some of the projects soon because we have ARPA funds that need to be used. Mr. Brady noted we may have a problem with the roof on that building. Mr. Minor thought the back stairwell is getting moisture somewhere. Mr. Brady didn't want to wait until there was a catastrophic failure to fix it. Mr. Minor noted in this situation they do not know where the leak is coming from so they can patch it. Mr. Brady thought they may want to look at that for this year.
- Waiting on second quote for the Administration Building HVAC. Mr. Finney contacted Wadsworth. They are bidding it and should have something to us soon.
- Administration Building elevator – Garmann Miller sent the plans last Friday. Mr. Minor noted that was pretty quick because they had just met with them to review the options for the elevator.
- Underground storage tanks at Shady Lane – They were here recently but have not followed up to let us know what they did.
- Shady Lane demo – Received pricing, but the cost is going up.
- Courthouse floor – This is off the table for now.
- Recorder's ceiling and electric – Mr. Minor and Mr. Welch were not sure where the commissioners stood about doing the recorders ceiling and electric. The commissioners stated there is money in the budget and the board would like to get moving on it.
- Auditor paint and carpet. Mr. Boose suggested sitting down with the Auditor's office and get a good plan of what needs to be done. What areas need to be painted and which ones need to be carpeted. Mr. Minor noted they needed to figure out how they plan to keep operating while the renovations are being done. Mr. Minor said they were looking for suggestions from us, but he did not think we could tell them that. Mr. Boose thought they should work all those things out, then we'll talk about moving forward. Mr. Wilde noted we put carpet everywhere and asked if there have been any suggestions about putting something else down. They discussed other flooring options and said the prosecutor's office had put down laminate and it has worked out well.
- HVAC for Admin Building – Air Force One is waiting on the weather to schedule putting it in.
- JFS bathroom repairs – Mr. Minor thought they have shelved this. Mr. Finney did some work on one of the commodes yesterday. He had to get into the wall. Mr. Boose discussed a fix for the wall commodes which he saw at ODOT.
- Adult Probation HVAC – They started the project, but were waiting for the weather to change before they finish. Now that the weather is getting warmer they should be back to finish.
- Tuckpointing for Office Building – General Restoration has looked at it, they have not provided an estimate yet. Mr. Boose thought this should be a high priority.
- Public Defender door – They are starting this on the 11th of April.
- Courthouse rear steps – RMH will meet with Mr. Minor to look at them. Mr. Minor asked if they wanted to replace them or just make it a wall. Mr. Boose asked if he was talking about the steps going up to the courthouse. Mr. Minor said he was talking about the steps that go to the breezeway from the sidewalk on Benedict. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde thought they should be replaced and did not want to shut it off. Mr. Minor was going to include the sidewalk and the back steps going into the courthouse. He noted that Judge Conway had asked to have the strike plate for the fob moved out. They thought this could be done more easily if they redid those steps. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Minor if he usually updates the judges as to what is going on. Mr. Minor said he does.
- Shady Lane Barn – The one where they keep the mowers. Sections of the roof keep blowing up, but haven't come off yet. Mr. Finney keeps tacking it back down. Mr. Minor said the problem with the roof now is that it is so thin it is ripping the metal. Mr. Boose thought the long-term plan was to put up another building to replace the barn after they tore down Shady Lane. Mr. Brady asked if we could keep band aiding it. Mr. Minor said he could.
- 22 E. Main Street, where the mural used to be. Mr. Minor and Mr. Wilde looked at the area. Mr. Minor said if they take the wood off, there would not be a large hole. Behind the wood there are individual holes which held the mount. The reason they went with metal on the front is because it looks like random holes through the area. If they go with metal, nothing would need to be done underneath it, it is not compromised. After looking at it both he and Mr. Wilde thought the masonry would look better than the metal. Mr. Minor noted the metal would match the top line, but would drop down further on the side. The masonry quote was also \$475 cheaper than the metal. The board agreed it was okay to go ahead with the masonry.

- Mr. Minor noted it also needed tuckpointing and painted. Mr. Boose asked if they could do the tuckpointing at the same time as the other masonry. They said they know it also needs to be painted. Mr. Boose asked if we could remove the wood in the meantime. Mr. Minor said they should do it when they do the masonry but he can do it before then. Mr. Boose asked if they did the masonry, would it match, he was told no, but they would be painting it.
- Ms. Ziemba reminded Mr. Minor to keep an eye on the budget. She asked him to make sure he has what he needs, the money has already been allocated. Mr. Boose asked if all of this needed to be paid out of Building and Grounds Budget. Ms. Ziemba said some of it, but not all of it. Some of it is allocated in other funds. Ms. Ziemba noted she printed a copy of the budget for Mr. Minor.

PROJECTS April 5, 2023

PROJECT	Architect/Eng.	Contractor	Est. Cost	Award/Start Date	Completion Date	Comments
Ad Building Roof	Garmin Miller					RoofConnect & Garmin Miller
Downtown Office Complex Roof	Garmin Miller					
Ad BLDG HVAC (#1)						Waiting for second quote
Administration Elevator	Garmin Miller		\$490,764			Vickie
UST Shady Lane	BJAAM		\$33,980	5/20/2021		Waiting to hear from BJAAM.
Shady Lane Demo						GM completed estimate (\$944,000 to 1.2 mil) on 6/30/22.
Courthouse Floor		Midstate				2023 Project?
Recorder's Ceiling	Garmin Miller					2023 Project?
Auditor's Carpet/Paint	Garmin Miller		\$100K			2023 Project?
Ad Bldg HVAC (#7)	In House	AF1	\$49,998	11/2/2022		Project Awarded for \$49,999
JFS Bathroom Repair						Contacted contractors for rough costs. 2023 Budget.
Adult Probate HVAC			\$10,339			Awarded to Gundlach(\$10,339) on 10/18/22
Office BLDG Masonary			\$50K			Tuck Point America provided cost of \$49,618. Waiting for General Restoration to provide second quote.
EMA Roof						2023 Budget estimate at \$36,000
22 East Main						Commissioners discussion
Public Defender Door		Beck				Start date April 11, 2023
Courthouse Rear Steps						Called RMH for quote
Shady Lane Main. Barn						Roof needs replaced

Project Changes
 New Projects

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. 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

- Joanna Crockett Diaz Del Valle – JFS – Tampa, FL- Adoptive Home Visit – April 18, 2023.
- Joel Riedy & Parker Sell – IT – North Canton, OH – Network Technology Demonstration – April 19, 2023
- Terry Boose & Harry Brady – Commissioners – Stark County, Ohio – CCAO/CEAO Northeast District meeting – May 5, 2023.

PROCLAMATION:



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WHEREAS, children are Huron County’s most precious and valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, each child has the right as a human being, to live and grow in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others, giving back to their own family, their community and their state the care that was bestowed upon them; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex community issue; Huron County Children Services received

1,867 reports regarding children and families in 2022; requiring 635 further assessments of children and families; although 48 children spent time in foster care, 6 of those children were successfully placed with family and/or non-relatives; with one child reaching age of majority; and 7 children were adopted; and

WHEREAS, child abuse/neglect is a community problem, and finding solutions will depend on involvement of people throughout Huron County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse/neglect prevention programs will succeed because of partnerships among private sector agencies and the people of Huron County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that residents are encouraged to recognize and support the needs of abused and neglected children and take action to prevent child abuse and neglect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have hereunto subscribed our names this 6th of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady did a ride along with JFS staff yesterday. Mr. Wilde said they talked with all of the Children's Services Employees and thanked them for what they do. Mr. Wilde noted those young children are the most vulnerable group because they have no one to step up for them if there is nobody. Mr. Wilde said he road with one of the workers to 2 locations. Both were known meth users. The workers have to try to contact the parents once a month and they have to try 3 times. At the first location no one answered the door. At the second location a grandmother answered the door. It was noted they are not accompanied by law enforcement. Mr. Brady commented this is a community issue and it takes a village to raise a child.

Mr. Boose asked about having a separate sign in sheet for the hearing. Ms. Ziemba stated we had gone to a single sign in sheet for the meeting. Mr. Boose thought the issue with that is sometimes people come and go at the meetings and how do you know if they were in attendance during the hearing.

At 10:00 a.m. 3rd Public hearing for proposed Transfer Station rate increase. In attendance (in addition to those listed above): Pete Welch, Isaac Livengood, Nick Shullick, Todd Heitsche.

Mr. Brady called the hearing to order and noted it is the 3rd hearing for the rate increase at the Huron County transfer Station. Mr. Wilde read a statement on the purpose of the hearing:

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 third of the three.

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 further analysis, 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 second 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.

Mr. Todd Heitsche, Heitsche Top of the Line Dumpsters. Mr. Heitsche asked when would be the end of the rate increases and said he realized the fuel costs are one of the reasons the rate is going up, but there are different options as far as trash goes. Mr. Heitsche said there is something which states the waste has to go to Huron County, but why does it have to go to Huron County.

Discussed the landfill closing and all of the trash in Huron County goes to Noble Rd. Mr. Heitsche noted there are other places he can haul trash to at a lot cheaper rate. Mr. Boose said when we contract with the place where the transfer station trash goes, we take the lowest and best bid and try to get the best price we can. As far as, can private people go there. We still have bonds outstanding on the landfill and according to state law, as long as we have debt outstanding, then we have what is called flow control. Therefore, it means where ever it goes we get paid for it or direct the money. We are still in debt at the landfill whether it is open or closed. The purpose of the transfer station was to help pay off that debt. Mr. Boose asked if that answered Mr. Heitsche's questions.

Mr. Heitsche said no and said that as a hauler, if we are getting our money, why can't the large trash haulers go to a place with a cheaper rate. Mr. Boose said because they were hauling county trash and it is county debt. To pay off the debt we are using all of the county trash to help pay off that debt.

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Welch what rate Rumpke charges. Mr. Welch said for a residential person, the rate would be \$105.00 per ton. Commercial haulers negotiate deals. Companies like Rumpke get into an area and purchase a landfill, then they can give their collections division a better deal than other haulers and residential customers. Mr. Welch reiterated that we are required by law to go out for bid to get our rates set in place. We do that every 3 years with 2 - one-year renewals. Historically we have always gone out for bid every 5 years. This coming year we are going out for bid again. Mr. Wilde said as a business owner he can appreciate what Mr. Heitsche is saying. Mr. Wilde noted we are not for profit and are just trying to break even. Mr. Heitsche said he has hauled approximately 200 boxes from a business on Ontario St. and in 2 days he has buried the transfer station hauling 40-yard boxes at a time. He has the means to haul 100-yard boxes at a time. Why are we bringing it to the transfer station to dump it and load it back into the same trailer they are hauling it to. Why can't he just take it from point A to where we are hauling it. Mr. Brady told him the flow control is state law. Mr. Heitsche said the transfer station shut him off because they couldn't take anymore trash.

Mr. Welch said he could always request a waiver for that material. Mr. Wilde said then he could take it directly to Rumpke. Mr. Welch added if the commissioners approve it. Mr. Heitsche said as a hauler it was dumb to take it to the transfer station and dump it on the floor then we load it in the same trailer to haul it to Rumpke. Why can't we just set the rate to say this is how much we get and they can take their trash to the other place. Mr. Boose said we have to abide by all of the rules. Mr. Welch thought the biggest thing is paying off the debt. Mr. Boose thought it was only fair that everyone who is producing trash in the county pays toward reducing that debt. Mr. Heitsche asked when that debt would be paid off. Mr. Welch told him in 2030. Mr. Heitsche asked what happens when the debt is paid off, would the flow control end? Mr. Boose said that is a whole different decision which will need to be made. Mr. Heitsche asked what would happen if the transfer station is sold? Mr. Boose said they have to look at all of the state rules.

Mr. Brady said who knows what commissioner board will be in office in 2030. Mr. Boose stated in 1998 or 1999 the hope was to close the close the landfill entirely, including the transfer station by 2007 or 2009, but that didn't happen. Mr. Heitsche thought if we have a landfill in Huron County, why are we not optimizing it for use? We shut it down because we didn't want the expense to buy a liner. Mr. Boose said that wasn't why it was shut down. Mr. Brady said there are expenses and he appreciates what Mr. Heitsche is saying because coming out of private industry and being on the government's side is 2 different worlds. Private industry tries to be as efficient and profitable as possible, while the government side doesn't care. They set the rules which need to be followed. Mr. Brady told Mr. Heitsche he appreciates his business being in Huron County. Mr. Heitsche noted that we are not doing it in house, so when they tell us it is going up by \$40.00 a ton we have no options. Mr. Brady said until the bonds are retired and we are debt free; we are stuck following the rules the state has set.

The landfill closure was discussed and Mr. Boose said during his tenures as a commissioner a financial analysis was done to find out the cheapest way to do it for our constituents. Every time they have put the pencil to paper the best, cheapest option was always chosen. We always take commercial and recycling into consideration. All of these things get analyzed repeatedly and until our debt is paid off. Mr. Heitsche said he can haul to a place that is \$65.00 a ton, but because he has to come here and the rate is higher, he will have to raise his rate. Mr. Brady told him we understand, but the only thing he can say is that Mr. Heitsche will not be the only one affected by that. With flow control every hauler is competing with the same basis to dump it.

Mr. Heitsche felt we had a landfill and we closed it, now we have to haul our trash to another landfill. Mr. Welch told him the reason we closed our landfill was because we couldn't afford it. The option was to raise your rate, and you would be paying considerably more to run a landfill than a transfer station. Mr. Welch added that there was not enough waste in this area for us to capitalize on it. Mr. Boose thought governments shouldn't be in the business of having a landfill. Mr. Heitsche asked if there would no longer be flow control in 7 years. Mr. Boose said that would be a decision for the commissioners at that time, but he hopes they would put the pencil to it before they decide.

Mr. Boose said that he has made some very good points and the future commissioners should look back to these meeting minutes for reference. Mr. Brady noted all of the commissioners appreciate his coming in with some valid points.

Mr. Heitsche commented when we keep hiking the rate, what happens to the average guy who can't afford trash. He can't take it out there with the minimum rate to dump. He will just take it out behind his house. Mr. Boose noted Mr. Heitsche was the guy in the middle. People don't come to us when they have to pay more because he had to raise the rates. They will go to Mr. Heitsche.

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.

At 10:21 a.m. Harry Brady adjourned the hearing.

Discussed Mr. Heitsche's business and the costs.

The board recessed at 10:25 a.m.

The board resumed regular session at 10:32 a.m.

At 10:32 a.m. CORSA Renewal. Lara Hozalski, HR, Andy Thomas, Assured Partners, John Brownley, CORSA.

Mr. Thomas provided an overview/comparison. He said his numbers did not include a couple of vehicles which were added later. Our increase will be a little bit under a 10%.

Mr. Thomas took our 2022 numbers and looked at them line by line versus our 2023 numbers. The bulk of the premium increase is in property. In the insurance world we are a property heavy account and for this type of account they are seeing double digit increases in rates and property values. Mr. Thomas said he wanted to delve into the reason we went up by \$17,000 in property premiums.

In 2022 we had over \$113M in real property values. CORSA did an appraisal last year and bumped that value up by about \$15M, which takes us to \$129M in property value. When CORSA did that, we received the coverage last year for free. Renewal time is when it gets the rated. The County has a lot of property so when they talk insurance, they always talk about what they are insuring, the rate and the outcome. What Mr. Thomas really cares about is the rate because if the rate is not normal in the marketplace, then we are paying too much money. Our rate is at 6%, which is really good for the property market. They are seeing rates in this market in the 30's and as high as 70%. With us being at 6% it shows how well CORSA is handling the re-insurance markets. These are the ones which are sold to other insurance carriers. CORSA also does a good job with inspections and keeping the property safe.

Mr. Thomas said we added a couple of deputies/corrections officers and some auxiliary officers. He thought the jail/corrections officers are doing a good job. They have lowered the daily intake of inmates. Another change is that we have added a canine. After some conversations with CORSA, we were way undervaluing the dogs and the training, so they bumped that up. Mr. Boose verified they were talking about the sheriff's canines.

When Mr. Thomas sees we are at a premium increase of about 10% and we are a property heavy account, then compares us to the benchmark of all private insurance carriers they work with. In his opinion we are doing very well. We generally only have a slight increase. They bumped up the property values, but our rate stayed the same. So, it is not that CORSA wanted more money, it is just that property values are high. They are still having issues with general liability carriers and capacity. Those excess carriers either don't want as much or want more money for the same amount they were taking before. Then that gets passed down to the rest of us.

Mr. Brady commented the nice thing about being part of CORSA is that we are dealing within the state and are not dealing with insurance carriers who are spreading out losses from hurricanes and other items. We are getting a real rate because we are only dealing with the issues which are predominately in this county or the State of Ohio.

Mr. Thomas stated he has a lot of respect for CORSA, he is in the private sector and that is the majority of what he does. Their forms and service are good and they are easy to work with. They raised our property values \$15M and did not charge us a dime. They would have paid for a loss on that with no issue.

Mr. Boose noted we can't forget about the services they offer and some of them are free. Mr. Boose also thanked him for bringing up the other things because we don't see that stuff usually. Mr. Wilde added that the public official liability went down.

Mr. Boose asked how the auxiliary deputies affected us. He noted this item had increased by about 30% and asked how that affected our rates. Mr. Brownley said that would affect our rates and said they are rated more than a normal employee, so that would affect our rates by about \$800.00 apiece. Mr. Boose said that we do

not think about insurance a lot of times when we are making these decisions and thought that was the last thing on the Sheriff's mind when he adds an auxiliary deputy. Mr. Boose was told they only rate on fulltime deputies. Mr. Boose then said when we add up the costs to hire a new deputy, we don't add in the insurance cost.

Mr. Brady stated when you are part of a risk sharing pool, that pool exists to serve the entities it covers and doesn't exist to make a profit off of those entities. He thought it really benefits us to be a part of a risk sharing authority versus going out for private insurance. Mr. Boose added that CORSA was created to help counties save money, not to be a money maker. They noted Commissioner Tom Carabin helped to start CORSA and continued on with them by doing training.

Mr. Brady asked about defensive driving classes and was told they are cost prohibitive to give to everyone. But, they do pay for our deputies to go to OPOTA and they have an impressive road course.

Mr. Boose said you are disappointed when your rates go up, but if you look at the private sector; it would be even worse. He stressed the services we receive, an example of this would be cyber security. Mr. Boose thought we had received grants or money from CORSA to increase our cyber security. We received \$4,477.00 for this last year and there is more available this year. Last year CORSA paid about \$5,200 for law enforcement books and they paid for some pre-employment and Psych screens for the new deputies.

Mr. Brownley said they don't deliver increases, unfortunately, this year with the increases and inflation, they suffered a very large unrealized loss to their net position and every 2 years their actuary takes a look at what they need to have in capital to make sure they are here for us today and in the future. Right now, they are at the very bottom of that layer. One of the things they did last year, which is part of our increase this year is to subsidize part of the law enforcement liability because they saw a significant increase there, so the board made a conscious decision to help out. This year they will not be able to do that because of where they are at with their net position. It is coming back and he just received his latest report yesterday. Our unrealized loss is less than what it has been and they are seeing money come back in the market.

Mr. Boose noted he was glad to hear that our increase was not due to something we did or did not do, it is just the cost of doing business. Mr. Brownley noted we are fortunate in Ohio, his 2 peers in Mississippi and Arkansas suffered \$55M in losses to their pools in the last storm. They also had some difficulty getting excess liability this year. The carriers did not want to get on anything more than \$5M this year. The carrier we were with said they are no longer going to do that and let us know last October. So, CORSA worked with Marsh and went out to the North American, Bermuda and London market. Of the 16 carriers they approached, only one came back. He is happy to say they can provide us with the same limits.

Annualized costs invoiced last year, plus what we added last year comes up to a \$217,731.00 annualized invoice. They invoiced us \$238,072 this year for a 9.34% increase. Program wide they saw a 10% increase.

Mr. Brady asked what their annual contribution is. Mr. Brownley said the loaded contribution which includes all of the admin fees, re-insurance and commissions is about \$25M. They put about \$13M into the loss fund. He noted when he says loss fund he means the first million that they self-insure for liability and the first million and a half in property. That is where the bulk of the contribution is going and the rest is going to the re-insurance market, which is very unfriendly right now.

Mr. Brownley commented that CORSA was up to 72 counties now; they added 6 new counties in January. He reminded the commissioners of some grants which are still available; Body scanner; Guard 1 Pipe System (which is for jails), this is an electronic device which records cell checks. The deputies perform a cell check every 30 minutes because when you have a suicide, that is the first thing they look at. Mr. Boose verified the body scanner grant was to purchase the body scanner. Mr. Brownley told him that was correct and said they cost about \$100,000. Mr. Boose told him we had purchased one through an MHAS grant.

Mr. Brady thought it would be nice to see a grant for maintenance because you may get the grant to pay for an item, but then you continue to pay for the maintenance and upgrades. Mr. Boose asked if their would be money to replace a body scanner because eventually we will need to replace the one we have. Mr. Brownley commented if there is something we want to do in the county and think it is good risk management, get a hold of Frank Hatfield and he will look at it. They have about \$500,000 in that line and if they think it is something that will help the county and benefit CORSA members then Mr. Hatfield will take a look at it and bring it to Mr. Brownley. Mr. Brownley stated we are allocated a certain amount of money and if we want to allocate that towards the cost of storage for body cameras, then they can apply it towards that or we can apply it towards something else, as long as it applies to risk management they will do it.

CORSA allocated \$200,000 to Cybersecurity last year and will be allocating \$456,000 this year. They are stressing Cybersecurity because cyber liability is very difficult to get excess amounts for and the carriers who they have to go through to get the excess insurance require that the members fill out an application which says they are doing multifactor authentication and end point detection. End point detection is firewalls and that type detection. If you are not doing those 2 things, then at the next renewal CORSA will only be able to provide you with very limited cyber coverage. Mr. Brownley emphasized to get working on

MFA, if we haven't already.

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Prosecutor update – none

Commissioner Boose update

- Mr. Boose wanted to thank Mr. Strickler for getting information to the Fair Board. They reviewed some things at the meeting with the Fair Board the other night. Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziembra did a great job of explaining the contract. Mr. Strickler then got the new information out to them the next day. The Fair Board is meeting again tonight, if any one wants to go. Mr. Strickler noted he sent a clean version and a highlighted version, so they could see the revised language.

Commissioner Brady update

- Attended WAEDC meeting yesterday. They asked to see plans for the new senior center. Mr. Brady told them they were not available yet, but he would show them a copy when they became available. Mr. Brady noted they are a smaller council, but are doing a lot to help the Willard area.
- Mr. Boose said the Firelands Forward meeting yesterday was really good. They reviewed a summary of the housing report, which is 505 pages. By the middle of May it will be rolled out to the public. They are in the process of figuring out how to do that. They will do a regional presentation, then a county presentation. The action plan is to put a committee together to figure out how to resolve some of the issues that are identified. Mr. Wilde asked if they could come to our rotary club. Mr. Boose said that would be down the road.
- Mr. Boose said the percentage of rental properties which are available to be rented in Huron County is at .1% and a good average to have is 4%. Our rental properties are 99.9% rented. Mr. Brady brought up the apartment complexes which are supposed to be renovated. Mr. Boose noted the report breaks things down by socio economic class, age and projected populations. There is a lot of data and Huron County, which is one of three at 99%, is higher than our 2 neighbors.

At 11:18 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 6, 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 11:18 a.m.

Signatures on File

**The following Bids were opened for the Chip and Seal – Phase 2 on Friday, April 07, 2023*

Chip and Seal - Phase 2 Engineer's Estimate
Bid Opening: Friday, April 7, 2023 9:00 a.m.

REF	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	Allied Construction, LLC	Melway Paving Co., Inc.	Erie Blacktop, Inc.
1	103.5	Premium Contract Bond	1	LS	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	441	Seal Coat Bituminous Material, CRS2 @ 0.38 avg. gal/SY, as per plan	188,000	GAL	\$3.20	\$601,600.00	\$ 2.85	\$ 536,800.00	\$ 3.25
3	422	Seal Coat Aggregate #8 Washed Limestone @ 22lbs/SY avg., as per plan	5,500	TN	\$40.00	\$220,000.00	\$ 28.35	\$ 155,925.00	\$ 28.50
4	614	Maintaining Traffic	1	LS	\$40,400.00	\$40,400.00	\$ 40,400.00	\$ 40,400.00	\$ 55,000.00
5	624	Mobilization	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
6	Spec.	Contingencies	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total =						\$900,000.00	\$ 781,125.00	\$ 822,525.00	\$ 854,750.00