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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; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Peter Welch, Director of Operation; Steve Minor, B&G Supervisor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector

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

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# IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE QUOTE SUBMITTED BY NORWALK CONCRETE INDUSTRIES FOR THE PRECAST CONCRETE PUMP STATION RENOVATION AT THE HURON COUNTY LANDFILL

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** Peter Welch, Director of Operations, has submitted a request to renovate the north pump station at the Huron County Landfill to include new pumps and valves, stainless steel guide rails, precast well cap, etc.; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Welch solicited quotes from two entities and recommends the quote submitted by Norwalk Concrete Industries, (Quotation #23-1437), in the amount of \$48,946.00 for the purchase and installation of the precast concrete pump station renovation project; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the quote submitted by Norwalk Concrete Industries, as recommended by Mr. Welch and as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\****Discussion:* Mr. Wilde said Mr. Welch had discussed this with them previously and he sat with Mr. Welch yesterday. Mr. Wilde thought the Attorney fees we are paying for the Transfer Station lawsuit are ridiculous. Mr. Wilde noted we are trying to get things like this done and get a new scale, then we have to pay these Attorney fees; It is very difficult right now. Mr. Wilde said they transfer station just wants to break even, but with the Attorney fees it is hard. If we could just get the lawsuit settled and get paid; we would be in much better shape. The lawsuit is just sucking the money out. Mr. Wilde stated the pump station renovation has to be done. He added between this and the new scale it will be really tight.

Mr. Brady said this falls below the amount which would need to be bid on, but it is nice to know that we have a local company who does this type of work.

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

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

\*Contract on file

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IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FOR THE POSITION OF CUSTODIAL WORKER, A PERMANENT, FULL TIME, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE FOR THE HURON COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, AND COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME/OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 710, CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE UNIT.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Custodial Worker as a permanent, full time, classified employee for the Huron County Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted and advertised in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policies Handbook, and

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WHEREAS, the Huron County Director of Operations recommends hiring Robert Wolcott, Jr. for the position of Custodial Worker; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of Robert Wolcott, Jr. to the position of Custodial Worker, effective April 10, 2023, at the starting rate of \$12.45 per hour, with an increase of 50 cents per hour, upon successful completion of a 120 calendar-day probationary period. Contingent upon successful pre-employment physical, drug test and background check; 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.

**<u>\*Discussion</u>**: Mr. Wilde asked if this would fill all of our custodial spots. Mr. Minor verified the custodial position would be fully staffed now.

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

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

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# IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE LANDFILL ACCOUNT #500

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustment;

and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation of moneys as follows:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	501	00125	500	\$37.85		501	00450	500	\$37.85
		Salaries					Unemployment		

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor's office will make the appropriate journal entry; 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 asked if this was a housekeeping type thing. Mr. Boose explained some people wonder why you do certain things like this instead of paying it out of accounts. He said this is the proper way to do it. Even though it is only \$37.85, there are certain accounts which it should be paid out of and unemployment is something we can never anticipate. Mr. Boose felt the salaries line was a good place to transfer out of for this reason. Usually if someone goes out on unemployment it cuts salaries down, so there should be money in salaries. Mr. Wilde commented we only pay unemployment when it happens. In private industry they pay into it every pay, but in government we only pay when it happens.

Mr. Brady said the county budget has many line items within an account and it is sometimes hard to keep them orderly, but we try our best. Mr. Ziemba said this was for an employee who quit after 2 days and that is why the amount is so low.

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

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

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# 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

Roland Tkach - Auditor - Carey, OH - CAAO District meeting - March 24, 2023

#### **SIGNINGS** - none

# **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator/Clerk Updates:

- Ms. Ziemba stated the Planning Commission has an opening and asked if they would like her to reach out to Mckenna Laser, whom they had interviewed for the recent open spot, to see if she is still interested. Mr. Boose said Mr. Spettel did an excellent job representing realtors and could answer a lot of questions about how things worked. Mr. Boose thought we may want to replace a realtor with another realtor. He said Ms. Laser would be awesome. Mr. Brady noted there are many things which come up at Planning Commission which a realtor is helpful with. Ms. Ziemba asked how they wanted to go about getting somebody. Mr. Boose said that Mr. Wilde knows a lot of realtors in town and asked him if he could approach them about this to see if they are interested, then let us know if anyone is interested.
- We received the Fairgrounds contract from Ms. Gordon, all the commissioners have reviewed it and approve. Mr. Strickler has not reviewed it. Ms. Ziemba asked if he would like to review it before she sends it to the Fairgrounds. Mr. Strickler told her to send it to them, if Ms. Gordon did it then he is sure it is fine, but will do a cursory review of it. Mr. Boose commented there is nothing out of the ordinary in the contract. The only thing which might be considered out of the ordinary is the part in which we had asked to have language put in stating 4-H and the OSU extension could use it for free. Mr. Boose thought it was well written. Mr. Wilde commented they are excited this is now going to the Fair Board
- Mr. Monnin from Garmann Miller received the Architect contract and discussed it with Ms. Ziemba yesterday. Ms. Ziemba stated he did not see anything in it that would be an issue and sent it to their legal department. He thought they might have it back to him by the end of the day yesterday or today. Ms. Ziemba noted it may be on for Tuesday. Mr. Boose said they had a conversation with Mr. Monnin yesterday about the idea of having a fixed amount for the project. Mr. Strickler asked if Mr. Monnin had received his e-mail. Mr. Boose said Mr. Monnin was well aware of what we were talking about. The commissioners discussed the value of having a larger firm, because they have people who can do almost everything. Mr. Wilde asked if they could decide as to whether we want a fixed rate or percentage rate. Mr. Boose asked if the percentage in the contract is 7%. Ms. Ziemba stated it is 7% in the contract and Mr. Monnin told her it would take him a little bit to get a fixed number. Mr. Boose wanted to wait to see what they come back with and said they will work without the contract for right now. Mr. Wilde noted it helps when you build a relationship with a firm as we have done with Garmann Miller.
- Mr. Brady said we have just ranked architects and engineering firms again. We ranked Garmann Miller at 97 and the next one was 83, so that is what we think about Garmann Miller in general. Mr. Boose said we want to interview firms as part of the process, but told Garmann Miller not to get excited if we don't call them for an interview because we feel we know them and do not need to interview them. Mr. Boose noted while he is not always a fan of large firms but in this case, he feels it will help to get the job done faster.
- Mr. Welch said they were surveying the property yesterday and the next step will be to get the soil borings. He said he would try to pull logs from when the school was put in and when we did the BMV/Title. Mr. Boose asked if there were flags up. Mr. Welch said they were up yesterday. Mr. Boose suggested having the Title staff take pictures of them. He thought if we took pictures from different perspectives you could tell where they are located. Ms. Ziemba suggested contacting the Engineer's office to do that. Mr. Welch noted they are dropping those places on a drawing now, so they will always have the coordinates of where each one goes.
- Discussed when they thought the farmer would be planting and thought the farmer told them he would plant soy beans. Mr. Boose thought he would probably plant in May. Ms. Ziemba commented that she needed to call him.
- Mr. Boose explained they had a meeting with Garmann Miller to discuss what we expect to be in the building. It was a very good meeting and there were representatives from BMV/Title, who gave very good insight about parking and doorways. They had a couple of board members from Enrichment Services, Senior Enrichment employees, which included Mr. Beal, along with Ms. Ziemba, Mr. Welch and Mr. Boose. Mr. Boose was impressed that everyone was looking at what they really needed for services and not all the extra's. Mr. Boose noted that sometimes we have to remind ourselves that

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we need to also build it for the future as well. They gave us a schedule for moving forward. Mr. Boose said Mr. Welch could make a copy for the media. Mr. Brady was glad to give the information to the media so they know they are getting it correct and from the source.

# At 9:30 a.m. <u>County Project Updates: Peter Welch, Director of Operations and Steve Minor,</u> <u>Maintenance Supervisor</u>:

- Elevator questions:
  - Do we want to have tv security cameras in the elevator? We said we did not need to have a camera in the elevator, but agreed to having them wire a travel cable.
  - Do we want to have a fob system on the elevator? We told them no, as this is a public elevator.
  - They asked if we wanted the elevator hooked up to the generators we already have here. Whether or not we have enough power in them. If not, they wanted to know if we wanted another generator hooked up to it. Mr. Welch told them no. Mr. Boose noted we decided to have a battery backup. Mr. Boose thought if we had space on our generator that would be a great option. But did not want to purchase a new one.
  - Cab exterior finish: Stainless steel or baked enamel? The stainless was only \$1,500.00 more, so they chose the stainless steel.
  - Cab interior finish: stainless steel or plastic laminated panels? Plastic laminate was suggested because it was easier for bangs and to keep clean. They also suggested we put handrails all the way around. It was also quite a bit more expensive to put stainless inside.
  - Discussed the ceiling and lighting choices.
  - Mr. Minor thanked the commissioners for letting him go and gave an update on his trip. Mr. Minor went for training at Brightly Industries aka Facility Dude. This is an electronic work order platform. We use this in Huron County and have had many questions. The last time anyone attended training was in 2016, when we first implemented the system. It has been very beneficial for us. Mr. Welch noted we pay \$2,500 a year for this and CORSA pays \$5,000. Mr. Minor said Brightly Industries held an event in Cleveland last year which he attended and he had some questions. He received the answers to those questions when he got there.
  - They were able to make an agenda when they got there. They give you an app which you can use to choose your schedule. There were several topics to choose from.
  - Mr. Minor said we asked them about tracking our inventory, including equipment and chemicals. We have always been told we could do that, we have also talked about making a record of every building and all of the equipment in the building, to include air handlers, HVAC Equipment, lighting. Mr. Minor said they found out that is possible but not in facility dude. Facility dude is just a work order platform.
  - Mr. Minor was told another platform they have is work and asset management and that platform brings you into a lot of sensory work. Sensors on equipment for tracking and analytics and it comes at a cost. Mr. Boose noted that type system is good for high rise buildings. Mr. Welch said it was harder to run the sensory wires in an older building. Mr. Minor thought the training was beneficial, but did not need to go to it every year. He noted it was very helpful and answered a lot of questions. Mr. Boose thought different people could go the next time, such as the HVAC technician. Mr. Minor felt it gave him a chance to network and meet other government agencies; he said there was a group called the Ranch, which is a county in Colorado's Fair board. Mr. Minor added there were different round tables which you could attend.
  - Mr. Boose mentioned they had discussed putting a new roof on the Admin Building and had discussed Roof Connect. Mr. Welch asked Garmann Miller about the company and was told Miami County and Mercer County have both used them and gotten very good results. Mr. Monnin told them he does not know of any county who goes out to bid for roofs. Mr. Welch thought that was odd because we have always gone out to bid for a roof. Mr. Welch thought you have to give credit to Mr. Monnin for suggesting someone else. Mr. Welch said we are going to explore the Roof Connect option for this roof. Mr. Welch stated when they talked to the Roof Connect representative, she told us there is money available through some act, if you install solar panels. You can almost get your roof paid for as well. Right now, we are sending all of our electric bills to her and Roof Connect will determine whether or not solar panels will be an option here and how much electricity we could generate. Mr. Welch explained the way you get it done for free, is through investors. Mr. Boose explained how the solar panel credits work if your state has them. Mr. Welch said he tried for a grant similar to the one they were proposing, except with methane, but he could not get any investors. Mr. Boose said the Inflation Reduction Act was the grant which Roof Connect was talking about.
  - Landfill –Mr. Welch spent \$1,050 to subcontract recycling today because he had one person call in sick and no way to pick up recycling boxes. The good news is they are making an offer to a fellow and will push for a start date of March 27. Hope to get a little relief but will still be down half to a full guy still.

#### Administrator/Clerk updates - continued

• Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Brady if he would like some time to review the RFQ architect information. Mr. Brady asked her to give him until Tuesday to review the information.

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# Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Mr. Wilde went to the transportation meeting last week and placed the information he received from GLCAP in Mr. Brady's box. They explained this was the quarterly transportation meeting, which is required if you receive ODOT money. Mr. Wilde noted all of the people who attended the meeting and stated some attended through zoom. Mr. Wilde said the meeting started out with someone asking what decisions we have made about transportation. Mr. Wilde explained to them that we have not come to a decision yet. Talked about how to get more busses. They are very willing to help. Mr. Boose asked if GLCAP was the Regional Group who make sure every county is abiding by the rules for ODOT Transportation. Mr. Brady noted it was Tim Bergman who originally suggested we use Transit 9-1-1.
- Workforce meeting Monday. They reviewed what they can do.
- TIRC meeting in Willard. They have 2, one for Star of the West Milling Company and Pepperidge Farm. Mr. Wilde noted it was interesting that Pepperidge Farm has to meet certain requirements to continue the tax abatement. They are on easy agreement payroll retaining and it was at \$28M in payroll and newly created payroll as of December 31 was almost \$3M. So, their payroll is approximately \$31M. Mr. Wilde said that Star of the West Milling was supposed to create 18 jobs and they created 26. Their payroll is around \$1M. Mr. Wilde said the abatement for Star of the West would end in 2024 and the one for Pepperidge Farm will end in 2026. He noted that Pepperidge Farm had worked out an agreement with the schools for payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Wilde discussed CRA's as an incentive to build.
- TIRC Norwalk Mr. Brady will be at Borgers next Wednesday. Because of the sale of the property they have to sign the abatement over to the new company.
- Next Wednesday is the Celebrity basketball game at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Ziemba asked when the breakfast was. Mr. Wilde said the breakfast was on Wednesday March 29, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
- Mr. Wilde said they do the president and vice president training at the Middle School on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brady asked if that was for 4-H. Mr. Wilde said it was.

# **Commissioner Brady updates:**

- Mr. Brady stated he was in Florida from Saturday until Wednesday for a CEBCO conference. It was for board and staff members, also directors from another company. It was good the see the similarities and differences between the different states. They did a round table and discussed wellness programs. We have a wellness program in Huron County, but there are states which have completely done away from them. It was interesting and informative.
- Family Children First Council meeting yesterday morning. They had a presentation by Family Health Services. It is income based and they provide dental services along with mental health services. They just purchased a second van, which is wheel chair accessible, so they can transport people.
- The Superintendent of Willard said they cannot expel or suspend children of certain grade levels from school per the Ohio Legislature. They are now dealing with these students in the district and there is a program called VEEP which is operated in Ashland County. We don't have that program in Huron County but they were trying to do something. Superintendent Cooley said they have the same issue. Right now, the southern part of the county is sending these children to Ashland County at the cost of \$25,000 per student per year. Mr. Brady said they are teaching them behavioral things to help them get on track. Some of them have mental issues and some have other issues.
- CORSA Renewal Meeting here next Thursday the 23 at 1:30.
- Mr. Brady explained what the acronyms CORSA and CEBCO stood for and what they do.
- The United Fund dinner is on Thursday the 23.

#### **Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Mr. Boose would like Mr. Brady to let CEBCO know they either need to change wellness providers or make the portal more user friendly for all ages. Mr. Brady said the managing director of CEBCO has said because of issues and participation rates. He will bring up some proposals for the board to look at during their meeting. Mr. Boose noted that both he and his wife have to go through it. He does not feel it is user friendly. Mr. Brady feels the same way and noted the state of Montana has done away with it because of participation. Mr. Boose said it wasn't hard to go to the events themselves, it was the system itself that is hard. Mr. Brady discussed other systems he has used that automatically recorded when you logged in for a webinar. Mr. Boose said it would be nice to be able to talk to someone. Discussed having a person answer the phone instead of an automated system.
- Mr. Boose noted mental health is such a big issue and in his opinion the state of Ohio is sticking their heads in the sand and telling the local governments to pay for it. They noted the schools, JFS and the Sheriff all get burnt out from dealing with the mental health issues.
- Mr. Brady said that North Point has 32 Superintendents and 16 have left in the past few years.
- Housing study preliminary report is complete. The large report is 500 pages. There is also a summary.
- Public Health is having its District Advisory Council Meeting, which is held every year in March. Mr. Boose said we received it on March 6 and the meeting is today. Mr. Boose thought it would have been nice to have a little bit of time to plan. Mr. Boose thought they should give more notice. Mr.

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Brady said he would be there to represent the commissioners.

- Firefighters Association meeting. They had a non-profit group call Team Rubicon come in. They are an all-volunteer group who help in emergencies or disasters. Their goal is to help small communities and the economically under served. If there was a flood, they would help the people who don't have the money first. Ohio has 4 regions and we are in the NW region. They have 350 volunteers currently and of that 172 are veterans. They go all over the country and have over 150 sponsors. An example of a sponsor is SW Airlines. If they are going to Texas to help, SW Airlines will fly them down for free. They also have hotels as sponsors and can stay for free. The representative noted they just wait for the phone calls, then go out and help.
- One of the items they discussed was directing traffic and that is why he talked with Mr. Mead about the group. He felt we should get them on our schedule for the eclipse because there will be many people in Ohio who will be calling them. The group also has connections, one being for phone service. They have a booster service they bring in because after a disaster everyone is trying to call loved ones to let them know how they are doing. Mr. Wilde gave their information to Tacy Bond for 9-1-1.
- Another big part of what they do is community service. They have regularly scheduled things they do. They are also a big supporter of Habitat for Humanity. In a lot of disasters, you can get FEMA money, but you have to match it with local money. You can use their hours as in-kind contributions and it is considered a match. Mr. Brady thought this was also a great model for businesses to be civically minded by giving donations to this group effort.
- Fuel Tax Replacement meeting. They will present their results to ODOT and the state legislatures. The next meeting was moved from June 8, to June 01, which is a Board Meeting Day. Mr. Boose said he would probably be going to the Fuel Tax meeting. Mr. Boose told them about being able to vote on their phones for questions which were asked during the meeting. The Official Report will be coming out in June. Mr. Boose noted the bottom line is if we keep it strictly a fuel tax, then we will lose money.
- Township meeting on Thursday; they discussed the eclipse.
- CCAO Tax and Finance meeting last Friday. They discussed HB1, which was introduced and had its first hearing. It is proposing a flat tax for the income tax in the State of Ohio. Rather than using their reserve fund to offset that they have chosen many changes to property tax. There are 2 things with this process and Mr. Boose understands what they are trying to do at the state. Our taxes are so complicated that the average citizen can't figure out what is going on. Mr. Boose thought the school tax was the most complicated one he has ever seen and they use a huge formula. If they change one thing in this formula it affects all these other things.
- What they are trying to do is simplify the tax system and that is a great idea. But they are doing it on the backs of local governments, instead of the state government.
- Part of HB1 gives the local government some kind of money for 2 years, but they have not defined what they are going to give. Some people are saying the state will make us whole, but that is not the way Mr. Boose read the bill. Mr. Brady noted their definition of whole could be completely different than our definition of whole. Mr. Boose agreed and said the complicated system of how the local governments get their money from the state is also based on a complicated formula. The key is that it is based on the revenue the state brings in, so if they reduce the income tax, they are reducing the revenue the state brings in. So, it is an automatic cut to the formula for the amount of money the local governments and libraries receive from the state.
- The second part of HB1 are the changes to property tax. When they change them, they are reducing the state's expenses. It hard to explain because a lot of the things they are talking about eliminating in the property tax, the state pays a roll back to the local governments from the property taxes. So, what they are doing is reducing their expenses, not increasing their revenue and by doing so they hurt local governments by not giving the rollbacks.
- The third group of local government includes; schools, cities, villages, libraries and townships. All of these entities lose in this bill. Another thing which is even more of a concern to Mr. Boose is this could mean individuals in the county are going to pay a higher property tax to get the same services they currently have. Now, local government and its citizens get hit twice. Another group who gets hit are the farmers.
- Mr. Boose noted this looks good for the state and said we were told that one of the cosponsors of the bill said this does not look good for local governments. The response was that this is just a starting point. Mr. Boose questioned why they chose that as their starting point. It is a slap in the face to local governments. Mr. Boose would like our state representatives to explain to the local governments and schools how this is a good deal. He thought they would say they are going to make us whole. Mr. Wilde said this would not be sustainable. Mr. Brady noted he trusts that as much as the state saying they will pay indigent expenses at 100%.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> topic at the meeting was Indigent Defense reimbursement to the counties. The state said they would pay this at a 100% reimbursement and said they had set aside in the last budget. We finally got the state to agree to this, but they didn't set aside enough money for it in the budget. They realized this about 6 months ago, then told the counties they would not be reimbursed at 100%, but 90%. Last week they announced that for the last 6 months of the state fiscal year the counties will only get

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reimbursed at 70%. The state said the counties were actually getting an 80% reimbursement because the were reimbursed at 90% for the  $1^{st}$  6 months and 70% for the last 6 months, so that is an average of 80%. Mr. Boose noted we had not budgeted for a 70% reimbursement in the last 6 months. Mr. Boose mentioned the adjustment in the reimbursement to CCAO and asked that they look at it for the next budget and figure out how to correct it.

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> thing discussed at the meeting was another bill about the providers who received money for the broadband infrastructure. It states they would not have to pay CAT tax on the money they receive for this project. Mr. Boose explained that CAT was a Commercial Activity Tax which every business has to pay and it is a percentage of their revenue. They claim if they could be exempt from that, they could do more in their project. There is nothing in the bill which says they have to use the money that way. They could also build up profits. It was asked if that would trickle down to the people who were actually doing the work, the subcontractors. They said no, the subcontractors don't get the break, just the providers. CCAO is going to oppose this bill. Mr. Wilde commented Mr. Riedy was setting up a time for Spectrum to come in to talk about broadband. Mr. Boose noted there is no guarantee if we give the CAT tax credit they will put it back in to the infrastructure or trickle down to the subcontractors.
- Mr. Brady noted when he went to the CEBCO conference they discussed what millennials are looking for in healthcare benefits. Mr. Brady was also told they are using the virtual reality goggles to help people with pain management, weight loss and smoking cessation, with huge success. Mr. Brady said this approach was more affordable and it helps to keep people from taking more drugs.

At 11:00 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of <u>pending</u> or <u>imminent court action</u>. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:48 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end executive session. 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

#### Assistant Prosecutor updates: none

At 11:50 a.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde 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 16, 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 11:50 a.m.

Signatures on File