

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

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none

23-207

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JUNE 15, 2023

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$5,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Buildings & Grounds

Q1 Painting Paint exterior 22 E. Main \$22,600.00

Buildings & Grounds

Q1 Painting Paint Auditor’s office \$15,500.00

JFS

Seagate 4 L-shaped desks for Child Support \$20,755.20

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:**

Paint exterior 22 E. Main – Mr. Boose said Mr. Minor had not talked to the City of Norwalk about painting 22 E. Main the last he had talked to him. Mr. Boose thought they had all agreed to keep it the same color, so that should not be an issue, but would still like to run it by them. When Mr. Minor gets back he needs to do that. Mr. Wilde verified this was to paint the whole outside of that building. Mr. Boose said that is what he understood and asked Ms. Ziemba if he was correct. Ms. Ziemba stated that is the way it reads.

Paint Auditor’s office – Mr. Boose commented there were a lot more rooms in that area than they realized and hoped we would paint before we put the floor down. Ms. Ziemba stated that has always been on Mr. Minors mind, so she thinks that is the goal. Mr. Boose stated they have been working on this for a long time and the Auditor has been very patient.

4 L-shaped desks for Child Support – Ms. Minor told Mr. Boose they were using state money to purchase these desks for Child Support; it is not General Fund money. This was the next step; they had updated Children’s Services, now it was time to update Child Support. Mr. Wilde thought many of the desks were 25 years old.

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

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

23-208

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) AND HURON COUNTY SHERIFF

(CONTRACTOR)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 and rule 5101:12 -10-45.2 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Huron County Child Support Enforcement Agency is authorized to enter into this contract with Huron County Sheriff hereinafter referred to as “Contractor” for the purchase of services on the first day of April 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be effective from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 unless terminated according to the terms of paragraph 23 of the attached contract; and

WHEREAS, Huron County CSEA desires to enter into agreement with the Contractor, and agrees to purchase for, and Contractor agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in attachment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the above mentioned agreement as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** This is something that is done every year.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL – none

SIGNINGS – none

Mr. Wilde noted that Mr. Boose had read the Proclamation at the Elder Abuse Prevention event at the fairgrounds yesterday.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

- Mr. Strickler re-did the language in the DD contract he sent to everyone. He thought they should have received it. He added a paragraph talking about the MOU. He has not heard back from Ms. Smith but thought she should be fine.
- At 2:00 p.m. today Mr. Strickler is supposed to receive an envelope with a check in it. The Erie County Auditor is coming here to meet with our Auditor and will hand deliver it to Mr. Strickler’s office. Mr. Strickler stated there has been no argument about the court costs. They are paying them because as the prevailing party we should not have to pay the court costs. The trial court costs were \$725.87 and the court of appeals were \$521.52. They thought the court costs would be a lot higher. Mr. Strickler said the bill was posted on the Erie County Clerk of Courts website and that is where he got the number.
- Mr. Strickler stated that he believes this cost the Erie and Huron County community a lot of money. Mr. Boose thought they should wait until next Tuesday’s meeting to discuss this.

At 9:20 a.m. County Project updates:

Pete Welch, Director of Operations/SWMD

- Mr. Welch stated he was going to focus on the landfill, since that is where he has been spending most of his time.
- Mr. Wilde thought we had set aside \$100,000 for the improvements at the Auditor’s Office and commented that as of right now it would be around \$40,000. Mr. Welch said they would be way under the budgeted amount. Mr. Wilde would like to look at the Dog Wardens carpet. Mr. Boose said before

they go there, he wanted them to remember that the Dog Wardens building is mainly paid for out of Dog Warden funds, but we can discuss it. Ms. Ziemba said she is waiting on estimates and would like to wait on them before discussing it. Mr. Wilde wanted to discuss it, but would wait. Mr. Boose would like to wait until we are totally done with the Auditor project because it seems like we always have surprises when we do projects. Until we know the final cost, he would like to wait. Mr. Boose thought they would be doing the work soon. Ms. Ziemba thought they would be starting in July. They felt we should be done before the end of summer. Mr. Boose would like to wait until then to get the final costs. Mr. Wilde just wants to take a look, but will wait until the project is complete.

- The scale has been working great since Brechbuhler worked on it. Mr. Welch wanted to make sure the commissioners understood that the scale is still old and we probably have 3 to 5 years left on it. Mr. Boose thought we should not wait 3 to 5 years to replace the scale. Mr. Welch said that was his point and noted that Mr. Strickler has the bid documents, so as soon as he finishes those up the documents will be ready to go at the time you need to go out to bid. Mr. Welch said he has already paid for the engineering of it. Mr. Wilde thought it would be 9 months to get a scale. Mr. Welch stated 2024. Mr. Boose asked if this was still a pit scale. Mr. Welch said the one they have designed in the bid documents is a pit scale. He noted we don't have enough room for an above ground scale. Mr. Boose told him to keep proceeding with that.
- The waste disposal and transportation documents are done and were sent to Albin Bauer this morning. Mr. Welch would like him to look at the terms and conditions, also the overall agreement. He noted the way things change in the solid waste industry he wants to make sure we are protecting ourselves better than we did with Erie. Mr. Boose asked when it had to be done by. Mr. Welch said he is looking for a fall bid date which would give us enough time if we have to rebid. Mr. Boose stated there is a current bill in the house which is moving and has seen a lot of changes to it already. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure that is taken into consideration before we make a final decision. Mr. Welch asked if he was talking about Senate Bill 119. Mr. Boose confirmed he was. Mr. Welch then stated that is why he was having Mr. Bauer look at it. Mr. Bauer is on top of that and represents the solid waste districts to the state. Mr. Wilde thinks we have a great relationship with him. Mr. Boose thought they have taken out the rate increases from the original bill, but it has not passed and there is one county who is strongly pushing to get the rate increases back in the bill. Mr. Welch stated our contract was not up until April of 2024, so with a fall bid that should give us enough time if we have to rebid.
- North lift station leachate tanks – Mr. Welch reminded the commissioners that we signed a contract with Bluffton Aeration Service and Norwalk Concrete. The work is scheduled to begin on July 11. Bluffton will clean out the tanks and the wet well, then Norwalk Concrete will fix the railing and we will get all new pumps put in there. Mr. Boose asked if we were trying to find someone cheaper than Bluffton. Mr. Welch said we have already approved the contract, but had tried to find someone cheaper. He stated none of the local companies can pump something that deep. Mr. Welch thought it was just short of 30 feet deep. Mr. Wilde asked if Norwalk Concrete gets their pumps locally from NORWECO. Mr. Boose said it depends on what system you are using. Mr. Welch told them the environment these pumps have to work in has methane, so we have to buy special pumps.
- Employment – Mr. Welch has one interview set up. They had a handful of resumes' but are in a situation where the people who are applying are not equipment operators, but want to be equipment operators. They are at the point where we are looking for someone we believe we can train. Mr. Boose said if we can't train them ourselves, he thought there were training facilities out there and we could use JFS to help pay for it. He also thought we could tie in the length of the contract with them if we are paying for the training. Then they would have to pay us for the training if they left before the end of the contract. Mr. Wilde asked if any of the applicants have CDL's. Mr. Welch stated none of them do. Mr. Wilde commented it costs \$5,000 to get one. Mr. Welch noted you have to go to class to get a CDL now. Mr. Boose asked if this was a truck driver or an equipment operator. Mr. Welch told him it is both. We require a CDL because we have a truck on the road and they all have to be able to drive it. Mr. Boose asked if we can hire an equipment operator who is willing to work on their CDL. Mr. Welch said he has someone now.
- Neighbor across the street from the landfill has been getting too much water from the landfill so they are looking at putting a bigger catch basin in, or a 2-stage system on his property. Mr. Welch said the neighbor is Neil Myers and he is very good to work with. Mr. Welch said Mr. Myers had called and we told him we would help him if we can. Mr. Boose thought they may need to work with the engineer's office. Mr. Welch agreed and said he also wanted to contact Soil and Water. Mr. Boose thought that Soil and Water only designs them and do not put them in. Mr. Boose though the engineers might do it. Mr. Welch said he has Dave Homan.
- The strapper, which straps your bails, is on its last legs. He looked as costs a couple months ago. Mr. Welch stated as soon as we get the money from Erie County, we will see how much we have and may push that soon. Mr. Boose asked how much the strapper would cost. Mr. Welch told him \$40,000.
- Mr. Welch asked if he had mentioned the floor and went on to say the floor in the Transfer Station will need to be redone. The last time it was done was in 2011. They have chunks breaking out of it. Mr. Boose suggested when Mr. Welch can come up with enough money in his budget and they do not have to go out to bond, then we will look at it. Mr. Welch asked if he should shut the landfill down

if he can't get trucks in and out. Mr. Boose said they could get trucks in and out, you would just have a pothole to go around. Mr. Welch said the hole is approximately 8ft. by 10ft. Mr. Boose stated that if Mr. Welch comes to him in the next year and a half and tells him we need to bond for the landfill, then the answer will be no. Mr. Welch said that he did not tell Mr. Boose he would need to take a bond. Mr. Boose told him that means he has to have the money for it. Mr. Welch agreed. Mr. Wilde stated that Mr. Welch has some numbers. Mr. Welch said to replace the floor alone is \$98,000, which does not include breaking out the old floor. We would be over the cost for which you would have to go out to bid, so the cost would probably be about \$140,000.

- Mr. Boose asked if it was \$98,000 to replace the whole floor. Mr. Welch told him that is for the working area on the floor. Mr. Boose thought the whole floor would not need to be replaced. Mr. Welch noted it was only the area where trucks move in and out and they load trash. Mr. Welch said the last time they did this it was over a holiday weekend. They shut down on a Friday at noon, Monday was a holiday and they were back open on Tuesday. Mr. Boose reiterated if this needs to be bonded, he would vote no.
- Mr. Welch thought they should be in better position in 2024. Mr. Welch noted what is nice about this one is that he has bid documents from the previous time.

Joel Riedy, Network Administrator:

- Technology grant – They are moving forward with the fiber circuit. They reached out to First Energy to get a pole attachment agreement/joint use and are waiting on the response. Once they receive it they will need to go through the process, fill it out and return it to them. He noted it would be about 25 poles.
- Data center migration with Clerk of Courts – We had some scheduling issues with Henschen; it was put on hold until next week. He hopes to be done in the next month or two. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure this got done before Ms. Hazel's term was up. She has already indicated she will not be running again and we would like to get this done before then to take advantage of her experience and knowledge. Mr. Riedy noted the server has been built; they just have not done a real world test on it.
- All the monitors for dispatch offices have arrived. Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Riedy was installing them. Mr. Riedy said Ms. Bond indicated she was comfortable installing them herself, but he offered to help if needed.
- Update to JAV system for Common Pleas is complete, this was a security update.
- Central website project – We officially have four quotes, with a huge range of pricing. Some were way under budget, some were way over. He has two which he thinks will be good.
- Copier replacement for Commissioner's office. Mr. Stickler has a lease agreement to review. Mr. Boose told him he forgot a word, which was color. Mr. Riedy stated it is a color copier.
- The Public Defender's Office will be done this morning. All the departments who wanted to be on the central email system are now on it.
- The Prosecutor's office asked us to do some computer replacements for them. The first was done yesterday and they will try to get another one done today. Mr. Strickler stated they had been given an amount of money for computer replacement and they are trying to do a rotation of computers. So, they replaced 3 of the computers which needed to be replaced. Mr. Wilde thought some of the things we are doing are fantastic. We are replacing 10-year-old computers. Mr. Strickler said when he started in 2017, the computer that was sitting on his desk had Windows 2000 on it.
- Mr. Riedy stated he brought in a new vendor. Mr. Wilde asked if they would replace CDW. Mr. Riedy told him they gave us better pricing than CDW. Mr. Boose asked what kind of equipment we are buying now. Mr. Riedy stated the majority are towers and laptops. Mr. Boose asked what brand. Mr. Riedy said it depends on who is offering the best deals. He noted the last one he purchased was HP, but he had been buying Lenovo's because we were getting better deals. Mr. Strickler stated they did not care about the brand, they are more interested in the performance.
- Mr. Boose asked how we were doing with the ARPA project. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Boose asked them to reach out to Ohio Broadband, but we have not received anything. Mr. Boose said he did that because it was in that review. Ms. Ziemba asked if he would like us to wait on that response or would they like it on Tuesday. Mr. Boose said he calls every day until he gets a response and suggested they do the same. Mr. Riedy stated they do have a phone call and an e-mail already placed. He said he would try again. Mr. Boose suggested calling Representative Stein's office if we don't get a response soon because Representative Stein seems to have a good relationship with them and we could ask him to help us get a response, which is really needed. Mr. Wilde thought it was a good idea to have one more set of eyes to look at it.
- Mr. Boose thought Dick Stein may have been the first person to turn us on to the state and thought if we don't get the response we want a lot of times just a little bit of encouragement is needed from the person who does the budget for the department. Mr. Riedy thought he may do that today because they have usually been slow to respond.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS – Continued**Commissioner Wilde updates:**

- Senior Wellness fair was well attended and had many vendors who were good for the seniors.
- Firefighters Association meeting yesterday.
- Mr. Wilde was going to try to be at the prosecutor's office at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Mr. Boose is meeting with Ms. Cardone at 4:00 p.m. today.
- Mr. Wilde wanted to mention that next Wednesday is the TAC meeting at EMA.
- At 10:00 next Wednesday Mr. Boose and Ms. Ziemba have a meeting across the street for the senior center.
- Tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. there is a call with CCAO on the budget. The Senate will probably pass the budget today. Mr. Boose will be going to the board meeting in Columbus, and will hopefully be on the phone call as well. Mr. Wilde would like to be on the call.
- Mr. Boose discussed the Senior Wellness Fair.
- Last night Mr. Boose attended the Firefighters Association meeting. They thought it might be a good idea for SafeBuilt to attend one of their meetings. They said if they hear a building is going in they used to just call Richland and talk to them about it. They wanted to know how they would do that today. Mr. Boose told them to call the commissioner's office phone number and follow the prompts. They also wanted to know if there was someone in the building who had their office hours. Mr. Wilde told them yes. After they discussed this they thought it may be nice to have SafeBuilt come to one of their meetings. Mr. Wilde asked for a schedule of the firefighter's meetings. Mr. Boose said their next meeting isn't until September. Mr. Wilde asked to send a letter to Bob Kurtz. Ms. Ziemba confirmed. Mr. Wilde added that Mr. Kurtz is the hands-on person and maybe Rosie McCormack could go as well. Ms. Ziemba asked if she could send it to Ms. McCormack, then have her forward the request to Mr. Kurtz. Mr. Wilde was okay with that.
- They were able to look at their training trailer and met the fireman on the dive team, who were able to explain the equipment. They also explained how much the equipment helped our dive team to be better. Some of the new equipment consisted of new dive suits, sonar and communications equipment. Training is key to this job. Several firemen at the meeting had over 50 years of experience.
- Mr. Strickler was at a meeting which Willard Fire Chief Reiderman attended and Mr. Reiderman praised the commissioners for giving money to the dive team and expressed how much they appreciate it. He stated without the money they could not have gotten the equipment and they desperately needed it.
- Mr. Boose had a discussion with Chief Reiderman about the levy and how we need to move forward. They were thankful we were having a meeting next week.
- Mr. Strickler asked where we wanted to deposit the check. Mr. Boose said it should be deposited in the general fund. Then we need to send an e-mail to each member of the budget committee. Mr. Strickler wanted to give an alternate suggestion and stated we could put it back in 500 and 525. Mr. Boose wanted to put it in general fund and said the money will need to have an amended certificate and from the amended certificate we will appropriate the money into 099 transfer out, then Mr. Welch will get the accounts for us because he needs to break it up into a few different accounts. We will then transfer to those accounts. The first step is to put it in the general fund and ask the budget committee to do the amended certificate. Mr. Strickler needed to know because when he talked to the auditor he said he needed something to tell him where to place the money. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba when she thought we would get the e-mail out to the budget committee. Mr. Strickler noted that either Mr. Wilde or himself would call Ms. Ziemba to let her know they have the check. Ms. Ziemba stated once we know we have the check, then she can do something. Mr. Strickler and Mr. Wilde said they will both walk the check to the auditor's office. Ms. Ziemba stated they were responsible for getting her the paperwork.

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba noted that it was parade season and she had Ms. Clements register the commissioners for the Norwalk Fourth of July parade. Ms. Clements had Mr. Boose down to ride in the Greenwich Fireman's Festival parade on July 1. Mr. Boose said that is correct. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Wilde if he wanted to be in it. Mr. Wilde did not think he could. Ms. Ziemba stated it did not matter as long as one person is in it and we have one truck. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure that Mr. Welch or Mr. Minor have the truck ready for the parades. Ms. Ziemba told them the Willard Festival in the Park parade is on July 8. Mr. Boose asked that they be signed up for this parade. Mr. Wilde asked what time that parade started. Ms. Ziemba said it starts at 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Wilde asked about the parade in New London. Mr. Boose said that one is not until Labor Day and they usually have you register about 2 weeks before. Mr. Boose thought the only other one was in Wakeman. Mr. Strickler said it is the Wakeman Fireman's Festival and thought it was usually later in July or early August. Mr. Boose said it is usually the last weekend in July. Mr. Boose said there is a parade in Plymouth but they are only in it sometimes because most of it is in Richland County. That

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parade is the first week in August. Mr. Boose noted there is a parade in Willard at Christmas time.

At 10:10 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on June 15, 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 10:10 a.m.

Signatures on File