

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: Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Joel Riedy, Network Administrator; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector; Sheriff Todd Corbin; Chief Deputy Dave Ditz.

23-182

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 #358379 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:**

- Pgs. 5 & 11 - Custom Metal Works- Mr. Boose will abstain from these payments.
- Mr. Boose thought Ms. Ziemba should talk with Common Pleas Court about Interpreter Services. It was \$650.00. Mr. Boose thought we could get it done for less.
- Data Center final bill – Mr. Riedy thought we still may have a small balance because he thought they may have underbilled us a little, but will recheck all of his invoices before we officially close the PO.
- Mr. Boose wanted to ask Mr. Minor about the purchase of a gas edger.
- Mr. Boose noted we are having boiler issues.
- Old Jail lock set- Why did we need this.
- Water bill 12 E. Main – why is it so high.
- There are several ES Consulting bills for the sheriff.
- The Sheriff has bills for App's which they have never heard of before. Mr. Brady said the Sheriff had called him to talk about the bike patrol/trail.
- Mr. Minor joined the meeting. The board asked him about the water bill for 12 E Main St. Mr. Minor stated he had just inquired about the bill but did not have an answer. Mr. Minor said this winter there was a water trickle, but that was repaired in February. They discussed that it has continued to climb and was over \$400 for last month. Mr. Minor said he would investigate the cause.
- Mr. Brady asked Mr. Minor why we bought a gas edger. Mr. Minor was not aware of that purchase and said they had inquired about another battery powered one.
- Mr. Boose asked about the downtown boilers. Mr. Minor said he is aware of an issue, but Mr. Finney could explain it better. Mr. Minor also knew it was something not covered by warranty and is a different issue than the controls.
- Mr. Boose asked about the lockset at the old jail. Mr. Minor thought it was a push number lock, similar to doors in the administration building. He noted that the lock mechanism was not working correctly. Mr. Boose thought it was a lot of money to spend on a building we are no longer using. Mr. Minor noted the lock set is reusable.
- Mr. Wilde noted the jail water was down quite a bit from what it had been.
- Mr. Brady welcomed the Sheriff and asked him about the charges for "Sheriff App". Sheriff Corbin explained it is an app which is open to the public for CCW, registered sex offenders, a report printing section, tip reporting, Snow levels can also be reported on the app. It also has links to other county agencies, such as Job & Family Services. Mr. Wilde asked it was a new app and was told yes. Mr. Wilde noted it is being paid for by several accounts. Sheriff Corbin said that is correct and added every account it is touching is being utilized for that purpose. Mr. Wilde asked how people will know about the app. Sheriff Corbin told him they will publicize it on their Facebook page and that will not happen for another 8 weeks.
- Mr. Brady clarified they were one time start up fees. Sheriff Corbin told him they are one-time charges, then there will be a renewal every year.
- Chief Ditz said there is a mental health component in the app for which they have a grant.

- Mr. Brady asked about the repairs to the kitchen which they want to do. Sheriff Corbin said there is a black mold problem in the kitchen, it was never resurfaced like it was supposed to be done. They never put stainless steel behind the dishwasher like it should have been done, so now there is mold on the wall. So instead of having to resurface the wall, they want to line the wall with stainless steel. They have one quote already, but are waiting on another one. The first quote is for \$26,000. Mr. Wilde asked if they would use permanent improvement money and the Sheriff told him yes. Mr. Wilde noted that stainless steel is not inexpensive, but it is easy to clean. Sheriff Corbin stated they are trying to clear off the whole wall so they never have this problem again. The stainless steel will go from the floor tile to the ceiling. If that area is not kept clean the Health Department can close them down.
- Mr. Boose was curious why there are so many school fees at the end of the year. He will sit down with Ms. Minor. Mr. Brady stated they would not let them graduate or move to the next grade until school fees are paid. Mr. Boose did not think these fees were for that. Mr. Wilde thought it was odd that all the charges were for New London schools.
- At the bottom of Page 13, there are a lot of "AA/SAM Subsidy". Ms. Minor indicated these were related to adoptions. The board did not think we had that many adoptions.
- Mr. Boose also noted the foster care room and board amounts and said we are being told these are special cases. He thought we had a lot of special cases and added that most of these were mental health issues. Mr. Boose asked when the county became responsible for mental health cases for children. He would like to have a discussion with the state about these and review how much they have increased. Mr. Boose said he is led to believe that part of these fees come back to us through Medicaid. They noted that over 50% of the state budget goes to Medicaid.

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

Payment Type: All	Warrant Dates: 5/18/2023 to 5/18/2023	Warrant #	Amount		
Warrant Numbers: All	Payment Batches: 358579 to 358579				
Fund: 001 to 950					
Warrant Date Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Department: Commissioners	358579	2023-00108/1	Water	\$18.50	
Account 001.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$18.50	
Department: Treasurer	358579	2023-00320/1	2023 02 Postal Meter rental	\$27.85	
Account 001.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$27.85	
Department: Common Pleas	358579	2023-00081/1	Paper/Paper Clips & Tape	\$20.48	
Account 001.008.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$20.48	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$22.75	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$18.89	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$20.54	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$18.26	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$18.71	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$106.02	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$33.41	
Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$65.84	
Account 001.008.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$650.00	
Department: Common Pleas Total:				\$1,486.23	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Account 001.009.00025 (Advertising & Printing)	358579	2023-00081/1	Jury Awarding in Newark Reflector	\$26.73	
Department: Common Pleas Jury Commission Total:				\$26.73	
Department: Juvenile	358579	2023-00271/1	Copy/Printer 5/18/23	\$14.32	
Account 001.013.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$2,000.00	
Account 001.013.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$3,025.78	
Department: Juvenile Total:				\$87.52	
Department: Probate	358579	2023-00271/1	Cell Phone 5/4/2023	\$3,727.70	
Account 001.016.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$35.00	
Department: Probate Total:				\$25.00	
Department: Clerk of Courts	358579	2023-00031/1	Printer/Label	\$43.92	
Account 001.017.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$43.92	
Department: Clerk of Courts Total:				\$43.92	
Department: Capital Improvements	358579	2023-00022	Dies Center-Final Bill	\$1,871.70	
Account 001.021.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$1,871.70	
Department: Capital Improvements Total:				\$1,871.70	
Department: Building and Grounds	358579	2023-0011/1	Urinal Stoppers	\$271.60	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$453.01	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$362.70	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$121.16	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$15.30	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$68.96	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$775.65	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Norwalk Area Maintenance, Norwalk Area Hardware, and Norwalk Area Services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for City of Norwalk, Water-Jail, and various insurance and tax services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for New London Local School District, PRC-School Fees 2023, and various departmental expenses.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Warrant Services LLC, White Automotive Services LLC, and various departmental expenses.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for American Electric Power, Department Auto Tax Administrative Total, and various utility and tax payments.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for National Webcheck, Department National Webcheck Total, and various children's services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Records Technology, Department Clerk of Courts-Tile, and various technology and equipment purchases.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for AASAM Subsidy-June 2023, Foster Care Child Room & Board April 2023, and various social services.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**Clerical Assistant updates:**

- Holds from last week's claim schedule.
 - Humane Society attorney fees, \$80.00 was held. Mr. Strickler explained that the statute says we pay for all of the special counsel for the Humane Society for abuse cases, except for felonies under Goddard's law. So, even though these are in the Municipal Court, we are still required to pay it.
 - Tek Rx for 9-1-1. Mr. Brady recommended they still hold this payment. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Riedy if he wanted to comment on this. Mr. Riedy did not want to discuss this right now.
 - Buckeye Power Sales for the generators. Mr. Boose said he talked with Ms. Bond about this bill and is okay to pay it.

Terry Boose moved to release the payments which were held at the May 9, 2023 meeting to Holland & Muirden and Buckeye Powers Sales Co., Inc. 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

- Mr. Brady would like to add G1 and Mr. Strickler would like to add G2 to executive session.
- Sublease for 22 E. Main St., Mr. Strickler thought it was in the sound discretion of the board to give them permission to add the sublease.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the sublease with Norwalk Arts Center 22 E. Main Street. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

****Discussion:*** *Mr. Brady stated we gave them the lease, so if they would like to sublease he did not have a problem, as long as it has been reviewed by our legal counsel and they have no issue. Mr. Strickler said he does not have a problem because they have all the stuff in it which needs to be in it. He also only wanted to give them permission for this person only.*

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

Abstain – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Boose asked if anyone had talked to Ms. Clements about the Memorial Day parade. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Boose would attend.

Assistant Prosecutor updates: - none**At 9:44 a.m. Pete Welch, Solid Waste Management District.**

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Welch to come in to discuss the problems they were having at the Transfer Station. Mr. Welch stated last week the loader blew a cylinder on one of the arms so they had to get a replacement for it. They rented one from R&J Trucking. They put the new cylinder on and the seal is broken already, so they are now waiting for another new cylinder to arrive. Case told Mr. Homan that they have had a number of bad cylinders. We already sent the rented loader back, so we are limping along with ours.

We had Brechbuhler Scale come out last week to access our scale as to how bad it is, what needs to be done, if it can be repaired or not instead of a new scale. They believe it could be repaired, but there would be no guarantees. The cost would be between \$19,000 to \$20,000. The repair work would include all of the load cells, the suspension system, load cell pins and the links & loops. Mr. Welch would like to sign that contract and have them come out. Originally, they were going to come out Saturday, but found they could not. They can be out there as soon as tomorrow, but Saturday is the only day they can't. Mr. Welch stated they need to figure out what we are doing and added it is a full days work. He said that is why they were looking at doing the work on Saturday because we don't have commercial trucks out there and would process everyone with the minimum charge. Mr. Boose stated Mr. Welch needed to give them the options.

Mr. Welch told them they could choose from:

- A. Attempt to fix the scale which is out there for \$19,000 to \$20,000
- B. Start the process of installing a new one for \$200,000

Mr. Boose said he was talking about the decision to repair and thought they had already made that decision. He wanted to know how they are going to move forward with this knowing they can't do it on Saturday. Mr. Welch said if you do it during the week it will be shut down for a day and they would need to contact the commercial haulers. Mr. Wilde is in favor of having it done tomorrow. Discussed what they will do if they have them come out tomorrow to do the repair.

Mr. Brady noted he was all for having the scale repaired but feels we should still continue to investigate getting a new one. Mr. Welch thinks Mr. Strickler should continue to review the bid documents. Then we will be ready to go when it is needed. Mr. Welch stated Brechbuhler told him with the repairs to the scale it should last 3 to 5 years.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Firefighters meeting last Wednesday. Restore Pro was the speaker.
- HCDC meeting. Mr. Wilde left this to go to Firelands Forward meeting at BGSU. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde for the date the county meeting would be held. Mr. Wilde stated it was June 7. Mr. Boose asked if the location had been decided upon. Mr. Wilde did not know. Discussed holding the meeting at Norwalk High School.
- Eclipse meeting at 6:00 p.m. that day. Mr. Boose thought it was an excellent meeting by Mr. Mead and all the right people were there. Mr. Boose thought maybe they should have invited some businesses this would affect; such as hospitals and grocery stores. They noted the legislators who attended the meeting. Discussed there would be people who would make money from this and people who it would cost money.

Commissioner Brady update

- Attended HCDC; it was a long meeting. Talked a lot about Better Together. It is a cooperation of all the Economic Development councils in Huron County. They also discussed the Land Bank, which is growing, and what needs to be done to take it to the next level. Talked about the CEDS and working with other counties. They would like to develop a website for people who would like to move to Huron County.
- Mr. Brady would like to see economic growth, but without raiding the workforce from other businesses. Mr. McCoy will be coming in to talk about the Better Together.
- CCAO Justice & Safety. They discussed the Indigent Reimbursement.
- CCAO General Government. Discussed budget and Indigent Reimbursement as well.
- Everyone agreed the August 8 election needs to be funded. State has said they will.
- Tomorrow Mr. Brady will be at Board of Revision for most of the day.
- Trauma Informed Communities at 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

Commissioner Boose update

- The attendance at Thursday's housing meeting was okay; Mr. Boose was hoping for more, especially since it covered three counties. It was a very good presentation. Economic development is very different than it was five years ago. Mr. Boose thought the housing presentation was pretty bleak and if there is going to be any economic development, there needs to be a good housing plan. The only way to do that is to get the community involved. Mr. Boose noted there is not enough affordable housing at any level. They discussed all the factors that go into building affordable housing, be it apartments or homes. The presentation was an overview and they did not go into detail.
- Land Bank may tear down a building on a large property which already has the infrastructure and that would give buildable land to help with housing. Mr. Brady noted the Land Bank had discussed refurbishing properties on their own. Mr. Boose noted the state has been putting more money into demolition and remediation. He also felt it will take a community to fix the housing issue.
- Region 19. Mr. Boose tries to forward everything he receives on Region 19. They estimate the amount Region 19 will receive this year is just short of \$3.5M. They need to figure out how to divide this between the nine counties. Mr. Boose informed the media that these meetings were open to the public.
- Mr. Boose said Region 19 will need to discuss how to divide this money. Some regions have contemplated dividing it equally amongst its counties. Mr. Boose said initially he thought they had to be projects. Mr. Strickler thought the same and said the OneOhio memorandum talks about that with the regions. Mr. Boose thought we could do a hybrid and hypothetically have 50% go to projects. Mr. Boose has told them he won't vote for anything which doesn't take the smaller counties into consideration and they should at least give every county some money. Mr. Boose added what he does not understand, if you are going to do it that way, why have regions? Mr. Strickler thought the whole point of the regions was for them to deal with the opioid issue in a regional basis. Meaning all of those counties would get together and have one large project or projects to address the issue and use the money. Mr. Strickler thought that is what the original intent was. Mr. Boose has talked with Tom Stuber, who is Lorain County's appointment to the board. Mr. Stuber is more than happy to work with our county to see what we are missing versus large counties and work with them to take advantage of what they have already done. Mr. Boose feels the original intent of the regions was we efficiently make sure everybody gets all of the services they need. He noted the large counties are their own region.
- An Advisory committee has been meeting to figure out some of these things and make recommendations to us. Mr. Boose noted that Kristin Cardone is on that committee.
- County grants in HB 33. Make sure our Land Bank looks into them.

- Mr. Boose questioned whether the Healthy Aging money should be going to the county commissioners. He noted if this was left in the budget maybe we could use it for the senior center.
- CCAO Board meeting. The \$50M given to 3 counties for jails was a band aid fix, more is needed. They also discussed indigent defense and getting the local government fund back to where it was.
- There was some confusion in the Statehouse Report they received over the weekend. CCAO is asking for what we need, but the Senate is not giving it to us.
- The bill on eminent domain reduces the number of reasons you can use eminent domain for and it would give the property owners a better chance of getting a fair amount of money. It is a double-edged sword, so CCAO is staying neutral. Larger Counties thought this would hurt bike lanes and roads. Mr. Boose thought it said that park districts and recreational uses could not use eminent domain. They discussed how Rails to Trails is affected by eminent domain.
- Mr. Brady stated that he and Ms. Ziemba had a conversation with Transit 9-1-1 after last week's meeting and Transit 9-1-1 is trying to contact 2 other transit authorities because they know them well.
- Mr. Brady noted 2-acres of land on Route 18 were just sold for \$67,500 per acre for farmland. This was because the Amish and Mennonites are out of land in other counties.

At 11:04 a.m. Terry Boose 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, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual; 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; 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. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 1:05 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G)(1) (2) & (3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**No action taken*

Ms. Ziemba stated that Ms. Hozalski had given her some numbers for CPR training. There are about 60 people who would like the training. This would mean 3 days, morning and afternoon. Ms. Ziemba thought the price would be under \$3,000 for the general fund portion. All of the Special fund departments know they will be paying for themselves. It will probably be scheduled in the Fall or Winter and may not be 3 days in a row. Mr. Boose said to tell her to move forward and thank her for getting so much participation.

At 1:07 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on May 16, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Signatures on File