

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 were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Webb, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Jeff Schuller, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector. Jeff Bertram, Citizen, joined the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the April 11, 2023 and April 18, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 11, 2023 and April 18, 2023 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.** *Jeffrey Schuller, Monroeville, Ohio.* Mr. Schuller stated he was representing a lot of the populous in saying the building of a Senior Center was turned down 3 times by the voters and now the commissioners are using federal money to construct one. He noted the commissioners have said money is tight and now they will have to pay for the maintenance of another building.

Mr. Wilde stated we were using ARPA money for the project and it does not come out of our General Fund budget. Mr. Wilde noted the last time the building was voted no; the operating money was voted yes. Mr. Wilde also said Senior Enrichment will be paying to operate the building. He told Mr. Schuller that Senior Enrichment is currently operating in a pre-civil war building and it is a mess. Mr. Schuller said it is still federal money.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde told Mr. Schuller they respected his opinion. Mr. Brady went on to say even if we gave the ARPA money back it would not go against the debt, it would just be given to someone else. So, we were trying to use it for the citizens of the county.

Mr. Schuller reiterated that the people do not want this. Mr. Brady stated as we understand the people did not want to pay a tax levy to do this and he can respect that. He noted they can't stay in the building they are currently in because it is going to be torn down.

23-166

**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 for Payment Batch #357617 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 asked Ms. Ziemba if she knew what building they bought a cooler kit drinking fountain for.
- Pg. 5 – JFS pays cell phone allowances to a lot of people and Mr. Boose is curious why we are paying this bill for \$798.02 if we are already paying for people's cell phone allowances. Ms. Ziemba will get clarification for this bill.
- Ms. Ziemba stated the drinking fountain was for JFS. Mr. Boose asked why we pay it and not them. Ms. Ziemba said we put them in all the buildings.
- Page 8 – Mr. Boose asked about the YMCA rec center pass in Cleveland for foster care.
- Page 9 – Mr. Boose wanted to ask Ms. Bond if we have always paid for all of the bandwidths for all PSAPS. Mr. Wilde and Ms. Ziemba thought we have. Mr. Boose did not think so and asked if we

could double check. Ms. Ziembra thought that was part of the .25 cents which was brought in from the state.

- Mr. Boose said he got some notes back from the TAC meeting last week and wanted to ask Ms. Bond how much the .25 cents brought in so we will know if it continues to stay in the budget and goes up to .64 cents, how much money will that bring in? Also, will that affect any levy that we go out to get. Mr. Boose said he has not had a chance to review the report for the levy 5-year plan and was not sure if NextGen was included in it. If so, the budget has money for the NextGen 9-1-1 and those 2 items can be taken out. Mr. Boose also asked what is any other source of money for 9-1-1. He noted the levy started 3 years ago and asked what we paid our 9-1-1 bills out of before then.

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

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

Huron County
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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
05/04/2023	Homeland Communications Inc	357917	2022-001602	2022 Encumbrance - Paper Project	\$135,037.50	
05/04/2023	Account 193.103.0250 (Equipment) Total:				\$135,037.50	
05/04/2023	Ohio Edison	357917	2022-002941	Cables Power Cables	\$41.00	
05/04/2023	Frontier	357917	2022-002941	811 Service Route	\$41.00	
05/04/2023	Frontier	357917	2022-002941	811 Bandwidth - All PDU's	\$5,465.39	
	Account 193.103.0250 (Contract Services) Total:				\$11,007.39	
	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$141,020.89	
	Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$141,020.89	
	Department: EMA Hazmat				\$918.00	
	Department: EMA Hazmat				\$518.00	
	Account 197.0200 (Equipment) Total:				\$918.00	
	Department EMA Hazmat Total:				\$918.00	
	Fund 197 - EMA Hazmat Total:				\$918.00	
	Department: Solid Waste Management District				\$64.07	
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	Account 525.02475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$64.07	
	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$64.07	
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$64.07	
	Department: Commissary Trust				\$122.00	
	Department: Commissary Trust				\$14,648.00	
	Account 636.636.0260 (Expnditures) Total:				\$15,038.52	
	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$15,038.52	
	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$15,038.52	

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
					\$408,311.81	
	Grand Total:				\$408,311.81	

Sign 1 *Bruce Wilde* Sign 2 *Terry Boose* Sign 3 *Harry Brady*

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23-167

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SENGHAS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SALT STORAGE BUILDING ADDITION AT THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-105 the bid was awarded to Senghas Construction for the amount of \$456,875.00 for the Salt Storage Building Addition at the Huron County Engineer's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the purchase; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Senghas Construction, LaGrange, Ohio for the Salt Storage Building Addition at the Huron County Engineer's Office as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey thought they would start construction in late June. The building should be able to accommodate 800 tons, but they typically keep 2,000 to 2,500 tons on hand when they are full.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-168

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH CLEVELAND FREIGHTLINER, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-158 the bid was awarded to Cleveland Freightliner, Inc. for the amount of \$116,303.00 for the purchase of a Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., Parma, Ohio for the purchase of a Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck 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 said this truck will not be ready until winter of 2025.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-169

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Section 5513.01 (B) provides the opportunity for Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Conservancy Districts, Township Park Districts, Park Districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised Code, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Airport Authorities, Regional Water and Sewer Districts, County Transit Boards, State Universities or Colleges to participate in contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be it ordained by Huron County:

SECTION 1.

That the Huron County Engineer hereby requests authority in the name of Huron County to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation contracts for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies or other articles which the Department has entered into pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B)

SECTION 2.

That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County to be bound by all terms and conditions as the Director of Transportation prescribes.

SECTION 3.

That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which Huron County participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

SECTION 4.

That Huron County agrees to be responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program under Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code. That Huron County releases and forever discharges the Director of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation from all such claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program which Huron County may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

**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 allows them to participate in the State of Ohio Purchasing Program pricing. Mr. Tansey said the main item they use this for is asphalt. All of the asphalt plants are on this program so they send a letter to ODOT and they grant us permission to use that price and the asphalt plants have to honor that price for our crews to pick up and load our trucks. Mr. Brady asked if the Townships could go in with this or if they had to request it separately. Mr. Tansey said they had to go in separately. Mr. Tansey noted that this is not always the best price, so you have to be careful.

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

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

23-170

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT TO SUBMIT HURON COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN THE T-CAP GRANT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County Common Pleas Court wishes to participate in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), Bureau of Community Sanctions (BCS) Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (T-CAP) grant in FY 24/25; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant provides funding to Ohio courts of common pleas through Ohio county boards of commissioners, who submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pursuant to R.C. sec 5149.38 as agreement to sentence targeted offenders pursuant to R.C. sec 2929.34(B)(3). The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to local communities to effectively supervise, provide treatment services and hold accountable low-level, non-violent offenders in the community; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Common Pleas Court to file the M.O.U. for Huron County’s application for voluntary participation in the T-CAP Grant for the initial grant period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose wanted to thank the Judge and the Sheriff for working together on this grant. He explained that either one of them could take this grant because there is only one grant and a certain amount of money available to the county. They are working together for a good cause. They thought this is the successor to the No Bars program. Many counties could not decide how to use this money.

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

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

23-171

**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 (DRAWS #10 & #11) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MAY 2, 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 explained Draw #10 was for private rehab and home building repair to one home in Norwalk and one home in New London for a total amount of \$21,500. Draw # 11 is for repair assistance, administration and private rehab. The homes are in Willard, New London and Norwalk for a total amount of \$15,379.

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 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG E.E. RLF Balance: CDBG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Shari Zibert Phone number: (619) 332-4120 Email: szibert@icdp.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-1B1-1		Date:		Voucher#:	
		Draw Number: 10		Warrants:			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	22 Park Ave, Norwalk	2000.00	57474.00	55474.00
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	1963 Chenango Rd, New London	19500.00	23875.00	1094.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					21500.00	81349.00	56568.00
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:	5/2/23	Signature:	Harry Brady		Title:	PRESIDENT	
Date:	5/2/23	Countersignature:	Terry Boose		Title:	Vice-President	
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

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Contact Person Information Name: Shari Zibert Phone number: (619) 332-4120 Email: szibert@icdp.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-1B1-1		Date:		Voucher#:	
		Draw Number: 11		Warrants:			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	4456 Egypt Rd, Willard	4299.00	28625.00	24332.00
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	1963 Chenango Rd, New London	1094.00	23875.00	0.00
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4634.00	123500.00	49356.00
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	22 Park Ave, Norwalk	5358.00	57474.00	50116.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					15379.00	233474.00	123804.00
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:	5/2/23	Signature:	Harry Brady		Title:	PRESIDENT	
Date:	5/2/23	Countersignature:	Terry Boose		Title:	Vice-President	
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

Mr. Brady noted Sheriff Corbin was supposed to be in at 9:30 a.m., then explained that the Sheriff had called and said he would not be able to come in due to an emergency. Mr. Brady stated he had asked the sheriff to come in because there was a question about the training and other questions about contracts.

Mr. Brady said he had a brief discussion with the Sheriff last week after the TAC meeting about the payments. Mr. Brady noted the Sheriff had some pretty good answers. Mr. Brady hoped we would be able to reschedule him to come in soon. Mr. Boose thought it sounded like Mr. Brady was for approving the expenditures and noted if both Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde would like to approve it then they could save the sheriff a trip in, if that is what they would like to do. Mr. Wilde was okay with that. Mr. Brady said he was as well, but would still like the sheriff to come in to talk about the trainings to all the commissioners in open session.

Mr. Brady said that the sheriff told him the one training was for the K9 recertification and the other was a school resource officer, but was for the ALICE training. The sheriff said the ALICE training can be used for any business or anything in the county. Mr. Boose said that any training an officer gets for anything can be used for that and reiterated they would be wasting the sheriff's time having him come in if they are going to vote to pay it. Mr. Brady said because the sheriff was talking about what he thought was reimbursable and what was not. Mr. Brady thought for it to be clear and note what the sheriff thinks, they should have him in to speak in an open session.

**Bruce Wilde moved to release the two payments held for the Sheriff's office. Harry Brady seconded the motion.**

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Brady commented that he would still like to have the conversation about what is

*considered reimbursable and which funds would be involved in open session.*

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

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

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

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was late because this person was out on medical for a while and when she got back from leave she saw this training was available and requested to go to it. Mr. Boose stated he did not know how to get it across to people that we need them to get these submitted in plenty of time to be approved. Mr. Brady would like to send an email noting it was approved, but the policy is for it to be done beforehand. Ms. Ziemba said she would do that. Ms. Ziemba stated she had this conversation with Ms. Minor and she was going to send something out to make sure everybody got back to doing it the way it is supposed to be done.

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

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

- Amber Stanley – JFS – Toledo, OH – IT Spring UX Information Session – May 02, 2023

Mr. Boose stated he received a very nice thank you note from Mr. Sparks with the Airport Board thanking us for addressing something that came up last minute. Mr. Boose thought this showed that he understands we need time to look things over. Mr. Boose appreciates the thank you note. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady agreed.

Mr. Brady noted the airport will be losing their secretary, Renee Thompson, who has been there since he was on the board. Mr. Boose asked if the commissioners office could send her a thank you note.

Mr. Brady said the operations of the airport are not as easy as you would think. He felt over the years they have been getting better and this board is doing a good job. They have tried to adjust the fuel prices and are reviewing the idea of raising the rent for the hangers by \$20.00 a month. They realize they need income to operate.

#### **SIGNINGS - none**

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

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

- Ms. Ziemba will let them know if they miss anything which needs to be discussed.

##### **Assistant Prosecutor updates:**

- Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler to discuss the RFQs for the architects. Mr. Strickler said they had already been ranked and if they are pre-qualified we can use them for particular projects. Ms. Ziemba asked if they could pre-qualify all of them. Mr. Strickler told them yes. Mr. Wilde would like to do that. Mr. Strickler said if they are all qualified then we could choose which one we want to use for a certain project. Ms. Ziemba said they had already prequalified one for general. Mr. Strickler said they could go back and prequalify all of them. Then they could choose any one of them for a particular project, but not as a general. Garmann Miller was chosen for the general and we are happy with them, but there are some who specialize in certain areas. Mr. Wilde asked if they needed a motion to do that. Ms. Ziemba said she would prepare a resolution for Thursday. She will also forward a letter along with the resolution to each of the people.
- It was noted that the person with the trash in the right of way has cleaned it all up. Mr. Boose thought it would be a good idea to have a public service announcement about keeping your right of way clear. Mr. Schuller asked about trimming a tree in the right of way. Mr. Strickler noted it would depend if it is in a municipality or in a township.

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

- Mr. Brady attended the CEBCO retreat last week. Spent all day Thursday looking at the numbers. They are looking at unrealized losses. CEBCO holds about \$58M in assets, which is down a little from last year. Even though they had unrealized losses, they made a lot of money.
- Mr. Brady said he had asked the 2 questions we had about the wellness program. On Friday morning the managing director of CEBCO presented a change to the wellness program. They are reviewing the changes.



- The first question – Can blood draw results be sent directly to the provider.
- Second question – Hard to figure out which section to add completed items to in Healthworks.
- Mr. Brady said if the new idea were to be done then Healthworks would no longer be used starting in August. We would have to finish out the program this year in order to keep your reduced premiums next year. The new program would start next year but the premium reduction would not happen until 2025.
- Mr. Brady said they did not want to do self-reporting anymore. Some of the information would be taken directly from claims. Such as going for your annual physical.
- It was also noted that the new program would be administered by Anthem so it would be a lot cheaper than Healthworks. This would also be done through the Sydney app.
- They also discussed a pilot program had been done in Scioto County. They noted there are fewer people getting the blood draws done now, than when the program first started. They discussed several other options for the blood draw. Mr. Boose thought they should have several options. Mr. Brady said they may do that and noted they are trying to get people to find a primary care physician. Mr. Boose wanted to thank them for at least looking at alternatives.
- Mr. Boose said there is no incentive for someone in their last year to be on the wellness program because the benefit they would get is for the year afterwards.
- Mr. Brady noted with Healthworks, if you cover your spouse and they do not participate in the program, then you do not qualify for the reduced premium. With the new program it is only dependent on the person carrying the insurance. Mr. Brady said the reduced premium was something funded by them but run by the county. They said that is up to the county.
- Mr. Brady stated the Summer Symposium will be August 16, 17 and 18 and will be held at Cherry Valley. Mr. Brady is on the events committee for the Summer Symposium. They discussed the fundraiser golf tournament at the Summer symposium which is a fund raiser for the CCAO scholarship program. Mr. Wilde asked if they were going to this since it is being held on the week of the Huron County Fair. Mr. Boose said he may go for one day. Mr. Wilde was unsure.
- Mr. Brady said he had talked with Ms. Ziemba and was told the Drury Inn was not available. Ms. Ziemba told him that was for the Winter Conference. Ms. Ziemba asked if anything had been put out for the Summer Symposium yet. Mr. Boose said they were waiting for an agenda. Mr. Brady told them a tentative agenda was put out, but was not set by days.
- It was suggested they get reservations now for the Winter Conference in Columbus at the Hilton. Mr. Boose would rather do that. They thought the dates for the winter conference were December 6, 7 & 8.
- Mr. Brady wanted to know if they wanted to go to the Summer Symposium. Ms. Ziemba told him they wanted to wait to see what was on the agenda. She noted she has never been to a Summer Conference. Mr. Boose thought the Summer Conference was mainly for commissioners and they do not have separate topics for Clerks or Administrators.
- Went to TAC Committee meeting.

**Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- At Thursday's meeting the Board plans to discuss the Transfer Station and hold an executive session. Mr. Wilde said he met with Mr. Welch twice yesterday and they continue to try to get the best and the most recent information.
- Commissioners meeting in Ashland. Mr. Wilde stated it was marginal. Mr. Brady commented that it was nothing like the one in Tiffin. Mr. Wilde told them our concerns about Indigent Defense and discussed getting a reimbursement of up to \$75.00.
- Mr. Wilde will attend the JEDI meeting this Friday with Mr. Riedy. There will be a presentation on internet infrastructure. The meeting will cover 5 different issues which include internet infrastructure and a HB which will include demolition and Brownfield clean ups. Mr. Brady and Mr. Boose will be at the Football Hall of Fame with NE Commissioners meeting.
- Mr. Wilde noted that Land Bank will now be able to tear down four buildings in Willard. The one in the middle had a mortgage on it so they couldn't do anything. Mr. Wilde just got word that the mortgage has been paid off, once they get verification of that they can start tearing those buildings down. Mr. Boose did not understand if the mortgage was paid off, why the house was not theirs. Mr. Wilde said the building is theirs, but they want it torn down. Mr. Brady said there was a section of buildings they wanted to tear down. They already had a gentleman who said if the lots were vacant he would redevelop it and put up a different building which would be productive.
- TAC meeting was not a quorum. Mr. Brady said Ms. Bond explained how things work and told the group that they would talk about it, then make a recommendation to the commission, who would then bring a recommendation to the county commissioners. The commissioners make the ultimate decision. Mr. Wilde emphasized that nothing gets done until then. They discussed something with the Frontier contract, so after that meeting, they had a quick meeting with the commission and they all agreed this is something which should be brought up to the commissioners as a recommendation

to do it. Mr. Boose asked if they understood that the commission has no authority either. Mr. Brady told him they understood. Mr. Brady said Ms. Bond made it very clear. Mr. Boose said the commissioners should see that recommendation coming soon. Mr. Brady said that Ms. Bond would like to get on the meeting schedule sometime in May.

**Commissioner Boose updates:**

- Mr. Boose wanted to make sure they had all the meetings for the week covered.
  - Firelands Forward, Wednesday, Mr. Boose
  - CCAO Justice & Public Safety Committee, Wednesday, Mr. Brady
  - National Day of Prayer, Thursday, Presbyterian Church
  - Community Corrections meeting, Wednesday, Mr. Brady
  - NE Ohio Commissioners meeting, Friday, Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady
- Statehouse report.
  - Budget bill.
  - HB33 has passed out of the house is now in the senate.
  - There are some things Mr. Boose would like our Senators and Representatives to know about.
    - Mr. Boose feels with the indigent defense, if they have concerns about the cost of public defense going up at the local level then they could place a cap on it, per county. It could be based on a rate or dollars per population. He felt they should not punish the counties who are trying to hold costs down because other counties think they can spend more money than they used to.
    - Part of the budget bill says reimbursements to counties who contract with the State Public Defender will receive 100% reimbursement, with other counties receiving reimbursement at the rate the appropriation allows. Mr. Boose asked what we would have to do to join the State Public Defender.
    - Local government fund. It increased from 1.66% to 1.7%. Mr. Boose felt we will lose money based on items in other bills. It is because they are exempting certain items from sales tax. If this was done by population, we would receive \$25,000.
    - Funding for county jail projects. Our jail has not applied for any of this money in the past.
    - Next Gen 9-1-1 and MARCS – If we are getting money in for Next Gen, then we should not try to get money through a levy, or not as much money from a levy because this will reimburse part of that money. The second part of this is if the budget stays in the Senate maybe we could send an e-mail to our Senators asking them to please leave in the payment for the Next Gen 911 and the increase in the amount of money they bring in to the monthly user fees from \$.25 cents to \$.64 cents. We had previously questioned whether the \$.64 would be all ours, or will they keep part of it. Mr. Boose said it is all ours and noted they are asking for more than \$.64 cents, but the \$.64 cents is all ours. Mr. Boose noted the question about a levy may not be if, but how much. Discussed looking at the total revenue for 9-1-1 and not just a levy.
    - Mr. Boose noticed in the minutes that they are having a problem getting a quorum for 9-1-1 TAC meetings and noted this budget bill would eliminate the requirement for counties to have a 9-1-1 Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Boose thought this may take away a little of the pressure to get a quorum.
    - The bill is going to include \$50M to help pay for the MARCS system. Huron County is not part of this. Mr. Boose noted we are not against it, but feel if they are going to put money towards MARCS, they should put it towards all communications. That way if we decide it is in our best interest to go with a different radio system, then we should be getting the money as well. They discussed the MARCS system has communication issues with other systems. Yet the state keeps that system and subsidizes it. Mr. Boose wants to ask our state senators to not eliminate the \$50M which they are putting in for communications, but to share it with everyone, not just the MARCS system.
    - Benefits Cliff Pilot program – This program would give someone who is currently getting federal or state benefits and they take a job which will take them above the eligible amount of money to receive benefits, some type of step down to help them. Only 4 counties will be eligible for this pilot program. Mr. Boose would like to tell the Senators that Huron County would like to be one of the counties on the pilot program. He would also like to be notified the minute we can apply for this because he anticipates we will be told it has to go through different committees and wants our Representatives to let us know the minute we can do this. Mr. Brady said he will probably see these people this week, so will give them our requests. They also discussed having our representatives visit the county periodically.
    - Ms. Ziemba noted that Tim Schneider is on the agenda for May 18.

- Children's Services - Mr. Boose noted it says the line item which includes the state child protection allocation has an overall decrease in funding which will result in cuts to other children services programs. Mr. Boose would like this included in the e-mail to our Senator and Representatives.
- Senior Services – One-time ARPA appropriation of \$40M for healthy aging grants to help seniors stay in their homes as long as possible. The funds will be provided to the boards of County Commissioners. The Commissioners feel this would be better put to an agency who deals with this, such as JFS.
- Mental Health Services – The budget allocates \$20M to County ADAMS boards to fund local projects in preventions, early intervention and suicide prevention. Mr. Boose noted that Ms. Cardone told him the pot of money they can use for all of their services has gone down.
- County Boards of Developmental Disabilities – This permits the Commissioners, if they are unable to appoint someone who is eligible to receive DD services, to appoint another individual, if they can cite a reason. Mr. Boose thought this may be a new requirement and asked Mr. Strickler about it. Mr. Strickler did not know of any. Mr. Boose thought we might have to find board members who fit in certain categories.
- Housing – includes a tax credit for the development and rehabilitation of multi-family rental housing units. Administered by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. The commissioners felt this was ambiguous and the larger counties with housing departments would snatch it up right away. The commissioners felt we should state in our e-mail to our reps that we would like to see this money be split amongst the counties and each county get their fair share as opposed to a competitive grant.
- Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program – Increases the appropriation used to support the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program. This program is intended to reimburse providers of qualifying broadband service for pole replacements, installations and undergrounding to accommodate increased broadband infrastructure. Mr. Boose thought this would help keep the costs down for providers and the undergrounding was to bury the cables. Mr. Boose said he is for anything which helps to increase the broadband service to the rural parts of the county. Mr. Brady agreed.
- Property tax changes – This would eliminate the authority of local governments to levy replacement property tax levies starting January 01, 2025 and allow Park Districts to put levies on the ballot to renew, increase or decrease levies. Park Districts were previously only able to levy replacement levies.
- Mr. Strickler explained replacement levies. He said when you vote for a levy, it will collect on the property values at the time the levy was passed. So, if you have a levy from 1985 and it keeps getting renewed, then you are getting less money on the renewal because it is from 1985 values. When you do a replacement levy it is usually the same number of mils, but you are collecting them at the current value. If you put a replacement levy on in 2023 to collect in 2024, you would collect the updated value from 2024 the next year. Mr. Boose thought this would be very important to schools and townships. Mr. Strickler thought the villages would also be affected. Mr. Strickler understands there is an anti-tax sentiment in the country, but a lot of local governments don't have a lot of money to run and have to depend on tax levies. In the last 20 years the general assembly has made it more difficult to pass a tax levy. Mr. Boose agreed with the statement. Another item Mr. Boose would like added to our e-mail to our Senator and Representatives is if they are going to make tax changes, do it in the Ways and Means Committee as a bill. As opposed to putting it as part of the budget because this has nothing to do with the budget.
- Mr. Boose noted when the state exempted certain items from being taxed, he does not have a problem if they want to eliminate them from the state budget, but when they do that, they are cutting our budget and they are also cutting us without our say in the part of the sales tax which goes directly to us.
- Electronic poll books – The bill makes small changes to reimbursement of e-pollbooks. Allows reimbursement for leasing and specifies reimbursement for acquired e-pollbooks and ancillary equipment must be paid to County Board of Elections rather than GF. Mr. Boose noted we budget to line items; when the money is put into their line items they can use it however they want to use it.
- Credit card policy – The bill adds a provision permitting the county to use its credit card to pay any fees or charges related to state issued licenses and certificates. Mr. Strickler thought this made no sense. Ms. Ziemba stated an example of this would be the Dog Warden. He has fees which he can only pay online. He can't write a check. Mr. Boose asked what the license was. Ms. Ziemba was not sure but said he

had to use his own credit card to pay it, then get reimbursed. Mr. Boose asked if we would need to update our credit card policy if this passes the senate. Mr. Strickler told him we would probably have to. Ms. Ziemba noted it states specifically what the uses are.

- Mr. Strickler felt if you were going to fix a bill this would be the one, what local governments can use credit cards for. Mr. Boose said the message to our State Senators should be, if you are going to correct it, instead of putting it in the budget bill, have a stand-alone bill that goes through hearings where people can talk about the general topic as opposed to putting a band aid in the budget bill.
- Impact Statement Report for bills enacted in 2022 – Previously Victims Assistance told us about HB 343 and it talks about the increases that are in there, so it is an unfunded band aid from the state government that says more needs to be done and you have to do it. It was identified by Legislative Service Council that there is a cost in it, but they passed it without taking care of the cost. That is what this Local Income Statement Report does. It tells you on a bill by bill basis and it only affects local government. Mr. Boose thought our State Representatives and Senators should read this report. Mr. Brady asked if he meant the affects of the bills they have passed. Mr. Boose said yes, then Mr. Brady added that maybe they should read that before they pass a bill. Mr. Boose noted when they have a bill, there is a financial impact statement as part of the bill. Mr. Brady thought they need to read it before they approve a bill so they can make changes before the bill is approved.
- Mr. Boose thought there should be an Impact report with the budget. It would give the total effect of all the different changes and how they affect local governments. Then you could see the net difference as to what the benefit is or isn't. Mr. Brady discussed legislators should contact local governments about the impact of bills before they are passed.
- Mr. Boose felt that anyone who put an amendment to the budget should have to prepare a detailed financial impact statement to whoever it affects.
- Mr. Boose would like to have the email to the Senators and Representatives ready for approval by this Thursday or next Tuesday and be able to get it to them on time so they could make some changes per our suggestions, then they could do so.
- Discussed when certain items of the budget need to be passed by.
- Mr. Boose will attend the Fair Board meeting Thursday evening.

**At 11:37 a.m.** Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on May 2, 2023.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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