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; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Dick Wiles, Fair Board; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

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IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor's Office for payment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register Payment Batch #362924 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion:

- Page 2, Account 023 They are paying for IT equipment without going through Mr. Riedy.
- Page 4, Mr. Boose pointed out the payment to Clemans & Nelson. He asked if that was ours. Ms. Ziemba said it was, it was Buildings & Grounds.
- Page 5, Mr. Boose noted we had Macy's second exam to the vet. He asked about the donation. Ms. Ziemba said that money had been moved to the Shelter Medicine fund.
- Under local school revenue, SRO cell phones being paid out of local school revenue account during the summer. Mr. Boose wanted to hold this.
- Page 6 paying for phone line conversation \$745. Mr. Boose does not want to hold this, but he would like to check with Job & Family Services about this.
- Electric service update, Children's Services, which is one-fourth of the building, \$14,000.
- Page 10, Local Emergency Plan. Mr. Boose asked what the LEPC Contract Services payment was
 for. Ms. Ziemba did not remember if this was discussed or not. Mr. Boose did not know who
 Michael Frey is. He would like to hold that payment and find out what this is for.

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

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

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At 9:10 a.m. Public comment – Mason Kinney, Norwalk. Mr. Kinney read a statement requesting the commissioners support for the Feichtner Building at the Huron County Fairgrounds. He noted it was not just a building, but a testament to the enduring spirit of the community and the transformative impact of the 4-H program. Through this initiative we not only preserve the memory of Owen Feichtner and his grandparents, but we also cultivate a nurturing environment for young minds to flourish in the world of agriculture.

Karlie Rudolph, Norwalk. Ms. Rudolph stated she is the President of the Huron County Clovers 4-H Club. She is in her 13th and final year of 4-H. Some of her most cherished memories come from raising animals, whether that was in our barn or at the fairgrounds. This aspect of her life has taught her some of the best life lessons which she still uses today. Even though she will not be showing next year she wishes for the exhibiters and youth behind her to have a place to call their own, where they can all care and support one another. Not only will this building develop further friendships, it will be a place where our friends will be reminded of how our community came together to support the Feichtner's. This building can also bring new experiences to Huron County, such as hosting circus and other shows throughout the winter and spring.

Katie Woodruff, Wakeman. Ms. Woodruff stated she is a member of the Buckeye Pioneers 4-H club and Western Reserve FFA. This will be her last year at the fair. She has shown swine and sheep projects. She thanked the commissioners for their long history of strong support for these youth programs and for the

OSU extension in Huron County. Over the years this partnership has enabled her and a lot of other county youth to learn independence, gain self confidence and most importantly to develop long lasting relationships that were built in the barns at the fair. She is most excited about the future and the opportunities that the Feichtner Barn can bring to the current youth programs and for many other agricultural organizations that can hold events at the fairgrounds throughout the year, such as Soil and Water. As she enters into her first year as an agriculture education major, her mind races with the many opportunities this new space can bring for hosting more outreach programs. Also, for those involved in agriculture and those who would like to learn more food production.

Claire French, Wakeman. Ms. French stated you may think of a barn as four walls, but she thinks of it as an opportunity for growth. Last week she was able to participate in the supreme drive at the Ohio State Fair. The opportunities which showing livestock has given her and her sisters are endless. A few skills which she will use for a lifetime are leadership, perseverance and hard work. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization. It empowers young people to lead for a lifetime. When you support projects such as the Feichtner Memorial Barn, you are supporting the leaders of tomorrow. True leaders are not born, they are grown. You have a great opportunity to cultivate and grow the next leaders of Huron County. The 4-H motto is to make the best better. Today she urges the commissioners to follow that motto to make the best better by supporting the Feichtner Memorial Barn project.

Hannah French, Wakeman. Ms. French stated she has been in the 4-H program for nearly 12 years and in addition to 4-H she is a member of the Western Reserve FFA Chapter where she serves on the officer team. She is currently serving as vice president of the Ohio Main and Key board. She has many experiences and her beliefs in the objectives of these programs are strong. Today she is seeking the commissioners support to move forward with the Feichtner Memorial Barn. The impact that 4-H and FFA has on the lives of youth is immeasurable. Did you know that 4-Hers are 4 times more likely to give back to their communities? She is willing to bet that when you decided to run for county commissioner, you did so with the hope of giving back to your community. Whether you are a 4-Her, FFA member or not, the level of community is one similarity we share. The addition of the Feichtner Memorial Barn will provide countless opportunities for our community. Many local businesses have already expressed their support of this project. For example, her mother, who is a financial officer at Farm Credit Mid-America, is excited to have this facility available for meetings and events. Ms. French urges the commissioners continued support of the Feichtner Memorial Barn. It is truly difficult to quantify the impact of the 4-H and FFA programs and she encouraged the commissioners to research the steps if they haven't done so. Early this summer she jotted down the letter which she wrote for the livestock show and has brought a copy of it for each of the commissioners. The letter is nothing formal, but she hopes it will illustrate the impact and growth she has had because of these programs.

Nash Feichtner, Willard. Mr. Feichtner stated that they appreciate everything the commissioners have done and are very grateful. They ask for one last thing. That is to support the senior fair board to get this building up and going for the community for the next generation.

At 9:15 a.m. <u>Fair building discussion</u>: Present were Dick Wiles, Fair Board; Roger Hunker, Feichtner Building Committee. Also present were Joey Feichtner, Claire French, Katie Woodruff, Hannah French, Nash Feichtner, Mason Kinney, Karlie Rudolph.

Mr. Brady started the discussion by stating the commissioners were on record as saying there was \$1.8M of ARPA money earmarked for the building. There is also \$450,000 in state money set aside for the building. Mr. Brady emphasized that the interest the commissioners have had in this is to make sure the ARPA rules will be followed. Mr. Brady wants everyone to understand that the commissioners own the fairgrounds, but do not run the Fair Board. It is its own entity which operates the fairgrounds.

They had a meeting on Thursday to try to get some questions answered about where to go and to make sure the goal post doesn't keep moving because everyone wants to point fingers at each other. The commissioners want to make sure that we are at a point where everyone knows what is expected and a timeline. The commissioners are also on a restraint as to what we do with the money as well. Mr. Brady stated there were some unofficial notes taken at the meeting which were available if anyone wanted to see them, the meeting was not a public one, so there were no minutes taken.

Mr. Brady said the questions were:

- If the project moves forward, someone needs to be appointed by Fair Board to oversee Prevailing Wage and ARPA reporting information.
- Can the Fair Board borrow money? It was determined by legal representation that the ORC states because the fairgrounds were purchased with public monies through the general fund the commissioners would need to give their blessing on it.

Mr. Brady stated he has no problem as a commissioner with having something done at the fairgrounds, the question is how much. Mr. Brady said the Fair Board is in charge of this project and it is up to them if they want to pursue it. The Fair Board asked if the commissioners would sign off on a \$600,000 loan. The

question was asked on Thursday as to whether the Fair Board could get a \$600,000 loan. He thought the answer was yes, that it falls within the guidelines of ORC. If the Fair Board decides to take out the loan it is on them. Mr. Brady told the Fair Board we would discuss it today as to whether the Fair Board has the blessing of the commissioners. It is his understanding that even though the commissioners own the fairgrounds the project is totally going to be run by the Fair Board.

Mr. Brady noted that the question which needs to be asked is if the commissioners are okay with this loan. He said that several figures have been bounced around but what matters in the long run is can you find somebody to build it. Mr. Brady stated that several fair board members asked that we give them a shot to take this out for bid. He is not sure what number they are going to use but he had a conversation with them because the P.E. that drew up the plans won't put an estimate in writing; this makes it hard for Schmid, the architects.

Mr. Brady noted that even though he has reservations about borrowing money to fulfill parts of a project, as long as ARPA rules are followed, as long as the ARPA money is used last and not first; if the Fair Board wants to take out a \$600,000 loan, he is not going to stand in the way. He has reservations and personally would not do it, but if the Fair Board wants to do it then he would not stand in their way. Mr. Wilde stated he will not go over the \$300,000 amount.

Mr. Boose thought we would be getting some figures today. Mr. Brady said he could give him the figures which were stated at the meeting. The original estimate was \$2.6M without the site work, it was \$300,000 for site work but can't get that in writing. The total price was \$2.9M and the \$2.6M was at \$108/square foot. When Schmid was here Thursday at the meeting they said that was not a doable number and all of the similar buildings which they see going up now are at \$130 - \$140 a square foot. Mr. Wilde noted that would be about \$3.5M.

Mr. Brady said on Thursday they were told as of that day there were about \$3.1M in pledges which include (collected and uncollected), \$600,000 loan, \$1.8M ARPA, \$450,000 state money.

Mr. Wiles, Vice President of Fair Board. The \$600,000 the Fair Board voted to pursue would cover the 10% contingency. Mr. Brady stated that was using the numbers they originally gave, but Schmid gave different numbers on Thursday. Mr. Boose asked if there was a discussion about yearly payments when the Fair Board approved going out for a \$600,000 loan. Mr. Wiles said it was a 10-year loan, he hasn't seen the figures himself, but thought it was between \$84,000 - \$87,000/year. Mr. Strickler stated that is within the 25% of annual payment. Mr. Boose asked what the average income, not revenue, was for last 5 years.

Mr. Wiles said he could only give the last 3 years today.

- 2020 (-\$31,860) COVID
- 2021 \$151,530
- 2022 \$164,034

These are net with a 3-year average of \$94,568. But the way the revised code reads, you can go off your top gross. Mr. Boose said he is not worried about that part of it. He is worried about their ability to pay off the loan in the future.

Mr. Boose asked how much the committee has raised. Mr. Hunker told him the total of pledges, funding and everything is \$2.7M. Remember that the \$600,000 is to cover the shortfall, which is about \$300,000. So, there is an extra \$300,000. According to Adam Weaver, if they go to the Building Department and have it approved before they go out to bid, then they will learn the amount of contingencies. Mr. Boose stated that if they do that and there are changes they would need to get it approved again. Mr. Hunker thought they shouldn't have any.

Mr. Brady said he has never seen a building project not have some changes and found it interesting that Mr. Weaver is interested in this project but won't put his numbers on paper and that is going to hamper Schmid. Mr. Brady said they had 3 architects say this would probably come in around \$3.9M and wants to know why Mr. Weaver would not put his numbers down on paper. Mr. Brady said that would help to put the project out to bid quicker because Schmid does not have a number to use right now so they have to take more time to figure it out.

Mr. Wilde said at this point, we have to make a decision as to whether they go out to bid. Mr. Brady thought that was a Fair Board decision. He thought they needed a blessing to obtain a loan for \$600,000 loan. Mr. Wilde said it was up to the other two, they knew how he felt.

Mr. Brady wanted to let the Feichtner family know this would be a great testament to their family. Joey Feichtner stated that this started when her father-in-law passed away and her son planned on giving back to this community and building a business not just a farm. He wanted something at our local fairgrounds that he could give back to for his family. She noted we need to support these young kids and their families who are going to be coming up with facilities at our fairgrounds. Its not about their name being on the building or their family, it is about their boys staying in this county and raising their families here. If we don't continue to

improve our fairgrounds and drive agricultural related industry in our county then we will lose these young people to other places. Not only across this state, but across other states as well. It is very important that this is understood. We are a huge agricultural state. We raise good families and kids; we keep them here because of those things. The drive is not so much about their name. Yes, it is nice to honor and their grandfathers were on the Fair Board. Their families have been very supportive of the youth over the years. That is why they have continued to stay in the area and are committed by being supervisors and help drive this industry. She stated that is what is important. She noted this goes back to what Mr. Boose said about kids being involved in agriculture in any form are more likely to go out and support their community four times over than the normal citizen. This is the support they are looking for and they hope to never have to touch the \$600,000 loan. They are still fund raising and have a golf outing planned for September. Their family continues to be involved. Ms. Feichtner stated this is more than just their family, this is every family that is here and every family that has decided to sacrifice. Any more, to compete and have live stock is a sacrifice for families.

Mr. Brady agreed. He stated the building started out as approximately \$700,000. The commissioners originally committed \$50,000 before the ARPA money was brought in. Somewhere along the way it expanded, it does not matter how, when or where. The question now is whether there will be enough funds to even build it. It may go back to the original design of putting up the hog barn. It is not a question of whether we don't want to do it. It is question of having architects who say it will cost approximately \$3.8M and \$4M for this building. Mr. Brady said that is not his job as a commissioner, but when you have 3 architectural firms telling you that and the person who designed it will not put give a written number he has some concerns. If they borrow money which demands an \$84,00 to \$85,000 payment per year and their average income is approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000 excluding the COVID year. Ms. Feichtner stated if they took out the COVID year the average income is a lot more than that and would be approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Brady noted if they took the income as being \$150,000 then that is better than being 50 percent of their net income going to make one payment. That would not happen in most places.

Mr. Boose said that the Commissioners in this county for as long as he can remember, have been great supporters of the fair, fairgrounds, 4-H and the extension. In about the year 2000 the commissioners bonded to put all new electric and water in at the fairgrounds at no cost to the Fair Board. That was a big chunk of money. We have always supported it along the way. The decision we have to make has nothing to do with the strength of 4-H or the fairgrounds. This board strongly believes in the fair, the kids and 4-H. All of our kids have been involved in 4-H and all grew up through the system. Some showed animals, others did not, but they were all involved in the process. His son was an adult counselor after college. This decision we have to make has nothing to do with that. We have already shown this by using \$1.8M. If tomorrow we decide not to use the \$1.8M, we can use that money within the next 3 years. We have many projects which we can use that money for. At this time, we have chosen the building. This isn't about whether it is worth it, needed or we would like to be a part of it. Over the last 6 months to a year, things have changed a little.

The \$1.8M is ARPA money. Mr. Boose explained that the ARPA money was put out by the federal government after the pandemic to help communities to bring income back. One of the reasons for that was tourism and promoting your area. This area of the state is big on tourism and it is very important to our economy. That is one of the legal uses of ARPA money. Because this building can be used for other reasons than just showing animals is the reason we can use ARPA money. If it was strictly for an animal barn, we could not use this money. The problem with using this money is that it comes with a ton of strings and those are things we have to do. Part of the challenge for the committee and the fair board is that they are not used to dealing with all these strings which are attached to the money, nor should they be. Mr. Boose noted that it is so complicated that we had to hire an outside consultant to help us with this situation. There are 2 things we don't want to happen with ARPA money. One item is that several years down the road, if we get audited and have to pay it back. We don't have \$1.8M to pay them back. The second item is that we do not want to get in a situation that we run out of time. The ARPA money we have needs to be committed by the end of 2024 and has to be spent by the end of 2026. Mr. Brady added with the project complete. Mr. Boose noted the project complete was the key. Projects this big take a long time to happen. They will not be done in a couple of months. Over the last 6 months a lot of issues have been raised. The commissioners have been accused of moving the goal posts.

Mr. Boose said that we are not moving the goal posts, we have had the ARPA rules ever since we got the ARPA money. The question is trying to figure out what the ARPA rules say and how they apply to this project. As things go along and items change in the project, questions come up for the ARPA money. One example is the occupancy rate for the building. One of the reasons, as we were told by our consultant when we asked, is whether this would bring in tourism and draw people into the county. The occupancy gets to be very important. We were told that the occupancy rate, however it was set, is lower than our current Expo Building and that is a red flag for our ARPA consultant. The consultant said that ARPA states we can use the money for tourism but we have to make sure we fit that category and with the occupancy rate being so low our concern is how this will be regulated. We want to make sure for safety reasons that we are abiding by everything.

One of the items which came up at Thursday's meeting was if they could give examples of who is going to use the building. Two examples which were brought up were the Monroeville Baseball event and the Fair

Board reverse raffle which both have outgrown Expo Building. But the occupancy rate of new building is lower than Expo Building. Those are the type of issues we are looking at and trying to get answers to on Thursday night. Mr. Boose discussed this with Ms. Ziemba, the County Clerk/Administrator. She had jotted some concerns she had from the meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Boose said he is concerned about how the building is moving forward. Concerned the Fair Board paid good money for someone to design it and come up with an estimate and yet that estimate and information is not being shared in total with the Fair Board as far as how they got the estimate, etc. Mr. Boose has some questions on how they want to move forward, but a lot of questions aren't answered yet. The occupancy rate is a huge item as far as our use for the building with ARPA. Mr. Boose doesn't want to construct a building that is big enough hold 700 people, but rated for 400. We don't know how that will be regulated to only allow 400 in. The answers he was looking for on Thursday night haven't been answered. It was thought by some that they just move forward and they will take care of it. One of the things which have not been talked about, especially if you are doing a \$600,000 loan is the fact that we have not even talked about is the furnishings for the building. We are pulling all the money we can to build, yet haven't talked about furniture, pens or whatever it may be. When we are talking about all of the money being spent already; where is the money to finish as far as furnishings?

Mr. Boose noted this problem is not unique to this building. The Senior Center building has the same issues; can you operate it when it is done? Can you furnish it so you can even operate it? That is all part of the discussion they are having about that building. Mr. Boose had hoped to have answers to these questions at Thursday's meetings. It seems like some of the answers were "trust us, we will take care of it". \$1.8M is too large an amount to trust. Mr. Boose wants to get back to the date of getting things done. Capital projects take a long time to happen, especially after the pandemic. Trying to find someone to do it and find parts or materials is not an easy situation. Mr. Boose stated he gives the committee a lot of credit for trying to take this on during these trying times. The commissioners are not going to leave \$1.8M on the table because we promised it to a project and we are not sure if that project can be completed with the money and on time.

Mr. Boose also brought up that there has been a lot of talk about the estimate and what that dollar amount can be. The commissioners have put together some timelines of when we need to have things done for this building. To the best of his knowledge those haven't changed. The issue is, if we don't do this project, then we have to allocate the money to other projects to get those done.

There have been talks as to what happens if this doesn't come in at bid when we put it out to bid. If bid comes in 10% - 20% over the amount of money we have, we don't have time to figure out how we are going to raise the rest of the money, nor do we have time to figure out how it can be cut back. Remember, the use of ARPA money is dependent upon the tourism. We can't change purpose of the building. We can't say we are making major changes to this building because the ARPA approval is based on those uses. We had to explain to our ARPA consultant the uses of the building, so that can't change based on the \$1.8M that we have asked for.

Mr. Boose emphasized that time is running out and we still have a whole bunch of questions. We wished a lot of it would have been answered Thursday night, but we just got 'you have to trust us". One of the major issues that is talked about with the occupancy rate is that since we don't know what the estimate included or have a detailed estimate, we don't know about the fire suppression system. We put a fire suppression system in the basement of one of our buildings and it is not cheap. Part of the fire suppression system is tied into the HVAC system so it is climate controlled. So, we don't have an answer as to what the fire suppression system needs to be, if it was included in the old estimate and how that affects the HVAC.

Mr. Brady noted the questions were asked and what Ms. Ziemba wrote down was accurate. He asked the questions, maybe more than once to make sure we got the answers. The occupancy was set at 440 because if you go over that number you have to increase the number of restrooms. There are 4 fixtures for the men's and 4 for the women's. 4 water closets for the women's and 2 for men's, along with 2 urinals for the men's. If you go over the 440 you have to increase that number, which would increase the costs.

Mr. Boose noted that goes to show the details that we are talking about as far as can we get this done. If we decide that 440 is the right number of occupancy and we have a show which is held during the middle of winter when all of the pig stalls are gone and the whole building can be used. The building is big enough to hold a lot more than 440 people, the restrooms are only built for 440. The way they determine the restrooms is based on the occupancy. So, if you have a building which could actually fit 700 people but only have enough restroom for 440 people, that becomes a safety issue and an issue we look at when we decide capital projects. Mr. Brady said he brought that up.

Mr. Boose said this isn't about whether the commissioners support the fair, the barns or capital improvements at the fair. We have already said we are willing to give \$1.8M. But for all of the other reasons and many he has not listed, we still have a lot of questions and are running out of time. Everybody is frustrated with how the process has moved forward over the last year. He knows the Fair Board and the committee are as well as the commissioners. We are stuck in that we don't set the rules. The rules are the rules and we have to abide by them and there are certain things we have to do.

Mr. Boose thinks we need to stick with the dates we have. That will give us enough time if things don't change. There is enough time to go out to bid with the dates we have. What Mr. Boose sees with the dates we have is that there is not a lot of time to make changes after that. The goal post has been moved. Now we would need to go back and talk to our ARPA consultant about any changes that are going to be made. There are a lot of things which need to happen.

This is a decision the Fair Board has to make. Mr. Boose wants to throw this back at the Fair Board and make sure they totally understand all these dates, pressures and ARPA rules. These are not items we can do, we need to have all these and we have a time limit as to how to move forward.

Mr. Boose stated we need to make a decision today on the loan amount we are going to move forward with, but the Fair Board needs to seriously understand all these issues we just talked about. The need to understand the timelines and know that because it is ARPA money it is not, oh it can change, that is not going to happen. What we had hoped for last Thursday was the goal posts are in place and are not moving and this is how we are moving forward. That didn't totally happen. He can't stress enough to the Fair Board that it is their decision to move forward on this, but we are telling them that we are not taking chances with the fair money. \$1.8M is a lot of money for this county and we are sticking to the ARPA rules and conditions to the reasons why.

Mr. Boose, based on the discussion he heard, is worried about what it is actually going to come in at. Based on all the capital projects we are doing and other projects. To base it on the \$108.00 sq. ft. is not realistic. That is our opinion and we are just throwing that out there. This is not constructing a small building at the fairgrounds where you show animals. This is a huge project for big money and there are lots of strings. Mr. Boose hopes the Fair Board understands this. It is up to them whether they go out to bid or not. He hopes they work out differences between the previous estimate and what the new architects promote. He hopes those items get worked out real soon. But this group of commissioners, when that bid comes in it will either fit the money or will not. We are not wanting to make changes if the bid comes in higher because that is what we told our ARPA consultant the building is going to use and the purposes. We are also running out of time, so if you want to go ahead and bid the building, he is okay with that. It is the Fair Board's decision but we are not moving dates at the end of September. Mr. Boose asked what the next date is.

Mr. Brady said it has to go out to bid by September 1. Then a signed contract by October 16. Mr. Brady thought he had mentioned that and it was a red flag. Mr. Brady said he brought up that the occupancy should be at least what Expo Building is, if not more. If it is less, than our ARPA consultant will have an issue. Mr. Wilde asked if the consultant was on the call. Mr. Brady said she was on the call.

Mr. Boose stated we know the loan can be had according to ORC. We know that the Fair Board approved up to \$600,000. He knows this is a big project for the Fair Board and he hopes they understand the project and the risks involved. Mr. Boose has a lot of faith in the Fair Board. They have done so many great things at the fairgrounds for the last 40 or 50 years which he has been following them. He may not agree with everything they do, but that is not his job. His job is to let them manage the fair and do it the way they want. He has no reason to not trust them to make good decisions. His concern is with the ARPA money and how it is being used in the time we have left.

Mr. Strickler added that we are also concerned that it is being used according to all rules and regulations that ARPA has promulgated for the use of that money. Mr. Boose also added the time limit that we have to spend it. Mr. Boose would entertain a discussion about moving forward with approving the loan and wants to know if there is a discussion amongst the commissioners as to what level that amount can be.

Mr. Brady noted he has faith in the Fair Board and verified with Mr. Strickler that the Commissioners own the fairgrounds and asked if the Commissioners will be on the hook if the loan is defaulted on. Mr. Strickler said the revised code allows the Fair Board to obligate the money. The commissioners just have to bless it, by that he means that the commissioners just have to approve the Fair Board to take that loan out for that amount. Mr. Strickler did not think the Commissioners were on the hook for it unless the financial institution required it. It is his understanding that the Fair Board would be responsible for the pay back of the money.

Mr. Brady said he is okay with letting the Fair Board make the decision because that is their job. But he does not want to put the taxpayers of Huron County on the hook for another \$600,000. We don't know what the future holds. All we have to have is a couple of years of negative numbers, then how do you come up with \$80,000 to \$85,000. He would not take out a loan that would require him to use 50% of take-home pay to pay it back. Mr. Wilde said he would not do that either.

Mr. Boose suggested and asked Mr. Wiles to take it back to the president of the Fair Board, who has a meeting this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. He would like to challenge the leadership of the board to make sure they thoroughly understand the situation they are in, the amount of money they bring in as income and the amount of money that is going to be expected to be paid out over the next 10 years. Mr. Boose noted that as Mr. Brady said, it will be approximately 50% of the net income over the last two years. Mr. Boose wants to make sure that the Fair Board is voting on all this and truly understands the situation and the future projections of that amount. Ten years is a long time and his guess is, even if you throw out the pandemic, if you go back and look at any

10-year span for the fair, there will be down years. There is no guarantee that every year they will bring in \$150,000. Although the last 2 years have shown that amount. What do you do in bad years, where does the money come from?

Mr. Brady stated that Mr. Morgan told him 3 years ago was one of the worst years the fair has had, but last year was the best. Within 3 years they had the best and the worst. Mr. Brady agrees with Mr. Boose and supports it. It is the Fair Board's responsibility and if the commissioners are not putting the County on the hook for any of the loan he is okay, but the Fair Board needs to understand there is not a safety net there.

Mr. Wilde stated the bottom line is that they need to get it out to bid if they are going to put it out to bid.

Mr. Boose strongly suggests the new architect be there Thursday night to explain their concerns. From what he has heard, they listed several of them last Thursday. They have concerns about the estimate and some other items. Mr. Boose thinks the Fair Board would greatly benefit from hearing their concerns. It would give them a true opportunity to say everything before everybody asks questions. Mr. Boose said if they decide to go out to bid then that is fine and we have our dates set and are not looking to move our goal posts. We are ready to move forward and if it doesn't work out by October it is putting us into a tough position for our future capital projects, but he thinks we can live with that. He is throwing this back at the Fair Board, it is 100% their decision as to how they are going to move forward. After hearing all the data which he just talked, he would hope to be at Thursday's meeting.

Mr. Boose said if the Fair Board wanted to continue to go forward with the loan, he is okay with it. It is not something he would do, but he is okay if they want to do it. He felt they should think about the \$86,000 payments which will need to be met when this project is done. Will they have enough money left to pay for all of the furnishings and everything else that will need to go in the building to move forward with using the building. Mr. Boose feels there are a lot of financial decisions which need to be taken seriously by the board.

Terry Boose moved to approve the Fair Board taking a loan out up to \$600,000. He hopes they seriously consider what the \$600,000 means and what the commitment is. That is their decision and they understand all the financial considerations that need to be made without changing the purpose and the use of the building to make sure it is done in a safe way. If they go with the 440 occupancy, there needs to be some policies and plans set as to how that is going to be strictly enforced. This is about safety, this is all about doing it right and he didn't want ARPA to come back to us. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Brady stated he wanted it on the record and he wanted it very clear. This is a Fair Board decision. He will not now, nor will he ever, put the county on the hook for this. So, if the loan institution that has agreed to do the \$600,000 loan wants the Commissioners to sign on as a backer on the loan, the answer is no. If the Fair Board can do it on their own, that is what they are there for. He is not in favor of it; he would not do it himself. But he is not going to tell the Fair Board what to do. The Fair Board has a responsibility to be the fiscal fiduciaries of the money they have and they will be on the hook and they will be the ones answering for it.

Mr. Wilde thought we were giving them too much pressure on that payment. 25% is one thing; 50% of the income is another. He feels we are setting them up for failure. We do not know what is going to happen in 10 years.

Mr. Brady stated he agreed, but he expects cooler heads to prevail. The people hear what they are saying. He hoped on Thursday night they take that in consideration because ultimately it will be up to them.

Mr. Boose thought it needed to be explained to the Fair Board on Thursday night that the Commissioners are not co-signing as far as the liability and what we need to do for the building. All they are doing is giving the Fair Board the availability to go out and take that risk themselves. Also, it wouldn't be a bad idea for the Fair Board to know that the Commissioners financially think this is very risky. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Brady stated there are operating costs to this building that are going to increase the Fair Board's – they have a water-based fire suppression system. That means you are going to heat a 24,000 square foot building every cold month that it may freeze and that is a lot of money.

Mr. Boose said that part of it, I am hoping the Fair Board has once again made wise decisions. I am actually right now a little more worried about furnishings, since they are spending all the money they have and going out to get a loan and haven't even considered that part of it yet. The Fair Board has made good decisions as far as the other buildings they have built; they have maintenance for those that they know what they are.

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

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady No – Bruce Wilde Mr. Boose suggested Ms. Ziemba send an email officially notifying the Fair Board that the Commissioners have approved them going out for a loan.

The Commissioners invited all the meeting attendees to watch the CCAO Webinar.

At 10:18 a.m. the board recessed to watch CCAO Webinar/House Bill 33: State Budget Highlights for Counties.

At 11:09 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

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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 #15), B-C-21-1BJ-2 (DRAW #5) AND S-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #6) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AUGUST 1, 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.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Ms. Ziemba explained Draw #15 was private rehab for a home in Norwalk for \$2,607.00; Draw #5 was for private rehab for a home in Norwalk for \$8,015.00; and Draw #6 was for building repair for a home in Willard for \$33,500.00.

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

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

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23-247

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HURON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners created the Huron County Transportation Improvement District (HC-TID) on March 1, 2016, Resolution 16-049;

and

WHEREAS, the structure of the board of trustees of the HC-TID, in accordance with ORC 5540.02(C) (2), consists of 5 voting members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, one nonvoting member appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives of the general assembly and one nonvoting member appointed by the President of the Ohio Senate of the general assembly;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint:

Voting Members:

Huron County Board of	Terry Boose	419-668-3092
Commissioners or designee		tboose@hccommissioners.com
Huron County Engineer or	Lee Tansey	419-668-1997
designee		ltansey@huroncountyengineer.org
Huron County Development	Alex McCoy	419-663-4232
Council		amccoy@hcdc.net
Education representative	Ben Chaffee	bchaffee@south-central.k12.oh.us
Township trustee	Michael Nottke	mnottke@woh.rr.com

Non-Voting Members:

Speaker of the Ohio House of	Representative Dick Stein	rep54@ohiohouse.gov
Representatives appointee		
President of the Ohio Senate	Vacant	
appointee		

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints the above Huron County Transportation Improvement District (HC-TID) members to terms effective March 23, 2023 – March 22, 2025; 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

23-248

IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING AND REPLACINMG RESOLUTION 23-195 TO APPROVE AN UPDATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. TO UPGRADE EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Resolution 23-195, IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. AND HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HURON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY needs to be repealed and replaced to reflect revisions in the bandwidth and monthly charges at each location; and

WHEREAS, Frontier Communications of America has submitted an updated Service Agreement to reflect bandwidth changes and monthly charges at the service locations identified in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, all other terms of the agreement remain the same;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby rescinds Resolution 23-195 and approves the updated Service Agreement, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Boose asked what the dollar amount is. Ms. Ziemba stated the dollar amount would stay the same at \$1,956.00 a month, but the speed was changed from 1 to 2.

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

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

23-249

IN THE MATTER OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Commissioners established a Local Emergency Planning District; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the State Emergency Response Commission, the Huron County Emergency Planning Committee members are appointed members; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby recommends the State Emergency Response Commission appoint membership to the individuals listed on the attached Ohio State Emergency Response Commission Application of LEPC Member Appointments for Multiple Members form. A copy of which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose stated this was discussed at the last LEPC meeting. Mr. Brady said they have a police chief that will be retiring. Ms. Ziemba said that person was removed.

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

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

23-250

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING A COMPUTER AND NETWORK TECHNICIAN FOR HURON COUNTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Computer and Network Technician for Huron County;

WHEREAS, this position was posted and advertised in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual;

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Kyle Davis was deemed to be the most qualified applicant;

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has accepted the employment offer for the position;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves hiring Kyle Davis to the position of Computer and Network Technician for Huron County, as a full-time, classified, FLSA non-exempt employee beginning August 14, 2023 at the rate of \$22.00 per hour, contingent upon successful preemployment physical, drug test and background check. Hourly rate will increase to \$23.00 per hour after successful completion of the 120-calendar day probation. A copy of the employment agreement is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION FOR PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A 9-1-1 SYSTEM AND A COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(SS) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND CERTIFYING THE SAME TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, the Huron County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution (the "Resolution of Necessity") pursuant to R.C. 5705.03, declaring the necessity for the purpose of providing for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system and a countywide public safety communications system, within Huron County to levy the renewal of part of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to collect the sum of \$680,000.00, for a period of five years. The Resolution of Necessity also included a request to the Huron County Auditor to provide it with a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue relative to the aforementioned tax;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has received the Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue of the entire territory of Huron County, Ohio and now desires to proceed with the submission of the question of the renewal of part of an existing levy for the purpose of providing for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system and a countywide public safety communications system, as authorized by *section 5705.19(SS)* of the Ohio Revised Code to the electors of the entire territory of Huron County.

BE IT RESOLVED, The question of the of the renewal of a part of the aforementioned tax levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of Huron County, Ohio at the general election to be held therein on November 7, 2023 (the "Election Date").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND DECREASE) HURON COUNTY, OHIO

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of .225 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Huron County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system and countywide public safety communications system that the county auditor estimates will collect \$680,000.00 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.0005 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$17.50 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2024, and first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY	
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	
	and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Administrator/Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify, not later than August 9, 2023 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Huron County Board of Elections a certified copy of the Resolution of Necessity as adopted by the Board, a certified copy of this resolution, and a copy of the Huron County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue.

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Administrator/Clerk of the Board is also hereby directed and authorized to certify to the Huron County Board of Elections that the renewal, with a reduction, of the within tax levy will be for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 system and countywide public safety communications system for a period of 5 years, and that the levy will be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the 2024 tax year (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025) if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Huron County Board of Commissioners 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.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose noted that since they have made this decision they have not heard from anyone, neither for or against.

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

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

At 11:23 a.m. Steve Minor/Property updates:

- Recently purchased Board of DD building.
 - o Mr. Minor noted all the utilities have been switched over.
 - There are two sets of keys for the building, there are not a lot of interior doors, they are not keyed the same thought. Mr. Boose asked who had the keys and what doors do they go to. Mr. Minor said there are 2 different master keys which have not been copied. They are on a complete set, they are all marked and hanging on a board downstairs. Mr. Boose asked if the tenant has keys. Mr. Minor said yes and he received the extra ones from them.
 - There is one fob, not compatible with the rest of the county buildings. Mr. Minor contacted Beck to see they would give us a cost to change over to them.
 - There was a security system in place with cameras and the full coverage. The cameras don't work, it had 6, but only 2 work. Mr. Minor asked if we want the cameras back and is that something we should ask Beck Security about as well or do we just want the door security and the fire system.
 - o Mr. Boose felt we should find out what it would take to get the whole system up and running.
 - o Mr. Boose asked who makes the fob's; who is in charge of them; how do we get in charge of them since we now own the building. Mr. Minor said he does not know if Smetzer has them set up like Beck has us set up or if somebody is able to do that here. Mr. Minor thought someone here would need to take over that responsibility.
 - Two doors are fobbed, we would want to add one more. Mr. Boose asked which doors were fobbed. Mr. Minor told him the door to the dock and on the west side, the door that faces the parking garages. The other side is not fobbed, but is locked.
 - Mr. Minor asked what their feelings were about fobbing the interior doors instead of having keys. He could get a cost to do that. Mr. Minor stated the only building which has interior fobs are the Court House and JFS.
 - o Mr. Brady noted the fob system is nice because you don't have to carry as many keys. He felt it needs to remain secure. He noted eventually we will want to move transportation into one side of the building. Mr. Minor said there are pros and cons to the fob system. Mr. Boose said the cons are the cost. Mr. Brady said you are also able to track and felt we should find out what the costs are to do it.
 - o Mr. Minor noted that Bob Beck is out of town, but he thought someone else was doing a lot of the leg work.
 - Mr. Strickler is working on an MOU for lawn maintenance, plowing and water treatment. MRDD will take care of the lawn work and we would take care of the plowing. The water treatment will be 50/50. Mr. Minor noted the yard is being moved but the trimming and weed maintenance is lacking.
 - o Mr. Brady asked if the lawn maintenance is currently being contracted out. Mr. Minor said it is, but he did not know by whom. Mr. Brady asked if we were planning on taking that over. Mr. Minor said that is part of the agreement. They will continue to do the grass and we will take over the snow plowing. Mr. Brady thought they could also pay the cost if it was provided. Mr. Wilde stated that we want it to look nice. Mr. Minor said if Mr. Reer were to do it, it would look a little different, but we do not have enough man power to do it.
 - Priority maintenance items: We received a report from Erie about these items which include the exterior/sidewalks. Mr. Boose thought we should not get into this now and could discuss them at a later date to prioritize them, but if there is something which needs to be taken care of immediately, then we need to know about it. Mr. Boose asked if the other commissioners agreed. They agreed. Mr. Brady said there is a meeting in Tiffin on Friday with Seneca, Crawford Area Transportation. If that moves forward the director, Mary Habig, said there is ODOT funding available to do some of that work on the outside.
 - o Mr. Boose stated we now own the building and have tenants, part of the agreement needs to be to pay utilities; how do we stand on that. Mr. Strickler stated that is in the MOU he is working on. Mr. Boose said there are 2 different MOU's. Mr. Strickler said there is also a lease agreement. He is unsure if we changed the name being put on the lease, it is either Firelands or CLI. Mr. Boose noted whichever name it is under we still need to figure out percentages of square footage; Mr. Strickler said we need to tell him how much square footage we are going to allow them to have so he can put that in the lease.
 - O Ms. Ziemba said she has the old map and Mr. Minor will need to measure the area based on the areas the commissioners say they are going to lease. That is the issue now, they need to know what we are going to lease to them.

- Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to have a discussion with Firelands Local and ask them the
 minimum amount of space they need. Ms. Ziemba said they have already supplied that and
 it is on the map.
- o Mr. Minor said he could go out to measure if that is what needs to be done. Mr. Boose was not sure if we asked it that way. He thought we may have asked them what space they want, but he is saying what is the minimum space they need.
- o Mr. Brady commented that even though we may have gotten that information previously, it may not be a bad idea to have that discussion again, now that we have possession. Mr. Boose noted that would include outbuildings and out space. Mr. Boose said when he went by the building several months ago there were items stacked up outside. Mr. Minor said it has been cleaned up, but in his opinion, it is still not enough.
- o Mr. Boose feels it should all be in the lease as to what is theirs to use and what is not to be used. Then we could eliminate some of those things. He queried the other commissioners if they had a problem with asking them what is the minimum amount of space they need. That is not saying it is the final decision, but would be a starting point.
- o Mr. Brady thought in asking them now, they may have had time to take a look at things and review what they really need.
- o Mr. Boose said right now they have had free range of the building because nothing else was going on. Mr. Boose commented that space has value to us out there. They need to be aware that the more space they have the more expensive it is, as opposed to their old type lease. A good starting place is the minimum. Mr. Boose was unsure of the number of workers they have in the other areas. If they only have 2 people 3 times a month, it may not be worth it for them to pay for that extra space when they could be doing work in their other facilities as opposed to what has evolved over the years. Now that we own the building we need to move forward. We now need to know the minimum both inside and outside the building.
- o Mr. Brady noted in the one area, if they want half of the big room, we will need to do something to make it secure for them and us.
- o Mr. Minor added he could get the primary areas they want, then get the measurements on those areas they want.
- Mr. Boose thought they had talked previously about the other properties they own. The
 question was; do they own 16 West Main St. and the answer is yes, CLI still owns 16 West
 Main Street.
- Ms. Ziemba said it has been put on CORSA insurance. There will be an additional charge of \$3,083 for the rest of the year.
- Mr. Boose said over the last week or so he has checked with Mr. Minor and Mr. Welch about the parking lot behind the courthouse. It has cracks in it and needs to be repaired. Last year Mr. Minor was led to believe it was going to be taken care of and again this spring, then a couple of weeks ago as well. It is still not taken care of. Mr. Boose called the number Mr. Minor gave him, the mailbox is full. Tomorrow he wants Mr. Minor or Mr. Welch to visit their offices and tell them that we have been trying to get a hold of them, but have been unable to and they don't answer their phone and their mailbox is full. We were promised this would be done a week or 2 ago and it is still not done. We want to know when it will be done. Mr. Boose does not want us to do it ourselves, it is something they put in a couple of years ago and he feels they should stand by the job they did and correct it. Mr. Brady noted it should be done before it gets cold again. Mr. Boose thought it needs to be done when it is hot because we would get a better seal.
- Recorder's area Mr. Boose discussed this with Ms. Ziemba and we do not need three quotes. We have asked for three, but don't need them. Ms. Ziemba stated we just need to document that we asked for the 3 quotes. Mr. Boose noted it is pretty warm on the first floor of the office building and has been for several weeks. We need to get moving on that project. Mr. Minor said someone was supposed to hand delivery it this afternoon. He will also reach out to the other vendor to see where they are at. Ms. Ziemba asked if they would have this on for Thursday.
- Mr. Brady asked about the boilers downtown. Mr. Minor said they were taken apart and he did not know why. Mr. Boose asked who worked on them. Mr. Brady thought it was our former HVAC person and wanted to make sure we had someone come to look at it to figure out what is going on before it is cold again. Mr. Wilde thought someone else has been contacted. Mr. Minor said he has reached out to Wadsworth, who had been recommended. A couple of other contractors have been contacted as well, but were out of our wheel house. He would recommend Wadsworth.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS Administrator/Clerk updates:

• The commissioners were invited to the Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Regional meeting. If anyone is attending they would like them to RSVP. The meeting is on

Wednesday August 9. Mr. Boose noted that we are part of the North East, not the North West. None of the commissioners will be able to attend this meeting.

- Ms. Ziemba said they had received an email from Mr. McCoy regarding the use of a transit bus for Willard Day on August 25. She asked if anyone had reached out about this. Mr. Brady said he had a conversation with Carlos Vasquez and asked him to reach out to Mr. McCoy. Mr. Vasquez stated he would take care of it. Mr. Brady has not heard from either of them since then. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Brady should see Mr. McCoy on Thursday and could ask if this had been set up.
- Discussed tomorrow mornings meetings. HCDC is at 8:00 tomorrow; Mr. Boose has Firelands Forward at 8:30 a.m., a meeting with Judge Weisenberger at 9:30 a.m. and a meeting with Norwalk Schools at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Wilde will be at a SWMD meeting.
- Ms. Ziemba requested an Executive Session for G(1). Mr. Boose also wanted a G(2).

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

• Mr. Strickler stated he had something for Signings. Linda Border received an email from the Attorney Generals office which says "As a result of recent federal law our office is required to implement a change to our grant award acceptance document beginning with the current grant year." Meaning the one that started last October to this September. "Specifically, the grant award document issued draws must include the federal award number and the federal award period. The grant award documents should include the required information and are attached to the e-mail." Mr. Strickler stated it is the grant acceptance document, but it now has the 2 federal numbers on it. Mr. Strickler needs one of the commissioners to sign it. Mr. Sitterly signed it yesterday. Mr. Brady asked if we needed a motion to do it. Mr. Strickler said we probably should do a motion.

Bruce Wilde moved to execute the updated grant award documents for VOCA. 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 11:48 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, <u>discipline</u>, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and (G)(2) to consider the <u>purchase of property</u> 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. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 12:36 p.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

*Action taken: They will be discussing a payment to Clemans & Nelson for the Sheriff's office which is related to personnel matters.

Mr. Brady stated they were apprised of a personnel issue during executive session which will require a payment to Clemans and Nelson for an employment issue at the Sheriffs Office.

Harry Brady moved to pay the Clemans & Nelson bill from the Sheriff's office when it comes through. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Mr. Brady plans to attend HCDC meeting.
- Mr. Brady stopped out at the Veteran's Services and gave them the name of the gentleman who was here. They were in a meeting at the time, so Mr. Brady followed up to make sure someone looked into it
- Commissioner meeting Thursday.

- Fair Board meeting Thursday. Mr. Brady wants to verify what the commissioners have said is correctly stated in the meeting.
- Friday there will be a special meeting. The meeting will start here at 9:00 a.m., then we will recess and go to Seneca County. The meeting at Tiffin will begin at 10:00 and will be held at the Seneca Crawford Area Transportation headquarters. They will attend that meeting, recess and come back to our Board room here to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brady has a function at noon that he really wants to get to; asked that they try to keep the meeting in Tiffin to about 45 minutes.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

- Land Bank last Wednesday in Willard. Went well, things on schedule. Next week they will be doing downtown Willard. Mr. Wilde has been very impressed with the Land Bank and their efforts to get things moving.
- Tomorrow is HCDC at 8:00 a.m.
- Solid Waste District Plan meeting. Mr. Wilde stated the plans are moving ahead on schedule.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Last week they had WIOA on Wednesday and it was well attended. Need to continue to be cognizant of the workforce issues and try to work towards solutions
- Last Thursday all three commissioners attended the Muck Crop Growers breakfast at the Research Center. It was an important meeting as far as OSU, change in personnel, OSU hiring process and positions that are open. Mr. Boose was disappointed that none of the state representatives or senators attended. He noted that these are all their issues, they partially fund OSU and the Wooster Research center. It was very well attended by local farmers.
- Mr. Boose had a meeting last week with an Ottawa County Commissioner and Greg Kalicky, who is the consultant who is helping them to work on a regional mental health jail facility. They received a \$350,000 grant from the state to do a study to find out if this is workable. The meeting they had with Mr. Boose was to re-invite Huron County into the discussion. Currently it is Seneca, Sandusky and Ottawa Counties. He told them that he felt the Huron County board was in favor of doing, but it doesn't come with no expense. The \$350,000 they received requires a \$150,000 local match. There are some expenses involved in this. Mr. Boose told them he would speak to our 3 judges. Mr. Boose talked with Judge Conway and was told he had 3 mental health cases yesterday and they were not just simple ones, they were very difficult to handle. Judge Conway said it is an issue and they don't know what the solution is totally. Should every jail have their own mental health? So far, the judges Mr. Boose has talked to think it is something we should explore.
- Mr. Brady though the discussion should be had and not to be afraid of what we might find. If it works, then do it.
- Mr. Boose will talk to another judge tomorrow. Mr. Boose noted the issue is the Sheriff was asked to participate several months ago and he had no interest in this and did not want to be included. Part of the discussion he had with Ottawa County and their consultant is state funding. They also talked about the total need for the state. The total need for the state exponentially increases if every local jail is trying to put in a mental health facility. There is not enough staffing for every local jail to have their own behavioral health/mental health staffing. It is not available. Lastly, how do you go about getting state money/grants based upon how they are handing out money now. They thought we would have a much stronger position with the state by going in and saying that everyone of our counties is not trying to remodel their jail for mental health individually. What if we do it collectively. They think there are better chances for funding and presenting it to the state. To our taxpayers it would be a cheaper way of handling some of these issues.
- Mr. Boose is not sure of where to go. They asked us what we need to put Huron County in with the other three counties to move forward on this. Mr. Boose did not have an answer. They said they would be willing to have a meeting to educate anyone we wanted to bring to educate them on what they are doing. They passed on to Mr. Boose a copy of the application which they got approved, which is over 500 pages. They will spend about half a million dollars trying to figure out how to do this and whether it makes sense. They talked about having the 3 sheriffs from Seneca, Sandusky and Ottawa Counties contacting our Sheriff. Mr. Brady thought having our judges talk to the Sheriff would be another idea.
- Mr. Brady noted the commissioners are the ones who have to allocate the money for mental health services, but don't have control over other aspects of that. We need to let the people in county know that we are trying to do what we can and are trying to hold these meetings. Our hands are being tied by the sheriff. It is unfortunate that the sheriff was able to nix it and there was never a vote. Mr. Brady is very disappointed about this. Mr. Boose asked if the other commissioners would like him to check with the 3 counties to see if they would be willing to include Huron County in the project they have. It does not force any one to be part of this jail and may not even have a jail. Mr. Boose asked if the other commissioners would have a problem with him asking the 3 counties if they would be willing to accept the commissioners agreeing to be a part of this initial project, with or without the sheriff's buy in. Mr. Boose noted there would be some risks that the people are going to say if the sheriff already says he is not going to do it then why are you willing to spend money and

willing to look at this. Mr. Wilde said it is needed. Mr. Boose said if the other commissioners give him the okay then he will ask them. He does not know what their answer will be. Mr. Wilde said he was all for this, Mr. Brady agreed. They discussed work release and other mental health issues in the county.

At 1:03 p.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 August 1, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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