

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; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the February 7, 2023, February 14, 2023, February 16, 2023, and February 21, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the February 7, 2023, February 14, 2023, February 16, 2023, and February 21, 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 - none

23-102

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 Batch #354585 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 will abstain from the payment to Custom Metal Works on page 15.
- Page 2 Wadsworth Service – continuation of recontrol boilers. Mr. Boose asked what this was for. Ms. Ziemba stated when she saw it, it said courthouse. Mr. Boose asked if this was still being billed. Mr. Boose noted it was from 2022.
- Pg. 3 -Sheriff using Amazon for IT stuff. Mr. Boose thought we could help him get it cheaper.
- Jail - \$600.00 for medical treatment/\$843 prescriptions, this does not include our own nurses and physicians.
- Pg. 6 - ES Consulting- IT & CCT Financial – copier lease. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Riedy may be able to get these cheaper.
- Out of county foster care – Mr. Boose noted that most of these need some type of special services.
- Pg. 11 - Fingerprinting- thought volunteers have to be finger printed every year.
- Pg. 16 - Harter Trust. Mr. Boose thought JFS controls this; it is for respite and it paid for 80 passes to Kalahari Resort and Convention Center. Mr. Boose said this trust is not government money and said he thought they were giving this to foster families. He said this would never be approved if it was taxpayer’s money.
- Mr. Wilde asked about the TV for medical under Commissary. Mr. Brady thought it could be for telehealth.

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, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Commissioners, Department Microfiling, and Department Data Processing.

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Norwalk Ace Hardware, City of Norwalk, and various utility services.

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
03/16/2023	Walden Equipment Sales & Service Inc	354685	2025-00381	Walden Equipment Sales & Service Inc	\$430.00	
03/16/2023	Nichols Lumber	354685	2025-00381	Nichols Lumber	\$150.00	
03/16/2023	Clear Lake Communications	354685	2025-00381	Clear Lake Communications	\$4,410.00	
03/16/2023	Coles Energy Inc	354685	2025-00381	Coles Energy Inc	\$2,479.87	
03/16/2023	Summa Cooperative Inc	354685	2025-00381	Summa Cooperative Inc	\$111.91	
03/16/2023	Rumpke of Ohio Inc	354685	2025-00381	Rumpke of Ohio Inc	\$1,294.45	
03/16/2023	First Trucking LLC	354685	2025-00381	First Trucking LLC	\$84.06	
03/16/2023	Tri-State Water	354685	2025-00381	Tri-State Water	\$2,832.36	
03/16/2023	Ziegler Tire & Supply Co	354685	2025-00381	Ziegler Tire & Supply Co	\$53.71	
03/16/2023	NAPA Bandwidth	354685	2025-00381	NAPA Bandwidth	\$3.30	
03/16/2023	George Latham	354685	2025-00381	George Latham	\$30.00	
03/16/2023	Finance Electric Cooperative Inc	354685	2025-00381	Finance Electric Cooperative Inc	\$2,854.02	
03/16/2023	D & K Mechanical LLC	354685	2025-00381	D & K Mechanical LLC	\$770.00	
03/16/2023	NAPA Bandwidth	354685	2025-00381	NAPA Bandwidth	\$39.00	
03/16/2023	NAPA Bandwidth	354685	2025-00381	NAPA Bandwidth	\$31,000.00	
03/16/2023	NAPA Bandwidth	354685	2025-00381	NAPA Bandwidth	\$91,002.41	
03/16/2023	NAPA Bandwidth	354685	2025-00381	NAPA Bandwidth	\$57,002.41	
03/16/2023	Account 625.625.00250 (Contract Services) Total:				\$96,232.85	
03/16/2023	Account 625.625.00250 (Travel) Total:				\$50.00	
03/16/2023	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$96,272.85	
03/16/2023	Fund 625 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$96,272.85	

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03/16/2023	Amazon Capital Services	354685	2025-00381	Amazon Capital Services	\$440.79	
03/16/2023	Account 177.177.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$382.78	
03/16/2023	Department Emergency Management Total:				\$382.78	
03/16/2023	Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$382.78	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00280 (Training) Total:				\$68.00	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00280 (Contract Services) Total:				\$188.00	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00280 (Maintenance) Total:				\$40.38	
03/16/2023	Department 911 Total:				\$1,876.00	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00225 (Maintenance) Total:				\$1,167.92	
03/16/2023	Department 911 Total:				\$2,102.36	
03/16/2023	Fund 185 - 911 Total:				\$2,102.36	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00225 (Standards-Feunary) Total:				\$40.93	
03/16/2023	Department Commercial Building Department Total:				\$40.93	
03/16/2023	Fund 185 - Commercial Building Department Total:				\$40.93	
03/16/2023	Account 500.001.00280 (Contract Services) Total:				\$112,254.59	
03/16/2023	Department Children's Services Total:				\$112,254.59	
03/16/2023	Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:				\$112,254.59	
03/16/2023	Account 164.164.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Department Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 164 - Huron County Transit Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Account 170.170.00897 (Administration) Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Department Huron County Block Grant Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 170 - Huron County Block Grant Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00225 (Maintenance) Total:				\$338.99	
03/16/2023	Department Emergency Management Total:				\$338.99	
03/16/2023	Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$338.99	

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03/16/2023	Department Emergency Management Total:				\$382.78	
03/16/2023	Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$382.78	
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03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00225 (Standards-Feunary) Total:				\$40.93	
03/16/2023	Department Commercial Building Department Total:				\$40.93	
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03/16/2023	Department Children's Services Total:				\$112,254.59	
03/16/2023	Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:				\$112,254.59	
03/16/2023	Account 164.164.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Department Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 164 - Huron County Transit Total:				\$875.00	
03/16/2023	Account 170.170.00897 (Administration) Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Department Huron County Block Grant Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 170 - Huron County Block Grant Total:				\$5,000.00	
03/16/2023	Account 185.185.00225 (Maintenance) Total:				\$338.99	
03/16/2023	Department Emergency Management Total:				\$338.99	
03/16/2023	Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$338.99	

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
03/16/2023	Health Insurance	354685	2025-001721	Health Insurance	\$3,000.00	
03/16/2023	Account 620.620.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$3,000.00	
03/16/2023	Department Health Insurance Total:				\$3,000.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 620 - Health Insurance Total:				\$3,000.00	
03/16/2023	Harter Trust	354685	2025-002601	Harter Trust	\$2,800.00	
03/16/2023	Account 620.620.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$2,800.00	
03/16/2023	Department Harter Trust Total:				\$2,800.00	
03/16/2023	Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:				\$2,800.00	
03/16/2023	Commissary Trust	354685	2025-004201	Commissary Trust	\$10.46	
03/16/2023	Account 635.635.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$10,045.11	
03/16/2023	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$10,045.11	
03/16/2023	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$10,045.11	
03/16/2023	Account 635.635.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$32,006.13	
03/16/2023	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$32,006.13	
03/16/2023	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$32,006.13	

Ms. Ziemba noted there was a different payment to Norwalk Concrete held last week due to Mr. Boose abstaining and Mr. Brady not being there to vote on it. She asked if they would like to take it off hold now.

Harry Brady moved to release the payment to Norwalk Concrete that had been held last week. 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**

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED THE BID FOR THE AUSTER ROAD BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT; HUR TR 154-00.57; FY2023; PID 117396

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-044 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Auster Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Design/Build Project; HUR-T.R.-154-00.57; FY2023; PID 117396; 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, February 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

R & I Construction, Inc.	\$1,070,001.00	now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Auster Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Design/Build Project; HUR-T.R.-154-00.57; FY2023; PID 117396, as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to R & I Construction, Inc, Tiffin, Ohio in the amount of \$1,070,001.00; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this was the replacement of an existing truss with a similar one. He noted the foundations are okay, so they will just put in a new truss. Mr. Brady asked for the time frame. Mr. Tansey told him sometime this summer. It has to be completed by November 04, 2023. Mr. Tansey said this was 100% Federally funded.

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

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

23-104

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID 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 23-058 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 1; HUR-CR-VAR PM-FY2023; PID 115864; 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, March 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. from the following:

American Roadway Logistics, Inc.	\$163,470.00	
Oglesby Construction, Inc.	\$166,496.47	
Dura Mark, Inc.	\$176,721.35	
Griffin Pavement Striping, LLC	\$179,777.60	
J.D. Striping & Services, Inc.	\$227,796.70	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners do hereby award the bid for the Huron County Pavement Marking Project Phase 1 HUR-CR-VAR PM-FY2023; PID 115864, as recommended by the Huron County Engineer to American Roadway Logistics, Inc, Norton, Ohio in the amount of \$163,470.00; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey noted this was also 100% Federally funded.

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

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

23-105

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE SALT STORAGE BUILDING ADDITION AT THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution #23-057, the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Salt Storage Building Addition at the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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, March 3, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. from the following:

Senghas Construction	\$456,875.00	
RMH Concrete and Foundations, Inc.	\$474,862.50	
Mosser Construction, Inc.	\$571,029.00	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 Senghas Construction, LaGrange, Ohio; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Salt Storage Building Addition at the Huron County Engineer’s Office, to Senghas Construction, LaGrange, 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 commented that all 3 of the contractors who bid on this have done work for us over the years. Mr. Wilde noted we would be using ARPA funds for this project. Mr. Brady asked when this would start. Mr. Tansey said the contract has not been signed yet, but they can’t start until after May 01 and the completion must be by October 20. They will do some site work prior to project in house.

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

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

23-106

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH U.S. BRIDGE DIVISION OF THE OHIO BRIDGE CORP. FOR THE FOR THE MORIAH ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT; HUR-T.R.-165-00.24; FY2023; PID 117426 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-080 the bid was awarded to U.S. Bridge division of Ohio Bridge Corp., for the amount of \$168,464.89 for the Moriah Road Superstructure Replacement; T.R. 165-00.24; PID 117426; for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with U.S. Bridge division of Ohio Bridge Corp., for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with U.S. Bridge division of Ohio Bridge Corp., Cambridge, Ohio for the Moriah Road Superstructure Replacement; T.R. 165-00.24; PID 117426 for the Huron County Engineer 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:** Mr. Tansey thought this was likely to be done early summer. This is 100% Federally funded for the deck replacement. We will have some local costs for pavement and guardrail after. This should take between 6 to 8 weeks to complete. Mr. Wilde asked how long this should last. Mr. Tansey told him 50 plus years and it would be certified for 50 years. Mr. Tansey said it would probably go a lot longer than that and should push the 75-year range as they are galvanized steel.

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

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

**Contract on file*

Mr. Boose thanked the engineer's office for all the work they do.

23-107

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as per Ohio Revised Code 5705.38, that to provide the current expenditures for expenses during the year ending December 31, 2023 the following sums be and the same are hereby certified, appropriated and set aside for the purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year 2023 as recorded in the Commissioners Journal (General Funds - \$22,740,469.94; Other Funds \$88,892,054.14) 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 thought the Budget was approximately \$2M less than last year because that is what we have. He noted a lot of hard work went into this budget to try to treat everyone fairly. Within this budget there were contract raises for the unions and there is an extra 5% included in the salary line item for non-union departments to distribute amongst their employees as they see fit. The Commissioner felt this was important with today's economy, inflation and the job market. The increases were a big part of the budget, but they still managed to reduce it by \$2M. The majority of the cuts were from Commissioner funds and a lot of that is Capital Improvement Funds. Mr. Boose noted for the last several years they have been lucky enough to put \$1M into Permanent Improvements every year and due to timing, they are not always able to spend that money every year. This year we will not be able to put any additional money into permanent improvements, but will be able to continue with some projects with the money that is still available in the account. Mr. Boose noted part of the reason we had less is because of one-time money we received from the pandemic the year before and used it for capital improvement type purposes.

Mr. Boose noted we did the best we could with the money we had. Mr. Wilde commented that we purchased 4 new Sheriff Cruisers with cash and had put on several new roofs, so felt we are in a better spot. He also said the new union contract for the Sheriff's office gave them a 7% raise. The commissioners stressed that the raises for the staff were not only deserved, but needed to be competitive in the job market. Mr. Brady thanked Mr. Boose for taking the lead in the budget.

Mr. Boose said he knew Ms. Ziemba would be sending out an e-mail about the budget to the Elected Officials and Department heads and wanted her to note this is an extremely tight budget. We are asking them to stay within this budget and not ask for transfers. We know supplies and gasoline are up, but this is all the money we have.

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

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

23-108

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Ohio State University Extension in 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Ohio State University Extension for the year 2023:

From Code 028-00557-001 OSU/4-H \$193,800.00 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 thought this was the whole amount. Ms. Ziemba said this was the whole amount, but it was paid quarterly. Mr. Wilde wanted to recognize 4-H, it’s leaders and their dedication to the kids. Mr. Brady noted this also gives the kids leadership skills.

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

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

At 9:40 a.m. Art Mead, EMA – 2024 Solar Eclipse.

Mr. Boose said the commissioners asked Mr. Mead to come in to clarify what they want. He stated they received a report from the state at the end of last year. It is called the 2024 Solar Eclipse Needs Assessment. The state identified several items which should be reviewed, especially if you are in the centerline of the eclipse and Huron County is on the centerline.

Mr. Boose stated the Commissioners asked Mr. Mead to get with our State Representatives and also put together a committee. Mr. Boose said there are a couple of things we would like to clarify. We just passed a budget which was less than last years and do not have the staff to put together a program strictly for the 2024 eclipse. He emphasized we were looking for a few people, including Mr. Mead, to review the Needs Assessment and come back to the commissioners with items they think we need to do. That does not include setting up fire fighters around the county or increased law enforcement. That is all up to the individual cities, villages and townships.

Mr. Boose would love to see the firefighters get together to work out a plan if needed, but does not feel that is the commissioner’s job. He also thinks the state should give us extra money to do this because other entities automatically get money from the state when they have large events. One of the items he feels we should get money from the state for is internet and phone resources, which are supposed to triple. Mr. Boose thought those were the items the commissioners could look at.

Mr. Boose said there was a presentation at the firefighters meeting by a company called Team Rubicon, which is an all-volunteer group. Mr. Boose said after he mentioned the phone volume tripling, one of the members of this group gave him a card for a group which specialized in boosting those type systems during this type of event. Mr. Wilde said he had given a copy of the card to Tacy Bond at Huron County 9-1-1.

Mr. Boose asked when the committee comes up with items, they keep in mind the county has limited funds and any expenditures will need to come before the commissioners. He said we are the ones who would have special funds, if it is needed. Also, we don't have the staff, nor are we set up to be the in and out if cities, townships and villages are looking for money from the state. Mr. Boose noted when we asked the state for money they told us to find out how much everyone needs. He felt that was not our job. If the city of Norwalk needs money for extra fire, police and other items; that would not flow through the commissioners. Mr. Boose suggests that Mr. Mead set up a meeting in Norwalk with all of our state representatives and senators. He would also like to invite all of the cities, villages and townships. This would be to solely discuss funding for parts of this and how they would do that.

Mr. Wilde brought up the BWC \$40,000 grant; which was mentioned at another meeting and was for safety and sanitation. Mr. Mead said it was for signs, but would not count for portable toilets. Mr. Wilde thought we should get what we could from that and all the townships could apply for it. Mr. Mead said he was not sure what that need would be and is working on those avenues. Mr. Wilde thought the grant was available for each entity, Mr. Mead was unsure.

Mr. Boose thought items such as boosting the phone lines would have a lot of people looking at that and the sooner we can get that set up or at least discuss getting them set up, the better off we will be. Mr. Boose noted the Team Rubicon is all volunteer and one of the items they do is direct traffic. Mr. Boose thought we should start a discussion with them and noted the group can help out with the smaller communities such as Collins or North Fairfield. They will not replace other law enforcement officers. The sooner we can start a conversation with some of them, the better off we will be.

Mr. Boose said we do not want to have people calling us to ask what they need to do if they want to allow people to camp on their property. Mr. Boose noted they would need to call the Health Department and the local zoning, whether it is city, village or township. Mr. Wilde thought there was a website people could go to.

Mr. Mead stated that at no time did his office or himself state that the commissioners would be the conduits for money if it came from the state. Mr. Mead told them when he talked with Representative Click, he told Mr. Mead he needed something to tell his partners and if we will need money, what are some of the things we want to do with it. Mr. Mead emphasized that he never told any of the municipalities if we received money, we would be their conduit. Mr. Mead noted he has been in contact with Senators Manning and Gavarone, also Representative Dick Stein. He was trying to get everything to happen so we could have one meeting here. Mr. Boose said they have a spring break and that would be a good time for them to meet back in the district. He also said Monday and Friday are good days to schedule meetings as they are in Columbus Tuesday through Thursday.

Mr. Mead said he talked with Senator Gavarone in great detail and also talked to Dick Stein for about an hour. Mr. Boose thought they would need to hear from the cities, villages and townships as well. Mr. Mead said the conversation needed start and that is what he has done. Now we bring them here and the conversation will be as Mr. Boose said. Mr. Mead noted everyone he contacted about being on the committee have responded to him, so he can set up the committee meeting shortly.

Through previous experiences, Mr. Boose has concerns that the advisory committee will think they are making the ultimate decision to spend money. Mr. Boose noted any decision about spending money will need to come through the commissioners and wanted to stress that the committee would be advisory only. Mr. Boose stated right now we have no idea where the money would come from. Mr. Mead told him he doesn't even know what the needs are yet.

Mr. Wilde asked the press if they were aware of the website that had been set up to provide information about the 2024 eclipse. He suggested they contact Ms. Lippus at the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mead thought in the beginning they were going to put a needs assessment so the community is prepared. He also thought they were going to have a link to the health department for people to look up rules if they wanted to let people camp on their property or for vending carts. Mr. Boose asked if it would let people who live in a rural area and have a zoning question know they need to contact their township.

Mr. Mead said he has been addressing some of the concerns, which were brought up at that meeting, about infrastructure and vulnerabilities because that is what he does. He had meetings with the power companies and talked with some of the municipalities about their water supply because if we are having a large influx of people, those are the concerns he has. What happens if we have a car take out a pole? They had an accident in Fitchville recently which took out one pole and it took out power to several hundred residents. If we have a large influx of traffic and several poles are taken out, how will that affect us?

Mr. Boose thought that may be part of a discussion to have with our state representatives. He also noted if a big storm is coming in the electrical companies stand by in the areas where the storm is supposed to hit. Mr. Boose thought we may need some help from the state in contacting the electrical companies. Mr. Boose noted it is not just Huron County who will be experiencing the influx and potential electrical issues. If it was only

us we would take responsibility. They noted our Ohio Edison representative is good, but also noted there is more than one power company in the county.

Mr. Brady asked if Mr. Mead had reached out to Representative Swearingen. Mr. Mead said he had and Representative Swearingen is the only one who has not replied to him. Mr. Boose stated they would just need to set up a meeting and ask them to rsvp in order to get the elected officials to come.

Website address: Norwalkeclipse2024.com
It has a few items but is not fully built yet.

Ms. Ziemba asked if Mr. Mead needed anything. Mr. Mead told her he has been busy with Eclipse items everyday with the state and planning items. He is learning things and new things are brought up in conversation which we never thought about. They are working on a plan for communications so they are all able to talk to each other during this event. They are contemplating doing a regional EOC with 4 or 5 counties. That way only one of the counties in the EOC would contact Columbus and they can share resources.

Mr. Boose asked if there was any risk to the new communication system we just put in. Mr. Mead said the radio system will be fine, but the problem is with the resources coming in; some are on MARCS, some ore on UHS, some are on VHS and some are on another system. They are trying to find a common ground so if they need to communicate with everyone, they will be on the same page. Mr. Mead discussed redundancy with the civil air patrol as well. They discussed a system called DARTS, which could take pictures of things such as trains blocking roadways and other such items. But if the cellular system has gone down, then there is a VHS version; which they are trying to see if they can get as well.

23-109

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Health Department in 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Budget to the Huron County Health Department for the year 2023:

From 029-00475-001 Other Expenses \$ 12,000.00 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 wanted to state specifically what this was for. Mr. Wilde thought we had to pay them this. Ms. Ziemba said we do. Mr. Wilde thought this may be for the TB Fund.

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

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

23-110

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Terry Boose moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services (mandated share) for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services for the year 2023:

035-00580-001 Grants \$ 147,457.00 and further

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

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought this went to Children’s Services.

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

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

23-111

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Development Council for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Huron County Development Council for 2023:

From 025-00570-001 Huron County Development Council \$80,000.00 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 noted this was per the MOU.

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

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

23-112

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Soil & Water Conservation District for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a P.O. for these funds for a yearly payment is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to the Huron County Soil & Water Conservation District for the year 2023:

From: 037-00558-001 Soil & Water Conservation District \$180,000.00 yearly 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 thought it had been at this amount for a while, but Ms. Ziemba stated it had gone up a little, a few years ago. Mr. Boose noted they used to give us a presentation about the money we give being a match for grants they receive and it is a 3 or 4 to 1 match. Mr. Brady said they do a lot of things to help the residents of the county.

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

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

23-113

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Agricultural Society in 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Huron County Agricultural Society for the year 2023:

From 038-00559-001 Agriculture/Agricultural Society \$3,000.00 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. Brady noted this is the standard given every year, but we usually end up giving them more for other projects.

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

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

23-114

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE NORWALK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Norwalk Economic Development Corporation, Platinum membership, for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Norwalk

Economic Development Corporation for 2023:

From: 025-00572-001 Norwalk Economic Development \$10,000.00 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. Brady stated Sara Ross is doing a great job. Mr. Boose asked if this was paid quarterly or a one-time payment. Ms. Ziembra confirmed it is a one-time payment. Mr. Wilde sits on the board for this and said his seat was just renewed.

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

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

23-115

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO HURON COUNTY TRANSIT OPERATED BY SERVICES FOR AGING, INC.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for Huron County Transit operated by Services for Aging, Inc. for the required local share for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a P.O. for these funds for a yearly payment is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to the Huron County Transit operated by Services for Aging, Inc. for the year 2023:

From: 040-00569-001 Miscellaneous - Other Expenses \$50,000.00 yearly 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 asked if that was their official title. Ms. Ziembra told him yes, they have to apply through Services for the Aging. Mr. Brady noted we were in the process of revamping transportation and hope we will have the changes complete by the end of the year.

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

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

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

**Mr. Boose abstained from the two travel requests which Tracie Sebolt is on.*

- Vickie Ziemba & Cherise Webb – Commissioners – Delaware, OH – CCC-EAPA Regional Training – April 14, 2023
- Tracie Sebolt – JFS – Sandusky, OH – Emotional Poverty Workshop – March 07, 2023
- Niki Cross, Erin Whipple & Tracie Sebolt – JFS – Fremont, OH – Pax Tools for Human Services Training – March 15-16, 2023
- Lenora Minor – JFS – Columbus, OH – Directors Conference – May 16-18, 2023
- Lara Hozalski, Heather Carman-Stanley, Ashley Smith, Renee King, Sandy Burras, Marissa Saley, Reanne Smith, Alexandra Roblera & Kristina Ramos – JFS – Columbus, OH – Directors Conference – May 17-18, 2023
- Lenora Minor, Mary Valentine & Niki Cross – JFS – Columbus, OH – Ohio Children’s Alliance Conference – April 18-19, 2023

SIGNINGS - none

At 10:20 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:33 a.m. the board resumed regular schedule

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**Commissioner Boose Updates:**

- Mr. Boose said he was reading the minutes over the weekend and in February they had talked about moving forward on a lot of the ARPA contracts. Mr. Boose met with Roger Hunker last Friday and Mr. Hunker is anxiously awaiting whatever we need to do so they can take the next step. Mr. Boose noted there are 4 projects and they would be discussing one of them in executive session. Mr. Boose was not sure where the holdup is, but suggested Mr. Strickler and Ms. Gordon need to work to get the answers.
- Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ziemba if she has talked with Ms. Gordon. Ms. Ziemba stated she had just talked with Ms. Gordon last Friday and Ms. Gordon stated she would have them to her by Monday, but she has not gotten them yet. Mr. Strickler stated Ms. Gordon had told him she would have the items to us by early this week. Ms. Ziemba told them Ms. Gordon stated she had spoken to Mr. Strickler about the fair grounds and he had talked with someone at the fairgrounds. Mr. Strickler stated he had talked to a couple of the fair board members, then talked to Ms. Gordon. He then talked about other items with Ms. Gordon. She was still adding language to the Garmann Miller contract.
- Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to call McDonald Hopkins and tell them the Commissioners are upset. We need an answer for all of the issues regarding ARPA so we can vote on them next Tuesday. Mr. Wilde emphasized that we only have 2 years to get all this done. Ms. Ziemba noted that once Ms. Gordon gets these done; they need to go to each entity for review as well. Mr. Boose commented that some of them will need special meetings to get them done. The commissioners emphasized that Ms. Gordon needs to get the items to us when she says she will. Ms. Ziemba sent an e-mail to Ms. Gordon immediately.
- Mr. Boose stated we had tabled Resolution 23-076 with Garmann Miller for the HVAC because we thought it was too much money. He then asked where we stand. Ms. Ziemba stated they decided it was too much money and had only put \$50,000.00 in the budget for 2 more air handlers. Mr. Boose said the idea was to try to get the price down, not to cancel the project. He said it was about the fee. Mr. Brady stated this was tabled, but there was no specific direction given to anyone as to what they wanted to do next. They brought Mr. Welch in to discuss this.
- They reviewed that Garmann Miller had quoted a price of \$25,000 to oversee doing the HVAC. Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Welch had tried to get that fee lowered. Mr. Welch told him this price was lower than the initial quote. Mr. Boose asked for the cost of the whole project. Mr. Welch told them \$150,000 to \$200,000. The commissioners felt the fee was a high percentage. Mr. Welch said he had asked for a percentage rate, but they had not given him one.
- Mr. Boose noted we have 3 architects and suggested we go to another architect. He thought we could go to Schmid, who does smaller projects and are local architects. Ms. Ziemba stated we do not have a contract with Schmid yet. They discussed who we are currently contracted with. Mr. Brady suggested leaving it tabled until we pass a resolution for the new architect contracts.
- Ms. Ziemba reminded them we had only budgeted \$50,000 for this building. Mr. Boose asked how much we had spent already. Mr. Welch said we would be spending \$50,000 when the 2 new ones get here, but that was from 2022. Mr. Welch noted there were 8 air handlers which needed to be replaced total. They are replacing two air handlers for \$50,000. We need to do six more.
- Mr. Boose asked when we would have the new architects. Ms. Ziemba stated they had asked her to talk to Mr. Brady about the choices when he returned from his trip. Ms. Ziemba has not had a chance to talk with him yet, but will discuss the choices with him and see if he is agreeable with them. Ms. Ziemba stated they had wanted her to set up interviews after she had reviewed the choices with Mr. Brady.
- Mr. Boose wants the projects to move forward. He feels they made decisions about the ARPA projects a long time ago, but have not moved forward.

- Mr. Welch said if they approved the tabled resolution he could move forward on it; but they do not like the price, so they won't approve it. Mr. Brady asked if they needed to have an architect to do the air handlers.
- Ms. Ziemba stated they only approved \$50,000 for 2023. Mr. Welch stated he could only replace 2 more air handlers with that amount, but would not need architect. Mr. Boose thought they should just do it. Mr. Brady thought if it would save us the money than do it. Mr. Welch reminded them there are 6 more air handlers which need to be replaced and he can do 2 for the \$50,000. Mr. Brady questioned if it would be \$150,000 to do all 6. Mr. Welch told him yes, plus the architect fee because they would need to go out to bid for that amount. Mr. Boose noted we might need an architect to do the rest but we know for these 2 we can do it without an architect. Mr. Boose said there is \$50,000 in the budget, lets move forward.

Terry Boose moved to replace the two worst air handlers for under \$50,000. 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*

Bruce Wilde moved to take Resolution 23-076 off the table to be voted on. 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*

23-076

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires architectural planning services for HVAC upgrades to the existing HVAC units at the Huron County Administration building; and

WHEREAS, Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc. has submitted a Proposal to prepare such documents and services plus reimbursable expenses at the rate of \$25,000 as outlined in the Proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Proposal submitted by Garmann Miller & Associates, Inc., 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:

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

Commissioner Boose Updates-continued:

- Mr. Boose thought we are in danger of losing \$10M if we don't get moving on these projects. Mr. Welch told Mr. Boose there was a pre-construction meeting for the Senior Center tomorrow and Mr. Boose said that was with an architect with whom we do not have a contract with. Discussed that we were waiting on the contract to be reviewed.
- Mr. Brady mentioned we were good to go for the air handlers. Mr. Wilde asked if there were 8 air handlers in the administration building. Mr. Welch told him that was correct and said we have already replaced 2 of them. He said he would be able to complete one floor by next year. Mr. Wilde asked if that was the top floor. Mr. Boose said this is important because the people at the end of the hall on the top floor have heating and air conditioning problems which we need to resolve. Mr. Boose noted we are not doing this for the commissioners, we are doing it for the needs of this building.
- Mr. Welch asked what other projects were approved in the budget and asked if we were doing the administration building roof.
- Mr. Boose said we have money in permanent improvements and did not specifically say which ones

would be done. They have a list of projects which need to be done and don't have enough money to do everything. Mr. Boose said in his opinion, we need to get the administration building roof and the downtown office building roof done as soon as possible. He noted until you get the roof done it doesn't matter what you do inside the buildings if you have leaks. Mr. Brady agreed and also thought the masonry issue needed to be fixed. Mr. Welch confirmed he meant the Performing Arts building and noted he had received one quote for \$3,000 to do the block work, but has not received a cost back from Gundlach for the metal. Mr. Brady asked about the wall that was up top. Mr. Welch confirmed Mr. Brady was talking about the area with the tuck point and stated that would be about \$50,000. Mr. Welch said he was waiting on a second price, but since the budget is done, he could submit it now if they wanted him to. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Welch to give him a couple of days to get a list of people who may be able to get some prices for that work.

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler stated he had spoken to Ms. Gordon and was also reviewing a lengthy contract for Mr. Welch.
- Mr. Boose said there were issues with Cook Road. Mr. Strickler said he was aware of it and had called the health department. Mr. Strickler stated the health department does not do inside the house anymore. Mr. Boose said it was outside the house. Mr. Strickler said it was his understanding that there were no obstructions in the right of way. Mr. Boose said there were. Mr. Strickler said he was told when the person violated his term of probation there was nothing in the right of way at that time, but something may have been put there in the meantime. The wife may have done that because he was told there was nothing in the right of way. Mr. Boose said when he drove by, there was a gentleman who had just walked away from the driveway and around to go inside the fence. They said it could not have been the husband, because he is in jail. Mr. Boose suggested they take more pictures.
- Mr. Strickler stated he would have Mr. Draper drive by and take more pictures. Mr. Strickler asked the probation officer if there was anything in front of the fence along the road because he was trying to do something else to keep him in jail longer. The probation officer told him there was nothing in that area. The gentleman had violated his probation in regards to keeping domestic animals.
- The 5 Opioid Settlements which were approved by the commissioners have been submitted to the lawyers. Mr. Strickler received a confirmation e-mail stating we are on the list and have accepted those settlements, so we are good to go with those 5. Mr. Strickler said he had trouble with the portal when he tried to submit them. He had to call them to verify. Mr. Boose asked who this was going to and Mr. Strickler told him it was the law firm in Florida.
- Region 19 meeting tomorrow. Received some information from Tom Stuber, but haven't received anything from their representative on the state board.

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba received an email from Ms. Gordon stating the fairgrounds contract should have been in their e-mail this weekend. Ms. Ziemba had a conversation with Mr. Sell this morning and she is supposed to let him know if she is expecting something and didn't receive it because it could be getting caught in the spam filter when we switched e-mails. Ms. Gordon will resend it to her when she gets back. This will need to be reviewed by the fair board before it is finalized. Ms. Gordon will also have the draft architect contract comments to us today, before the meeting with the architect tomorrow. We can then give the contract to them for review. Ms. Gordon then said between her conversations with Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziemba, she felt we should be in good shape on both documents. Mr. Boose said there is at least one other project.
- Mr. Boose asked where we were at with the elevator. Ms. Ziemba said the last time she received an update from the architect she was told they plan to have their documents completed on March 30 to send to GLCAP, who can begin the bidding process in April.
- Mr. Boose would like an update on each of these projects either weekly or biweekly. Mr. Brady thought biweekly would be fine.

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Mr. Brady had a bill which had been held from the claim schedule for the commissioners to discuss. The bill was given to us by the airport board for legal services by the Wirtz Law firm. Mr. Brady said he knows we had made it very clear to them previously that they needed to use the assistant prosecutor for anything which was for a normal everyday item. Mr. Brady said this bill was for reviewing bidding documents and that sort of thing. He said one of the items on the bill said conference with commissioner. Mr. Brady did not know who that is because on occasion he has had a conversation with Scott Sparks because he is the liaison, but has not had a conference with the airport board. Mr. Brady said he showed the bill to Mr. Strickler and asked if there was anything on the bill which he would not be able to do. Mr. Strickler told him no. Mr. Brady noted their budget is \$1,000 and the bill is \$500.00. Mr. Brady said that he reminded Mr. Sparks that their budget was only \$1,000 and this bill would take half of it. He also told him they can use the assistant prosecutor for these items in the future. Mr. Brady said they could have this put on the claims schedule for next Tuesday. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ziemba to send an e-mail to Mr. Sparks letting him know we will put it on the claims

schedule, but 50% of his budget will be gone. Also tell him if you need legal help for these items contact the assistant prosecutor.

- Mr. Strickler said to have them contact himself or Jacob Stephens. Mr. Strickler said he was glad to do it, but can't do anything if he doesn't get called. Mr. Strickler noted that according to the statute, the airport board is one of those optional boards which we can represent and Mr. Sitterly has authorized us to represent them. Mr. Strickler said they had not done this previously because there were issues with the prior board in getting things to their office in a timely manner. Since the board has changed, the prosecutors have said they would do it but he has not heard from them. Mr. Brady's preference would be for the airport board to get ahold of the assistant prosecutor to see if it was something they could do or if they should consider outside counsel. Mr. Strickler thought from the items he saw on the bill, he would have been able to do those items.

At 11:05 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 12:06 p.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*

Mr. Boose wanted to wait until Thursday to discuss anything in detail but wanted to note some meetings:
Commissioner Boose

- Committee meeting on Friday.
- Township Association meeting.
- Fire fighter Association meeting.
- Senior Enrichment Services meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Wilde

- Transportation meeting.
- Workforce Development meeting.
- TIRC meeting in Willard.
- Region 19 meeting.

Commissioner Brady

- Family and Children First meeting tomorrow.

At 12:10 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 March 14, 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 12:10 p.m.

Signatures on File