

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

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee.* Mr. Hunker stated as a yearly reminder, the fair was coming up in less than a month. The Fair sales will be Thursday night and Saturday morning.

23-233

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 #361902;
and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Schedule for Budgetary Checks Payment Batch #362036 issued for the purchase of property from Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities as approved on June 20, 2023 by Resolution 23-214;
and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized to make the necessary warrants;
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 3, Mr. Boose noted there were four invoices from Air Force One. If we continue to have HVAC issues Mr. Welch will run out of money in his budget. Mr. Brady said we now have a messed-up compressor.
- Page 4, Mr. Boose continues to be confused on what the Sheriff pays and doesn't pay. He paid labor on a console in dispatch. Mr. Boose thought we were paying to replace consoles in dispatch and it was being paid out of 911. Mr. Wilde noted we paid for monitors. Mr. Boose said if you look at the budget, we had planned to pay for a console every other year and said he has no problem if they want to pay for it, but just confused as to who pays for what.
- Continue to have ES Consulting bills.
- Page 6, Mr. Boose noted a bill for repair of inmate uniforms. He had never seen this before. He thought this was great if we could save money.
- Large, out of county foster care again. Just under \$50,000 for the month.
- Page 14, Mr. Boose thought there was a typo on the last item under 145, it says fooled funding.
- Mr. Wilde pointed out they paid Garmann Miller for the senior center.
- Ms. Ziemba pointed out this also contained the manual claims schedule for the payment for the Board of DD property. The money will be wired to DD today, but it is part of this resolution.

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

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

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for General Fund, Department of Corrections, Department of Microfiling, Department of Probation, Department of Juvenile, and Department of Treasurer.

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Gasline, HVAC, Fuel, Car Wash, and various maintenance services.

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Travel Expense Reimbursement, Department of Juvenile, Erie County Family Court, Department of Probation, Department of Clerk of Courts, Department of Police, Department of Capital Improvements, Department of Building and Grounds, and Department of Mechanic.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various vendors like PRC-Ship-Bank-Peaks, PRC-Ship-Bank-Finger, and various utility companies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for vendors like Juv. Inmate vs. Cell, Juv. Network Guardian & MGR, and various maintenance services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for vendors like Charter Communications, ES Consulting Inc, Taylor Pest Control LLC, and various legal services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Auto Tax Road, Department: Auto Tax Administrative Total, Department: Public Assistance, and Department: Child Support Enforcement.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Auto Tax Road, Department: Auto Tax Administrative Total, Department: Public Assistance, and Department: Child Support Enforcement.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Child Support Enforcement, Department: WIOA, Department: WIOA Total, Department: WIOA - Auto Tax, and Department: Auto Tax Administrative.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Document Technology Systems Ltd, Department: Records Technology, Department: Clerk of Courts-Tile, Department: Concealed Weapons, and Department: Youth Programs.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes Department: Children's Service, Fund: 143 - National Webcheck Total, Fund: 145 - Children's Services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes Department: Commercial Building Department, Fund: 186 - Commercial Building Department, Fund: 188 - Commercial Building Department.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes Department: Children's Service, Fund: 145 - Children's Services Total, Fund: 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes Department: EMA Hazmat, Fund: 500 - Landfill, Fund: 500 - Landfill.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
07/20/2023	CS&T LLC	381992	2023-002814	Auto Repaint	\$1,750.00	
07/20/2023	Runes of Ohio Inc	381992	2023-002814	Auto Repaint	\$1,750.00	
07/20/2023	John Deere Financial	381992	2023-002814	Dallas Waste	\$1.28	
07/20/2023	RNS Power Solutions	381992	2023-002814	Call for Operator	\$225.00	
07/20/2023	Freese Electric Cooperative Inc	381992	2023-002814	Annual Office Maintenance	\$2,460.77	
07/20/2023	Cole Energy Inc	381992	2023-002814	Electricity	\$1,189.24	
07/20/2023	Cole Energy Inc	381992	2023-002814	Electricity	\$1,455.88	
07/20/2023	David Horan	381992	2023-002814	Diesel Fuel	\$2,000.00	
07/20/2023	David Horan	381992	2023-002814	Diesel Fuel	\$3,383.30	
07/20/2023	David Horan	381992	2023-002814	July Phone	\$75,521.45	
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					\$75,521.45	
Fund 505 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department: Solid Waste Management District						
07/20/2023	Nichols LLC	381992	2023-002841	Completed Receptacles	\$1,750.00	
07/20/2023	Nichols Lundry	381992	2023-002841	Roll-off Truck	\$3,165.00	
Account 525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$2,005.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$2,005.00	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$2,005.00	
Fund 620 - Harter Trust						
Department: Harter Trust						
07/20/2023	Twin Ceiling	381992	2023-002071	Harter-FC College Visa Reimbursement	\$75.00	
Account 620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$75.00	
Department Harter Trust Total:					\$75.00	
Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$75.00	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department: Commissary Trust						
07/20/2023	Intense Innovations	381992	2023-002071	40 Jamis Vial/Pow Test cups-10 panel	\$4,600.00	
07/20/2023	Cherier Communications	381992	2023-002071	Invoice re services for 795 -65022 & coax cable	\$334.49	
Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$5,134.49	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$5,134.49	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$5,134.49	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund						
Department: Canine Trust Fund						
07/20/2023	Trezo Supply Credit Plan	381992	2023-004271	Food for Creed	\$68.09	
Account 640.640.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$68.09	
Department Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$68.09	
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$68.09	
Grand Total:					\$1,257,897.37	

CLAIM SCHEDULE FOR BUDGETARY CHECKS

July 18, 2023

Batch 362036

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the Various Appropriation Codes to cover the payment of the following claims.

We hereby approve for payment by the County Auditor the following vouchers as itemized below.

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Harry Brady

Toby Boone
Huron County Commissioners

Vendor:

Chicago Title Agency of Huron County 07.18.23 163.163.00475 \$1,002,596.25

9:15 a.m. **Nik Katsaros, First Energy Solutions.** Mr. Katsaros wanted to check in after the tornados last month. He thought there were 6 registered tornados in Huron County and there was quite a bit of damage on the Bellevue side and other pockets throughout the county. He thought they had 15 transmission poles which were broken during the storm. Mr. Katsaros stated that Toledo Edison was hurt worse than they were. Most of the customers in Huron County had their power restored by Friday around midnight.

Mr. Katsaros wanted to check in with us to verify if there was anything which was brought to our attention that they missed. He stated he had maintained contact with Mr. Mead, EMA Director, during the event. Mr. Boose stated they did a great job. Discussed how Ohio Edison assesses what needs to be prioritized to get fixed first.

Mr. Katsaros noted they are doing a lot of work to estimate how many electric cars will be coming. They use up quite a bit of capacity so they have to do their best to ramp up their system to accommodate them. If you look at a residential home and add an electric car charger, it adds 40 – 50% to the demand for the home.

Discussed the use of smart meters, they can show how much electricity your home is using every 5 to 15 minutes and can be read wirelessly.

23-234

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 23-211

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, resolution 23-211, **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING**

IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #13) AND B-C-21-1BJ-2 (DRAW #2) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JUNE 20, 2023 needs to be amended to reflect the correct Grant and Draw numbers; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership submitted a request for payment and status of funds for the Board's certification on June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the request for payment from B-C-21-1BJ-1 (Draw #13) needs to be amended to reflect the correct Grant and Draw numbers as S-C-21-1BJ-1 (Draw 4); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves amending Resolution 23-211 to reflect S-C-21-1BJ-1 (Draw 4) as the correct Grant and Draw numbers; 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 that of all the ones we have passed, this is the first time he has ever seen this. Ms. Ziembra stated that everything was correct except the cover page of the paperwork. The draw was done correctly, it was just the cover page which needed to be corrected.

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

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

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDHG S.E. RUF Balance: CDHG Housing P.I. Balance: Home Program Income Balance			
Contact Person Information Name: Skant Zibert Phone number: (419) 332-4120 Email: szibert@dcsp.org		Grant Number: S-C-21-1BJ-1		Date: Voucher#:			
		Draw Number: 4		Warrant#			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	618 Spangler St, Willard	3281.00	37875.00	34594.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					3281.00	37875.00	34594.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date: 7/18/23		Signature: <i>Harry Brady</i>		Title: PRESIDENT			
Date: 7/18/23		Countersignature: <i>Terry Boose</i>		Title: Vice-President			
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

23-235

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #13) AND B-C-21-1BJ-2 (DRAW #4) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 18, 2023

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba stated this corrected Draw 13 is in the amount of \$40,406.00 for 1 home in Norwalk, 1 home in Wakeman and 2 homes in New London, Draw 4 is for \$3,000.00 and is for a home in Norwalk.

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

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

Submit to:		Name and Address of Grantee:		CDBG E.S. RIF Balance:			
Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG Housing P.J. Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (614) 333-6118 Email: mhwalters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-18J-2		Home Program Income Balance			
		Date:		Voucher#:			
		Draw Number: 4		Warrant#			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
4	Homeownership Assistance	1	New Construction	73 Woodlawn Ave, Norwalk	3000.00	30000.00	0.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					3000.00	30000.00	0.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date:	7/18/23	Signature:	Harry Brady		Title:	PRESIDENT	
Date:	7/18/23	Countersignature:	Terry Boose		Title:	Vice-President	
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

Submit to:		Name and Address of Grantee:		CDBG E.S. RIF Balance:			
Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDBG Housing P.J. Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Sheri Zbert Phone number: (419) 333-4120 Email: szbert@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-18J-1		Home Program Income Balance			
		Date:		Voucher#:			
		Draw Number: 13		Warrant#			
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4634.00	123500.00	40088.00
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	4849 CRZ, Wakeman	9590.00	74637.00	65047.00
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	155 Williams St, New London	16900.00	127800.00	111500.00
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	175 W Main St, New London	9590.00	87787.00	78197.00
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	13 Mead Ave, Norwalk	292.00	2899.00	0.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					40406.00	416623.00	294832.00
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required							
I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Date:	7/18/23	Signature:	Harry Brady		Title:	PRESIDENT	
Date:	7/18/23	Countersignature:	Terry Boose		Title:	Vice-President	
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba brought up the open board positions.
 - Ms. Ziemba had forwarded one possibility for the MHAS Board and asked if they would like her to schedule that person in for an interview. Mr. Boose said he would.
 - There is also still an opening on the Community Action Commission and Ms. Ziemba has not received any interest in that position.
 - Planning Commission still has an open position. Mr. Wilde had asked someone to send an e-mail, but they have not done so yet.
- Last week the Humane Society was in. Ms. Ziemba asked if they had reviewed the information they received. Mr. Brady said he looked at the information and said by statute there are things we have to do and he did not have a problem doing what we are supposed to do. Mr. Brady supported the \$150.00 per month payable to the Humane Society and felt we should just pay for the whole year at once. He noted that we already paid for their legal fees. Mr. Strickler said it does not say how we have to pay it, so we could probably back date it to January 1 and pay it for the whole year. Mr. Boose was in favor of this. Mr. Strickler said he thought we should do that by resolution. Mr. Brady said they would have a resolution for Thursday. Mr. Boose thought we should pay this at the beginning of the year

from now on. Ms. Ziemba suggested they add this to the resolutions they do for quarterly payments after the budget is approved. The Commissioners were in favor of this.

- Mr. Boose stated the commissioners feel the Humane Society does a great job and also noted that we could take a portion of the Dog Warden fees for the Humane Society. He also stated we had just raised the dog warden fees to keep up with the bills. They had tried to only raise it as much as was needed to pay the bills. Mr. Boose said they have a very limited budget.
- Mr. Strickler told the commissioners that the \$150.00 a month was mandatory by statute. If the Dog and Kennel Fund is in excess of \$2,000.00 at the end of the year, that is a may, so that we are clear that is what is discretionary. They are both in the ORC, but one is discretionary and one is mandatory. You can give more than the minimum. Mr. Brady did not think this board has a problem doing that.
- Mr. Boose had a couple questions for Ms. Ziemba on items she had sent them.
 - The first item was an email she forwarded from Amanda Gordon regarding the loan the Fair Board wanted to take out to pay for the Feichtner Building. Mr. Boose asked if Ms. Ziemba understood what the next step for this is. Ms. Ziemba said the way she understood it was that the commissioners would need to get the loan. Mr. Strickler said there are 2 statutes involved. The Agricultural Society/Fair Board has the authority to borrow the money; however, in the event that general fund money was used to purchase the fairgrounds there is one section that says for a mortgage the commissioners would have to sign off on it. Then there is a second section which says any debt, mortgage or otherwise, they can go out for it and approve it, but the commissioners have to bless it as well. Mr. Boose said he was aware of that but wants to make sure we keep moving.
 - Mr. Strickler stated the yearly loan repayment amount cannot be more than 25% of the average of the annual income from the prior three years. He gave an example if the average income is \$100,000, then they can only pay back \$25,000.00 a year.
 - Mr. Boose suggested that Mr. Strickler call Bob Morgan and explain what Ms. Gordon said and the restrictions. Mr. Strickler said he has already explained that to Mr. Morgan. Mr. Boose just wanted to make sure this keeps moving. We need to figure out what the dollar amount is to make sure they are under that amount. Mr. Strickler stated if they get a loan the commissioners would need to approve it. Mr. Wilde asked if that was a line of credit. Mr. Strickler said that would encumber the property so you the commissioners would definitely have to sign off on that because we hold the property.
 - Mr. Brady stated that he is not opposed to constructing a building out there but borrowing the money to fill the gap is like borrowing your down payment, when you are borrowing money to buy a house. The money was supposed to be in hand before they went out to bid. Now we are talking about a loan being taken out to be used once the ARPA money was exhausted. We originally said that everything had to be expended before ARPA money. Mr. Brady thought the whole project has become discombobulated money wise. Mr. Brady does not want to see the commissioners have to sign off on a loan for something like this because he does not want the General Fund to be responsible if there is a default. Mr. Strickler said they would not be. Mr. Brady said we own the property. Mr. Strickler then noted if the mortgage was on the property, at the end of the day they would be responsible. He then noted the statute says the commissioners just have to approve the loan, so if it is an unsecured loan, then they are just approving them taking the loan out.
 - Mr. Boose said he has a totally different opinion of this. He noted they are only trying to borrow a small percentage of the building. The whole idea behind the building is to be a revenue generator. It is not a building which would have expenses only. The intentions of this building is to be a revenue generator. One other thing which we have not talked about specifically, but was in the e-mail. There is no problem ARPA-wise with taking a loan out. It sounds like there are some things which need to be worked out in his opinion. Mr. Boose said he is ready to pass the loan and noted that since he has been a commissioner, we have stayed out of the fair boards business. They make their decisions based on the money they have. He thought they had borrowed money for another building previously. Mr. Boose does not have a problem with them making their management decisions to move forward with a good sound business plan and say they may need to borrow money. In this case we are hoping the money borrowed is already going to be paid back through fund raising and or other ways. They are not asking the commissioners to put more money in because they are taking out a loan.
 - Mr. Boose feels the Fair Board needs to come back with: this is how we are moving forward, this is where the money is coming from and yes, this is according to ORC, so we can do this. They need to come forward to us with the plan. Mr. Boose thought they were almost there, but they need to say here is the whole package, here is how we want to move forward, this is where the money is coming from, this is where additional money may be coming from and have that all laid out in front of us, including the contract for the loan, so we may sign it.
 - Mr. Wilde stated he would feel more comfortable if they could use the loan before the ARPA money. But this was not a deal breaker for him.
 - Mr. Brady was not for the loan. He will not vote for it. He pointed out that they were also reducing the occupancy to below what is already existing in the EXPO Building, which is

450. This buildings occupancy will be 400. Mr. Brady noted that Ms. Gordon has concerns about that because in the original he thought the estimate was for a higher number and Ms. Gordon is now questioning the difference and does not think we should do it. Mr. Wilde asked what that question had to do with anything.

- Mr. Boose stated what he thought has to happen. The officers of the Fair Board need to sit down with the Committee, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Strickler and one of the Commissioners to work these issues out ASAP. Mr. Boose knew this is frustrating for everyone. But this would be a real asset to the county and the parties need to just sit down and work this stuff out so we can all move forward and get this done.
- Mr. Brady did not want the General Fund to be on the hook for the loan. He also wants the loan before the \$1.8M because that was the original deal. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Boose were not sure if that could happen.
- Mr. Hunker wanted to make a comment. He said the intent of the loan was only to get it out to bid. The committee is still doing all the work they can with fund raising and grants. He noted it would be a year before they could even break ground, so they have a year to do additional fund raising. They now have 3 different organizations who are committing \$25,000 each. They are already reducing the shortfall which he had estimated of \$300,000, so now they are almost down to \$200,000. They have not even got grants turned in because they are through the cycles. Mr. Hunker felt the loan may never hit.
- Mr. Boose said that we are the ones putting the pressure on the fair board to go out to bid as soon as they can. We have a date in there and they are saying the only way they can do that is to temporarily get a loan so they can say they have all of the money lined up. The loan is not a mortgage type loan. The idea behind the loan is that we have given them deadlines and they are trying to meet the deadlines and to do that, temporarily they may have to have the loans. Mr. Boose noted that the commissioners have always trusted the decisions of the Fair Board. He also noted the commissioners had bonded over \$1M for the Fair Board at one point for electric and water upgrades. Mr. Boose said he has faith that the fair board is planning this all out and wanted to get the details worked out.
- Mr. Brady said it is not that he doesn't have faith in the Fair Board, but he is watching this project go from a \$700,000 bond that the money was there for, to a \$3M to \$4M bond. He is not opposed to the building, but is not really in favor of putting \$1.8M of ARPA money into it but said he would be behind it so he will be behind it. Now it is being changed again because the money is not there. He understands what Mr. Hunker is saying. But we need to see what the grants are to find out what we can do. Mr. Brady said he has not seen anything showing where we are applying for grants or who is writing the grants. He has not seen any contracts with organizations to bring in shows. Mr. Brady said these are things which he would like to see before he makes a final decision. Mr. Brady does not want to see the commissioners held responsible for additional money in the form of a loan. Mr. Brady believes the Fair Board are intelligent and can make a wise decision, but the deal was that the ARPA money was at the end.
- Mr. Boose thought Mr. Brady was making it sound like it has always been that the grants would be done beforehand. Grants can only happen if everything is put together and everything is done. The timing on grants is very difficult to work with and because of this, to say that we are going to wait until we get the grants to move forward on the building; we are forcing it to move behind the timelines that we give, not what they put on. Mr. Boose said that is where he has a problem. He noted when they built the EXPO Center they didn't have any contracts ahead of time. Mr. Brady said they would. Mr. Boose noted that people would not sign a contract if the building was not constructed yet.
- Mr. Brady said he did not say the grants would have to be in place before they would move forward. Mr. Brady stated they never had a discussion about the ARPA funds before they were committed. In that same meeting he remembers hearing that the grants would be used to offset the ARPA money, so we would not need to use all of the \$1.8M. Mr. Brady said his question is not, do we have the grants in hand; it is what grants are we going to apply for; what grants are we trying to apply for and who is the grant writer. Both he and other people have asked these questions and have not received an answer. He is not saying that we would have a contract with people, but normally you would have a verbal recognition that if the building was constructed they would be willing to entertain doing events in it. He noted that is the standard in the industry. He knows that people already have commitments, not a contract. They noted if you can have it built by a certain time then they will entertain the opportunity to have the show there. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Boose said this is the Fair, not a convention center. Mr. Brady said they had talked about using the building for all these shows. Such as cattle or livestock shows. Mr. Brady said that what he is hearing is we are going to do these things, but when you ask the questions: who are you reaching out to; what organizations are you reaching out to; what grants are you going after, then you get silence. Mr. Wilde thought some of that may be confidential.
- Mr. Boose said that he suggested we have a meeting with everyone and if Mr. Brady wants

to ask those questions, then go ahead. Let's not argue about, then the fair board has one meeting and the committee has another and we have a different one and everyone is on separate wavelengths. Let's have everyone sit down together and get us ready to move forward. Mr. Brady said he is okay with this meeting, but these are questions which he would like answered. Mr. Brady said he will be happy to go to this meeting. Mr. Boose stated that Mr. Brady needs to be at the meeting because he has a lot of questions.

- Mr. Hunker stated the committee could meet on Thursday night. Otherwise they had the State Fair coming up. Mr. Brady stated he has a prior commitment on Thursday night. Ms. Ziemba asked who they would like at this meeting. Mr. Brady said they would need someone from the fair board. Mr. Boose added that they would need the leadership of the fair board to be there and would like all of the leadership to be there so the questions can be asked and the answers can be received. Then everyone is in agreement as to how we are going to move forward. If the occupancy is a problem then let's talk about it. If the grants are a problem, let's talk about them as well. Mr. Brady stated we would need the committee leadership in attendance as well as Mr. Strickler and Amanda Gordon. Mr. Boose noted that Ms. Gordon did not need to be there as long as she was available by phone. Mr. Brady said he will be there. Ms. Ziemba stated she only had information for Mr. Hunker and asked him if he could share the correspondence with the committee leadership. Mr. Boose would like more than just Mr. Morgan from the fair board, he would like a group who can come to an agreement as to exactly what the building is and how to move forward. Mr. Wilde noted they would all hear the same thing.
- Mr. Boose wanted to add one more thing, we need to sign off on a loan if there is a loan. He stated that this was the Fair Board's decision to move forward and they need to be comfortable with what it is, get this locked down and move forward. Mr. Boose said that he is hearing frustration from several different groups. They want this to move forward and get this building done.
- Mr. Brady said that was already given to them, but now it is changing because they have introduced a loan and noted that every change brings forth some type of time delay.
- Mr. Boose said if he were the Fair Board he would want to know if the commissioners would agree to the loan. He noted he is not saying we would lock ourselves into it. But right now, would our intentions be yes, we would, or no, we wouldn't. So, they have something to move forward with. Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde are for the loan. Mr. Boose said if the loan changes to be \$1M we are not saying we agree to any loan, but agree that it could be part of the process. Mr. Wilde noted with the agreement that it could go from \$300,000 to \$225,000, but if goes above those amounts then he is out.
- Ms. Ziemba though the amount was \$600,000. Mr. Brady agreed that the number they were short was \$600,000. Mr. Brady wanted to wait to hear what they have to say and said you heard Mr. Wilde say he did not want to go over \$300,000, so wait to see what the discussion is and if it goes over \$300,000 bring up the point that at our meeting the commissioners said to a point. We are not agreeing to any and all loans.
- Ms. Ziemba stated when she received the call from the Fair Board they wanted to know if the commissioners would agree to a line of credit of up to \$600,000. That would cover the \$300,000 shortfall and the \$300,000 contingency. Mr. Boose wanted to wait to get all the details at this meeting. Then we can tell them that 2 commissioners have said a reasonable amount. Mr. Boose did not think that \$600,000 would fit what Mr. Strickler said about the 25% revenue requirement. Mr. Boose thought they should discuss the amount of loan that they can get. Mr. Brady noted that Mr. Wilde said if it was over \$300,000 he was out.
- Mr. Brady wanted to say publicly that he appreciates working with the other 2 commissioners and appreciates they can have differences in opinion and can have good dialog. It may take a little time sometimes, but usually we get along and he appreciates their differences in opinion. It is not that they do not want what is best for the public, they all do. Mr. Boose noted they have their discussions in open meeting for transparency. They may argue about items, but they work out their differences.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Mr. Wilde stated that tonight they would be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for the Youth Grant Making Council Banquet.
- Tomorrow is the Mercy Health 35 years. Mr. Wilde wasn't sure if he could attend.
- Mr. Wilde attended the EMA meeting. Mr. Wilde said they discussed the spill at Maple City Rubber and special mats which can be used to keep chemicals from going in the sewers. The EMA has already purchased 2 of them.
- In the Counties Current Mr. Wilde said there was an article titled: "Investing in a thriving economy, \$750M for all Ohio future fund to support site infrastructure in all parts of the state." He sent this to HCDC and NEDC
- Mr. Brady said that they had put money in the budget to push the MARCS System. He felt they

should give money to every county to help with their radio system, even if they don't use the MARCS System.

- Land Bank had taken down a house on Cline Street and Mr. Wilde thought it made a huge difference. Mr. Boose always thought we had one of the best MHAS in the State and thought Land Bank was right up there with them.
- Mr. Boose wanted to talk about the purchase of the Board of DD building. Mr. Brady stated they had discussed this during Claims Schedule. Mr. Strickler said he had asked if they would be available to sign the paperwork for this today and is having someone from the title company bring it up at 11:00 a.m. today. Mr. Boose said that he had talked to Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor yesterday and stated he wants to move forward on utilities and any other such items as quickly as possible. Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor have already done research and found we are okay with the gas, electric and water. They have their own waste water treatment out there for sewer.
- Mr. Brady stated that today is the Seneca Crawford Area Transportation's Board meeting and we should get some feed back from them after today's board meeting. Then we can have a discussion and if we want to move forward with it we can get the stakeholders together. This will keep us from being held up.

At 10:36 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 (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. 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*

At 11:17 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and (2). 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*

At 11:17 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 July 18, 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 11:17 a.m.

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