

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose and Bruce Wilde. Harry Brady absent.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Pete Welch, Director of Operations; Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Jessie Roeder, Citizen; Paula Roeder-Fox, Citizen; Richard Ortman, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the May 16, 2023, May 18, 2023, May 23, 2023 and May 30, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 16, 2023, May 18, 2023, May 23, 2023 and May 30, 2023 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

Mr. Boose stated he had a discussion with Marla Hagameyer regarding putting in pride flags at the Courthouse lawn. Mr. Boose said he has been under the impression, whether it be a written or unwritten policy, that we do not allow interest groups to place things in the yard or outside the Courthouse. Mr. Boose thought that was a policy. He noted this is not against any one person. This is because once we open it up, it is for everybody. Mr. Boose did not think we want to get into that. In this day and age of all the hatred there is and people arguing over everything. Mr. Boose does not think we should be part of that and to his knowledge the only thing we have ever had out there were flags for child abuse awareness month. Mr. Wilde added Victim's Assistance and Mr. Strickler added Domestic Violence. Mr. Boose noted these are County Departments. Mr. Boose did not think that any of these items were controversial and we don't want to start it either. During the elections we do not allow anyone to put election signs on county property. We have never been about competition on any county property. Mr. Boose asked to have a motion about this and said he would get back to Ms. Hagameyer when the meeting is over. Mr. Boose noted that according to her e-mail she did not intend for this to be some kind of big hatred thing with people complaining. She just wanted to put them up. Mr. Boose said that he hoped there was no ill will towards Ms. Hagameyer.

Mr. Boose noted there was a display in the Courthouse which was controversial last year. Mr. Boose said it was suggested they could make the display area a permanent display of the history of Huron County, which is a non-controversial way to use the display. Mr. Boose noted this was not part of the motion, but would like to talk to the judge about doing this.

Bruce Wilde moved to not allow any display to be placed on the Courthouse lawn. Terry Boose seconded the motion.

****Discussion: Mr. Wilde apologized, saying he wanted to have all three commissioners, but we didn't necessarily need to do that and probably should have made a decision right away last week. Mr. Wilde stated it was his fault. Mr. Boose did not want to lay blame, but did not want someone to have to wait for 2 weeks for an answer.***

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

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Jessie Roeder, Monroeville, Ohio.* Ms. Roeder asked what he was talking about when he said they would be putting historical information in the courthouse. She then asked if it would include the gay pride information. Mr. Boose told her he did not think it would. He does not think the gay pride pertains to the history of the County. She said she thought they could put things on the sidewalk. Mr. Boose told her they could not and added that sometimes there are protests out on the sidewalk and we can't stop the protests as long as they are peaceful.

Mr. Strickler noted that people have the right to assemble under the constitution. We have had numerous protests outside the courthouse and they have all been peaceful. Mr. Boose added that you would see protests on Post Office property and at federal buildings. Mr. Strickler thought it needed to be said for the record that this request spurred us to make this policy. The policy has to be content neutral, we can't just say we are doing this because we don't like the subject matter the person is requesting to put on the property. It has to be content neutral. Mr. Boose thought we made it simple by saying no one can put anything out there and it has nothing to do with content. Mr. Strickler noted the commissioner's motion was content neutral. If nobody can do it, then it is content neutral and it is not just against the subject matter that was requested.

Richard Ortman, Norwalk, Ohio. Mr. Ortman noted this topic could take a lot of avenues and has a lot of

emotions behind it. He just wanted to make a primer statement regarding the realities behind the pledge they just took. We pledge to the republic which is built on liberty and justice, which comes from Sir William Blackstone's commentaries on the English law and is the source for those rights written in our Declaration. He lists the sources for those rights and this is widely understood and accepted throughout the English Constitution, which ours is based off of, as stemming from the holy scriptures. The holy scriptures, the law of God and Jesus Christ is the basis for the founding values of our existence in this republic. There are statues with Moses holding the 10 commandments in DC and most of the 13 colonies had Christ as protestant religion listed in their state constitution. Mr. Ortman wanted to put the idea forward that this is not a matter of hate to reject this flag. The flag, pride community, homosexuality and transgenderism are criminal and morally wrong. Anything that is morally wrong cannot be legally right. Any government, whether in this nation or any nation, under Romans 13 of the holy scriptures is obligated to be a terror to evil doers and to punish such criminality. He would like to put forward that the commissioner's duty as government officials is not just obligated to have a no policy, it is to punish and be a terror to such criminality and morally wrong things. Mr. Ortman hopes that is the direction that our county and city will take as we seek to push back the evil and darkness.

Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee. Mr. Hunker received a call from the Sheriff's office asking the township to pick up some tires which were thrown out. Mr. Hunker asked where they were at and was told they were on Sandhill Rd. Mr. Hunker reminded the dispatcher that part of Sandhill Rd. is county property. Mr. Hunker stated he is bringing this up to be proactive. They originally said it was 25 tires, but Mike Nottke, who is another trustee, went out to look and said it was about 40 tires with rims. Mr. Hunker stated they were not just left there, they pushed them down the hill, so they are down by the river. It was asked if that was the county's property. Mr. Hunker said no, but the homeowner called the sheriff and reported it. Mr. Hunker wanted to know if that happened again and it was in the township right of way, what are they supposed to do with them. If they take them to the landfill, they will get charged for them. Mr. Boose thought if a local government entity brought them in as trash which was dumped alongside the road, including tires, then they could bring it in at no charge.

Mr. Welch said the question is; how do we know someone rolled them down a hill? Mr. Boose stated he didn't want to start collecting everyone's trash but sometimes in order to get tires picked up, which could breed mosquitos, we could just get them and say in this case we will take them. If we found out they belong to someone, then we could go back and charge them. Mr. Welch noted that usually when you have a lot of tires like that the Health Department gets involved because it is usually an open dump and they will help the home owner. They also do free collections every couple of years. Mr. Boose thought they received grants to do that. Mr. Welch suggested getting the Health Department involved with this and they could investigate. Mr. Boose does not want the tires sitting there for a long time while we figure out who is going to pick them up. Mr. Welch noted if people are dumping on the roadside, tires or waste, the SWMD will pay the bill at the landfill. Mr. Boose wanted to ask the sheriff to talk to the dispatchers about what the proper call protocol should be. Should it go to the Health Department or should they speak to the Prosecutor's Office? Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Hunker for bringing this up.

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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 Payment Batch #359700 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:**

- Page 1, Juvenile Court transport. \$4,290.11. Mr. Boose had Ms. Ziemba check on this. He said there are special rules, laws and regulations as to how you transport a juvenile from another state, who needs to be brought back to Huron County for court. Because of those rules, SGI was hired to bring the individual back.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Medical Care, Armet Cakes, Piny Hwee Global Financial Services, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Public Scanner Power Cost, Armet Cakes, Piny Hwee Global Financial Services, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Keynote Company, Sheriff Medicine, Dog & Kennel, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Barry W Vermeiren LLC, Sheriff Medicine, Dog & Kennel, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
06/02/23	A J Remy Inc	397700	2023-00281	New State Inc Collet Reimbursement Payment	\$7,100.00	
06/02/23	A J Remy Inc	397700	2023-00281	Shinner Rd Bridge Insurance	\$10,834.90	
06/02/23	R K Construction Inc	397700	2023-00281	Baseline Bridge Project Local Cost Share	\$16,620.00	
06/02/23	Account 135.120.00260 (Contract Projects) Total:				\$34,554.90	
06/02/23	Department Auto Tax Road Total:				\$58,031.31	
06/02/23	Fund 125 - Auto Tax Total:				\$58,031.31	
06/02/23	Fund: 133 - Juvenile Court Computer					
06/02/23	Department Juvenile Court Computer	397700	2023-00281	Web Hosting	\$30.00	
06/02/23	Account 133.133.00260 (Expenditures) Total:				\$30.00	
06/02/23	Department Juvenile Court Computer Total:				\$30.00	
06/02/23	Fund 133 - Juvenile Court Computer Total:				\$30.00	
06/02/23	Department DYS Subsidy	397700	2023-00281	CASA Travel Expense Reimbursement	\$143.46	
06/02/23	Account 137.137.00476 (Other Expenditures) Total:				\$27.80	
06/02/23	Department DYS Subsidy Total:				\$27.80	
06/02/23	Fund 137 - DYS Subsidy Total:				\$27.80	
06/02/23	Department Children's Services	397700	2023-00281	ESAA-Resurrection-Crocosia-Jones Family	\$148.71	
06/02/23	Account 145.145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:				\$200.00	
06/02/23	Department Children's Services Total:				\$200.00	
06/02/23	Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:				\$200.00	
06/02/23	Department Continuing Pro Training	397700	2023-00191	Annual Training Conference-Shaman	\$375.00	
06/02/23	Account 146.146.00260 (Expenditures) Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Department Continuing Pro Training Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Fund 146 - Continuing Professional Training Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Department Comprehensive Housing	397700	2023-00191	CHIP Draw #10-B-C-21-18A-1	\$2,000.00	
06/02/23	Account 190.190.00600 (Private Rehab) Total:				\$19,500.00	
06/02/23	Department Comprehensive Housing Total:				\$21,500.00	
06/02/23	Fund 190 - Comprehensive Housing Total:				\$21,500.00	
06/02/23	Department Landfill	397700	2023-00381	Jane Phone Stipend	\$30.00	
06/02/23	Account 600.600.00000 (Expenditures) Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Department Landfill Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Fund 600 - Landfill Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Grand Total:				\$148,710.00	

Sign 1: *Toby Brock* Sign 2: *Burke* Sign 3: *Asent*

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, LTD (hereinafter referred to as "DTS" AND HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HURON COUNTY RECORDER (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY")

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Recorder requests and recommends the Commissioners enter into a professional service agreement with Document Technology Systems, Ltd., to provide the recording software used in the Huron County Recorder's Office to record documents;

WHEREAS, the general objective of this Agreement is the provision of on-line data processing services from DTS to aid the Recorder in the automation of the Huron County Recorder's Office. In order to accomplish this goal, DTS shall incorporate the use of computer equipment and specialized software to form a computerized system which will provide a Records Management, Indexing, Cashiering, Imaging, and Internet search/retrieval system;

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
06/02/23	J.A. James Sawe A.Lot	397700	2023-00281	ESAA-Resurrection-Crocosia-County Family	\$147.25	
06/02/23	Account 145.145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:				\$2,469.91	
06/02/23	Department Children's Services Total:				\$2,469.91	
06/02/23	Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:				\$2,469.91	
06/02/23	Department Continuing Pro Training	397700	2023-00191	Annual Training Conference-Shaman	\$375.00	
06/02/23	Account 146.146.00260 (Expenditures) Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Department Continuing Pro Training Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Fund 146 - Continuing Professional Training Total:				\$750.00	
06/02/23	Department Comprehensive Housing	397700	2023-00191	CHIP Draw #10-B-C-21-18A-1	\$2,000.00	
06/02/23	Account 190.190.00600 (Private Rehab) Total:				\$19,500.00	
06/02/23	Department Comprehensive Housing Total:				\$21,500.00	
06/02/23	Fund 190 - Comprehensive Housing Total:				\$21,500.00	
06/02/23	Department Landfill	397700	2023-00381	Jane Phone Stipend	\$30.00	
06/02/23	Account 600.600.00000 (Expenditures) Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Department Landfill Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Fund 600 - Landfill Total:				\$2,020.00	
06/02/23	Grand Total:				\$48,116.99	

Sign 1: *Toby Brock* Sign 2: *Burke* Sign 3: *Asent*

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Agreement with Document Technology Systems, LTD. (DTS) for the Huron County Recorder’s Office as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought this was a fairly new service. Ms. Ziemba said that it was not, it had been around since Karen Fries. Mr. Boose thought we had done something with indexing just recently. Ms. Ziemba thought they may have increased what they do. Mr. Boose noted they have increased their fees from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per document. Mr. Wilde said they were at \$2.25 for 10 years. He also thought this allows people to search for records online instead of coming into the office.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

23-195

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. AND HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HURON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Planning Committee recommends the Huron County Board of Commissioners enter into a service agreement for Huron County Emergency Management Agency to upgrade existing services for the 9-1-1 system and the bandwidth between existing dispatcher sites (Bellevue, Norwalk, Sheriff, and Willard) with Frontier Communications of America, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is for five (5) years, with a monthly fee of \$4,387.00; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the contract with Frontier Communications of America, Inc. as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose noted they had been told years ago that Frontier is the only one who provides this service in Huron County. Mr. Wilde thought there needs to be competition in this area and with all the broadband updates going on, hopefully there will be choices coming. Mr. Boose noted this has to be approved by the State of Ohio and we don’t have any choice. Mr. Boose thought we should say something to our legislators.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

23-196

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JUNE 6, 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:

Buildings & Grounds

Air Force One	Repair to cooling tower at Admin Bldg.	\$8,709.58
		now therefore

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:** Mr. Boose thought the problem was the pump and the motor. Ms. Ziemba said they have to custom build the pump, but have a motor. Mr. Minor said it would only take 5 to 7 days to manufacture the pump.

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

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

23-197

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE CITY OF WILLARD AND TO FILE A PY 2023 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development has established the Program Year ("PY") 2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program ("CHIP") Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development's filing guidelines for the PY' 2023 CHIP encourages communities to partner with other eligible communities in their respective county by increasing the amount of funding available for each member community in the partnership and making the application more competitive; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County intends to partner with the City of Norwalk and the City of Willard, with Huron County being the Grantee, in applying for the PY' 2023 Community Impact and Preservation Program Grant (CHIP) in order to maximize funds available for each community in the partnership; and

WHEREAS, by partnering, Huron County, the City of Norwalk and the City of Willard are eligible for up to \$400,000, \$350,000 and \$300,000 in CHIP Funding respectively for a total maximum grant request of \$1,050,000; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the Program Guidelines of OCD, a Partnership Agreement must be executed by the participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Huron County agrees to commit any otherwise not committed HOME and CDBG Housing Program Income as of June 6, 2023 to the PY'2023 CHIP; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Huron County Commissioners:

SECTION I That the Huron County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the City of Norwalk and the City of Willard and to file an application on behalf of the Partnership with the Ohio Development Services Agency for a PY'2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Grant. The funds from this grant will be used for housing improvements for low and moderate income homeowners in accordance with the Partnership Agreement and Housing Advisory Committee Recommendations and local determinations. Huron County acknowledges that it will be responsible for the entire CHIP grant award, if funded.

SECTION II That if the Grant is awarded to the County, the county is authorized to accept the grant and enter into an agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for its implementation and administration and execute any and all documentation associated with said grant with the Ohio Development

Services Agency, Office of Community Development.

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
Absent – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

**Agreement on file*

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – none

SIGNINGS – none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates: none

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler said he talked to Ms. Gordon yesterday. He will have the purchase agreement for the Board of DD ready later today or tomorrow. Ms. Ziemba stated she would have this on the agenda for the 20th, when there will be a full board, since it is ARPA funds. She noted there will be a lot of ARPA resolutions on for that day. Mr. Boose asked if they couldn't approve ARPA funds without all 3 commissioners. Ms. Ziemba told him they had made the decision that they did not want to approve ARPA resolutions without all 3 Commissioners. Ms. Ziemba felt that was a good thing to have with ARPA funds.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Mr. Wilde will be at the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon. Mr. Boose is going to try to make it as well.
- Mr. Wilde is not sure he will make it to Willard Economic Development tomorrow. Mr. Boose said he should be able to make the Willard Economic Development meeting.
- Huron County Economic Development Board meeting at Mercy Willard Hospital. Huron County on Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
- Township Association meeting on Thursday.
- Mr. Wilde was going to try to go to meet the new Chamber Director.
- Mr. Wilde is working to set up the credit card function for the Building Department and hopes to have that done next week.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Friday there are two different meetings. 8:30 a.m. there is phone call with CCAO. This is important because he is hoping the senate will have a substitute bill out for that version of the budget today. So the call will be to discuss the senates version of the budget. Mr. Wilde said he would be here.
- 10:00 meeting for Erie Basing RC&D.
- Counties Current from CCAO talks about the August 8 election. Mr. Boose noted we are not getting money ahead of time to pay for this election and added at the beginning of the year the state said we would not be having an August election anymore, then they turned around and scheduled one. He though it needed to be put in the budget still and said it looks like we will be reimbursed.
- 4th of July parade. Mr. Boose would like to reserve a spot and use a county truck to be in it. Both Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde stated they would like to be in it.
- Firelands Forward will not have a board meeting this month because tomorrow would be the day they normally meet and they have 3 meetings tomorrow to review the individual county's housing study.
- Mr. Wilde added that he also has a Leadership Huron County meeting on Thursday.
- Mr. Boose had a good meeting yesterday with Dave Weisenburger, who is now the President of Huron County Economic Development. Mr. Boose reminded him that the commissioners would like to be invited to all executive meetings, even though we can't vote. Mr. Weisenburger thought we had received a list of all the meetings at the beginning of the year and noted that Mr. Brady has been coming to all the meetings. They had a long discussion about housing and what the role of local government is for housing. They felt we need to think outside the box. Mr. Wilde suggested they eliminate the box.
- September 21 and 22 CCAO board is having a retreat. Mr. Boose said he will be attending this. Ms. Ziemba said that is a Thursday and Friday and the 21 is a meeting day.
- Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Strickler and his association for giving testimony at the Ohio Prosecutors Association, who are calling for funding to be included in the budget to help prosecutor's offices comply with requirements put in place by HB343 of the 134th general assembly, commonly referred

to as Marsy's Law. Mr. Strickler said he would pass that on. Mr. Boose stated we appreciate what they have done and sometimes CCAO feels like they are alone and are glad to see other groups with them on this. Mr. Strickler said he feels several groups could get together to promote certain pieces of legislation. Mr. Boose remarked that the prosecutor's office is not against this law, it just places some unfunded mandates on them.

- CCAO also submitted interesting party testimony outlining concerns about SB 119, the solid waste modification bill, which will significantly increase the fees which we will have to charge at our landfill. Mr. Boose noted that from what he has been reading and it even states it in the Counties Current. This is all about one county, Seneca. It has to do with bringing in out of state trash. There is only one county who has testified in support. So there is one senator who is trying to change laws and increase the fees across the state because of one county.
- Mr. Boose would like to send a note to Senator Manning & Senator Gavarone saying we strongly oppose SB119. Mr. Wilde agreed.
- Mr. Boose stated there is another bill that is trying to put all government employees in jail. It is SB91. Mr. Boose read from the article in the statehouse report; "*Petty informed the committee of an area of concern with the bill. The bill created a penalty of dereliction of duty on mandatory fraud reporters who recklessly failed to report potential waste, fraud or abuse. The penalty, a second-degree misdemeanor, would carry a punishment of up to 90 days in jail and a fine of no more than \$750. CCAO believes that this provision may lead to over-reporting as a way for mandatory reporters to avoid incurring punishments, which in turn could reduce the efficiency of the Auditor of State's Oversight.*" Mr. Boose summarized by saying because there is a chance you could go to jail for 90 days, anything and everything will be reported to the state auditor so they don't go to jail.
- Mr. Boose asked to also include in our email to senators that we oppose SB91.
- In May, in the continued attack of our state government on local government funds, SB39 exempts certain baby products from sales and use tax. The LSC (Legislative Service Commission) fiscal note estimates that the aggregate loss in revenue to counties will be between \$3M and \$4.5M in 2024, also between \$5M and \$8.3M in 2025. There will also be losses to the local government fund because the state will be bringing in less revenue, so the local governments portion of that is another \$1M on top of that. Mr. Boose noted this has already been passed by the senate.
- HB189 and SB124 are to exempt from the sales and use tax the sale of certain firearms and ammunition to authorize nonrefundable tax credits for small arms and ammunition manufacturers. Both bills are identical. Mr. Boose noted that again, this would be money out of the local government's pockets.
- Mr. Boose said it is interesting that you see several house and senate bills which are identical. This means there is a typical fight between the house and the senate as to whose bill is going to get passed. Mr. Boose said it is negotiating fodder when it comes to which bill will be passed.
- 9-1-1 TAC and Planning Committee meeting is coming up on the 21st at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boose would like to send an email to Ms. Bond to see if this means we are not going to be able to get the possible language for the resolution until after this meeting. Ms. Ziemba asked if he wanted the language before the meeting. He told her August 8 is coming soon, so he wants plenty of time to review the resolution before we have to vote on it. Ms. Ziemba said she would tell Ms. Bond they would like the possible language before the meeting on the 21.
- Mr. Boose said the firefighters are looking for a countywide mutual aid agreement or something of that nature. They had asked Ms. Bond to come up with an estimated cost for that and have not received that yet. Mr. Boose noted that just because we have the TAC meeting coming up, doesn't mean we shouldn't get that information as soon as possible, so it can be reviewed before the levy.
- Ms. Ziemba noted the TAC meeting is at 9:00, but the senior center discussion is at 10:00 and is in person at the senior center. She has already told them we may be a few minutes late. Mr. Boose noted that Mr. Brady is our voting representative on that committee.
- Mr. Boose wanted to point out a pet peeve of his. On June 2 they received the 2023 General Fund Revenue and Spending report. As of the end of May, we have already received 60.97% of the estimated revenue for the year, which is well ahead schedule. It should be at least 42%. He does not want to say it is because of the great year we are having on revenues because once again our budget commission has grossly underestimated the revenue that we bring in, thus keeping us from being able to spend the money. We can't allocate the money if the budget commission hasn't estimated it correctly.
- Mr. Boose will be going to the meeting for Erie Basin RC&D on Friday. It will be held in Crestline, Ohio. Mr. Wilde asked if it was a luncheon meeting and Mr. Boose told him it was, but each person has to pay for it.
- The Senior Enrichment Services meeting was very good. They are moving fairly quickly on the new senior center. There are a lot of agreements between us and senior enrichment. The architects are doing a fabulous job of laying everything out. They are asking the right questions, so they can get them answered and move forward. The next meeting is on the 21 and they will be making more decisions, such as what type of material to use on the outside. Mr. Wilde asked if he could get a date. Mr. Boose told him they were hoping for fall of 2024.

- Thursday at noon is taco pie at 4-H camp.
- Alternative Fuel Meeting.
 - Mr. Boose thought that would be their last meeting, but they decided to keep the committee going. But they have not set any more meeting dates. They are moving forward with getting the report out and are hoping to have it out sometime this summer. The consulting company they used has been doing this all around the country. To do this we got a grant from the federal government and it is paying for everything they have done so far. They think that Ohio has had one of the best committees across the country.
 - He can give some of the results. For \$8,000 worth of advertisement on u-tube they got over 5000 people to fill out surveys. The amount of data they have collected for this report is incredible and is way above the standards of what you get when you go out looking for surveys and interviews. Mr. Boose feels the coolest part of this was that they thought Ohio has done one of the biggest all-around searches and looks at more alternatives than other states.
 - Most states are only looking at what a couple of other states are doing, then decide which is best. So, they are looking at 2 or 3 alternatives. We looked at 31 alternatives and any combination of those 31. One of the really cool things that is coming from this, besides the report, is a model that ODOT will own. It graphs out what the current fuel tax will bring in. Then another graph shows the real dollars, it considers inflation and everything else. The fuel tax will take in less money if we do nothing because of electric and hybrid vehicles. The cool thing is that you can overlay the amount which every one of those options would bring in and put in the amount. You can say I expect it to increase by 2% every year and it will be indexed, or you can say what if we increase this by .05 cents per gallon per mile. You can put that overlay in and it will show how much money you are going to bring in.
 - Our goal as a committee was not to increase funding for transportation. They wanted to keep it stable. You can mix and match any of the 31 alternatives to see which one makes it stable and how much you need to change it or add to it to make it come out that way. It is a very unique model which should be extremely important to our legislature. We are doing the report for ODOT and they will give the report to the legislature because any change would require a legislative change.
 - Mr. Boose was really impressed with this model and noted that they had narrowed it down because there were not 31 alternatives they thought were reasonable. Some of them did not make sense. He thought they had gotten it down to 10 to 13 revenues which seemed to make sense to them. It is something the legislators will be able to use to help make a decision.
 - They will be moving forward as a committee, whether it is to keep up with the changes that other states are doing. He noted that there are probably 10 different ways in which other states are collecting the mileage tax. Mr. Wilde asked how they would collect it. Mr. Boose said that Oregon or Utah were going to put a reader on the gas pumps and when you pulled in it could read the cars odometer.
 - Mr. Boose said that the mileage one is the most interesting and the one which everyone says is the fairest. When you do the studies and ask the questions about mileage tax. Everyone feels that mileage is the fairest way of paying, but it is also the top one which people worry about privacy and security with.
 - For hybrid and electric cars most states are giving you the option of paying a flat amount or you can voluntarily do it by mileage. Mr. Strickler asked if we already had some type of flat fee for electric cars. Mr. Boose told him yes. Mr. Wilde said you pay it when you renew your license plates and the majority of people in Ohio who own a hybrid or an electric car think they are being overcharged.
 - Mr. Strickler stated that Oregon has a law that you can't pump your own gas. Mr. Boose added that you can't in New Jersey either.
 - Mr. Boose noted that different states have different ways of collecting mileage tax. As of right now he did not think any of them were mandatory. He thought all of them were voluntary. Some of them are on the OBD board on the car, which people really hate. Some of them are doing it by annual inspections. He thought Texas was doing that. Texas already had annual inspections, but now an odometer reading is part of the inspection.
 - Mr. Boose said in Australia you buy miles then self-report when you have used them all and that is your tax. They have been doing it for years and the people aren't complaining.
 - Mr. Boose noted mileage is the preferred way to collect the tax. It was estimated that by 2040 all states will be doing some type of mandatory mileage tax.
 - Right now, there is a fuel tax, part of it is federal and part of it is state. The federal government is paying the states to do all this research, but they haven't done their own. They have not decided what they are going to do and said it is better to have 50 studies than one. Mr. Boose noted that he gets that, but one of the issues they looked at is how easy it is to collect and how cheap it is to administer. Mr. Boose thought it would be nice to know what the federal government is going to do because if we should go to mileage in Ohio, then we will have to administer the collection of fuel tax and mileage tax because we collect for the federal

government fuel tax. We would be doing double administration. The federal government says to be happy they are funding these studies so you can make the best decisions.

- Mr. Wilde noted in Texas they have the t-pass which is like the easy pass for the toll roads. Mr. Wilde thought pretty soon all the roads would have that and you will be charged. Mr. Boose stated that the people in the industry were talking about the technology today, but who knows what it will be tomorrow. There is amazing technology in some of the examples they showed. So, to be worried about what is going to happen in 2040 is kind of unrealistic due to the way technology is changing.

At 10:31 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:49 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and (3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

****No action taken***

Lee Tansey sent Ms. Ziemba an email stating the Engineer's Office have had Clemans & Nelson on retainer for issues for years. Going forward they are requesting to use Clemans & Nelson because we have them on retainer and they would pay the cost should they need them. Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Tansey she would ask, but one thing that would change from what they typically do is that they would need to get approval from the commissioners, they would not just be able to make a phone call to them.

Mr. Boose thought we should talk with Clemans & Nelson to make sure it is okay with them that the Engineers Office be included in ours. He thought if we didn't then we would be cutting their fees and not talking to them about it. We don't know if they are willing to do that and we should have the discussion with Clemans & Nelson first. Ms. Ziemba said she could do that, then asked if they had no issue with it. Does this board have an issue with it? Mr. Wilde and Mr. Boose did not have an issue.

At 11:50 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 June 6, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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