

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

23-240

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 #362534 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:

- On page 3, Mr. Boose noted they did the Administration Building roof for \$500. He double checked, this was to make a repair. It was not part of the new roof so it was not under warranty.
Cruiser repair at Maple City Automotive.
Page 4 – whole list of medical treatments. Mr. Boose had never seen this many on one claim schedule, although one went back to January 5, 2023.
Public Assistance – drug screens, \$2,600. Mr. Boose wondered how much we pay for drug tests and drug screens as a county per year. Every claims schedule has them on.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Fund, Department, Account, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Microfilming, Data Processing, Treasurer, Prosecutor, and Common Pleas.

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Juvenile, Probate, Clerk of Courts, and Coroner.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for US Imaging Inc, Department Records Technology, and various court clerk services.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for DTG Testing, FTM Medical Care LLC, and various child care and educational services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Heather Chuman-Stanley, Department Auto Tax Administrative, and various equipment and maintenance services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
07/27/2023	Treasure State of Ohio	362534	2023-001801	Board of Building Standards	\$323.53	
	Account 186.00225 (Salar Fees) Total:				\$323.53	
	Department Commercial Building Department Total:				\$323.53	
	Fund 186 - Commercial Building Department Total:				\$323.53	
	Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications				\$4,856.48	
	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications	362534	2023-000781	Frontier July	\$4,856.48	
	Account 193.00255 (Contract Services) Total:	362534	2023-000781	Annual Contract	\$35,737.70	
	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$35,737.70	
	Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$35,737.70	
	Fund 500 - Landfill				\$144,185.00	
	Department Landfill	362534	2023-003891	June Trash	\$1,150.00	
	Account 500.601.00290 (Contract Services) Total:	362534	2023-003891	June Landfills	\$146,315.00	
	Department Landfill Total:				\$146,315.00	
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District				\$38.50	
	Department Solid Waste Management District	362534	2023-003541	Risk Off Truck	\$438.13	
	Account 525.525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:	362534	2023-003541	Risk Off Truck	\$814.69	
	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$853.25	
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$853.25	
	Fund 635 - ComMISSARY Trust				\$1,237.60	
	Department ComMISSARY Trust	362534	2023-003611	Legal Fees	\$1,237.60	
	Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:				\$2,047.49	
	Department ComMISSARY Trust Total:				\$2,047.49	
	Fund 635 - ComMISSARY Trust Total:				\$2,047.49	
	Grand Total:				\$2,047.49	

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
07/27/2023	Keels ComMISSARY Network	362534	2023-042031	June ComMISSARY Block	\$3,333.00	
	Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:	362534	2023-042031	June ComMISSARY Block	\$3,333.00	
	Department ComMISSARY Trust Total:				\$3,333.00	
	Fund 635 - ComMISSARY Trust Total:				\$3,333.00	
	Grand Total:				\$3,333.00	

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Sign 1 *Terry Boose*
Sign 2 *Harry Brady*

At 9:07 a.m. Public comment - none

23-241

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER AUTO TAX FUND #125

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are unappropriated funds in the Engineer’s Auto Tax Fund #125 that need to be appropriated for expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of appropriating \$8,500.00 of unappropriated funds as follows:

TO: 125-126-00527 Emergency Repair \$8,500.00 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. Tansey said they had not budgeted enough for the consultants working on the design phases of the Sand Hill project. This would give them the money to pay the bills.

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

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

23-242

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a vacant position on the Huron County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Justin Ewell has expressed interest in fulfilling this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mr. Justin Ewell to fulfill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. Justin Ewell to the Huron County Planning Commission to the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024; 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. Brady noted that Mr. Ewell was very involved in the community. This was to replace Pat Spettel, who unfortunately had passed away.

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

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

23-243

IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRIMARY GRANT FUND #161

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Board of Elections Primary Grant Fund #161 in the amount of \$65,938.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation as follows:

TO:	161-00125-161	Salary	\$30,000.00	
	161-00400-161	OPERS	\$ 4,200.00	
	161-00460-161	Medicare	\$ 435.00	
	161-00475-161	Other Expenses	\$31,303.00	and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting the appropriation; and further

BE IT RESOLVED 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. Brady noted there was an election going on right now, this was to reimburse Board of Elections for some of the expenses of this election. The General Assembly had appropriated \$16M for upfront and \$4M for reimbursement. Mr. Boose said this was “up front” money that we had already spent, so it really wasn’t up front. Also, since we have already spent it, it seems like it would have been out of their regular account. He asked how we go back and adjust these accounts for what they have already spent. Ms. Ziembra thought that might be part of the reimbursables. Mr. Boose said they will have to prove they spent the \$65,938 before they can be reimbursed for anything. Mr. Boose noted that when he looked at the list by county, Huron County was getting almost \$15,000 less than Seneca County. We are getting about \$5,000 less than Sandusky County. Both of those counties are smaller than Huron. From what he understood, it was based on the expenses from last August. He thought we were either doing a good job of keeping costs down, or Board of Elections was not charging back for everything they should. He wanted to make it clear that the state has said over and over that they were paying beforehand. That is not the case; early election has been going on for two weeks already.

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

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

23-244

REQUESTING THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO AND THE NUMBER OF MILLS THAT WOULD GENERATE THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$680,000.00) RELATIVE TO THE RENEWAL, WITH A REDUCTION, OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY 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.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has previously established both a 9-1-1 system and a countywide public safety communications system within Huron County; and

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements to operate the 9-1-1 system and a countywide public safety communications system; and

WHEREAS, Huron County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to submit to the voters of the Huron County, Ohio at the election to be held on November 7, 2023, the question of the renewal, with a reduction, of an existing tax levy 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* which will expire in tax year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined that pursuant to *section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code*, it is necessary to request the Huron County Auditor, through the adoption of the within resolution, to certify to this Board of Commissioners the total current tax valuation of Huron County, Ohio, and the number of mills necessary to generate the sum of six hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$680,000.00) by the renewal, with a reduction, of said levy if approved by a majority of the electors; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to submit the question of the renewal, with a reduction, of an existing tax levy 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* for a period of five (5) years, to the electors of the entire territory of Huron County. That pursuant to *section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code*, the Board respectfully requests that the Huron County Auditor certify to this Board of Commissioners the total current tax valuation of Huron County, Ohio, and the total number of mills necessary to generate the sum of six hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$680,000.00) by the renewal, with a reduction, of an existing tax levy 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*, which will expire in tax year 2023. In addition, the Board of Commissioners requests that the Auditor provide the Board with all of the other information required by statute in said certification. The question of the renewal of this existing levy will be placed upon the ballot of the entire territory of Huron County, Ohio for a term of five (5) years, commencing in 2024, to be collected beginning in calendar year 2025, if approved by a majority of the electors of Huron County; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrator/Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to immediately certify a copy of the within resolution to the Auditor of Huron County, Ohio, in order to obtain the necessary information to submit the question of the renewal, with a reduction, of the aforementioned tax levy to the Huron County Board of Elections on or by August 9, 2023, the deadline for submission of ballot issues to be submitted to the Board of Elections for inclusion on the ballots of said County at the election to be held on November 7, 2023; 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. Brady explained we need to pass this resolution this week, and will need another resolution next week to put it on the ballot. Trying to gauge what is going to come down the road for the next five years is difficult. We want to make sure the citizens of Huron County are well served, but we also know money gets tight. We didn't want to have a bunch of funds just sitting there. He felt this was the best way to approach it.

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

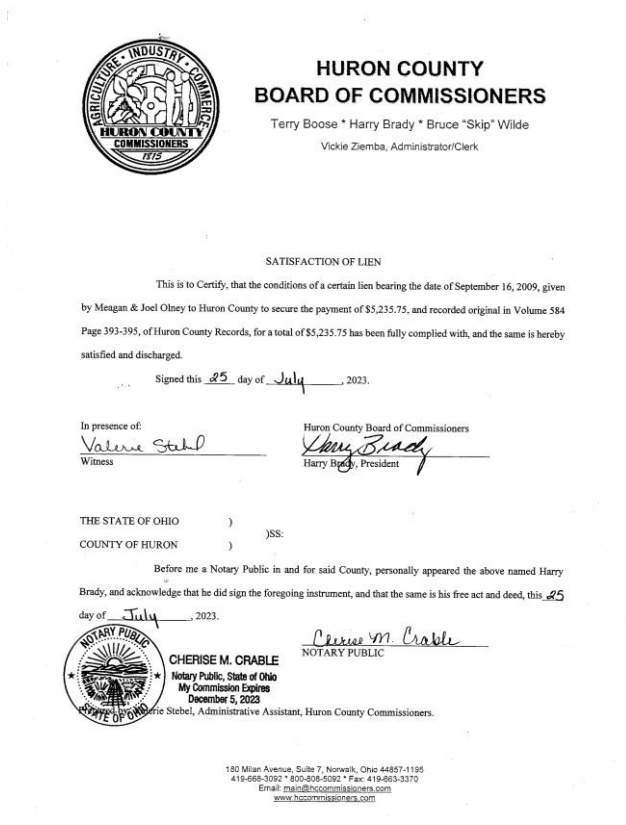
Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

SIGNINGS – Ms. Ziemba explained they had a Satisfaction of Lien for a CHIP grantee. They had paid back \$5,235.75 and satisfied their debt to the county. The check has been processed and we have received the funds.

Bruce Wilde moved to have Commissioner Brady sign Satisfaction of Lien. 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*

Mr. Boose thought that money went right back into the account. Ms. Ziemba explained it goes into Program Income and goes back toward the same kind of thing.



While they were on that subject, Ms. Ziemba wanted to address a request they had received from GLCAP, who administers the grant for us. We are at the end of one grant and they have applied for the next grant cycle. She reminded the Board they had to sign a Letter of Commitment to use the Program Income money with the PY23 grant. GLCAP has reached out to the state on behalf of the Commissioners to see if they could reduce that amount and put some of it toward one final home for the last grant period. They received Private Rehab bids that were just short of what they need to complete the project. They can't award the project unless they have all the funding. The state thought it was great, said go ahead and use the Program Income money. Just do the spend down now. Ms. Ziemba said it was just under \$3,000 to finish the home.

Bruce Wilde moved to use Program Income funds. 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*

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*

- Jody Moen – JFS – Alpena, MI - Home visit – August 4 & August 7, 2023

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**Administrator/Clerk updates:**

The August 17 meeting, which is on a Thursday, will need to be cancelled. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady will be at the Summer Symposium.

Terry Boose moved to cancel the August 17 meeting. 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

Mr. Wilde noted this was during Fair week. He usually MC's the king and queen event on Tuesday, but he will not be able to this year. Mr. Brady will do it for him.

Ms. Ziemba said Seneca/Crawford Area Transportation has invited them to their office for a board meeting on Friday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. She discussed this with Mr. Strickler, who indicated this will require a special meeting of the commissioners. Mr. Strickler said they will have to schedule a special meeting, come in and do roll call, then recess to the SCAT office. They will have to return to the board room to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boose let them know he had another meeting that afternoon. Mr. Brady thought about a half hour to 45 minutes would be sufficient. Mr. Boose suggested Ms. Ziemba go with them. Ms. Ziemba said she was supposed to start her vacation that day, but would see if she could make it work. She will put together a special meeting notice together for that meeting. It was decided the meeting would have to start at 9:00 a.m. to allow them time to travel to Tiffin.

Mr. Brady said he spoke to Ms. Habig and they discussed that the letter of intent did not make it by the deadline. Ms. Habig said regardless of whether Huron County joins SCAT or not, she would still help us out. She called ODOT and explained the situation to them. They said, given what we are trying to do right now, they decided to go ahead and take the letter and not disqualify it. Mr. Brady thought it was nice of Ms. Habig to do that.

Bruce Wilde moved to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to travel to Tiffin for the SCAT board meeting. 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

Before they moved away from transportation, Mr. Boose wanted to confirm that we were now fully in control of the Board of DD building. Mr. Strickler said we were. Mr. Boose wanted to see about setting up the same type of security system as the rest of the county has. Also wanted to get going on the Memorandum of Understanding with Firelands Local. Ms. Ziemba has been working with CORSA and confirmed the property was covered as soon as it transferred. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure Mr. Minor was working with Christie Lane to be sure the lawn was being mowed and nothing fell through the cracks. Ms. Ziemba asked if we would need an agreement with Board of DD also. Mr. Strickler thought they would either need a three-party agreement or two separate contracts. Mr. Boose explained they would need two separate contracts because they have the sewage treatment plant that is out there. The agreement was Christie Lane was going to pay a percentage of the maintenance. Mr. Strickler said he had an email from Ms. Smith he was working off of to make sure he covered all the issues. There will need to be an MOU between us and the Board of DD. There will be a lease agreement with Fireland's Local. Mr. Brady thought they should have Mr. Welch give an update on where that building is at so they know where they are with security, utilities, maintenance, etc.

Assistant Prosecutor updates: – *nothing additional*

Commissioner Wilde updates:

Mr. Wilde has been working on the SRO. He met with Ms. Newton and Chief Deputy Ditz, who gave him the draft proposals for Norwalk City Schools, South Central for 5 days/4 days/3 days with all the calculations, and Western Reserve with all their calculations. He noted there were raises halfway through, after the first of the year. The Sheriff had said they do not want to bill for health insurance. One officer receives the stipend and the other is a single. Mr. Wilde did not have all the information for the Norwalk contract. Mr. Boose said he will not approve these if they do not include insurance. Mr. Wilde said that these are not contracts, they are MOUs. He read Section 3313.951 "If a school district decides to utilize school resource officer services, the school district and the appropriate law enforcement agency shall first enter into a memorandum of understanding that clarifies the purpose of the school resource officer program and roles and expectations between the participating entities". Mr. Wilde asked if the commissioners had anything to do with an MOU. Mr. Strickler said he could change it to a contract. It is more like a contract than an MOU because there is an offer and a consideration. Mr. Boose said they are saying they are doing an MOU instead of a contract. Mr.

Strickler said it was still enforceable whether it was a contract or an MOU. Mr. Boose said the disappointing thing was is they were here to help, they were here to make sure it got done right, and they were here to make sure that our Sheriff's office has money in the general fund. We have been accused several times of not fully funding the Sheriff's office whereas he is using that money to do things other than what the Sheriff's office is required to do. Mr. Boose thought it looked as if they were trying to go around everything, which was disappointing to him. Health insurance was paid for out of general fund money. Mr. Boose did not think the Sheriff had any authority to force us to pay for health insurance out of the general fund insurance account. He said the commissioners have been trying to do the right thing, trying to get the money in the right accounts and pay for things out of the right accounts. He did not understand why they continued trying to go around the rules to get it done and why he doesn't accept our help trying to get him more money for road patrol. Mr. Brady asked if he meant that they were not looking to get reimbursed for what would become vacation or sick time. Mr. Wilde said that was correct. He said they are saying on one hand if they do have a personal day it is still billed by them so they are paying for it. They are also earning so much per hour. Mr. Boose asked what if they save a lot of it up and take a month off during summer when we are paying for it? Mr. Boose thought it was simple. We are trying to do standard cost accounting. He didn't understand why we should eat costs for school resource officers. We are just trying to be transparent. Mr. Brady agreed that we did not want to nickel and dime, but there were other expenses, such as vehicles that includes insurance, and also crashes and repairs. Mr. Boose asked what happens if an officer leaves and then we have a full family insurance that we are paying out of the general fund. He felt it should be put into the contract that whatever the insurance is they pay it. If an officer only works there for 5 days a week for 75% of the time, that's all they have to pay. It is what it is, the costs are the costs. Mr. Wilde was surprised that on January 1 everything changes when they bill for the year. But they bill per month based on what is happening. Mr. Boose noted that school was only a month away. Mr. Wilde said the Chief Deputy would have draft MOUs to him today.

Mr. Boose said that last week he asked that we send an email out to the three schools saying we are a month a way and to the best of our knowledge we have not reached an agreement. Mr. Wilde said that he had asked that they wait until he did this, and he has done it. Mr. Brady thought it was only fair to give it a shot. But at this point we should send an email to the schools to let them know we are trying to work on this and get some accurate costs, but as of this point we don't have them. Mr. Boose also wanted to include that we hope they don't feel we are coming down on them for this. Mr. Strickler asked if they gave Mr. Wilde a reason why they did not want to include health insurance. Mr. Wilde said yes, because they didn't know if the schools could afford it; each one is different. He did not think the stipend was very much – it is \$108/month. Mr. Boose said he had folders on costs and has been looking over them. One of the things that started this, and hasn't been discussed yet, is training. Mr. Strickler thought he put in that we pay for the training and get reimbursed by the schools. Mr. Boose said it has been in the contract as he understands it, but the Sheriff still refuses to bill the training to the schools. Mr. Wilde will get the information he has to Mr. Strickler today. It talks about trainings. Mr. Boose said one of the things about trainings, the Sheriff had indicated that this is just standard training that they would have to have whether they were a resource officer or not. But, at the same time we have heard that we had a resource officer who couldn't truly be a resource officer because he did not have the proper training and registration.

Mr. Brady said he had a question about the fact that we potentially have a school resource officer for Norwalk who is a retired Norwalk police officer. And yet, they are trying to get it done through the Huron County Sheriff's Department. The reason Norwalk said they couldn't supply the resource officer was because they were short staffed. But if you are taking a retiree who is not going to be a police officer in the city in the general sense and you are using them as a school resource officer, it has nothing to do with staffing. Mr. Brady thought this should go through the Norwalk PD. Everyone agreed. Mr. Wilde said Mr. Ditz did explain it, but it was a bit muddy to him. He will ask Mr. Ditz to provide a written explanation. Discussion on whether this was due to the fact that Mr. Conney had retired and was now being rehired, or if it was something else. Mr. Brady said he was floored that they were trying help somebody preserve their budget so they would have additional money, but then were accused of underfunding them. He thought those were two concepts that didn't merge.

Mr. Wilde said there is a Land Bank meeting tomorrow morning. They are starting to change up the meeting locations. Took down a building behind Schild's in Norwalk. The gentleman is doing an awesome job.

Commissioner Brady updates:

Will be attending WIOA board meeting tomorrow. He will not be able to make it to Land Bank.

Trauma Informed Communities meeting last Friday. Very good conversation about how they are trying to help families.

Commissioner Boose updates:

Met with Ms. Cardone last week. She sent out a survey regarding OneOhio recovery money and what the needs of Huron County are. There is a meeting on August 10.

Counties Current has a list of funding by county for the August election. Seneca County received \$81,170 and Huron received \$65,000. Huron is substantially bigger than Seneca.

There was a list of three different grants. Money for recruitment, retention and resilience programs. \$65M of the \$95M allocated for the program has been distributed. Of the 20 first responder agencies that received awards, five were county entities. Mr. Boose didn't know that we had applied for it.

There was also Recovery Ohio Drug Task Force funding and Water Infrastructure money. Huron County did not receive any of these funds either. Mr. Boose did not know if we had applied.

Mr. Boose would like to take a recess during the Tuesday, August 1 to watch the webinar being put on by CCAO at 10:00 a.m. HB33 State Budget Highlights.

On July 27 Broadband Ohio and OSU Extension will be hosting a question and answer session via Zoom to provide more information regarding a 10-week course. Did not know if Mr. Riedy was aware of this. Ms. Ziemba has it on her list to discuss with him.

Mr. Boose said one of the issues he was trying to bring up when SCAT was here was contracting with other entities to do some things that don't fit the general public transportation system as we think of it. On Page 18 in the report from the Central District it said that, in Franklin County, 23 taxi or transportation firms that provide rides, wheelchair lift services and escorts to clients of Franklin County agencies are getting a 30% increase under their contract modifications. The County Commissioners approved \$24.3M for this. Mr. Boose said this is what he was talking about when he was talking about getting people somewhere after hours or on weekends. It doesn't have to be our own buses; we can contract with someone if necessary. Mr. Brady said the county was picking up the cost. Mr. Wilde noted the county was paying anywhere from \$3.30 to \$6.83 per mile. To go to Willard it would cost about \$120 at the top end. Mr. Boose pointed out they don't know the whole story. The county may be subsidizing it with grants.

Sunday is the Wakeman Firefighter's Homecoming Festival parade.

Email from Mr. McCoy to see if they could get a transportation vehicle. Mr. Boose said the discussion should be with Senior Services to see if they can provide a bus.

Sales tax report. We were doing real good the first three or four months of the year, which is actually the last few months of last year. It is slightly above what it was last year, but Mr. Boose did not think it would keep up with inflation.

Mr. Boose said that there was a federal bill out there that will strip federal health benefits from individuals admitted to jail before they are convicted of a crime. He said one of the things that was talked about was not only Medicaid, but mental health and drug addiction. The policy contributes to the over-incarceration of individuals suffering from mental health and behavioral health crisis, making jails the largest behavioral health providers in the nation. But the federal government is talking about reducing money. Mr. Boose will be meeting with an Ottawa County Commissioner and the person they have as a professional to help lead them through the grant they received for a regional jail for mental health and addiction services. We are not currently a part of that because our Sheriff is not interested in it.

At 10:49 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. 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 11:50 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

****No action taken***

At 11:50 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 25, 2023.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

JULY 25, 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 11:50 a.m.

Signatures on File