

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; Joel Riedy, Network Administrator; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Caleb Brady, Citizen; Madeline Anderson, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the February 28, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the February 28, 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

23-119

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 and Then and Now's for Payment Batch #355214 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:**

- Pg. 1 - Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had checked on the Common Pleas charge for an interpreter. Ms. Ziemba explained they are required to use an interpreter who is certified through the Supreme Court and they have a list. The \$325 is a flat fee which includes the persons travel and the hours they work for the day. Ms. Ziemba noted we do not have a local person to do this. This person travels from Stow, Ohio. Mr. Boose wondered why the different courts had different requirements. Ms. Ziemba stated the common pleas court has been attempting to get a couple of local people for this, but the people have been unable to pass the test.
- Pg. 2 - Detention care for Erie and Seneca County's. Mr. Boose noted we were approving Erie County as a back up today. Mr. Boose thought that Seneca County had reduced the number of beds available to us. Mr. Wilde said it went from 5 to 3 beds. Mr. Boose said thankfully Erie County is willing to work with us.
- Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy if the Sheriff had ever discussed with him what the cheapest internet is. Mr. Riedy said they had not reached out to him about the internet cost. Mr. Riedy said they go through Spectrum and we more than likely have the same representative. Mr. Strickler noted that 9-1-1 has to go through Frontier because the statute says you have to go through the local phone provider.
- Pg. 5 - Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to check with Ms. Minor about the rolling file cabinets purchased by JFS.
- Pg. 8 - Dispatcher training. Mr. Boose would like to check on this at the next 9-1-1 or TAC meeting. He would like to know what part of the dispatcher training we are paying for.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Sheriff, Jail Operations, and various maintenance services.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
04/06/2023	Treasurer State of Ohio	355983	2023-000701	Victim Advocacy Conference - Boster & M Doughty	\$250.00	
Account 181.01.00300 (Training/Travel) Total:					\$250.00	
Department SVAA Total:					\$493.80	
Fund 181 - SVAA Total:					\$493.80	
04/06/2023	Wye Bank	355983	2023-000791	Fuel - March	\$85.07	
04/06/2023	Wye Bank	355983	2023-000791	Accounting - Labadie	\$60.00	
04/06/2023	Terry Boose	355983	2023-000791	Cell Phone - Terry Boose	\$175.07	
Account 185.00380 (Training) Total:					\$175.07	
Department 911 Total:					\$175.07	
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$175.07	
04/06/2023	Commercial Building Department	355983	2023-001941	Quarterly Payment-Building Department	\$30.08	
Account 186.00480 (Administration Fees) Total:					\$30.08	
Department Commercial Building Department Total:					\$30.08	
Fund 186 - Commercial Building Department Total:					\$30.08	
04/06/2023	Countywide Communications	355983	2023-002771	Warranty Work Labor - Collins Generator	\$765.00	
Account 193.193.0200 (Equipment) Total:					\$765.00	
04/06/2023	American Electric Power	355983	2023-000791	Wagner Tower Electric - Mar	\$202.45	
04/06/2023	Frontier	355983	2023-000791	811 Silestone Router - Mar	\$341.28	
04/06/2023	Frontier	355983	2023-000791	Tower Generator Service	\$1,158.81	
Account 193.193.00205 (Contract Services) Total:					\$1,502.54	
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,966.81	
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$1,966.81	
04/06/2023	Solid Waste Management District	355983	2023-000941	EPA Monitoring	\$800.00	
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$800.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District					\$800.00	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District					\$800.00	
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$800.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District					\$800.00	
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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
04/06/2023	WEX Bank	355983	2023-000501	Fuel for Truck	\$31.76	
Account 525.525.00300 (Travel) Total:					\$31.76	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$31.76	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$31.76	
04/06/2023	Harter Trust	355983	2023-000501	Child Abuse Prevention Walk T Shirts 2023	\$3,870.00	
04/06/2023	Capital One	355983	2023-000501	Foster Care Families Easter Gift Cards	\$650.00	
Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$4,520.00	
Department Harter Trust Total:					\$4,520.00	
Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$4,520.00	
04/06/2023	R-J Ink Protective Systems Inc	355983	2023-000701	Metal detector and installation	\$7,100.00	
04/06/2023	Shelby & Service Inc	355983	2023-000701	Trash Bags, turn towels, gray rubber sprayer, pot	\$1,164.70	
Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$8,264.70	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,264.70	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,264.70	
Grand Total:					\$165,371.84	
Sign 1 <i>Kerry Boose</i> Sign 2 <i>Terry Boose</i> Sign 3 <i>Bruce Wilde</i>						
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23-120

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTING BIDS FOR THE OUTFITTING OF A TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, per Resolution 23-066, bids were let for Outfitting of a Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, March 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. as follows:

Henderson Products	\$94,295.00	
Kalida Truck Equipment	\$96,300.00	and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Prosecutor’s and Huron County Engineer’s recommendation is to reject all bids for Outfitting of a Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Board reserved the right to reject all bids in the specifications and under ORC 307.90; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners rejects all bids for Outfitting of Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said both of the bid packets we received had issues. One did not have a paper notarized or filled out correctly; the other one inserted the incorrect form. Both bids were rejected based on that. They will re-advertise.

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

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

23-121

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND RELETING BIDS FOR OUTFITTING OF A TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer had requested and received approval for seeking bids through Resolution 23-066 for Outfitting Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

WHEREAS, the County has rejected the bids at the recommendation of the Huron County Prosecutor and the Huron County Engineer for Outfitting Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck through Resolution 23-120; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for the reletting of bids for Outfitting Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

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

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Engineer's request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to acquire Outfitting Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC's opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned equipment must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the reletting of bids for Outfitting Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck for the Engineer's Office. The purchase shall be financed with funds received through ARPA ; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:20 a.m.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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 was to rebid the one that was just rejected. Mr. Tansey said they will send the bidders a letter explaining what they did wrong and provide a new book to them.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scaled bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of April 14, 2023, until 9:19 a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 for: Reletting of Bids for the Outfitting of Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:20 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com/> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise: March 23, 2023
March 30, 2023

23-122

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the purchase of a Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

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

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Engineer’s request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to acquire

the Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned equipment must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Purchase of One (1) New Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck for the Engineer’s Office. The purchase shall be financed with funds received through ARPA and the Engineer’s local funds; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on April 14, 2023 at 9:10 a.m.; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said there was about \$85,000 left of their ARPA funds. They are using the balance for this truck. The truck will probably cost about \$130,000 so they are asking the commissioners to consider bumping them up another \$50,000 in ARPA funds, if not they will pay the remaining with local money. The commissioners said they would review it. Mr. Tansey noted it would be 6 to 9 months before they received the truck. Mr. Brady asked what kind of truck this was and Mr. Tansey told him it was a plow truck. He noted the previous was a tandem, but this is a single axle.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of April 14, 2023, until 9:09 a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 for: Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:10 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com/> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise: March 23, 2023
March 30, 2023

23-123

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE OLD STATE ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT HUR-CR 052-06.49; PID 117424

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funding for the Old State Road Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for said project; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Old State Road Superstructure Replacement Project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said they would reuse the foundations and add a new deck. This is on Old State Road, just north of Peru Olena Rd. It has 100% Federal funding. Mr. Brady asked how they find out about the federal funding for these bridges. Mr. Tansey told him there were 4 bridges this year, which were part of the COVID money with the transportation bill. A percentage of the money was given to local bridges. We were fortunate enough to get 4 of them. This is the 4th one which we are bidding out for this year. That is a 5-year program, so we have 1 in 2024, 1 in 2025 and 1 in 2026. We were front loaded and lucky to get 4 for this year. These are at 100%. Usually they run at 80%/20% or 95%/5%, depending on the program. But this is a special fund and will go away in 5 years. We got 7 bridges out of this program.

Mr. Brady noted we always encourage departments to look for grants and Mr. Tansey has done a very good job at that. Mr. Tansey said that most of their money is found through the County Engineer Association of Ohio and is administered through them. They set up the programs on how to evenly disburse the money to all the counties based on a point system when you submit your applications.

Mr. Boose noted the Senate has cut the billion dollars out for rural roads in the transportation budget. Mr. Brady said at the bridge on Cleveland Akron Rd at the corner in Norwalk, the superstructure is crumbling and you can only see the rebar frame and no concrete. Mr. Tansey said that was the City of Norwalk.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, April 14, 2023 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Old State Road Superstructure Replacement, HUR-C.R. 052-06.49; PID 117424. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than November 4, 2023.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise:
3/23/2023
3/30/2023

23-124

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE 2023 CHIP AND SEAL – PHASE 2 PROJECT IN HURON COUNTY

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the 2023 Chip and Seal – Phase 2 Project; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the 2023 Chip and Seal - Phase 2 project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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 explained this was the township portion. There were a little over 50 miles in the program this year.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of April 7, 2023 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio, 44857, for the following Project: Letting Bids for the 2023 Chip and Seal Phase 2 Project. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than **July 28, 2023**.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

All proposals must be submitted bound in their entirety, and on the forms furnished in the Contract documents. Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise: March 23, 2023

23-125

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR OLD STATE ROAD RESURFACING PHASE 2

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-078 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for Old State Road Resurfacing Phase 2 for the Huron County Engineer, and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, March 10, 2023 at 9:10 A.M from the following:

Sarver Paving Co.	\$198,669.00	
Kokosing Construction Co.	\$202,870.00	
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$205,990.00	
Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$214,350.00	
A.J. Riley, Inc	\$214,400.00	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Co., Ashland, Ohio, for Old State Road Resurfacing Phase 2; 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 resurfacing would take place between Townline 12 Rd. and Fairfield Angling Rd. The Township is doing the southern part so we are calling this phase 2. Mr. Tansey said all of the bids are close and it is interesting that they have had a different low bidder for all of the resurfacing jobs this year. He also noted the bids were all tight as well.

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

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

23-126

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PERU CENTER / TOWNLINE 12 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT HUR CR 045-00.00, PID 111115

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County Engineer was successful in applying for Federal funds to improve the intersection of Peru Center Road and Townline 12 Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Consultant Selection Procedure, the Engineer received proposals to assist the Engineer’s Office by providing Construction Inspection and Construction Administration for the Peru Center / Townline 12 Intersection Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received on or before 3:00 p.m. on December 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has selected a firm based upon the information submitted from the acceptable and pre-qualified consultants for Construction Inspection and Construction Administration and Testing Services:

CTL Engineering, Inc.
450 Grant Street, Suite 110
Akron, Ohio 44311

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners does hereby award the Construction Inspection and Construction Administration contract for the Peru Center / Townline 12 Intersection Improvements Project and enter into Agreement No. 38848 with CTL Engineering Inc. with such funds as are necessary under the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Engineer to be drawn from the Auto Tax Fund or as otherwise made available from State or Federal sources as may selected by the County Engineer; 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 explained that the Federal money is very complicated with the amount of paperwork and requirements. The plus side is you are allowed to hire your consultants for this using construction money. This will be paid at 80/20 for administration. The engineer also does not have the office staff. So, for the Federal projects which offer funding, they will be hiring consultants to administer and get them through all of the checks and balances which are required.

Mr. Brady asked if they normally do all of the administration work themselves. Mr. Tansey noted they usually handle them inhouse, unless they are big and complex. Mr. Tansey said ODOT writes the contract, so he can advertise for proposals through ODOT's website. When they get all the proposals in at the Engineer's Office they grade them, then give their recommendation to ODOT. ODOT reviews and concurs, the Engineer's Office then asks for a cost proposal and make sure agree with it. Then send it back to ODOT for review, if they agree, they will write the contract for us. Then send it back to us to sign. Mr. Tansey brings it before the commissioners for approval and the Engineer's Office can move forward. It is sent back to Columbus and the money is released.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 9:30 a.m. Brian Young, Spectrum - grant update:

Also present, Joel Reidy, Huron County Network Administrator.

Mr. Young stated he handles government affairs for the company throughout Ohio and is also the company's primary lead for all of their rural broadband projects, both federal and state. Mr. Young noted the last time he was here was just prior to them getting the state grant.

Mr. Young wanted to clarify the company name is Charter Communications, but they do business as Spectrum. He noted they use the terms interchangeably.

Spectrum did 2 things. Right before the pandemic the Federal Government had an auction of census blocks across the country which included unserved or underserved homes. An underserved home is one that has service which is less than 10 or 25 Mbps. It is a slower speed and to give you a baseline, their starting speeds for everywhere they serve is 300 Mbps. There are a lot of locations across the country, in the State of Ohio and in Huron County that don't meet that.

The Federal Government had an auction which was called the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and it was the first time Charter had gone in to ask for any kind of government dollars to build any part of their network. Their network in Huron County was all built by private capital over the years. Mr. Young noted he has been responsible for Huron County since 1990 when Continental Cablevision was here. He said all of their builds in this area throughout the years have been with private capital. The interesting thing was that the company made a concerted effort at the time to say they thought the right thing to do is to go into these unserved parts of the country. There are a lot of opportunities from the business standpoint, but the reality is that they are one of the largest providers and are the largest provider of internet here in the State of Ohio. It is the right thing to do.

They bid on a lot of locations and were the 2nd largest winner. In the State of Ohio, they were the largest winner. They are building a project in 62 counties. Unfortunately, there were no census blocks available in Huron County that they won. The state then put up about \$270M in 2021. In November of 2021 they submitted applications to the State of Ohio, to Broadband Ohio and the Department of Development. The legislature had put aside approximately \$270M. Spectrum submitted about 86 applications for a majority of the counties in Ohio. They were successful in winning 17 of the 33 grants put out by the State of Ohio. One of those was for Huron County and the largest grant they won of the 17 is the one in Huron County.

Their application had them at 4,619 locations. The State program was a little different than the Federal one. The state's program was a residential one. While the houses which they put in there were all homes, the reality was that as they build their network, if they go by a small business, they will be able to take care of that and pay for it themselves to build it. The whole expense of getting out wherever that is, has been taken care of by the main build. One thing which differentiates the State from the Federal program is the Federal program included small businesses. A small business is not really identified, it could be anything under 200 and is really just not a large manufacturer. The state program was residential and everything they looked at was for residential homes.

The application they won was for most of the county, but did not include the 3 most eastern townships. In the 16 other townships, pretty much any home in the area was part of it if they didn't already have service, either by them or another broadband provider. The county primarily had Spectrum as a provider. The project itself is just under a \$30M project and all of the information is available on Broadband Ohio. They are getting about \$10.4M from the state, the company is paying for the rest of it. So, they are putting a pretty significant investment into this. The commissioners stated they had not heard this before, they had only heard the \$10.4M.

They will be laying about 630 miles of fiber in the county, which is a pretty significant build. They were awarded the grants in June of 2022 and were able to have their agreements with the state in about 2 months. Mr. Young commented that Broadband Ohio has been fantastic to work with. The 16 other projects are all contiguous to their RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund) builds. They have created a company within a company to just work on the expansion projects because there is so much of it happening. They are building to 110,000 new locations in the State of Ohio as part of RDOF and about another 20,000 as part of the state grant. They have also won a lot of agreements with individual counties through ARPA and the Appalachian Regional Commission, for those counties in the southeastern part of the state. They have been diligent about breaking those projects out and having a group who is dedicated to getting them done.

Mr. Young noted this is the first time they have utilized public money to this extent. A lot of the old companies who have taken Federal dollars in the past, have received dollars and never really fulfilled what they said they would be doing. That is one of the things they did not want to fall into and wanted to make sure they get the work done. Mr. Young has 2,000 people who work primarily in the southern part of the state that were hired to do nothing but this rural build. The Federal guidelines say the RDOF builds need to be done in 6 years, so they need to be done by 2028. The state builds vary by county, but for the most part they need to have them done by early 2026. To build that many miles in a fairly short period of time is a lot of work and that is why they have dedicated people doing it.

Mr. Wilde thought we had until 2024. Mr. Riedy stated that was for ARPA Funds. Spectrum has until 2026 for the state grant. Mr. Wilde stated our concern is when it would start. He noted Huron County going out to bid for the three townships Spectrum is not hitting. He also said our goal is to get service to as many people as possible. Mr. Wilde thought they had to have it done by 2024 and wondered what was going on because we are going out to bid and if they couldn't do everything then we would have missed the opportunity, but he thought it sounded like they could get it done.

Mr. Young said they signed the agreements with the state in June of 2022. The first thing Spectrum has to do is walk out the entire area and verify what is a home and what is not. They have completed the walkout phase in Huron County. They are currently in the design phase and it looks like they will be dividing the county into 32 build areas. The project they put in basically has all the fiber going back to their primary technical facilities, which are in Peru Township. Mr. Young remembers when they opened that facility in about 1997. It was well positioned for future growth. The foresight of the people in the late 1990's was good for not knowing what they would be doing in the future.

They will be able to tie all of the areas in the county back to their hub, which has already been upgraded and will be able to take fiber. All the locations they are building will take fiber to the home and will be a little different infrastructure than they have in cities such as Norwalk. In Norwalk they have fiber running to the neighborhoods, but not the last few feet to the home, which is coaxial cable.

These builds are all fiber to the homes, so they are literally taking fiber to the side of people's homes. They will have a different interface device to use. They are building to every home unless people will not let them on their property. They have not experienced that yet, but are not to that phase yet. They have had issues in other parts of the state with people saying they do not want it, don't come on our property. They would then build as far as the tap on the poles. Then it would be easy for a new home owner to tap into it.

They would also be passing all of the Amish homes and a lot of them are taking it at their commercial sites, so it is going to their barns and not their homes. They are working on that and it is an interesting perspective. It is a really big issue for them in the State of Ohio, with such a huge Amish population.

Each of the 32 projects areas they are doing need to be designed separately. Over half of them have been designed and they are now starting to get permits from the pole owners, which is one of the most time consuming and difficult tasks. Most people don't realize someone else owns the poles. It could be the Legacy Electric company or the Legacy Telephone company. They rent the poles, so they need to have a pole agreement for every single pole. Right now, they are up to approximately 6,000 poles which they will be permitting. The process is to permit, then to make ready. That means to make sure the poles are ready to hang fiber on them. If it is an old pole, it will need to be replaced and the pole owner needs to replace the pole. That could take months and in other parts of the state, they put permits in more than a year ago and are still waiting. He noted there is a huge backlog from the owners.

They have not started that process here, but noted the pole permitting and pole make ready part has been what is backing them up. They have lots of people ready to hang fiber, but they need to make sure they have the

permits. The other problem they have is not getting consecutive permits. An example is they will get permits for pole 1,2 and 3, then 6,7 & 8, but not poles 4 & 5. There is a problem with not getting them in stretches. They will start a project and have to stop and go somewhere else, then when they get the permits, they come back. There is a lot of inefficiencies in the sense that they are not getting the permits in order. They are working with the different pole owners. At first a lot of the pole owners were skeptical, but now they are finally starting to see this is really happening.

Mr. Young noted they have not really done a lot in Huron County and Firelands Electric would be a large pole owner in the county. They really haven't been working with them, but have worked with them in the past and are trying to get in touch with them. They have been working with First Energy and AEP. One good thing is they already have a master agreement with these companies since they already do business in all of these areas. Another important thing is they already have a hub and a large infrastructure in the county. One of the good things is that this is an expansion off of their current network. Once they get these areas turned on, they will manage those customers just like they do their Legacy customers. They already have employees who live and work in the county and they will just have more customers who they will be responsible for. It will be good for them to be able to hire more positions as they get more customers. Mr. Boose offered to provide a letter of support if they thought that would help them accomplish this goal.

Mr. Young stated they just started filing these permits about a month ago, as they get into it, they will keep that in mind and appreciate the offer. He noted there would be some underground work to be done, which is about 10% of the total build. They usually work with the County Engineers office. Since 99% of the areas in which they build are in the townships, most of the townships don't have that, so they have historically been working with the County Engineers office in each of the counties they have been working on to be the intermediary and keep them up to date with what is going on. If they run into any issues, the construction office are the ones who usually contact the Engineers. He received an update from their engineers yesterday and was told that more than 50% of their pole areas have been identified and they are in the process of filling out the paperwork. This is the part where it looks like there isn't a lot going on but they are hoping once they do this, hopefully in the next few months they will have a better understanding as to when they will have the first area which will be targeted. He is not aware of any other issues. The other things he does not believe we will experience here, but could, is going over or under railroad crossings. They already have their crossings in the county because they serve everywhere from Peru. He would be surprised if there were many, but there could be one to get to an area. Other than the poles, the 2 things they have issues with sometimes are crossing railroads and natural bodies of water. Sometimes they have to set a pole or do special underground work on a specific property, but that doesn't affect the mass configuration.

In addition to keeping us updated, they have regular updates with Broadband Ohio, who is overseeing the projects as an official grantor of the money. They have frequent calls with them, but for the larger area, not specific projects. Mr. Young noted they want to get this moving and get people hooked up to service.

Once they turn on service, they will be offering all of the same services which they offer to a legacy customer at the same prices. He noted that some companies charge more in a rural area, but they have nationwide pricing. No matter if you are in Los Angeles, Willard or one of the new townships, it will be the same pricing structure for all services. Their legacy video services, internet, phone and mobile phone services will be available to those customers.

Mr. Wilde asked if the connection from the road to the home would be underground. Mr. Young told him not necessarily. They usually use the same route as all of the other utilities that have been run to the home. He said the majority would be drops from a pole. There are working with the homes as they do the builds to make sure of the best way to get there. They have done some undergrounding on properties to get where they need to go, but for most properties, if the other utilities are coming to the home by aerial, that is the way they do it. They have been asked why they don't go all underground. They go underground where it makes sense or where they have to, but they have always followed where the other utilities are coming in.

Mr. Strickler asked if they would be filing for additional Video Service Authorizations. Mr. Young thought they were already authorized to provide video in all of the townships in Huron County. He will check. He then remembered there may have been one he had to file and said those are filed through the State Commerce Department. Mr. Strickler noted he wanted to make sure the townships could get some extra money.

Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Young for being in Huron County already; being willing to do such a large project and for the extra money the company is putting in besides the grant money they are getting. Mr. Boose said one of the things he likes to stress when they are talking about internet infrastructure is that it is awesome we are finally reaching people who don't have an opportunity. Mr. Boose said the areas which they are in and are going to, which are really important to Huron County, are the agricultural areas. Mr. Boose explained that agriculture is using internet more and said that OSU has

a video showing what agriculture is using internet for. Mr. Boose noted that a farmer's tractor had shut off due to no internet service because the service company thought he had not paid his bill. Mr. Boose noted the needs of farmers for higher levels of internet service and thanked Mr. Young for being in the areas which will support our largest industry.

Mr. Young said their RDOF project was kicked off about a year ago and they have already turned on several thousand customers, primarily in southern Ohio, and one of their first launches was down in Noble County. Their event was in a feed store because there are a lot of farmers. Their second event was in Jackson County and that was held at a small farm market. They had another event at Ohio Northern, which was focused on education. Mr. Young noted we had mentioned Ohio State and with the Ag School, the location they have by Celeryville and also the farms throughout the county. Mr. Young said the good news is those are all areas they will be building in and those locations will be able to utilize it in whatever way it makes sense for them. He noted they have not only been building to homes, but to barns or other facilities on properties where customers want to be able to utilize broadband services.

Mr. Brady stated that 90% of a building project is stuff you don't see. Financing, permits, zoning and other items. He was glad Mr. Young came in to explain they were in the process, so people will understand. He commented once you see it going on the pole, that is the last 10% of the project. Mr. Young noted that was usually the fastest part.

Mr. Brady asked how far down they usually bury fiber when they are going underground. Mr. Young said it depends on the situation, but thought a lot of their technicians were going down to about 4 feet. In the southern part of the state they are trying to make sure they don't get close to culverts. He gets the most calls about culverts and lines over fields which need to be raised so they can get their equipment under it.

Mr. Young noted that unlike other companies, who are building and hoping to sell or hand it off to someone else, this is our business and we are looking at this as a way to get more customers. But ultimately, we are the provider in this area and want to make sure to build a good product so we are not back out fixing things. Spectrum is building this as part of their infrastructure. They are the largest operator in the state and are in 85 of the 88 Counties. Mr. Young also said they will continue to work on the infrastructure in the cities as well.

Mr. Young encouraged us to contact him with any questions. They believe with all the federal and state money being put into this; being able to have a true hardline fiber solution is really manageable. Even in some areas where people say it doesn't make sense. With the money that is out there and the infrastructure they already have, they don't have to build middle mile stuff. They are literally building that last few feet into people's homes and hoping the dollars continue to go to that and not for duplicative services. Even with all this money going to it, there are still people who don't have service. Their goal is to get to all those people prior to them putting a second or third system out there. A lot of people don't even have a first.

Mr. Wilde suggested having a ribbon cutting. Mr. Young remarked that Broadband Ohio would like to come up here and Spectrum is looking into doing something with them.

Mr. Young stated the Federal Government still has the Affordable Connectivity Program with a \$30 match. He noted they have a \$30 product which is 100 Mbps. Most other providers have the same thing. If you go to their website you should see the banner.

At 10:00 a.m. Sarah Ross, NEDC updates:

Also present: Alex McCoy, HCDC; Zach Jones, NEDC Board President; Alissa Fisher, RISE Coordinator; Kayla Strouse, Economic Development Assistant.

Zach Jones thanked the commissioners for their support of NEDC and their increased financial support this year. It is appreciated.

Sarah Ross stated they wanted to give an annual update on what they are doing. She thanked the commissioners for their commitment to economic development and said Mr. Wilde represents the commissioners on their Board of Directors. Ms. Ross noted their strategy and direction comes from the Board of Directors and all of their investors. She handed out a copy of their strategic plan to the commissioners.

Ms. Ross told the commissioners that NEDC was started 20 years ago after a downtown project was completed. Their mission has been to grow the Norwalk area's business base.

2023 goals:

- Champion people through efforts in workforce development.
 - Facilitate the Huron County Business Advisory Council, which is a group of all the school districts and engaged private businesses.

- Teacher Business boot camp – Teachers get graduate credit/continuing education for doing this program through Ashland University and the Lieutenant Governors Office on workforce transformation subsidizes it. North Point ESC helped work on this.
 - IT and Engineering Day. Students take a quiz to see what they are naturally good at, NEDC then compares it with what they are interested in, then look at the gaps and line it up with the job demand we have here. That is how they arrived at the 2 days. They had 40 students in the IT Day and 33 in the Engineering Day.
- Coordinate with Firelands Forward
- Stewarding inspired Investments. This is focused on partnership collaboration.
 - Campaign: We Make. We Build. We Thrive. This focuses on manufacturing, construction and quality of life. The landing page for this campaign is: [NEDC.com/movehome](https://nedc.com/movehome). They have 2 goals with this campaign.
 - Retain and reattract young people to live here.
 - Build pride for those that already live here.
- Generating Wealth. This is the traditional Economic Development work.
 - Business Attraction, Business Retention, Business Growth.
 - Marketing their 100 acres on Furniture Parkway which are already zoned M2 manufacturing. We participated in 12 competitive state wide leads for that site and we also source leads locally. The logo on their flyer comes from Team NEO, who are a great support in the proactive business attraction outreach.

Mr. Boose noted that we are part of Team NEO Northeast Ohio, not Northwest Ohio and asked if that was correct. Ms. Ross said that is specifically for jobs Ohio, the private state economic development, and is how they have drawn the regions. Ms. Ross remarked that we do fall under the BGSU Center for Regional Development, which is out of BG in Northwest Ohio. She said there are a lot of other resources which we can use, such as; the State Minority Business Assistance Centers, which are split into regions and we are in the Northeast region. Also, the state NEP's, which we are in the Northeast region as well. For the most part we go northeast and BGSU Center for Regional Development is one of the only northwest resources.

Ms. Ross stated they are currently working to roll out the nationwide good jobs challenge and it was awarded in our area through the Ohio Manufacturers Association and we are caught in the middle, between Lorain County Manufacturing Sector Partnership and Great Lakes Community Action Partnership. Both want to deliver services here.

- Value retention and feel it is the best way to attract new businesses is to provide really great customer service to the current businesses. They often describe themselves as our customer service arm to private businesses.
- They have forums and do proactive one on one business calling. This led to 2 small projects that received a total of \$100,000 in private state incentives.

Alissa Fisher – RISE Youth Challenge. Mr. Wilde remarked that Ms. Fisher has made a great impact in our community with RISE and by personally going one on one with new people going into business.

Ms. Fisher explained that RISE is an effort within NEDC that supports aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses.

Last year they hosted a small business symposium which was hosted at BGSU Firelands. They will be doing that event again on April 14.

Pitch Challenge – Worked with students for about 2 months to develop pitches for the event.

CEDS Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Ross stated that she and Mr. McCoy were here a few months ago asking for a letter of support. The EDA awarded a grant in the amount of \$26,000. This will be matched by Erie County and Greater Sandusky Partnership with \$26,000. It is a \$52,000 project to go through a planning process and the money will be used to hire a consultant. They will come up with a 2-county comprehensive economic development strategy. We have an opportunity to get this plan in place and become eligible for many more resources to come if we have the appropriate projects and matches.

Ms. Ross noted this was a preparedness tool and will have our county on the map for the Federal Economic Development Administration. Ms. Ross handed out notes from her staff meeting. She stated her staff met last week to get prepared for the next step. The official grant agreement hasn't been signed yet, but will be within a couple of days. She noted there were target dates at the bottom of the notes.

Ms. Ross asked if we would like to appoint one or two of the commissioners or appoint someone to be part of the steering committee. A person who they should call to get a press release or start building their stakeholder groups. Ms. Ross and Mr. McCoy have ideas of who should be involved and the questions which need to be asked. They would really like the commissioners input and would appreciate if we designated a representative. Mr. Brady thought it was a great idea and Mr. Wilde volunteered to do it.

Mr. Brady remarked this was not chance, this is the result of planning to get us to the position we are in to be able to take advantage of things as they are offered.

Ms. Ross noted we could email her or Mr. McCoy with any questions about dates or how the process is going. We would be interviewed by the consultant who is selected, but that would not happen until at least May. If we want to designate Commissioner Wilde then they can get with him to give a quote for a press release about the grant.

Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ziemba if we needed to do something specific to appoint Mr. Wilde to the steering committee. Ms. Ziemba stated they could do a motion and a second.

Terry Boose moved to appoint Bruce Wilde to the steering Committee. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Ms. Ross thanked the commissioners and said to let them know if we need them.

Mr. Boose thought the development plans in Licking County will change them forever with Intel moving in there. He feels the goals and plans given to us by Ms. Ross and Mr. McCoy are more in line with what he thinks Huron County should be doing. He is all for economic development and having people move in here, but we always have to keep reminding ourselves that we are Huron County and this is who we are. Some of the decisions we make go along with that. Ms. Ross stated with We Make, We Build, We Thrive, it was really important for them to put build in there because in the economic development world construction isn't really talked about and it is important for us to have that own self-identity be okay and be proud of that, even if it is not talked about in the industry. They are working hard to target development that is appropriate for our community's scale and infrastructure. She noted that is why she mentioned logistics and distribution would be great for our site. It would fit our community and what we can accommodate with workforce and infrastructure. Mr. Wilde noted we have an awesome board and they are very diversified. Mr. Brady noted there are a lot of contractors in Huron County and are also very diversified with the different companies we have in the county.

23-127

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING JUVENILES IN THE ERIE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County does not maintain a juvenile detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Erie County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division (Detention Center) for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Erie County Detention Center for 2023 on an as needed basis for a not-to-exceed sum of One Hundred Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$100,100.00); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby enters into agreement with Erie County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Erie County Detention Center as per the contract attached hereto and incorporated 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. Brady noted with Seneca County moving our beds from five to three, it was nice to have a backup.

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

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

**Contract on file*

23-128

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GARMANN/MILLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SENIOR CENTER IN HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

(1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or

(4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 22-368 the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorized an open solicitation of qualifications for professional architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the construction of a senior center in Huron County, Ohio. Funding for the Project will be financed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board received and ranked six proposals and interviewed the top ranked firm; and

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

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to construct the Senior Center Project under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC's opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to enter into an agreement with Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc. for these services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Agreement with Garmann/Miller & Associates, Inc. for professional architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the construction of a senior center in Huron County, Ohio. 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.

***Discussion:** Mr. Brady said they are already helping us get this moving. We are hoping to start construction by this fall. Mr. Brady said he spoke with a gentleman who teaches a class at the current Senior Center; he is thrilled about getting into the new building and believes more people will come to the new building.

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

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

**Contract on file.*

23-129

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to continue its participation in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers’ Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program; and

WHEREAS, the CCAO has invited Huron County to participate in its Group Retrospective Rating Program, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this agreement signifies a continuation of Huron County’s participation in the Program, initial participation having been previously discussed and approved; and

WHEREAS, this Retrospective Group Rating Program continues to be the best option for savings in the cost of Workers’ Compensation premiums for Huron County; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County wishes to continue its participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan per the invitation of the CCAO; and Further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and enters into the CCAO Workers’ Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement to continue participation for the 2024 calendar year and certifies for the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation the Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective Rating Program; 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 said this was in conjunction with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers’ Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program. This helps us to reduce our costs.

Mr. Boose remarked by being in this group we are supposed to save money. He asked Ms. Ziemba to contact Ms. Hozalski or Mr. Tkach to get us reports of what is coming back. He commented that when you are in a group retrospective it is paid back to you over 3 years, with the highest amount coming the first year. He noted that we never see those reports and it would be nice to know how much is coming back to us through group retrospective and if we are getting what they said we could or if it is less, or more.

Mr. Boose said in this group it depends how the group does, as to how much your savings will be. In a straight group you are guaranteed to save a certain amount. Mr. Boose wants to see if this program is really working.

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

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

23-130

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of recommendations from Bellevue TIRC, Norwalk TIRC, and Willard TIRC for the tax abatement agreements; and

WHEREAS, per the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85(E) the legislative authority is required to meet within sixty (60) days after receiving the TIRC recommendations to either accept or not to accept the TIRC recommendations.; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Huron County Board of Commissioners to accept the recommendations of the above mentioned TIRC Committees; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the recommendations of the Bellevue, Norwalk, and Willard TIRC committees as attached hereto and incorporated 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. Wilde said they have a meeting tomorrow with the City of Norwalk and Borgers. Borgers has a new owner and they want to make sure it is passed on to them. Mr. Boose asked if the City of Norwalk has approved theirs. Mr. Wilde told him yes. Mr. Boose did not understand how you could approve it, yet still have meetings and say you are still going to bring it forward to city council.

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

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

**On file*

23-131

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FOR THE POSITION OF TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, A FULL- TIME, CLASSIFIED POSITION FOR THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, AND COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME/OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 3764

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire an Equipment Operator as a full- time, classified employee for the Huron County Transfer Station, Solid Waste District; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policies Manual and AFSCME/OHIO Council 8 Local 3764 union contract; and

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Dylan Sparks was deemed to be the most qualified applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Director of Operations recommends the hiring of Dylan Sparks to the position of Equipment Operator; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the hiring of Dylan Sparks to the position of Equipment Operator beginning March 27, 2023 at the rate of \$20.11 per hour contingent upon successful pre-employment physical, drug test and background check; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Sparks shall serve a 120-day probationary period in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and after one year of employment will receive a fifty cent (\$.50) increase per hour; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

23-132

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and Charter Communications Operating, LLC desire to execute the Spectrum Enterprise Service Agreement for Huron County Administration Building located at 180 Milan Ave., Norwalk, Ohio 44857; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the Spectrum Enterprise Service Agreement with Charter Communications Operating, LLC, 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.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the service agreement was up for the Administration Building. This was to renew it and lock in the price. Mr. Riedy and Mr. Strickler have reviewed it. They spoke with the contact person and were told this was a renewal and not a new contract. Last year they had signed a contract to change the type of service, but it did not change the ending date.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

23-133

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN FIRELANDS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County has received funding under the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) which includes funding for new construction of one single family residential housing project within Huron County on lots currently owned by, or to be purchased by Firelands Habitat for Humanity; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the Memorandum of Understanding with Firelands Habitat for Humanity as attached hereto and incorporated 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:** Ms. Ziemba said this was for the CHIP Program. If somebody qualifies for a Habitat for Humanity home and qualifies under the CHIP grant, then there can be a mutual agreement to build and use CHIP funds for it. There are milestones which they need to meet and if they don't meet the milestones, they will be disqualified from it. Mr. Ziemba said they usually have at least one in each CHIP grant period, but very rarely have them completed. She is unsure why and added it sounds like we have a good candidate.

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

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

**On file*

Mr. Boose said there is a list of boards the commissioners are on and there was a committee on that list which never has meetings, but they may be meeting. He said that Mr. Wilde is on that committee. Mr. Boose thought it was the United Fund – ESFP and he thought it concerned Federal money having to do with food and services. Mr. Boose said when he was on the group they only met one time. Which was when the Federal government came up with some extra money. This group decides who in the county will get that money. It could be the Food Bank or the Salvation Army. Mr. Boose read an article last week stating the federal government is giving out money and the article in the Norwalk Reflector named people who would be making that decision which included local officials. Mr. Boose did not know if Mr. Wilde had seen it. Mr. Wilde said the United Fund Dinner was Thursday, so he would ask them at the dinner.

At 11:00 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:22 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – none.

SIGNINGS – none.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba stated she had put an RFQ in their mailboxes. We requested qualifications for people who were interested in administering the CHIP program. We only received one qualification packet, which was from GLCAP. Mr. Boose asked if we still had to rate them. Mr. Ziemba told him yes, but they are your choice. They have been a good company to work with. Ms. Ziemba asked each of the commissioners to fill out a ranking sheet and she would put this on a resolution for next week if there are no objections. She noted they needed 5 rating sheets, so she may have Ms. Stebel fill one out.
- RFQ's for architects. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Brady if he was ready to discuss this. Mr. Brady explained he had ranked the engineers lower because they were looking for architects. He read the minutes and agreed with the other commissioners about finding a general one. He also would like to have one that is relatively local and could handle a small project. He knows that Garmann Miller has done a great job and are busy. He felt that having an engineering firm as a go to made a lot of sense. Mr. Brady was not sure how we get there. If we can just pull the ones we liked.
- Mr. Boose asked if we could go with something other than the three highest ranked. Ms. Ziemba said that was the question we had for Mr. Strickler. Ms. Ziemba said they had pulled out firms who were not in the top three to interview because of other qualities.
- Mr. Brady stated he would have revamped his rankings if he would have thought about the fact that we were looking for an engineering firm. He would say that even though they were not ranked high on his sheets, it was because he was not thinking we were looking for that type of attributes. He does believe it would be in the county's best interest to have one of them on our go to list. Ms. Ziemba asked if we could pick them out of order.
- Mr. Strickler thought they would have to interview them based upon their ranking, but said he would check on that. Mr. Brady asked if they could re-rank them. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler if he had a new thought as to how they wanted to proceed. Mr. Strickler noted they were complicating things.
- Mr. Boose asked when we had to decide by. Ms. Ziemba said they could make it whenever, we have Garmann Miller for the Senior Center Project, but we need to rank them before we start another project like a building. Mr. Boose stated Garmann Miller was one of the people they chose the last time. Ms. Ziemba said we had pre-ranked them. Mr. Boose asked for the current rankings, is there a start date and has it already passed. Ms. Ziemba stated it had already passed.
- Ms. Ziemba thought they could at least do a motion to prequalify Garmann Miller because that decision had already been made. Then they will have an architect who is prequalified.
- Mr. Boose thought we should start with Garmann Miller. We have already discussed that we did not need to interview Garmann Miller and told them so. Mr. Boose thought if we wanted to start with the number 1 ranked firm, which is Garmann Miller, then we should do so. Ms. Ziemba thought we should do a motion and second today, that way we would have somebody approved if we need them.

Bruce Wilde moved to prequalify Garmann Miller. 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

- Ms. Ziemba had some updates from Mr. Minor. He is still working with RJ Beck to get the upgrades on the Public Defender's door scheduled. He will let us know if he gets any updates and will be checking his e-mail while on vacation. Ms. Ziemba told him it was not a priority. Mr. Boose thought it kind of was. Ms. Ziemba told him Mr. Minor was told it would be 2 to 3 weeks out and he was just waiting to get a date from them.

- Mr. Minor is waiting for estimates from Gundlach for the metal plate on the outside of 22 East Main St. He received an estimate to do masonry and if we decided to do that instead of the metal. When we get that estimate the commissioners can decide which option they would like to go with. Mr. Boose thought that was 2 different issues. Mr. Minor can present when he gets the quote and explain.
- Mr. Boose said two things he wanted to happen last week had been accomplished. The agreement for the fair project was sent out and the architect contract is done.
- Ms. Ziemba said she had received a reply from Job & Family Services on this morning's Claims Schedule question. She explained they had purchased 9 rolling filing cabinets at \$491 each, they were add-ons[MCI] for the desk units which were purchased for Children's Services. Each desk unit came with one, but that wasn't enough for staff due to them needing to keep working case files off their desks, secured and out of eyesight. Ms. Ziemba stated they were the small 2 drawer rolling cabinets.

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler was still trying to figure out the qualification question.

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Airport consultant contract. Mr. Brady noted it was in the paper that the airport has acquired Richland Engineering as their new consultant, but they are in the middle of a 5-year contract, which was signed by the commissioners in December of 2020. Mr. Brady called Lance Wanamaker, who is with the Michael Baker Group and asked what was going on, he stated we have a 5-year contract with you and is reading in the paper that the airport is with someone else.
- Because of some FAA rules with projects, Mr. Wanamaker had suggested to Mr. Sparks and the Airport Board that maybe they would want to go out for re-bid on consultants because of technicalities and the new consultant would be able to do all of the projects that would be upcoming without having to go out to bid for each specific project for somebody. Although there are no projects on the table right now.
- Mr. Brady told Mr. Wanamaker this was the first we have heard of it, when we read it in the paper. We didn't even know they put it out. Mr. Wanamaker was surprised and said he thought they were communicating with the commissioners and had their approval to do this. Mr. Brady told him the commissioners don't know anything about it and the airport doesn't have the authority to cancel a contract in the middle of it, nor do they have the authority to enter into a contract without the commissioners passing a resolution to enter into the contract. Also, the contract would need to be reviewed by the Assistant Prosecutor, which obviously, it was not. Mr. Brady told Mr. Wanamaker it may be back with them. Mr. Wanamaker said that was fine with them and reiterated they had thought the Airport Board was in communication with the commissioners.
- Mr. Brady thought this was a mess and we need to have a discussion to make sure we know what we want to do. The Airport Board did not have the authority to do what they did and if we don't do something with it right now, it will probably just complicate things even more. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Strickler for a suggestion.
- Mr. Strickler said we would need to send them a letter stating they do not have the authority to do what they did. Also, tell them they did this without the commissioner's approval and they are in the middle of a 5-year contract. Mr. Strickler asked if the Michael Baker Group had been contacted to say their contract had been terminated. Mr. Brady said Mr. Sparks had called them to say they had chosen Richland Engineering. Mr. Boose asked if we knew whether they had done this by resolution. Mr. Brady did not know. Mr. Boose wanted to know how they did that.
- Mr. Strickler stated he was looking at the contract the commissioners had signed with the Michael Baker Group. Mr. Wilde confirmed the Michael Baker Group was aware of the contract termination. Mr. Brady said they were aware of that, but did not know the commissioners were not.
- Mr. Brady stated we have procedures and policies in place for doing things. He noted the many times the engineer comes in to go through all of the proper procedures. What concerns him is having a board who starts operating outside those procedures and policies. If we don't correct it, that will open a Pandora's box and set a potential precedence where the commissioners no longer have control of what is going on in certain areas.
- Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler if the Airport Board has the authority to enter into contracts or do they need the commissioners. Mr. Strickler said he could not answer that. Mr. Brady noted previously there was always a resolution for this type of agreement, which was always reviewed.
- Mr. Boose wanted to make sure the Michael Baker Group did our 5-year plan and asked if that was a separate contract than this. Mr. Brady told him no, they would have done the plan as part of this contract. Mr. Wilde questioned if the 5-year plan was done. Mr. Brady told him the AIP, which is the Airport Improvement Plan is for Projects and the Master Plan is probably what Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde are talking about.
- Mr. Strickler asked if they are a Regional Airport Board. He was told no.
- Mr. Boose thought we should at least send them a letter for now. Mr. Brady asked if Ms. Ziemba could draft a letter to send to the Airport Board, possibly getting some input from Mr. Strickler. He added that they should say in the letter that we are reviewing this decision.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Review of schedule.
 - TIRC meeting tomorrow morning.
 - Celebrity basketball game tomorrow evening.
 - Goodwill open house on Thursday.
 - Planning Commission canceled on Thursday.
 - CORSA renewal meeting Thursday.
 - Land Bank at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.
 - United Fund dinner – Mr. Wilde will find out about EFSP meeting.
 - 4-H Dinner on the 27th at Norwalk Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday the 29th is Board of DD breakfast.
- Land Bank has torn down all the buildings. At the meeting tomorrow, Mr. Collins, the man who has been tearing the buildings down will be there. He is looking into getting certified to do asbestos abatement. He would then be able to do the abatement and tear the buildings down. Mr. Brady remarked that he is a diamond we did not know existed. Mr. Wilde thought we were starting to make a difference by getting these buildings torn down.
- Mr. Brady stated he would not be able to go to the Celebrity basketball game due to an event involving his granddaughter. He wished he could attend because it is a worthwhile fundraiser and fun to be there.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Last Friday was the policy team phone call. Mr. Boose is concerned that HB1 will be rolled into the State budget. He added the statehouse report has a lot of information about that subject. Also, the Senate Transportation Committee accepted a substitute bill. This means they are drastically changing the bill from what the house had. The largest change was the removal of a billion-dollar rural highway fund. Mr. Boose said it will come back to the house and they can either vote to accept the changes or not accept them. If they vote not to accept, then it will go to a conference committee to work out the details.
- Mr. Boose noted they also changed the speed limit on 2 lane highways in rural areas, they will go from 55 MPH to 60 MPH.
- Another bill which may affect us is HB 64, which is what he brought up to the engineer's office about eminent domain. It is important to the engineer's office because sometimes they need to use it for safety reasons. They would not be able to use eminent domain to take land for rails to trails.
- Next TAC and Planning Committee will be on April 26.
- Besides CCAO Board meeting this Friday, the next meeting will be April 19. The Ohio Council of County Officials Legislative reception will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. that evening. They need to register if they are going to it.
- Mr. Boose is a little confused about the email from Huron County Veteran's Service Commission for the Indigent Veteran application. He asked if they paid for it or we did. Ms. Ziembra thought they would pay for it. They just have to notify us. Mr. Boose said the problem he has with it is they are spending county money for something that happened outside the county. He thought that was the family's choice though.
- Thursday, April 6 Records Retention meeting is at 2:00 p.m.
- Counties Current – Mr. Boose said there are articles which are for services we could use in Huron County. He did not know who gets this publication, but though we should pass this on. Mr. Brady & Mr. Wilde also thought we should forward the publication.
- Webinar opportunity on Thursday, March 23 on the Hidden Dangers of Oil and Gas Breaks. Mr. Boose was not sure of the need for this.
- Mr. Strickler said that on April 4 at 11:00 a.m. there will be someone giving a training on the new things Victim's Assistance is supposed to do. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify he did not think the bill states Victims Assistance is supposed to do it. He thinks they can do it though. Mr. Strickler said the problem is that most of the Victim's Assistance offices have already started doing those and have been doing them all along, including ours, and now it has just been codified. Since this will be during a Commissioner's Board meeting Mr. Brady asked if they would have some type of hand out explaining this and if he could get one.

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 21, 2023.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

MARCH 21, 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