

Mr. Boose wanted to note that Sheriff Corbin's mother had passed away and wanted to express the Board's condolences.

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; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Charlene Lewis*, advocate for a problem that keeps getting bigger and louder. The people who are mostly involved are the people that fall through the cracks. She was here to help two people that were with her, Joe Briehl & Dianne Briehl.

Joe Briehl, 4296 State Route 601, lives in front of Eagles Wing. Since they have moved back, it has been nothing by a drug infested hell hole. The Sheriff has come out every year harassing him for a Sheriff's approved back stop. There are some new city folks in here. Mr. Briehl explained he has a fire pit and these city folks go and complain to the workers that he is not allowed to have a fire. Mr. Briehl explained that the county folks out there all burn their paper trash and cardboard. Per Mr. Briehl, he has had the Erie County Fire Marshall do a drive by of his place trying to intimidate him to not have a fire. Roeder's are currently constructing all these new buildings which they purchased from Riley's. Riley's built this land up behind them and it is around 3' higher; when it rains it dumps all this water onto them. And now they are building all these new homes on this raised land. There are currently no fire hydrants back there either. They are placing these buildings in back that are not even 15 foot apart, and planning to building more. There is a bunch of kids back there, and if someone catches their house on fire there is no way to put the fire out and it will burn us all out.

Mr. Brady stated that they typically do not address public comment. However, because of the concern here they will give Mr. Briehl an avenue he may want to pursue. The County Commissioners do not have county wide zoning. Mr. Briehl stated that this is another thing, there is no zoning, however the Deputy Sheriff told him it was zoned residential out there. Mr. Boose stated that this is Norwalk Township and it is not zoned. Mr. Brady stated they hear their concerns and this is not a dismissal, there is nothing the Commissioners can do for them. He stated they should go to their Township Trustees and talk to them about it; even if they couldn't do anything at this particular moment, I would see if they would be willing to do something down the road. Mr. Boose stated that the Trustees are the ones who contract with the fire departments out there, and they may want to bring it to the Trustees attention. It may be hard getting fire trucks back there. Mr. Brady thanked them for coming in because they take the safety of the citizens very seriously. Mr. Brady explained that they can go to the Huron County Board of Elections website under elected officials and it gives all the Township Trustee contact information.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if there is some kind of county regulations for new developments? Mr. Strickler stated it is the subdivision regulations. Mr. Boose asked if there is something when the subdivision adds a road; doesn't this need to come before the Commissioners? Mr. Strickler stated as long as it is not a prior road and if they dedicate the road to public use it needs to meet the County Engineers specifications for a township road. Mr. Boose stated he just wanted to make sure that there wasn't anything in the subdivision regulations that the Commissioners oversee. Mr. Strickler stated they would if it was a public road, these roads are private. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Briehl if they have contacted their Township Trustees, Mr. Briehl stated they have not. Mr. Strickler stated they need to go to their next Township Trustees meeting and bring this up to the Trustees. The Commissioners gave Mr. Briehl a Township Trustees book that lists all the trustees for each township. Ms. Lewis asked what happens if they blow them off? Mr. Brady stated he doesn't know how to answer that. He has not met a township trustee who has not listened to the concerns of a citizen.

Mr. Brady thanked Ms. Lewis for helping out the people she does, it was greatly appreciated, it makes this a better place to live in.

Mr. Briehl asked if the Commissioners had authority over the Veteran's Administration. Mr. Wilde asked what is the issue? Mr. Briehl stated they have been jerking him around regarding his appointments for the last 3 months. Mr. Boose stated that they can do something, they would make some phone calls regarding this. Mr. Briehl stated he doesn't have a computer, they have been extending his appointments like every two weeks. He went over for his general exam and was told he could file all his documentation to get his desert storm benefits. He then was told he could not file the documentation without a doctor's explanation. He stated he went to Erie County and was able to file everything in 17 minutes.

Mr. Brady asked Ms. Crable to get Mr. Briehl's contact information and they would forward it to Matt Raymond, Director of Veteran's Services.

PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #14) AND S-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #5) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 20, 2023

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained B-C-21-1BJ-1, Draw #14 is in the amount of \$4,634.00 for General Administration and the S-C-21-1BJ-1 Draw #5 is in the amount of \$3,281.00 for Home Repair Assistant at a home in Bellevue.

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

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

Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
5	Repair Assistance	1	Home/Building Repair	1988 Section Line Rd 30, Bellevue	3281.00	10525.00	7244.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					3281.00	10525.00	7244.00

Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required

I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.

Date: 7-20-2023	Signature: <i>Harry Brady</i>	Title: PRESIDENT
Date: 7-20-2023	Countersignature: <i>Terry Boose</i>	Title: Vice-president

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Approved:

**State of Ohio
Office of Community Development
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request**

Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
2	Administration/Fair Housing	2	General Admin		4634.00	123500.00	3545.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					4634.00	123500.00	3545.00

Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required

I Certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.

Date: 7-20-2023	Signature: <i>Harry Brady</i>	Title: PRESIDENT
Date: 7-20-2023	Countersignature: <i>Terry Boose</i>	Title: Vice-president

State Use Only:
Approved:

23-237

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 20, 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:

Leaders Industrial Services Replace floor @ Dog Warden’s \$ 12,831.60
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:** Mr. Boose thanked Ms. Ziembra for going out and looking at this. Ms. Ziembra asked the Board if they had a certain account they would like this paid out of? This could be paid out of Buildings and Grounds but keep in mind this project was not initially budgeted. Mr. Boose would like to pay this out of Capital Improvements. Ms. Ziembra will check Fund 021 and if there is not enough money then we can transfer from 099 to Capital Improvement 021.

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

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

23-238

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PREVENTION, RETENTION, AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) FOR THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services receives funds from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services to operate the PRC program as required by ORC Chapter 5108; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family operates the PRC program through the delivery of direct services and through contracts with various agencies, following the processes prescribed in ORC Chapter 5108; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services has amended its PRC plan to better serve the residents of Huron County and such plan has been discussed and reviewed by the Huron County Job & Family Service Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the PRC Plan of the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, with the requirements of Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the PRC plan 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:** Mr. Boose said that he had reviewed this and was frustrated. PRC money is money which can be used for many things. It is always frustrates me when going through the claim schedule to see the amount of money which flows through Job and Family Services. Mr. Boose stated he is going to give complete faith in Job and Family Services that they know the best use of this money and the limits that are set, therefore there must be reasons that the current limits are not being met. Mr. Boose stated the PRC money can be used to help people move forward. This money is used as a last resort.

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

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

**On file*

23-239

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PURSUANT TO R.C. 1717.07

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the mandate of Ohio Revised Code 1717.07, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Humane Society for 2023; and

WHEREAS, a P.O. for these funds for a yearly payment is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to the Huron County Humane Society for the calendar year 2023:

From: 040-00569-001 Other Expenses \$1,800.00 annually 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 thought there had been plenty of discussion at the last meeting and was glad they were going back retroactively to the beginning of the year.

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

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

At 9:26 a.m. County Project Updates:

Pete Welch, Director of Operations & Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.

- Mr. Brady stated it was great seeing someone on the lift, painting the side of 22 E. Main. Mr. Boose said the only problem he had with that is we need to do a better job with the scheduling. By that, Mr. Boose stated that we have 4 spaces saved for tax collection and at the same time you mark off 3-4 spaces where people couldn't park. Mr. Boose stated when we are doing projects we need to plan so that it doesn't affect others schedules. Mr. Minor stated that the tax department didn't lose these spots however 4 spots were taken from another area and in the spirit of keeping these projects moving Mr. Minor overlooked this. Mr. Boose stated that it kind of sends the wrong message to the City of Norwalk that we really don't have a problem with parking in front of the building.
- Mr. Minor noted there was a problem with the electrical at the Dog Wardens. The electrician will be out next week. Mr. Brady thanked Mr. Minor and Ms. Ziemba for working to get these projects done.
- 22 E. Main - Mr. Minor explained that the tuckpointing is more than half way completed and stated that the painter has been in contact with them. Once the tuck pointing is completed the painter will then start. Mr. Boose noted we had a payment to the painter this week. Mr. Minor said this was for the paint. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure they weren't holding up the process. Mr. Minor stated he checked with Ms. Stebel and the check will be ready at the end of the week.
- Recorder's office - Mr. Minor said this was probably the biggest problem. He still has not gotten anything back from AMC Contractor. Mr. Minor did reach out to them and was told the electricians would be back up to double check some things, however that was two weeks ago. Mr. Boose stated that it has been like two years since they have decided to drop the ceiling and they can't find anyone to do it. Mr. Brady asked if nothing else, can we repair the wall, paint and do something with the lighting. Mr. Minor stated he already has a price from the painter to do that. Mr. Wilde read from Mr. Minor's paperwork *Giving the area, a new coat of paint and updating the lighting may be our best option at this point. This would include the emergency and exit lights as well.
- Mr. Minor stated the air conditioning is not working. Mr. Boose asked is this the HVAC for the Recorder's office or the whole building? Mr. Minor said that this is for the Recorder's office only. This is 2-5-ton condenser units. Mr. Minor explained that he had Hartland out to look at it and they recommended a replacement and Air Force One was coming next Monday to give a quote. DK was contacted he is waiting for a call back. Mr. Brady asked if this is being based off of who can do this the fastest? Mr. Minor stated that it is based off of does it need repaired or replaced. Mr. Boose stated he doesn't think this is an emergency but on the other hand they deserve to have good heating and air conditioning. Floor fans have been provided to the Recorder. Mr. Minor stated if we go with the current layout of the area, the air handler will need to be updated/replaced. It is currently functioning the way it is, the vents are high in that area. If we were to drop that ceiling then the air handler doesn't have the capability to push the air through their duct work. Mr. Boose asked if these units were on top of the building. Mr. Welch stated these are on the 2nd tier.
- Auditor's office - Mr. Minor stated they have paint and flooring samples.

- Administration Building roof - They have quotes from Five Star Roofing and Roof Connect for spray on application. Damschroder Roofing has also been out to look at an overlay. Mr. Welch stated that Roof Connect’s quote is like \$90,000.00 to \$215,000.00 and they use an acrylic overspray. Five Star Roofing uses a rubber overspray and they are a little under \$50,000.00. We are currently waiting on a quote from Damschroder and they stated putting a new membrane will be \$70,000.00. Mr. Welch stated with the new state bill raising the minimum bid requirements for overlay you can’t go into contract until September 1st. Mr. Boose stated that according to County Current it is now October 1st.
- Courthouse - Concrete work at Courthouse scheduled to begin in August. Mr. Brady had a question which was brought to his attention by someone who was driving by and there were some ladies sitting on a porch on that side. Mr. Minor stated that was correct. Mr. Minor stated he made the mistake of removing that furniture last year and he gave it back to them and they put it back out there. Mr. Boose asked liability wise is this a good idea? Mr. Minor stated that this was the Clerk of Courts Office employees eating lunch. Mr. Boose stated that doesn’t make a difference unless there is a liability. Mr. Boose suggest a sign stating STAY OFF employees only. Mr. Brady would like this looked into.
- Office Building basement restrooms - Mr. Minor stated that Leaders can do the work on the floor. Mr. Minor is having the restrooms painted and replacing the toilets will be done in house.
- Mr. Minor stated the cooling tower at the Administration Building is completed. The Public Defender’s air conditioning is also completed. Mr. Wilde asked since this is the first time we are using these people, did it all go well. Mr. Minor stated absolutely. Mr. Boose asked who did the work, Mr. Minor stated Hartland.
- Firelands Local Building - Mr. Boose asked what building is Firelands Local Building and was told this is the recently purchased Board of DD building. Mr. Boose would like to call this the South Norwalk building.
- Mr. Boose stated that they needed to add one thing, the crack/fill of the parking lots, and he knows they have talked to Riley. But they were told he would take care of it last year and nothing has happened almost a year later. Mr. Boose is hoping this will be completed by next year.
- Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ziemba because he wanted to make sure everything had been taken care of as far as the purchase of the Board of DD building and getting CORSA set up. Ms. Ziemba will look into this and make sure.

Seneca County Joint Ditch maintenance program

HSJD 23-01

IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR 2023 FOR THE HURON AND SENECA JOINT COUNTY DITCHES MAINTAINED BY THE HURON COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

William Frankart moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District administers the Huron County Ditch Maintenance Program by agreement with the Board of Huron County Commissioners and the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Ditch Maintenance Inspection Report indicates certain work needed to maintain the ditches on the maintenance program; and

WHEREAS, the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District has recommended to the Joint Board of Huron County and Seneca County Commissioners that the following assessments be collected to fund maintenance work needed in 2023:

Setchel-Turner #104 (11-920)	10%	
Stacklin-Stockmaster #108 (11-780)	10%	
Megginson Creek #147 (11-970)	3%	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Board of Huron and Seneca County Commissioners are in agreement with these provisions and that these assessments be certified to the Huron and Seneca County Auditors to be collected on the 2023 property taxes; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Joint Boards of Commissioners of the Counties of Huron and Seneca, 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:

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| Aye – Terry Boose | Aye – William Frankart |
| Aye – Harry Brady | Aye – Anthony Paradiso |
| Aye – Bruce Wilde | Aye – Tyler Shuff |

IN THE MATTER OF: RESOLUTION – MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR COLLECTION IN 2024 FOR THE SENECA AND HURON JOINT COUNTY DITCHES MAINTAINED BY THE SENECA COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Anthony Paradiso presented and moved the adoption of the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Soil and Water Conservation District administers the Seneca County Ditch Maintenance Program by agreement with the Board of Seneca County Commissioners and the Seneca County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Ditch Maintenance Inspection Report indicates certain work needed to maintain the ditches on the maintenance program, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Soil and Water Conservation District has recommended to the Joint Boards of Seneca and Huron County Commissioners that the following assessments be collected to fund maintenance work needed in 2024:

SC #11-067	Martin Jt. Co.	54.64%
SC #11-110	Bordner Shank	8.55%
SC #11-198	Landoll Nye	14.75%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Board of Seneca and Huron County Commissioners are in agreement with these provisions as detailed herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Harry Brady seconded the above motion and the vote upon its adoption resulted as follows:

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| Aye – Terry Boose | Aye – William Frankart |
| Aye – Harry Brady | Aye – Anthony Paradiso |
| Aye – Bruce Wilde | Aye – Tyler Shuff |

**Agreement on file*

SIGNINGS – Letter of Support, Norwalk Arts Center

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the letter of support for the Norwalk Arts Center theater restoration. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

July 20, 2023

Dina Lukasko, President/Fundraising Chair
Norwalk Arts Center, LLC
P.O. Box 626
Norwalk, OH 44857

Re: Norwalk Theater Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Lukasko:

The Huron County Board of Commissioners wish to express support of the Norwalk Arts Center in their efforts to restore the Norwalk Theater.

Once restored the theater will have numerous uses, all of which will increase awareness of the value of the arts. This will result in a positive impact on the economic revitalization of our area. By promoting a sense of community, as well as drawing people in from all over North Central Ohio, the restoration of the Norwalk Theater will benefit all citizens of Huron County.

The Board is pleased to support the Norwalk Arts Center to in their efforts to restore the Norwalk Theatre and promoting art in the community.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. 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

- Harry Brady & Bruce Wilde – Commissioners – Put-In-Bay, Ohio – Lake Erie Decision Makers Day – August 11, 2023

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**Administrator/Clerk updates:** - none**Assistant Prosecutor updates:**

- Mr. Strickler stated he reviewed the Frontier contract and saw a discrepancy in the date, Ms. Crable is taking care of that. Other than that, the contract is fine.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Mr. Boose stated he heard from Roger Hunker and is waiting to find out when the meeting is scheduled for. Mr. Hunker told Mr. Boose they may want to have it soon because the State Fair is now in process and a bunch of Fair board/committee members will be in Columbus for the State Fair. Ms. Ziemba stated the tentative date is Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6 p.m. Mr. Wilde stated someone had read it in the paper, is this going to be a public meeting? Mr. Strickler stated that it doesn't have to be, unless the Board of Commissioners would be present. Mr. Brady stated all that comes out of this meeting will be public because Mr. Brady will present it at the next Commissioners' Meeting. This is a tentative meeting because they currently do not have a location to hold it.

At 10:04 a.m. 9-1-1 & Countywide Public Safety Communications System Levy Discussion:

Mr. Brady explained they wanted to discuss the levy and the reason is whether they want to place this on the ballot this year in November we have to do 2 resolutions. They cannot be done at the same meeting either. The first resolution is to send the information to the Auditor, once it has been returned they can move forward with the second resolution. This must be completed by August 8, 2023.

Mr. Strickler explained they needed to make a decision today. Mr. Strickler stated they can do the resolution next Tuesday and the following resolution the following Tuesday and still make the deadline.

Mr. Brady said they had been asking for information for months. This information went through the TAC Committee then goes to the Planning Committee regarding the 9-1-1 & Countywide Public Safety Communications System Levy. The Commissioners asked for more information, got some, the Commissioners have been looking at numbers and trying to find a good number for a renewal levy. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Boose to lead the discussion since he was the numbers cruncher. Mr. Brady stated he is not saying that they have to use Mr. Boose's numbers. Mr. Wilde stated that Mr. Boose has some good numbers.

Mr. Boose said they finally have all the numbers they need to move forward. Mr. Boose stated he is not in agreement regarding all the numbers that have been presented to them, but with that being said, he feels that there needs to be a serious discussion by this Board sometime in the near future as to whether we will continue to pay dispatch fees for the local villages and townships. Mr. Boose stated if we are going to extend the revenue from that to the Sheriff's Office. Everything is being paid with General Fund money and he doesn't see the purpose as to why this money needs to go to the Sheriff's Office. With that we can reduce the amount of money needed by \$20,000.00. Mr. Boose stated there is a line item for IT Service Contracts which he believes can be done in house. There is no reason that he has heard yet as to why we can not do IT in house. Does that mean we never need help on that? Mr. Boose stated no, there will be times when we need specific help on specific items. Mr. Boose stated that this discussion needs to be had.

Mr. Boose stated that the number one concern in the budget numbers is that we will have \$335,510 carryover at the end of 5 years. Mr. Boose stated he did some of his own numbers and did not run this through the Auditor's Office. Mr. Boose stated that we are currently at .67184 and that the recommendation from the TAC Committee was .550 based on the numbers given to them. Mr. Boose stated that he is going to recommend .50 so this is about \$70,000 less than recommended from the TAC Committee. This is in the ballpark at getting rid of the reserves and maybe reducing one of the two line items. If we eliminate the two line items it will reduce, but it is something that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Wilde pointed out that the current levy is .725 and secondly did they want to mention the cell phone? Mr. Brady stated his thought was this, after sitting down with the Auditor. He wanted to thank him for giving him

some numbers. They were looking at what they were taking in already from the .22 cents we are getting, then took it from the .40 cents works out to 72%, approximately. Trying to figure out how many devices are being paid is roughly 50,000. If you take .40 cents and multiple it by 72%, it comes out to roughly \$35,000/year. Mr. Boose stated his assumption is this number will help us keep up. Mr. Brady said that this is a natural build in of inflation and instead of factoring that in we will use that as the buffer.

Mr. Boose was looking at effective rates, not millage. When Mr. Boose stated the .500, it is the effective rate and he doesn't know what the actual millage rate would be, they would need the Auditor to calculate that. Mr. Strickler asked Mr. Boose if there is a number you want to get or an amount you want to get per year? Mr. Boose stated yes \$675,000.00 - \$680,000.00 per year. Mr. Strickler stated the resolution will have to ask for how many mills are required to get to \$680,000.00 rather than asking what the current millage is. Mr. Boose stated they can ask Mr. Tkach what the effective rate of .5 brings in and agree that is the number we are going to use. Mr. Strickler stated he can say we are reducing it to .5, Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady stated effective. Mr. Brady stated because the actual rate will be higher. Mr. Strickler said he did not understand the effective and actual rate. Mr. Brady stated what you're actually collecting on is less than the actual millage. Mr. Brady stated they want to collect on 5%. Mr. Strickler stated they are going to collect on values from 5 years ago at .5, Mr. Boose thought this was \$680,456.00, which is the number they are looking for. Mr. Boose stated that's assuming I have that number correctly. Mr. Boose would like to make it the effective rate of .5 which is approximately \$680,000.00

Mr. Brady asked what we are paying in labor costs for dispatch/countywide communications system. Not countywide dispatch. Mr. Brady said they all know that as commissioners we have to cover that cost. He didn't want to know the equipment costs because they can come out of a levy, just the labor. Mr. Brady asked what we are paying currently for dispatcher's salaries, benefit packages and everything else. Mr. Boose asked why we need that number. Mr. Brady stated because we are already paying just over \$500,000 to operate this countywide communication system, and if we are already paying to operate this, then paying additional funds that we are already paying for makes no sense to him. We are paying already ¼ of sheriff budget, which goes for dispatchers/communication system. Mr. Brady wants to keep this as close to the actual amount as possible and does not want this to be a slush fund.

Mr. Boose doesn't want it to be a question that holds things up and asked Mr. Strickler if he had a number. Mr. Strickler said he has \$680,000. He will talk to the Auditor before he does the resolution. Mr. Strickler discussed how the process for approving a levy used to be before the general assembly changed the process.

Terry Boose moved to authorize Assistant Prosecutor Strickler to prepare the necessary legislation to bring in \$680,000/year for the next five years. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion: Mr. Boose had two challenges to the next group of commissioners. This levy does not end until the end of 2024. He wanted them to look for a grant for the tower in Bellevue, which the supposed cost is \$200,000. Mr. Boose feels there is a good chance that there is a grant available somewhere for that and/or you could tie in the internet infrastructure.***

Second challenge - Mr. Boose thinks we need to put together an advisory committee to look at centralized dispatch. He is not for or against centralized dispatch, but thinks we owe it to the constituents to make sure that the constituents all throughout the county are treated equally and that some cities or villages aren't getting more of a benefit out of the money which is going into this 911 fund through the levy. He feels it is time for the discussion and feels we need to get the best 911 system for everyone in the county at the best price we can get it. He recommended we have a study done.

They discussed PSAPs and that we would need to include people on the committee who don't have them as well as people who do.

Mr. Brady thought this was an excellent idea. He was always told when you do a study you need to go in with a neutral position. Mr. Brady said he would support this and thought it was a good idea, but people need to understand that we are not pushing this because we are for or against something. He noted that whenever someone has a plan, whatever the length, they need to review it on a regular basis to make sure what you are doing still fits with their business model. If we are talking about the massive changes in technology since we were kids, then we need to periodically take a look to make sure the citizens of this county are getting the best bang for their buck. There is nothing wrong with looking at that and saying here is the findings.

Mr. Boose noted that the key word he put in was a study, not a vote. A study to find out what is in the best interest of the County. Mr. Brady felt if someone had a problem with that he would ask them why they would not want to do something which will give you good information to use to make a qualified decision.

Mr. Boose noted the fact that we are funding a lot of the dispatch through this levy makes it even more important that we do what is right for everybody. Mr. Brady feels that the commissioners owe it to the people of the county to at least look at this to see if it would be in the best interest for the county.

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

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

Bruce Wilde moved to put together a committee to study the possible county wide dispatch. 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*

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brady updates:

- FCFC meeting yesterday. Good discussion about costs and why we have to justify them.
- Mr. Boose had another major topic that was an open topic- School Resource Officer.
 - Mr. Boose said we are a month away from school starting. To the best of his knowledge there were no contracts for school resource officers for any of the schools at this time. He thought the current ones will be up this year.
 - Mr. Boose said as he understands the commissioners will be voting on these contracts and he does not want the schools to say they don't have a school resource officer because they worked out a contract which they thought they were going to have and the commissioners do not agree with the contract and will not sign it.
 - Mr. Boose doesn't have all the information he requested, but has 3 folders of information. This is not all the information he needs.
 - Mr. Boose feels we need to know the following information before we can vote on a contract:
 - What is being offered?
 - What it includes?
 - How that number was derived?
 - Mr. Boose does not want to receive it the day before school starts. He feels something should be sent to three districts we are going to have contracts with stating the commissioners have not seen any kind of contract and the contract should include most if not all of the costs for the School Resource Officer. We just want to warn you that this date is coming up and we have not seen anything yet to agree upon.
 - Mr. Wilde noted that when they talked, he said if Mr. Strickler gets the contract; we want to see it at the same time.
 - Mr. Strickler thought he had the Norwalk contract and the Board had received it. Mr. Strickler will look for it.
 - Mr. Brady noted that we are asking for certain items to be included in the contract and asked if Mr. Wilde could contact the Sheriff and ask them about these contracts and if they haven't done it, let them know that he is willing to sit down with the Sheriff and the school.
 - Mr. Wilde wanted details on what was expected so he didn't leave anything out.
 - Mr. Boose didn't want a dollar amount. If we get a dollar amount, Mr. Boose wants to know how that dollar amount was arrived at.
 - Mr. Brady added that we are looking at reimbursement of costs that are actually within the costs, without nickel and diming the school system.
 - Mr. Wilde said that is what he needs, so if he goes back that is in black and white and what it is.
 - Mr. Boose stated the Auditor or possibly Ms. Ziemba or Ms. Stebel could give him this number, but there is some kind of multiplier that covers everything; but everything is not just health insurance. It covers vacation, longevity and holidays. There is a percentage out there which you take the rate and multiply it times that multiplier to get the total costs. That could affect the way the billing goes. Meaning if they are sick during the year then we are paying for that: so, it needs to be a percentage of the year that they are paying the rate. Then they need to pay for that percentage of the benefits. Mr. Wilde asked if we were taking health insurance off because it comes out.
 - Mr. Brady said Mr. Boose was talking about using the multiplier which would give you the amount, then if this person is dedicated to the school only and have no other duties to the Sheriff besides that, here is the cost. If this person is at the school for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year then here is the cost.
 - Mr. Boose asked if the thought was that this would come out of another fund? JFS, because they are a special fund, pays hospitalization. The jail, because it comes out of a Special fund, also pays hospitalization. If this money should all be coming from a special account set up to pay for all expenses.
 - Mr. Brady thought if Mr. Wilde could find the multiplier it would be great and would take a lot of the guess work out. Mr. Brady said the commissioners want to know what it really costs

for this person to be there during the school year and would also like to know if this person is dedicated to only be an SRO and in the summers they don't work for the Sheriff Department or would they be used as a road deputy? Mr. Strickler stated it was his understanding that in the summer they are used as a road deputy. The commissioners felt that could be different. Mr. Brady noted the reason he would like to have this information even if it is not in the contract per say, then it helps us to understand that in the summer we will have this many road deputies or this many people working and the associated costs.

- Mr. Boose has heard for Norwalk Schools, they already know the person that will fulfil that position. That position will only be for the school and no other position. Why are we supplying the Norwalk officer when it should be the City of Norwalk? The City of Norwalk said they are not doing it because they are down officers, but there is already an officer who is going to do it and it shouldn't cost them anything because the schools should pay for it. Mr. Boose then asked why we are doing the Norwalk Officer, when it should be the City of Norwalk and it has nothing to do with them not having enough officers because this officer is coming out of retirement to do this job, and is doing it for the school only.
- Mr. Brady asked Mr. Boose what else he would like to know besides the other items he had previously mentioned.
- Mr. Boose though they should use the person who does our indirect costs and have them come up with a list for us. The reason we do indirect costs is to find what costs we are incurring out of General Fund that should be paid for out of special funds. He would like to get our list from the person who calculates indirect cost, then we can cross out the nickel and dime stuff. If there is an SRO who only works at the school during the school year and not during the summer for the Sheriff and the only reason they have their uniform and vehicle is for the school job, then why are we paying for it out of the General Fund. If the SRO works part-time for the Sheriff's Office, then he gets it. Mr. Boose noted there is no easy answer because every school is different.
- Mr. Brady said this is the first time he has heard that the Sheriff is supplying an SRO who was not working as a road deputy or in some other capacity during the summer. He noted that changes the dynamics. Mr. Boose said that person could always be a special deputy.
- Mr. Boose was frustrated and felt if the commissioners would be included in trying to help the Sheriff figure out what these costs are, we could bring all these issues up. Until we brought up that we have not even seen the contract. We had no say and couldn't help them because we were in the dark.
- Mr. Boose felt if the Sheriff is saying the commissioners are not funding them at a correct amount, but some of the dollars we give them are used for something we are not required to do, it doesn't make sense.
- Mr. Wilde asked Ms. Ziemba if she could go with him to have a second set of ears. Mr. Boose felt that Ms. Ziemba would know where to find some of this data, or who to ask to get the data.
- Mr. Boose asked if the commissioners would like an email to go out to the schools saying: we are a month away, we don't have a contract yet and there is a lot which needs to be decided upon.
- Mr. Brady agreed and thought the email should say: as of this time we have not seen a contract, that being said, we have a commissioner, Mr. Wilde, who will be reaching out to the Sheriff's Department to see where they are at and to try to help them come up with something which the Commissioners, Sheriff and Schools would agree upon.
- Mr. Wilde said he would go out there after this meeting to find out where the contracts are. He asked if they could give him a day to find out where the contracts are before sending out the letter. Mr. Boose felt he should take as long as he needs.
- Mr. Strickler noted the timing of the letter may not be good since the Sheriff just lost his mother. Mr. Boose said the Sheriff does not need to work on it himself.
- Mr. Brady said he is okay with waiting a day and with trusting Mr. Wilde's call that this should be sent out tomorrow because it may not happen. Or if Mr. Wilde looks at it and says there are some great strides being made and he thinks we can do this. Then coming back to the commissioners on Tuesday discuss what is going on.
- Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Brady's discussion includes talking about whether we are the appropriate provider of school resource officers for Norwalk city school. Mr. Wilde said he would ask that question. Mr. Brady asked if they do what they are talking about doing, why don't they do that with the City of Norwalk Police Department.
- Mr. Brady thought they should have a discussion on where the payments from the SRO went. They should go into a fund and everything for the SRO would come out of that fund. This would make it easier to keep track of what is going on. Mr. Boose agreed with this and thought whatever fund it is, General Fund or Special Fund, the expenses and revenue should be in the same fund. Mr. Brady agreed with that and added that he felt they should decide which fund.

Commissioner Brady meeting review:

- Trauma Informed Communities tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wilde meeting review:

- Attended Mercy Hospital 35-year anniversary.
- Next Wednesday Land Bank has a meeting from 10-11:30 at Willard City Hall.

Commissioner Boose meeting review:

- Mr. Boose met with Kristen Cardone this morning. She is helping him to setup a meeting with providers, agencies and elected officials regarding our opiate settlement money. As a result of this we may be receiving a survey from Ms. Cardone. It will ask everyone the top 3 needs of the county regarding drug addiction and she will want it filled out before the meeting. Mr. Boose told her he would try to get about 25 copies of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding. This document tells you what you can and can't spend the money on. He noted they would set a meeting up, talk about the money and may even talk about Region 19.
- Mr. Brady asked how we were doing in regards to getting the applicant in for the position. Mr. Boose said he had discussed this with Ms. Cardone and told her it wasn't that we didn't trust their judgement, we would just like to talk with that person. Ms. Crable said she is working to schedule this person.
- Meeting coming up with the architect for the Senior Services building. They sent us a 250-page document. It is what we need for bid. One of the things they are using that document for is to have an independent organization give us an estimate as to what they think the bid will come in at. This way we will not just have an estimate from them. We will have an estimate from the architect and an independent estimate. Mr. Brady noted this would give us a benchmark.
- Mr. Boose thought Norwalk Ohio News was coming out with an article about the Health Department. It will pertain to the suicide rate in Huron County. Mr. Boose has discussed this with Ms. Cardone and stated the county is in a crisis mode with drugs and alcohol, especially overdoses. Now with the suicide rate going up we are in a serious situation.
- Mr. Brady asked how we were doing with 2-1-1. Mr. Boose told him to ask United Fund if he wanted to find out the numbers.
- Mr. Boose had seen in the State budget that there was a new Suicide Prevention Hotline. He thought it was getting confusing.

At 11:08 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on July 20, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Signatures on File

DOG WARDEN REPORT - May 6, 2023 through July 15, 2023

Week ending	Placed	Claimed	Destroyed	Other	Total
May 6, 2023	1	1	0	0	2
May 13, 2023	2	1	2	0	5
May 20, 2023	6	6	0	0	12
May 27, 2023	7	3	0	0	10
June 3, 2023	2	2	1	1	6
June 10, 2023	3	1	0	1	5
June 17, 2023	1	2	0	0	3
June 24, 2023	1	6	0	1	8
July 1, 2023	0	4	0	0	4
July 8, 2023	1	4	0	0	5
July 15, 2023	1	1	0	3	5
Total	25	31	3	6	65