

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

MAY 20, 2010

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Larry J. Silcox.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the May 18, 2010 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

10-174

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE HURON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Juvenile Court has submitted the Grant Agreement and Funding Application as attached herein to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval;

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Grant Agreement and Funding Application and approves as submitted; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services, on behalf of the Huron County Juvenile Court as attached herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Juvenile Court will be the responsible reporting party as to complying with the eligibility terms and conditions, the program performance, the fiscal accountability; and audits and monitoring as required by this grant; 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.

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

* Agreement on file Commissioners’ office.

10-175

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$500.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MAY 20, 2010

Larry J. Silcox moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$500.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Huron County DJFS

MNJ Technologies 2 color photo conductor units for Richo printers \$576.00 now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$500.00 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

10-176

IN THE MATTER OPPOSING THE STUDY OF THE VERMILION RIVER FOR DESIGNATION AS A COMPONENT OF THE STATE SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1517.14 of the Ohio Revised Code the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources may declare an area to be a wild, scenic, or recreational river area; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas & Preserves requires a majority of directly affected counties, municipalities, and townships to submit a request for study of any river; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reason to oppose the study of the Vermilion River to determine if it qualifies for designation as a wild, scenic or recreational river area, as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1517.14; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners opposes any study of the Vermilion River for designation as a wild, scenic, or recreational river area, pursuant to Section 1517.14 of the Ohio Revised Code; 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.

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Bauer stated that he has spoken with the Trustees from Wakeman, Hartland, Florence Townships and they would like to have this opposing resolution on file at ODNR.

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

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Larry J. Silcox moved to approve the following travel request this day. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

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Jason Roblin, EMA, on May 21, 2010, to Tiffin, Ohio, for NC EMA Association meeting.

IN THE MATTER REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Vickie Ziemba/Commissioners/sick/3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 17, 2010/sick/8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 19, 2010.

Jason Roblin/EMA/vacation/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 26, 2010.

SIGNINGS

May 14, 2010 9:57AM : Huron County Auditor No. 0665 P. 2

THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE

State the emergency reason(s) why a purchase order was not attainable at the time of the making of this contract or order:

It is hereby requested that a then and now certificate be issued for this expenditure.

Date: 
Department's Official Signature

It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this contract or order and at the date of the execution of this certificate, the amount of \$ 5786.50 required to pay this contract or order has been appropriated for the purpose of this contract or order and is in the Treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of 525 fund free from any previous encumbrances.

Date: 
Commissioner's Signature


Commissioner's Signature


Commissioner's Signature

Auditor's Signature

HURON COUNTY ADULT PROBATION
12 EAST MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, NORWALK, OHIO 44857
TELEPHONE (419) 668-6610, Ext. 114 FAX (419) 663-9846

JAMES W. CONWAY
JUDGE
Audrea Cooke
PROGRAM DIRECTOR/ISPO

May 18, 2010

Huron County Commissioners
181 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Re: FY 2011 Grant Agreement

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed please find the FY 2011 Grant Agreement. Please sign where appropriate and return to me. This grant agreement reflects funding for Fiscal Year 2011.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Audrea Cooke
Program Director/ISP Officer

Enclosure

RECEIVED

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HURON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

May 13, 2010 9:12AM No. 5723 P. 2

EXPENSE REPORT
(Request for Reimbursement)

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Debra Lesch, Rosecrans's Office
Purpose of Travel: Seminar - Personal by wife
Dates of Travel: May 12, 2010
Personal vehicle mileage from: Norwalk to Columbus

and return.
304 miles @ \$0.50 per mile. \$ 102.00 due

Tolls: \$ _____
Parking: \$ _____
Hotel: \$ _____
Meals: * \$ _____ * Include reimbursement form from Auditor
Fares: \$ _____
Cell Phones: * \$ _____ * Attach copy of cell phone bill with Business call(s) marked.

Non-reimbursable expense: (tips, liquor, entertainment, tax, etc.)

I do certify that all the above expenses incurred were business related.

Signature: Debra Lesch Date: 5/17/2010

Note: Attach all receipts including credit card receipts to this report.

Comments/Explanation: CCAO Seminar. Attended with Cheryl Nolan.

Total amount due this report \$ 102.00

Supervisor/Appointing Authority: Mike Adelman

Date: 5-20-10

File in employee file

At 9:30 a.m. Public Comment

Sue Lesch, Mayor of city of Norwalk, Ohio read the following letter into the record in regards to flow control.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Sue Lesch, Mayor
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 NORWALK, OHIO 44857
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 ONLINE: www.norwalkoh.com

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Huron County Commissioners
 180 Milan Avenue
 Norwalk, OH 44857

RE: SWMD Plan and Tipping Fees

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to verify the position of the City of Norwalk in regards to the issue of the Huron County Transfer Station, tipping fees, and Flow Control.

The City of Norwalk questions the need for flow control. The case for flow control in Huron County is weak. The County no longer operates a landfill; we simply have a transfer station, an antiquated process which consists of a truck dumping trash on a slab, only to be picked up by a loader and placed in another truck to be hauled elsewhere. The County paid off its bonds in December, 2009, eliminating the debt which is a key element in maintaining flow control.

The City of Norwalk pays a heavy penalty to maintain flow control for the County. Because of our trash volume, we are able to get good tipping fees on our own. Currently we have quotes of \$22.00 and \$25.50 per ton, a savings of \$100,000 to \$160,000 per year over the County's \$54.00 per ton fee. Over the life of the SWMD Plan that amounts to a penalty of as much as \$800,000. In a time when government is scrutinized for not being fiscally responsible, it is our duty and obligation to our citizens to gather and compare prices for services offered by others and explore options not previously explored.

The City of Norwalk will not oppose County flow control if we can minimize this penalty. The easiest way to do this is for the County to grant a waiver allowing the City to seek a tipping contract on its own. This is a common sense approach especially if the City contracts with Erie County. This option would eliminate duplication of effort and the wasted tax dollars of having Norwalk truck its trash south to the Transfer Station, only to have Erie County go south to pick up the same trash and haul it back through Norwalk north to the Erie County Landfill. Think of the savings in fuel, manpower, and wear and tear on equipment and roads!



Recognizing its obligation to the County, the City would agree to pay the County \$8.00 per ton. To receive this fee, the County will not need to touch our trash at all. This \$8.00 figure comes from the \$3.00 generation fee and the \$5.00 designation fee, both outlined in the SWMD plan, and would total roughly \$40,000 annually with virtually no expense to the County. Removing Norwalk's waste from the transfer station would have little to no impact on the County because, as you point out, Norwalk represents only 13% of the trash total. Furthermore, it is our understanding, gained from public records requests and discussions with Erie County, that while discussions were had concerning the tonnage to be shipped from Huron County to Erie County, that there is no actual minimum tonnage requirement in the contract. There appears to be no contractual inhibition to granting Norwalk a waiver.

The City of Norwalk has determined that we will no longer ask our citizens to pay the heavy penalty required for the County to maintain flow control. Without the waiver, the City of Norwalk will not sign the SWMD Plan as written. On June 21, 2010, we intend to notify the EPA that the City of Norwalk will not be signing the SWMD Plan as presented, and therefore EPA can begin to write the SWMD Plan for Huron County.

I realize there is a monetary benefit for the County to delay a resolution to this issue. I know you are working to strengthen your case for flow control, even considering putting the transfer station back in debt. But the County realized immediate savings in December 2009 when you paid off the debt and again after signing an agreement with Erie County in early 2010. Only recently has any of this savings been passed along. The citizens of Norwalk are penalized every month you delay.

Please know that I would still welcome the chance to sit down with you anytime to discuss this further. Andrew Booker of EPA has offered to sit down with us and mediate a solution. I think this is an option we should consider. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


 Sue Lesch
 Mayor

CC: Norwalk City Council
 Huron County SWMD Policy Committee
 Andrew Booker, Ohio EPA

Mayor Lesch stated that she was sorry that we are at this point but if you look at history it is just a repeat of history and stated that as she had stated in the letter Andrew Booker is willing to come in and sit down with them to resolve these issues. Mr. Silcox stated that he would agree that we have been at this place in the past but thinks that the difference this time is that the city is asking for a lot more from the county than what they have in the past for 13% of the trash, and if we do that and we still have to operate the transfer station then every resident in the county and including residents in the city would have to pay more and stated that he is not willing to do that at this point. Mr. Silcox stated that as you and I have had conversations in the past and I sat down with you on three different issues to discuss some middle ground on these issues and your comment at that time was that there is no middle ground on these issues. Mr. Silcox stated that he finds this very disturbing that we were not able to come to some agreement on those issues because of your position. Mr. Silcox stated that he is more than happy when this solid waste district plan is presented to council, to sit down with council who has to approve this agreement and feels that an agreement could be reached within a half an hour. Mayor Lesch stated that her recollection of their meeting was that he was the one that suggested that there was no middle ground and stated that as far as council goes she is sending this letter that she read as a request from the council. Most people that she has spoken with think that it is a common sense solution for Norwalk to take its trash to the north and is really silly and inappropriate to use tax dollars to haul it to the transfer station only to have Erie County's trucks drive through Norwalk and take it to Erie County. The mayor stated that certainly there is some common ground and would like the chance to sit down and discuss it. Gary Bauer stated that as an educator for the past 43 years I was taught by the Ohio State University and working for them as a faculty member for the past 23 years that one didn't need to read letters and read information to relatively intelligent people and I think you having done that and we are all quite capable of reading the letter ourselves you have illustrated Norwalk's attitude about this whole thing. Mr. Bauer stated that he is quite offended that you would come in here and read us a letter that I am quite capable of reading. Now that having been said, I want to know do you have a concrete offer from Erie County for \$25.50 for Erie County to take Norwalk's trash. Mr. Bauer repeated that have the Erie County Commissioners told you that they will take your trash for \$25.50? The mayor stated that she has quotes from two places that are verbal quotes. Mr. Bauer asked again do you have a quote from the Erie County commissioners stating that they will take Norwalk's trash for \$25.50. The mayor stated that they told her that she has to have a waiver from Huron County. Pete Welch explained where we are at in the process. Mr. Welch stated that the EPA currently has our responses in their hands and next week we will be able to publish our public notice which is a 30 day time frame and then the policy committee will meet again. The plan will be approved or disapproved out of the policy committee, and once that happens we will do the 90 day ratification process which is projected to be some time in the middle of August. The final plan is not due to the EPA until February 4, 2011 and they have until May 5, 2011 to approve the final plan. The only person that has comments or responses back from the EPA is Pete Welch and no one else has seen these responses but they will be on the street next week. The council and mayor will get their first copy then. Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Welch if the county is on time with all the deadlines. Mr. Welch responded yes we are on time with all the EPA deadlines. Mike Adelman stated his comments remain the same that the first responsibility is to protect the county general fund and not put the county in any position that the general fund will be subsidizing the transfer station. Mr. Adelman also stated that there is one thing in the letter that he would like to point out on the second

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page first paragraph in regards to that there is nothing in the contract in regards to the minimum tonnage requirement. Mr. Adelman stated that there is a tonnage agreement that Erie County has with their trucking firm and if that slides below a certain level that Erie County will be penalized in that respect. Mr. Bauer stated that is absolutely correct. Mayor Lesch apologized for reading the letter and stated her reason for reading the letter is because of the letter that she received not from the commissioners but from Pete Welch not responding to anything that she said, but responding to a newspaper article, and with all due respect newspaper articles are not always accurate. The Mayor stated that what she wanted to do very specifically was making very specific responses from the city of Norwalk and share with you in a public way. The mayor stated that if she offended you she does apologize and it certainly was not her intent. Mr. Bauer stated that he totally agrees with what Mr. Adelman stated but would go one step further in saying that the board of Huron County Commissioners represents Huron County and Huron County put a landfill in 40 or so years ago at a time when Norwalk had the dump that EPA wanted to get rid of and so Norwalk was a factor in the county landfill being established at a huge amount of expenses that will continue to haunt us for years to come even if we walk away. This was due to the fact that the county was willing to work together with the city of Norwalk to help solve their problem, now the city of Norwalk doesn't want to work with county on what was established 40 or so years ago. Now if we do what you want and we have to raise the cost to the rest of the county to \$65.00/per or so it hurts the citizens of the rest of the county. Mr. Bauer stated that he did read in the paper that there was something that said that the township trustees agreed with the mayor and Mr. Bauer stated that he has been to 5 township trustees' meetings in the last three weeks and he can assure the mayor that in those five townships there was nobody in agreement with Norwalk city. The mayor stated that she doesn't know where Mr. Bauer got that information as she never said that. She did state that she had talked with villages and cities and they stated that if they were in Norwalk's shoes they would be in the same place. The mayor stated that she agrees that we all have a responsibility to the landfill and from our study we wonder if the transfer station is the way to go anymore in today's world and the question in regards to flow control as there are not a lot of counties that have flow control. The world of trash has changed quite a bit and by Mr. Welch's own numbers a lot of your county constituents can get as good of a deal anywhere else on their own as what you have at the transfer station. Will there be costs forever yes is Norwalk willing to commit to that yes and as you will see from the letter that she is not suggesting that Norwalk doesn't have an obligation, but is suggesting that Norwalk pay a fee directly to the transfer station for that responsibility and that the county allow us to go elsewhere in terms of getting their own price for tipping fees. Norwalk has paid its share over the course of these 18 or 20 years Norwalk has paid it. Norwalk has paid over and above what other cities have paid. The other cities don't care as their residents pay someone to take their trash as one city official stated we have no dog in this fight because there is no cost to the community, villages, as the way there is to the city of Norwalk because we do our own curbside pickups. The mayor explained that Norwalk is also fighting for their budget as well and that they are running on an income level of 2004. The mayor and the city council feel that they need to make sure that they get the best cost that they can for their constituents. The mayor reminded the board that as they are concerned about the townships that the 1600 residents of the city of Norwalk are their constituents as well. Mr. Bauer stated that if you are a resident on Snyder Road in Peru Township where does this resident take its trash. Mr. Welch stated that the problem is if you offer a waiver to Norwalk we have no means of holding anyone else in the county facility. BFI controls 60% of the waste and they are going to be hauling to their own facilities. Anyone south of here is going to head down to Crawford or Rumpke. The township residents do not have pick up so they will be driving three times the distance or they are going to have to hire someone to pickup their trash. Mr. Bauer stated that he has been told by rural people that if the county closes the transfer station that they will take their trash back to the woods. Mr. Welch stated that the biggest issue is going to be if you close that facility you will still have to maintain your recycling programs as they are now. You will see an increase on the gen fee anywhere from \$12.00 to \$15.00. We have to maintain a recycling facility. At this point the mayor stated once again that they meet with Andrew Booker, EPA and come to some agreement that both are satisfied with. Mr. Silcox stated that he had one more comment, and stated that he thought that the original schedule was in the draft plan that the city receive late last year and that schedule as Mr. Welch eluded to earlier today was the ratification process really hasn't started yet and asked that the city reconsider the June 21, 2010 deadline that they are giving the county. Mr. Silcox asked are you telling us that if they don't have an agreement with the county by June 21, 2010 that it is all over. The mayor stated that her problem is that every month that we don't sit down and we don't move forward we cost the rest of the city's home owners every month. Discussion was had in regards to the fact that the mayor's numbers are low based on information that the county has received from other solid waste facilities in the area. The mayor stated that she does not want to have Norwalk in a position that they are waiting 2 or 3 years for something to be resolved. The mayor stated that the plan expired in 2008 and 2009 we don't have a plan. Mr. Welch stated that this is not correct and they do have a plan and further explained the deadlines. The

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mayor stated that what she would like to have by June 21, 2010 is a commitment from the commissioners to sit down and negotiate. Mr. Adelman stated that with all that being said they would take that under advisement. Mr. Welch stated that the final plan would not have come out of advisement as of yet and the policy committee would not have approved as of yet. Mr. Welch also further explained the delays as being because the county had to go out to bid for a waste contract and making a deal with Erie County. Mr. Welch stated that Mr. Booker from the EPA was notified and he said if the county needs more time to get this in order to go ahead and do so. This was the majority of the time.

At 9:47 a.m. Sue Bommer, HR came before the board. Ms. Bommer stated that she had received an email from Terri Mahaney, MMO in regards to the reform act that adult children can get coverage under their parents insurance up to the age of 26. The state law states that they can get coverage up to age 28 but this is not effective until the beginning of the first plan year at least 6 months after September so this would be for our next plan year. MMO is offering the county the ability to make that effective now so that there would be no gap in coverage for those adult children between the time they turn 23 which is the county's cutoff age and the effective date by law which will be next May. Ms. Mahaney needs to know by today if the board wants to have dependents remain on the insurance. Mr. Bauer stated that if there are no additional costs now until we negotiate the next contract it would be ok. Mr. Adelman stated that if there are no changes to the plan or to the structure doesn't see why we wouldn't do that as it is a benefit to the employees.

Gary W. Bauer moved to accept that Medical Mutual will continue to provide health benefits for currently enrolled dependents up to age 26 who would have otherwise lost coverage due to their age or loss of student status on or after May 1, 2010. This extension will not be retroactive for those who lost coverage prior to May 1, 2010. Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

At 9:50 a.m. Pete Welch presented an REO \$500 in regards to \$5,477.60 of unexpected expense at the landfill.

Mr. Welch spoke in regards to the phone system and stated that he met with Tom Kueterman, Firelands Wireless. Apparently Verizon carries your local and First Communication carries your long distance. Presented numbers from Mr. Kueterman and explained. In the end you will save between \$8.00 and \$9.00 per line which represents about 20% savings as a whole which represents about \$20,000.00.

At 9:54 a.m. Teresa Alt came before the board in regards to the mobile unit and stated that it is not very cost efficient. Ms. Alt stated that she asked if it could be put on GovDeals. Willard is a better use of staff time. Laptops and wireless cards make them pretty mobile. Larry Silcox asked that research be done to make sure that there isn't an agreement that would prevent the county from selling the mobile unit on GovDeals before doing so. The board agreed to sell the mobile unit on GovDeals after checking out the agreement.

Gary Bauer spoke in regards to Family Children First in regards to the Family Wrap Around program that was presented by an Eire County department head. Mr. Bauer stated that this program made a lot of sense as to what she was saying but didn't have much enthusiasm from Judge Cardwell or Teresa Alt. The Judge stated that Huron County does not have the funds necessary to do this program. Ms. Alt stated that they talked a great deal about saving costs and stated that she had asked a question in regards to the agenda for doing this, was it because the state was mandating it, or because we think we need to reduce placements and save money. Clearly we had 65 kids in care in 2007 at \$4,500.00 per day and today we have 21 kids in care at 41,700.00 per day. If Judge Cardwell has the need the DJFS would certainly support that need the best that we could but certainly would not be anything on the level as Erie County is doing. Ms. Alt also spoke in regards to Alternative Response and further explained.

At 10:09 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to enter into **Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (4)** preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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Aye – Mike Adelman

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Larry J. Silcox

At 10:27 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (4). Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye – Larry J. Silcox

At 10:28 a.m. board recessed

At 10:33 a.m. regular session resumed with the Elected Officials meeting which was opened by President, Mike Adelman. Mr. Adelman introduced Tom Kueterman, Firelands Wireless who addressed the group in regards to the phone system and Mr. Kueterman explained that Telecom is the phone company and does the repair work etc. and introduced Ron Miller from that company. Mr. Kueterman stated that they have put together a price proposal for the county which would include all the different county offices and basically bottom line would save \$19,500.00 annually for the county if we moved your land lines from Verizon and long distance from First Communications. The board also discussed a technology census that will be conducted and passed out a form for each department to complete and send to John Stvartak Micro Works. The purpose is to document the county's current technology status and provide all the departments with the opportunity to discover additional technology best practice that could lower the cost or streamline operations. So again this is an informational gathering by Micro Works to take a look at some ways to save some money. They will be in contact with each department. Mr. Silcox stated that we have been looking at ways to save money in these difficult economic times and these are two areas that we felt we could benefit everyone in doing this and looking at what the potential savings could be. That is why we are moving in this direction we have to look at everything that we can to save some money. As you all have done in the past and we are going to continue to do so. This census will be done at no cost to the county. Mr. Adelman stated that he had asked Mr. Tkach to address the budget status. Mr. Adelman stated that we had some pleasant news on the sales tax but hasn't established a real trend yet. Roland Tkach, Auditor stated the budget is steady as she goes and does not anticipate any August surprises. Mr. Tkach also discussed the unemployment status, and is pleased with the revenue streams at this time, and is cautiously optimistic but just holding our own. Mr. Bauer stated that it is looking like we are on the right side of things but it doesn't mean that we have any extra money to spend. Susan Hazel stated that what she heard at her association meeting is that local government funds are in danger of being cut and is not looking good. Mr. Bauer stated that talking with one of our company presidents at a meeting last week and he stated that he was very pleased that things were improving not fantastically but they were at least of the right side. Mr. Bauer stated that we appear to be on the right side of things. Mr. Adelman stated that CCAO is gearing up for a pretty good fight for local government funds. Mr. Welch stated that the landfill is not a cash cow and asked Mr. Tkach to speak to this. Mr. Tkach stated that the numbers are what they are and that when you look at what the actual cash balance is at the landfill started with at \$24,036.00 in actual cash and at the end of April they ended up with \$20,861.00 so at the end of April they were headed in the wrong direction. Mr. Adelman thanked everyone with putting the budget together this year and there were some things done to help establish the final budget and some departments went above and beyond. Mr. Adelman made mention of the veterans as an example that is entitled to a certain amount of dollars and they made some adjustments to help us out as others have done as well. Mr. Adelman stated that right now the budget is still steady as it goes and we need to keep doing what we are doing. Karen Fries and Susan Hazel discussed the elected officials' fair booth for this year. Dick Carlisle discussed the veterans' budget. Mr. Bauer stated that we are not in meeting room "D" today because they are laying carpet and he is always concerned about public attitude when you do carpet. It was determined that the carpet was not safe in that room and was a tripping hazard so we decided to replace the carpet and while the carpet was up the room was painted as well. We are only doing this because it is a safety factor. Mr. Carlisle stated that the Veterans Services can not function on an instantaneous basis but his department is probably the cash cow for this county. Mr. Carlisle stated that any veterans that have not been out to see them get them out there. Last year they participated in securing 12 million dollars for this county placed in the individual hands of the veterans and there are a still multitude of veterans out there that have not stopped in to see if they are entitled to anything. If they are they will set them up and if not they can let them know that also. Mr. Bauer encouraged Joe Kovach, County Engineer to explain his projects that are

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being funded by the small government funds. Mr. Bauer also discussed the recovery zone bonds that will be used to put a new vestibule on the courthouse.

At 11:13 a.m. the board recessed

At 11:38 a.m. regular session resumed.

At 11:39 a.m. Mr. Adelman stated that he had spoken with Mike Moore this morning and that Mr. Moore had an issue that would be coming before the planning commission this afternoon and that Mr. Moore stated that he would not be able to attend as he had to stay at work. Mr. Moore spoke to the board via a conference call in regards to the planning commission issue coming up this afternoon. Mr. Moore stated that he wanted to hit the high points of his issue and what he wants the folks to clearly understand. Planning Commission regulations and what they regulate and that this property is not part of a subdivision.

The board briefly discussed the HVAC position and their options.

At 11:50 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

The Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

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 21, 2010.

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.

Signatures on File