

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; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Tacy Bond, 911 Coordinator; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the March 2, 2023, March 7, 2023 and March 14, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the March 2, 2023, March 7, 2023 and March 14, 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

23-134

**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 #355653 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant;  
and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:**

- Mr. Boose said there was a Then & Now certificate with this payment batch.
- Pg. 7 – JFS – Glass desk dividers. Mr. Boose asked if we were still working on Children’s Services. Ms. Ziemba was not sure where they were at, but Mr. Minor was still working out there before he went on vacation. She said they usually get glass tops to protect their desks.
- Pg.10 – Juvenile Officer salary subsidy going to Huron County Sheriff. Mr. Boose understands what they are doing because they have been doing this for a long time. But he did not understand how money goes to the Sheriff, and how he puts it in the right account. Ms. Ziemba did not know the answer. The Sheriff has special fund accounts, so she was not sure if it would go into one of his special fund accounts, like a grant match. Mr. Boose noted it said DYS Subsidy. Ms. Ziemba said DYS is a grant, but she does not know where the Sheriff pays it into. Mr. Boose did not understand how the Sheriff could put it in any account other than the special accounts. Ms. Ziemba noted that may be what he is doing and said if they are cutting a check to him, he may be putting it in one of his special accounts. Mr. Brady asked if we could ask the Sheriff which account they are putting this in. Ms. Ziemba said we could ask. Mr. Boose thought there is a Juvenile Officer who is only partially paid for by the commissioners and said he was just trying to follow how the money flows.
- Account 163, ARPA. Mr. Tansey paid for his tandem axle cab and chassis - \$139,732.00.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Sheriff, Department: Economic Development, Department: Disaster Service, Department: Public Defender Commission, Department: Health Welfare, Department: Health Vital Statistics, Department: State of Ohio.

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Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Probate, Department: Police, Department: Building and Grounds, Department: Sheriff, Department: Jail Operations.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Health Vital Statistics, Department: Mechanical, Department: Public Assistance, Department: Jail Operations, Department: Sheriff, Department: Jail Operations.

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 various departments like Agriculture, Fair Board, and Miscellaneous.

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 various departments like Public Assistance, Child Support Enforcement, and Miscellaneous.

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 various departments like Local School Revenue, Public Assistance, and Miscellaneous.

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 various departments like Auto Tax Administrative, Child Support Enforcement, and Miscellaneous.



PAY TO NAME  
WB Mason Co Inc

TOTAL VALUE  
5.42

DEPARTMENT  
037 Clerk of Courts

PAYMENT REQUEST WORKFLOW  
Then & Now Payment Request-Claims

*Bruce Wilde*  
*Terry Boose*  
*Harry Brady*

23-135

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SARVER PAVING COMPANY FOR 2023 CHIP AND SEAL - PHASE 1 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-093 the bid was awarded to Sarver Paving Company for the amount of \$640,480.00 for the 2023 Chip and Seal - Phase 1 for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Sarver Paving Company, for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio for 2023 Chip and Seal Phase 1 for the Huron County Engineer as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this was for county roads and said there is always a map included with the resolution. Mr. Brady asked how they decided which roads to seal and asked if he kept a log. Mr. Tansey said they do keep a log and generally the roads are done about every 4 to 5 years, unless they notice one needs to be done sooner. He said they try to schedule out about 3 years ahead.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-136

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE BASELINE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT HUR CR 011-03.41, PID 104081**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer was successful in applying for Federal funds to replace Baseline Bridge HUR CR 011-03.41; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Consultant Selection Procedure, the Engineer received proposals from Engineering Consultants to provide Construction Inspection, Construction Administration and Testing Services for the Baseline Bridge Replacement 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, Construction Administration and Testing Services:

**Richland Engineering, Ltd  
A Wallace & Pancher Group Company  
29 North Park Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902**

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners does hereby award the Construction Inspection, Construction Administration and Testing Services contract for the Baseline Bridge Replacement Project and enter into Agreement No. 38917 with Richland Engineering Ltd. 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 said the consultant was selected using ODOT’s process which he talked about last week. He said the next resolution was for their second Federally funded bridge of the year. It has the same contractor and same consultant.

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

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ROME GREENWICH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT HUR TR 076-04.38, PID 113115**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer was successful in applying for Federal funds to replace Rome Greenwich Bridge HUR TR 076-04.38; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Consultant Selection Procedure, the Engineer received proposals from Engineering Consultants to provide Construction Inspection, Construction Administration and Testing Services for the Rome Greenwich Bridge Replacement 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, Construction Administration and Testing Services:

**Richland Engineering, Ltd  
A Wallace & Pancher Group Company  
29 North Park Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902**

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners does hereby award the Construction Inspection, Construction Administration and Testing Services contract for the Rome Greenwich Bridge Replacement Project and enter into Agreement No. 38917-B with Richland Engineering Ltd. 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

23-138

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #9) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MARCH 28, 2023**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for payment and status of funds requests have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board’s certification; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the requests for payment and status of funds reports; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for payment and status of funds request as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payments is not in excess of current needs; 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 \$4,634 for general administration.

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

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

State of Ohio  
Office of Community Development  
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Millie Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDRG E.E. RIF Balance: CDRG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Shari Zibert Phone number: (419) 932-4120 Email: szibert@cap.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-1BJ-1 Draw Number: 9		Date: Voucher: Warrant#			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4634.00	123500.00	63228.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					4634.00	123500.00	63228.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date: 3/28/23		Signature: <i>Terry Boose</i>		Title: VP			
Date: 3/28/2023		Countersignature: <i>Harry Brady</i>		Title: President			
State Use Only:  Approved:							

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MARCH 28, 2023**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

**9-1-1**

CDW-G	8 Samsung 49” monitors for 9-1-1 dispatch	\$11,432.48	now therefore
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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Bond stated they discussed this at a TAC meeting and had agreed to stagger them. They will order half this year and half next year. The ones which are in service now have been in service for 3 years running 24/7, 365 days a year, like a TV. When they are run that often they will eventually start having issues. They have 2 which are already starting to have issues. When you come in for they day they have lines through them. So, they are proactively replacing them. She noted it was the same way with the computers which run all the time. They will be replacing those probably at the end of the year or the beginning of next year. Mr. Wilde asked if this company was someone Mr. Riedy recommended. Ms. Bond said yes and told him they previously used Amazon for a lot of things because you could get them quickly and they had good prices. Per Mr. Riedy, CDW has been beating the price they received from other quotes. She noted there is no installation costs for these, she can do it herself and she already has the mounts.

Mr. Boose said one of the things they need to discuss in the TAC/Advisory meetings is the flow. The Advisory Committee should pass items to the Planning Committee for review, then it should be sent to the commissioners. He wants to make sure that process is followed. He does not want it to be if the advisory committee approves it, then it is officially approved.

Mr. Boose noted we have been doing a lot for dispatch all around the county. He knows there is always discussion about centralized dispatch, but has concerns that we are using county money for dispatch services equipment at the cities and villages.

Mr. Boose feels we need to bring up, so that everybody understands, the commissioners have the ultimate decision about the money here. It is part of the president’s job on this board to bring back discussions about purchasing items to the commissioners, then the commissioners can approve it. He feels there needs to be a little more control over the money.

Ms. Bond stated this did go through the process of TAC, Planning Committee and then the Commissioners a couple of months ago. She does not usually hear back from the commissioners as to whether it has been approved or not until they get to this point of presenting it for payment.

Ms. Bond noted they don’t have consolidated or central dispatch, but they have a virtual consolidation which was set up years ago, before she took the position. This was the virtual consolidation of CAD, which is the computer aided dispatch that is tied into the 9-1-1 and they have the 4-piece set; Bellevue, Norwalk, Willard and Huron County. Ultimately, 9-1-1 is our responsibility and all the equipment within the dispatch center. 9-1-1 doesn’t pay for individual items at other departments, which are not related to 9-1-1. If they need a new printer and it is not a 9-1-1 printer, then she will not pay for it. Mr. Wilde asked if these were items that would fall under the levy. Ms. Bond told yes and added they had gone to the voters and said they need support for 9-1-1 and emergency services. They worded it that way so they could encompass things that were related to emergency services, but weren’t necessarily tied into CAD or 9-1-1. The radios being one of those items. As far as the state goes, the radios aren’t considered part of the 9-1-1 process, which is ridiculous on the states part because you have to dispatch the 9-1-1 call via radio. That is something at the state level which she does not understand. That is why they did the levy and got the support of the voters and all of the police departments who they do dispatch equipment for. Willard, Norwalk and Huron County are all in the voting pool who supported the levy and that is why the levy money is used. Ms. Bond tries to bring up what their budget is, what they are going for and what projects they have at the TAC meetings. CAD equipment is part of the 9-

1-1 process because it is all tied together.

Mr. Boose asked what would happen if they didn't go out for the levy next time. Ms. Bond said they would be in the same boat as when she took office. All the equipment needed to be replaced and the systems were outdated. Mr. Boose noted we have replaced it. Ms. Bond noted we would get to that point eventually. She said there are police departments who don't have money for their operating costs and run short staffed. When she was at Norwalk, there was equipment which wasn't getting replaced and we are at the point now where we are actually up with technology and keeping pace with what is going on and able to maintain those things. The radio system which they put in, if they don't renew the levy, in 5 years we will have things which will start going wrong and items will not be maintained because nobody has the budget to fix them. That is why they were behind previously. If the dispatch computers go down, they are \$1,500 each and the monitors are expensive. Ms. Bond thought it would be a mistake to not go back for the levy. They were successful and did what they said they would do. There are still things we need to continue to do. Ms. Bond would like to see us work towards that consolidation in the future; due to staffing issues they are having in various departments, to streamline service and to make things a little bit better for the community. Ms. Bond thinks they would have the support and said a lot of times, when you don't get support moving forward to renew levies, it is because you didn't do the things you said you were going to do. Ms. Bond stated they have been fiscally responsible and have done the things they said they would do and staying as close to their budget as possible.

Mr. Boose commented on the other side of that, as an elected official, he can't tell you how many times he has heard. We passed the levy, now we got that stuff and are we still going to go for a levy because we paid for it. He said as a preparation to the levy coming up, he needs a 5-year plan. He wants to know why we need the money and break out each year. He is not saying he does not support the levy, we are in great shape because of it. But we owe it to the tax payers to make sure that we are not just spending money and we have the need. It may be at a different level because we bought a lot of stuff at the beginning. Mr. Boose would also like to have the 9-1-1 spending be approved by the Commissioners before it gets this far.

Mr. Wilde thought when he was the president of the Commissioner's board we were not doing it correctly. Mr. Wilde thought after something is brought to the Planning Commission for approval, the president should advise the Commissioners of what was approved so it could be discussed. Mr. Wilde said they had probably been in the meetings and would know about it, but it needs to be formally approved before it is paid.

Ms. Bond thought she was under the misconception that if she gives them the budget with their projects and the budget is approved, then the projects are approved. Mr. Boose told her when the commissioners approve a budget for a department, it doesn't mean they approve everything on their list. Mr. Boose thought the first time they see a potential project/purchase is happening, they should not have to vote on it right away. Mr. Boose thought after the TAC meeting, if there is an expenditure coming up, the commissioners need to approve it. Ms. Ziemba stated at that point they probably don't know what the expenditure is, so maybe after the TAC meeting the president can bring back the projects the TAC would like to move forward with to the Commissioners' board. The Commissioners could do a motion to either support and move forward or not support the project. Mr. Boose added putting a limit on the amount. Ms. Bond stated she could put an amount not to exceed.

Mr. Brady agreed with what has been said and noted the commissioners see more of this than the public does. If you want people to support something, you have to give them the reason. For the commissioners to make this as transparent as possible throughout the process, they need to discuss it during the meetings, then the public has already heard about it and understands why.

Mr. Boose said if he was someone from Richland Township and he saw us spending the levy money on something for the City of Norwalk and the City of Willard, he might question why we are buying them assets. The commissioners should have a further discussion and give their constituents the reason we are spending the money. They also need to make sure people are being treated fairly and we are doing what we said we would do with the levy. Mr. Boose said that is why we need to have a discussion in this room about how we are spending money, as opposed to just the discussion which goes on at the committee meeting at EMA. Mr. Wilde remarked that in the commissioner's meetings there is an opportunity for the press to help explain to our constituents what is being spent and the reason. In this case they want to buy monitors because the current ones are getting worn out from being used continuously and these are used for critical situations. Mr. Wilde also felt purchases should be discussed first to decide if they are needed, then brought before the board as a resolution.

Mr. Brady thought they were both right, but Ms. Bond made a statement which he has never heard from anyone before, when she said if the 9-1-1 purchases go to the cities, all of those people are part of the voting block to pass that levy. He thought we should be spreading this money out evenly throughout the county. Ms. Bond added; ultimately all of the areas which are not close to a city would be dispatched by the Sheriff's department. The responders go to the calls and the fire departments go to those calls. When they went to the virtual consolidation of sharing CAD it was a good idea, because everyone is on the same system and it is

easier to communicate. Now everyone is tied in together and with 9-1-1. Ultimately it is the responsibility of 9-1-1, especially since they have that levy. They are trying to make sure everyone in the county has the same level of service. Ms. Bond stated that she agreed with the commissioner’s line of thought and said she had never had any kind of kick back from their meetings saying the commissioners agree with TAC and Planning Committees’ recommendations and to move forward.

Mr. Boose noted they hear that a lot. The commissioners are told someone brought it up 6 months ago and were not told they couldn’t do it. Mr. Boose said unless they say yes, it is not approved. The lack of the commissioners commenting on it doesn’t mean we approve it. Mr. Brady said that he was going to try to get to all of the TAC meetings and bring back their intentions to the commissioners’ meetings. Mr. Brady also suggested if there is a question and it somehow gets lost in the cracks, they should reach out to Ms. Ziemba with it and see if she can ask the commissioners about it.

Ms. Bond said she is working on the 5-year plan and one of the key items is the .70 cents from the state, which has been talked about for 6 years, but still has not gone through. She is reviewing their current expenses to maintain what they have now, without making any improvements or replacements. Mr. Boose was just at a CCAO board meeting and they had discussed the budget in detail. CCAO seems to be very optimistic that the .70 cents was going to be passed in this budget. They are fighting over who gets what money and the percentage. Mr. Wilde noted that the states around us are getting more than .70 cents. Ms. Bond said we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest of all 50 states.

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

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

23-140

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION ACCOUNT #014 AND JUVENILE ACCOUNT #013**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustment:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	014	00125	001	\$29,000.00		013	00125	001	\$29,000.00
		Salaries					Salaries		
	014	00400	001	\$ 4,060.00		013	00400	001	\$ 4,060.00
		OPERS					OPERS		
	014	00460	001	\$ 435.00		013	00460	001	\$ 435.00
		Medicare					Medicare		

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said during the budget process the Juvenile Court indicated they had a lot going on and they may need to transfer money into some of their other accounts to get it in the proper place to be able to pay the people. They said they may be switching some duties around. We told them we would approve their budget as presented to us, knowing these changes could come. Mr. Boose wanted to point this out because some people will say you passed salaries for one department, why can’t you pass it for us. They were working on this during final budget, but it had not been finalized, otherwise it would have been put in the final budget.

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

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

23-141

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AN APPLICATION REQUESTING UP TO \$1,050,000 OF PROGRAM YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT & PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS, AND PROCURING GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP TO PREPARE THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (OCD), provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County plans to identify its affordable housing needs through OCD's required planning process of consulting with local housing service providers in Huron County, and evaluating local distress criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County desires to participate in the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program, to provide new construction, housing rehabilitation and repairs, rental assistance and other housing services to low and moderate income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County intends to partner with the Cities of Norwalk and Willard in order to maximize grant funds and improve the potential to be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Huron County has the authority to apply for and administer CHIP program funds on behalf of the County and City partners; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate Public Hearings will be held to receive public input for the application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sandusky County completed procurement requirements consistent with Department of Development, OCD's Program Policy Notice 21-03 and the Huron County processes procure Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) to act in connection with the application and to provide assistance in program design, administration and implementation; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the President of the Board of Commissioners of Huron County is hereby authorized to submit an application via Ohio Community and Energy Assistance Network (OCEAN) for funding to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, for up to \$1,050,000 in PY23 CHIP program funds.

**SECTION 2.** That the Board of Commissioners of Huron County hereby selects and authorizes GLCAP to prepare said application on behalf of the Huron County Commissioners and procures and designates GLCAP to administer and implement the CHIP program, should it be funded.

**SECTION 3.** That the Board of Commissioners of Huron County hereby understands and agrees that participation in the CHIP program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziembra stated this was the typical amount of the CHIP grant. She explained it was the Community Housing Improvement Program and was used to fix up residents' homes who qualify for the grant. It is based on income.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
 Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

**PROCLAMATIONS:****PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the month of March has been designated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the unique abilities of all people, and the potential for every individual to make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective way to increase this focus is through everyone's active participation in the life of the community, and the openness to understand and acknowledge the importance of each individual's contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, change pursued, and opportunities offered for citizens with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for people with disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, volunteering, and recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that all people—of all abilities—have inherent value, and that we are all more alike beneath the surface than we are different; and

**WHEREAS**, we share the vision and desire to create a world where we all belong;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Board of Commissioners, Huron County, Ohio hereby invite the citizens of Huron County to join us as we offer full support to efforts that assist people with developmental disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives, to welcome and learn from change as it comes, and to realize their potential as valued members of our community who have the ability to make the world a better place for those around them.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** we have hereunto subscribed our names this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

**HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

**10:00 a.m. Public hearing - Transfer Station rate increase.** Pete Welch, Isaac Livengood, Tim Smith, Mike White, Nick Shullick. Also present; Stu O'Hara, Kristen Cardone and Ashley Morrow

Pete Welch stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a potential rate adjustment at the Huron County Landfill/Transfer Station to cover costs. Construction costs to maintain the landfill and to anticipate and pay for the increase in Rumpke increases we will see in our contracts.

Our current contract runs until April 1, 2024. Sometime this year we will have to rebid that contract for the next 5 years. Prices of fuel and labor have increased dramatically and we are trying to anticipate those costs at this time. We also have a number of projects to complete. Mr. Wilde noted the scale needs to be replaced. Mr. Welch confirmed that and said they also need to renovate the lift station on the north side, plus clean out the leachate tanks. Mr. Wilde added they have quotes for all of this work.

Mr. Boose stated the Commissioners Board has met and looked at his budget and the future budget as far as costs are concerned. Mr. Brady asked if they had planned on replacing concrete. Mr. Welch told him a little bit around the scale. If they replace the scale and then go with current, the whole pit will need to be rebuilt and that is where he would need the concrete.

***Harry Brady called once for testimony in favor of the Transfer Station rate increase.***

Mr. Boose wanted to discuss what that increase was. Mr. Welch said he was pushing for a \$7.00 a ton rate increase. We know an increase of between \$6.00 and \$7.00 a ton is needed. Mr. Welch said they have a lot of aging equipment which has not been replaced because of the cost and some of it may have to be replaced. The strapper for the bailer is down and they are trying to get it repaired. Mr. Welch emphasized all of their recycling equipment is original from the early 1990's and added that Mr. Homan has always done a great job of keeping the equipment running. But there comes a point when that stuff is useless and needs to be replaced. Mr. Welch said fortunately we were able to replace our roll off truck through grants. We have tried for a couple of grants to replace the recycling equipment, but they were not awarded to us.

Mr. Boose wanted Mr. Welch to verify what the proposed new fees would be. Mr. Wilde reviewed the landfill/transfer station budget with Mr. Welch and said they are going to run out of money. Mr. Wilde does not want to raise the fee \$6.00 a ton, then need to turn around and raise the fee again next year because of the fees we will have to pay to Rumpke. Mr. Wilde wanted Mr. Welch to talk about their fees, but said he agrees

with raising the landfill fees by \$7.00 a ton. Mr. Boose said they had previously discussed raising the rate by \$6.00 a ton and asked what made him change his mind to the increase of \$7.00 a ton. Mr. Wilde said when he sat down with Mr. Welch to review the budget and his numbers showed he needed to raise the fees to between \$6 and \$7 a ton. It didn't make sense to go with \$6 if they couldn't make it on that amount. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Welch should give a high-level analysis of the budget and the reasoning for the \$7.00 fee increase.

Mr. Welch said the Rumpke increase from April 1, 2023 to April 12, 2024 is \$.84 a ton and the fuel surcharge for 2022 comes out to be about \$.85 a ton. The project costs for the scale replacement and the lift station on the northside will run about \$300,000. Mr. Welch noted when he calculated his budget he only used a 3% inflation rate for this year. When you look at the fuel, the Rumpke increase, the projects and inflation rate; also noting that they will be borrowing all the money from the Equipment Reserve Fund to operate with. It came out to \$6.03, but keep in mind, it is going on the assumption of the amount of waste they are bringing in. Mr. Welch is projecting 46,000 tons this year and they did a little more than that last year. Mr. Boose noted they are not using Equipment Reserve Funds for operations. Mr. Welch said not yet, but they could. Mr. Boose stressed they needed the money in the Equipment Reserve Account to pay for the equipment they had just discussed and does not want people to think we are using the Equipment Reserve money to operate. Mr. Boose noted we wanted to raise the fees so we don't have to do something like that.

Mr. Welch stated the project costs alone would cost us about \$6.00 a ton. If we do not infuse the Equipment Reserve with that, then you are looking at a larger increase than the \$7 per ton. Mr. Boose thought it sounded like we are using the Equipment Reserve Fund for things other than equipment reserve. Mr. Welch noted that money is to pay for a scale and a lift.

Mr. Brady noted they would have to replenish the Equipment Reserve Fund. Mr. Welch agreed and said eventually. Mr. Brady said it was there for emergency purposes and other items. Mr. Boose said not emergency, it is used to replace equipment. Mr. Brady agreed and noted that is what he was trying to say. Mr. Wilde noted the 3% inflation which Mr. Welch used was low.

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

*Harry Brady called once for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.  
Harry Brady called twice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase. Hearing none.  
Harry Brady called thrice for testimony against the Transfer Station rate increase.*

*Hearing one discussion for and nothing against it, Mr. Brady closed the hearing at 10:15 a.m.*

**At 10:15 a.m. Kristen Cardone and Ashley Morrow, MHAS – Trauma Informed Care.**

Ms. Morrow said they wanted to share information about Trauma Informed Care. What the current status is and where they are going with it.

Ms. Morrow stated MHAS started Trauma Informed Care about 2 years ago. They were seeing a rise in the number of suicides and overdoses and were trying to figure out the underlying factor. Trauma is often an underlying cause of many mental health and substance abuse encounters. That is when they started to develop the Trauma Informed Care/Trauma Informed Community initiative. So they could start addressing the trauma which underlies most mental health and substance abuse challenges and reduce our numbers.

They are shifting from what is wrong with a person to what happened to them and how do we help them to get the help they need. The group has done a really great job and they are moving forward. They have a website and are still developing it. They just uploaded fact sheets to it.

They are creating a tool kit for organizations to use. There are a large number of organizations currently participating and are going through this assessment right now. They worked on creating an assessment for organizations and agencies to use as a guide to analyze how they are trauma informed and if they are trauma informed in their policies, procedures and intake forms. What does this look like? They will have an opportunity to go through this assessment, it is done through survey monkey. Organizations can go through the assessment and find where they are lacking. MHAS will walk along side of them and say let's help you become more trauma informed. The goal is to share this information and become a trauma informed community.

Ms. Cardone said that one of the challenges they came across initially was Behavioral Health organizations have a clearer line because that is what they do. But they are bringing in organizations where there is not necessarily a clear line. Law Enforcement is an example. How can they be trauma informed while still having to do their job? How do they merge the two? For some of the agencies throughout the county it is going to be a bigger ask to help them get to that place. They are willing and able to do that work. Ms. Cardone feels the potential outcome will be amazing.

Mr. Brady has been to some of these meetings and they are pretty good because information is shared by

different agencies and it really opens your eyes. He feels that sympathy and empathy come to mind with this. If we have people and agencies who are looking at other people and trying to put themselves in their shoes, then it stops being a judgmental thing and starts being a let me help you through this, even though to me it is not an issue. Mr. Brady appreciates them and has seen all the departments trying to make this work.

Mr. Wilde stated he appreciates them and feels they communicate very well. Mr. Wilde thought if there is mental health, there is probably trauma. Ms. Cardone agreed. He said many people in our jail system have mental health and probably trauma. This is a huge elephant which they are tackling. Mr. Boose noted trauma comes up repeatedly in his discussions with JFS. Mr. Boose asked about including QPR with wellness, along with the CPR Training.

MHAS is now listing the partners who are committed to being trauma informed on their website. They have a person from the state who is helping them. Ms. Cardone noted they are offering free trauma informed care trainings on a monthly basis. These trainings are 2 hours long. She is doing one in person for Juvenile Court in May. Mr. Brady asked if the Huron County Commissioners were on the website. Ms. Cardone stated that is why she is here today; to ask if the commissioners would like to be a supporter of a trauma informed community and be listed on their website. The Commissioners were in favor of the request.

Mr. Boose discussed the opioid settlement money and deciding how to spend it. Ms. Cardone is pulling together a meeting for all the local governments in Huron County who are receiving opioid settlement money.

They discussed the data we receive from MHAS. Ms. Cardone said they still have \$140,000 of their state Opioid Response Innovation Funds remaining, these are technology funds. They are planning to use these funds on some type of data system. The Healing Community Study is working with them to get everybody at the table regarding data. How to continue what they currently have but expand it to include mental health as well. They are trying to get the partners there and make sure they have the data and in the needed format. They would like a system with a back end for the different organizations to use, which would have more detail than the front end for the public.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

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

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

- Lara Hozalski – HR – Port Clinton, Ohio – County Loss Control Coordinator Association Spring meeting – April 21, 2023
- Art Mead – EMA – Wood County – Meeting – May 17, 2023

Mr. Boose stated there were two meetings coming up for commissioners. One is in Tiffin for the Northwest region. He was going to rsvp last Friday, but could not because the person who he needed to do them through was not there. Mr. Boose noted they would need to have Ms. Webb do that for them if they want to go to the meeting. This meeting is on April 21, 2023. Mr. Boose thought Ms. Ziemba should attend this meeting.

There will be another meeting on April 28, 2023 in Ashland, OH. This one has not been confirmed yet. Each meeting has different Senators and Representatives. Mr. Brady noted he had a CEBCO meeting on April 28.

**SIGNINGS – none.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boose said on April 19 there is a CCAO board meeting at 2:00 p.m. and a legislative meeting at 5 p.m. He has already rsvp'd.

On April 14 there is a RISE program at BGSU Cedar Point Conference Center, 1 University Drive, Huron.

**At 10:55 a.m. the board recessed**

**At 11:05 a.m. the board resumed regular session**

*At 11:05 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.*

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

*At 12:15 p.m. Terry Boose moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(2). Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

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

*\*No action taken*

#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS - Cont.**

##### **Administrator/Clerk updates:**

- Solar Eclipse meeting this Wednesday, March 29 at 11:00. It is the one Mr. Boose asked Mr. Mead to set up. Ms. Ziembra asked if anyone would like to attend. Mr. Wilde said he would and asked where it was being held. Ms. Ziembra told him the EMA.
- Mr. Boose asked about an e-mail they received from Mr. Strickler regarding a missing document. Ms. Ziembra stated they will have to wait for Mr. Strickler to get back to asked about this.

##### **Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- CORSA Renewal Meeting – Ms. Ziembra stated they are on our agenda for April 6, 2023
- Landbank meeting – They decided on some policies to make things run smoother and are thrilled with the demolitions which were done. Mr. Boose asked if Landbank was residential only. Mr. Brady told him no and stated they had a commercial property for sale right now in New London.
- Went to United Fund Dinner. Mr. Wilde asked if there was going to be an EFSP committee meeting regarding federal funds. He was told that was something from during the pandemic and those funds are no longer available. Mr. Boose did not agree with that and thought we needed to quit using that term. Mr. Boose said it is extra federal money which comes in to be distributed amongst agencies in the county and there is a committee which needs to meet to decide this distribution. Mr. Wilde said there was no money. Mr. Boose said there was a big article in the Norwalk Reflector 2 weeks ago. It talked about this money coming in from the federal government. Mr. Boose noted that United Fund may not know about the money yet. The article stated the money was coming in and the committee needed to meet to decide who will get the money.
- 4-H Dinner
- Transit 9-1-1 interviews on Wednesday.
- Wednesday Meetings
  - WIOA- 8:15
  - Breakfast – 8:30
  - EMA Solar Eclipse – 11:00
- CCAO article- Opioid Settlement dollars from Mallinckrodt to be distributed beginning next week. On Friday, CCAO was informed by the Attorney General that the National Opioid Abatement Trust 2 will be releasing settlement funds obtained through the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy to participating subdivisions beginning March 28. The total amount distributed to Ohio is estimated to be \$6,665,759.00 and just under \$2M will flow to local governments directly. Mr. Wilde showed a spreadsheet listing amounts. Mr. Boose asked if we could pull up that fund to find out the balance.

##### **Commissioner Brady updates:**

- CCAO – General Governance meeting. Missed part of the meeting due to computer issues.
- Mr. Brady received an e-mail trying to resurrect the idea of County Engineers not being required to be a licensed PE and a licensed surveyor. Mr. Brady noted every time this comes up, no one supports it.
- Mr. Brady will read the proclamation at the breakfast tomorrow.
- CEBCO Meeting in Columbus on Friday.

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

- United Fund dinner last Thursday.
- Board meeting in Columbus last Friday. The meeting ran over, but most of their discussion was about budget. They also discussed indigent defense. There is a group of board members who believe we should quit the percentage amount because it never comes out right. It was brought up that the state public defender blames their spending more money on the counties. Mr. Boose said when he came here, he was promoting for us to spend more money. Mr. Boose told him the money would not stretch if he kept doing this.
- They would like a program to be put together for counties who would like the state to take over for their public defender. They could do that, but the Commissioner would need to make that decision.

There are a lot of disagreements amongst agencies. They want to make sure the local lawyers get the fair share of the business. Mr. Boose feels it is time for the state to take it over.

- A big discussion in the budget was the jails. Mr. Boose noted the state budget for jail capital improvements was \$20M. Mr. Boose told them there were a couple of problems with that and said they need over a billion dollars, if they put \$40M for it then we lost ground. Mr. Boose also noted it is a competitive process and the same people always win. They discussed how the Appalachian money was being spent and also discussed whether HB1 would be put in the budget bill. Mr. Boose said a bill on its own gets a lot more attention than one which is an amendment to another bill. Sometimes in order to get votes for a bill you have to place it in something which people are in favor of and will vote for, then they will overlook the bill in order to pass the one they like. Mr. Boose is disappointed that none of our state people have come to us about this, knowing it will affect us. He hopes that it does not get attached to the Budget Bill.
- Mr. Boose noted that Mr. Brady had brought up the Transportation Bill which took away one billion dollars for rural Ohio communities. Mr. Boose said the Ohio House had voted against it, so now it will go to committee and will have to be passed by Friday. They discussed bills which are one-time money and would create future payments, which would need to be sustained by the local governments.

**At 12:55 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 28, 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 12:55 p.m.

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