

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; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the September 7, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 7, 2023 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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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 #366492 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:**

- Court costs/mental illness cases, Franklin County Probate Court. Mr. Boose would like to find out what this is, but he does not want to hold it.
- Gas for 130 Shady Lane, we are still in summer - \$473.
- New hotspots for road patrol. Mr. Boose said they have had hotspots all along. Mr. Boose would like an explanation of what this is. If you go further down there are hotspots for the road - \$300. The new hotspots are \$1,700.
- July nursing for jail. Mr. Boose did not think it made sense that we were just now paying this.
- Mr. Boose questioned the dog kennel – dog food, 25 bags for \$637.50. This came out to \$25.50/bag. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady told him that was cheap.
- PRC caregiver program/back to school - \$62,457. Mr. Boose checked with Ms. Minor, those are just for kinship cases.
- \$2,000 fuel vouchers for transportation.
- Page 9 another \$2,000 for transportation.

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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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
09/29/2023	Amazon Capital Services	366462	2023-000611	SSH Parts	\$46.46	
09/29/2023	Amazon Capital Services	366462	2023-000612	Train Car Lines, Shim Recal Starter	\$48.99	
09/29/2023	Amazon Capital Services	366462	2023-000613	Cleaning Wipes, Chamber Kit	\$48.99	
Account 126.00,0275 (Contract Reprints) Total:					\$144.44	
09/29/2023	WilmarParker Group	366462	2023-000611	Local Match Baseline Road Project	\$2,522.85	
Account 126.00,0252 (Contract Services) Total:					\$1,153.99	
09/29/2023	Believe Engineering & Commission Inc	366462	2023-000611	Wilmar Road Culvert Replacement	\$3,100.41	
09/29/2023	Believe Engineering & Commission Inc	366462	2023-000611	Rome Wetland Bridge Project	\$2,027.07	
Department Auto Tax Road Total:					\$225,579.65	
Fund 125 - Auto Tax Total:					\$224,444.50	
Fund: 131 - Recorders Technology						
Department Recorders Technology						
09/29/2023	Jan Tush	366462	2023-000611	Cover Maintenance	\$33.37	
09/29/2023	Jan Tush	366462	2023-000611	Magpie P&S	\$195.05	
Account 131.131.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$195.05	
Department Recorders Technology Total:						
Fund 131 - Recorders Technology Total:					\$195.05	
Fund: 132 - Clerk of Courts-Tile						
Department Clerk of Courts-Tile						
09/29/2023	Blauy Betteau/PC Back-Ups	366462	2023-000611	Backup Betteau/PC Back-Ups	\$51.50	
09/29/2023	Printer	366462	2023-000611	Printer Bill	\$168.02	
Account 132.132.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$168.02	
Department Clerk of Courts-Tile Total:						
Fund 132 - Clerk of Courts-Tile Total:					\$168.02	
Fund: 145 - Childrens Services						
Department Children's Services						
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-002611	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Rescue Care	\$700.00	
09/29/2023	Michelle M Monroe	366462	2023-002611	ESAA Preservation-Rescue Care-Vol/Fost Family	\$28.00	
09/29/2023	Michelle M Monroe	366462	2023-002611	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Rescue Care	\$491.99	
09/29/2023	DANP/LTD	366462	2023-002611	Fuel Voucher-ESAA Preservation-August 2023	\$1,223.91	
09/29/2023	DANP/LTD	366462	2023-002611	Reimbursement for Foster Care Child-food	\$13.96	
Account 145.145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$6993.32	
Department Children's Services Total:						
Fund 145 - Childrens Services Total:					\$6993.32	

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09/29/2023	United Boiler	366462	2023-004001	Two Boilers, Sluiter, Sluiter	\$36.29	
Account 184.184.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$36.29	
Department VOCA-B Total:						
Fund 184 - VOCA-B Total:					\$36.29	
Fund: 183 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
09/29/2023	COW Government	366462	2023-000811	Computer Screen	\$81.84	
09/29/2023	Fisher-Tiu Medical Center	366462	2023-000801	J. Spewers Med Exam	\$50.40	
09/29/2023	Proton	366462	2023-000811	Printer 911	\$4,895.48	
09/29/2023	O'Brien	366462	2023-000811	Ohio Edison Collar	\$3,625.92	
Account 183.183.00252 (Contract Services) Total:					\$8,953.64	
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:						
Fund 183 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$8,953.64	
Fund: 187 - EMA Hazmat						
Department EMA Hazmat						
09/29/2023	EMA Hazmat Inc	366462	2023-000611	Amounts Test Strips	\$31.08	
Account 187.187.00200 (Equipment) Total:					\$31.08	
Department EMA Hazmat Total:						
Fund 187 - EMA Hazmat Total:					\$31.08	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department Solid Waste Management District						
09/29/2023	GT Environmental Inc	366462	2023-000611	Consulting Services	\$82.00	
09/29/2023	GT Environmental Inc	366462	2023-000611	Consulting Services	\$118.00	
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$198.00	
09/29/2023	Printer	366462	2023-000611	Office Phone	\$68.06	
Account 525.525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$68.06	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:						
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$198.06	
Fund: 600 - Health Insurance						

At 9:08 a.m. Public comment: Mr. Brady read the Public Comment Policy.

Huron County Commissioners' Meeting Guidelines for Public Comments

- Individuals attending Board meetings must conduct themselves with respect and civility toward others. Public comments shall not include obscenities, defamation, or slander, and shall not violate the Ohio Revised Code provisions concerning Disorderly Conduct or Disturbing a Public Meeting.
- Before the meeting begins, any person intending to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting must print their name and agency on the sign in sheet located in the meeting room
- Public comment is limited to three minutes for each person. The Board President shall have discretion to modify this time limit, as well as to limit repetitive comments.
- Public comment time period is limited to 15 minutes total.
- Discussion between speakers and attendees of the public meeting or hearing is prohibited. A speaker may disagree with or support prior speakers in comments directed to the Board.
- The Board reserves the right to end the total period for public comments at any time.

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09/29/2023	Carey Lloyd Jacobs Co LPA	366462	2023-002611	Non-Rescuing Adoption Fees-Carrollto-Sept	\$84.00	
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-002611	ESAA Preservation-Rescue-Vol/Fost Family	\$28.00	
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-002611	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Child Care	\$3,203.91	
Account 146.146.00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$3,314.91	
Department Children's Services Total:						
Fund 146 - Childrens Services Total:					\$3,314.91	
Fund: 160 - Ditch Maintenance						
Department Ditch Maintenance						
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-003111	T/R 821 Ditch Road	\$43,317.00	
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-003111	DM Stormwatering	\$43,857.00	
Account 160.160.00275 (Contracts/Projects) Total:					\$1,059.02	
09/29/2023	Huron SWCD	366462	2023-003141	equipment use	\$70.00	
09/29/2023	Huron SWCD	366462	2023-003141	Fuel Voucher-ESAA Preservation-August 2023	\$1,979.02	
Account 160.160.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$45,246.02	
Department Ditch Maintenance Total:						
Fund 160 - Ditch Maintenance Total:					\$45,246.02	
Fund: 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund						
Department Local Fiscal Recovery Fund						
09/29/2023	North Coast Wireless Communications	366462	2023-001111	Broadband project-ARPA	\$701,525.00	
Account 163.163.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$701,525.00	
Department Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:						
Fund 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:					\$701,525.00	
Fund: 177 - Emergency Management						
Department Emergency Management						
09/29/2023	Amazon Capital Services	366462	2023-000811	Weather Station & Phone Cases	\$408.57	
Account 177.177.00260 (Equipment) Total:					\$408.57	
Department Emergency Management Total:						
Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:					\$408.57	
Fund: 184 - VOCA-B						
Department VOCA-B						

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09/29/2023	Digital Insurance LLC	366462	2023-001721	Monthly Consulting	\$3,000.00	
Account 560.560.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$3,000.00	
Department Health Insurance Total:						
Fund 560 - Health Insurance Total:					\$3,000.00	
Fund: 620 - Harter Trust						
Department Harter Trust						
09/29/2023	Amber Shenfield	366462	2023-002601	Harter-Cliffes-Shenfield Family	\$500.00	
09/29/2023	Burnham Overalls Inc	366462	2023-002601	Harter-Fall Festival for Foster Families	\$380.00	
09/29/2023	Henry Harlow/PC Penny Commercial Credit	366462	2023-002601	Harter-Cliffes-Shenfield Family	\$488.02	
Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$1,378.02	
Department Harter Trust Total:						
Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$1,378.02	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department Commissary Trust						
09/29/2023	Kwik Commissary Network	366462	2023-004201	Augud Commissary stock	\$5,856.67	
09/29/2023	Inmate Calling Solutions	366462	2023-004201	Augud Phone Use	\$6,853.34	
09/29/2023	Inmate Calling Solutions	366462	2023-004201	Call Lines, DC7, Isp Shc, D-Stack, Laundry soap,	\$1,201.80	
Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$13,112.00	
Department Commissary Trust Total:						
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$13,112.00	
Fund: 640 - Canine Trust Fund						
Department Canine Trust Fund						
09/29/2023	Mapleview Animal Hospital Inc	366462	2023-004211	Exam for Obed	\$108.50	
Account 640.640.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$108.50	
Department Canine Trust Fund Total:						
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$1,285,614.47	
Grand Total:						

Sign 1:  Kelly Brade

Sign 2:  Amber Shenfield

Sign 3:  Kelly Brade

- Board members are not obligated to respond to comments from the public. Issues requiring possible action by the Board may be added to a future meeting agenda, and issues that can be addressed by staff will be noted.
- A person who disregards the directives of the Board President in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at the meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks or generally conducts himself or herself in a boisterous or inappropriate manner while addressing the Board, could be barred from further participation and forfeit any balance of time remaining for his comments.

Mr. Boose thought that, since there were so many people here, if what someone has to say has already been said, as President Mr. Brady should have the right to tell them, if it is new information present it, if it is not new information we will move on to someone else. Mr. Brady thought this made sense.

Cody Gerdeman, Norwalk, Ohio. Represents senior fair board and citizens of the county. He wanted to bring forward their concerns and hopes for a fair, clear and united approach to the proposed Feichtner building project. This is more than bricks and mortar, it symbolizes unity and the community spirit and ultimately honoring John, Donna and Owen Feichtner's enduring legacy. Mr. Gerdeman stated they have strictly adhered to the guidelines and secured additional funding and collaborated with architects for the commissioner's requirements; yet the collaborative spirit seems to be dwindling. Due to ever evolving requirements, such as new demands ultimately casting shadows of uncertainty and doubt on the originally agreed upon path. Introduction of certain requirements on items such as a dedicated kitchen and parking lot for ARPA compliance was not in the initial agreement and makes them feel they are in an ever evolving maze. This coupled with unclear and seemingly inconsistent application of ARPA guidelines, especially compared to neighboring counties with successful execution of utilizing these funds raises questions about the transparency and consistency of this project through utilization. Had they engaged in prior discussions regarding these alterations they could have seamlessly integrated them into the initial bid package that both the commissioners and the ARPA consultant originally sanctioned.

There is now a growing concern about the potential reallocation of ARPA funds initially meant for the project to other ventures. This raises questions about fair utilization of this community's centric initiative and urges the need for clarity and equitable dialog. Being denied a spot on today's agenda is disappointing, as we believe open dialogue is crucial for the communities welfare. We the Fair Board call upon the commission for mutual respect, transparency and open dialog to actualize their shared vision without unilateral decisions. In conclusion they seek collaboration, understanding and not confrontation. Let us unite to make the Feichtner building a symbol of the collective spirit and progress for Huron County. He hopes we can overcome our differences and work together for the betterment of this community.

Evan Clemons, New London, Ohio. With the outpouring of support here today they are seeking answers. The short answer was given to them after last Thursday's meeting. He was not sure if it was one of the commissioners or all of them that were forecasting doubt, which is the way it was portrayed to them. The headline in the last published newspaper article was that it is losing steam and momentum. As part of this committee he would like to engage in conversation and have it reciprocated by the commissioners, what is still required of them and what do they need to do to get back where we were and where we thought we left off and to get to the end result of where we obviously want to be. They have documentation that led them to believe that they were on track, but now feel they have been given another detour. As you will read in the paper today, they are expressing frustration. It has been frustrating and misleading. He feels it has been manipulative. What can they do today to reach a resolve, to discuss what changes the commissioners are concerned with and find out what detailed requirements there are from ARPA which keeps being arbitrarily tossed out, but they don't have an answer. What do they need to do to suffice, where do the commissioners need them to go from here and what can they do to keep this thing going? They have an arbitrary deadline date set by the commissioners, which they are trying to stick to. They feel as though they are being led down an endless road and watching the sand run out of the hourglass. He asked the commissioners to work with them and help them to get this nailed down and keep moving forward. They have a lot of things open on the table right now. They have bids and drawings. It has to be partnered with the commissioners and the only way that will happen is if the commissioners reciprocate the guidelines, the information and the necessities they need to finish taking this thing on. They were on a good path, have hit a few bumps, made a few turns and have steered this all over the map. They have stayed together through it all. It seems as though we have changed our colors and would like to know today what they need to do to make this a reality.

Adam Myers, Norwalk, Ohio. From what we have heard this morning, he agrees 100%. He would just like to remind the commissioners that when this all started there was a commissioner who brought this ARPA money in light to them to start this project.

Mr. Boose replied that is not true. He was at a committee meeting where he was asked if there would possibly be any ARPA funds available. The answer was that ARPA money is ARPA money and the only way to get ARPA money is to abide by ARPA guidelines. That is what was said at the meeting and he did not bring that forward. He was asked at the meeting if there was ARPA money available.

Joey Feichtner, Willard Ohio Ms. Feichtner stated that this was bigger than just a family namesake. This is a community investment for the next generation of individuals that will be sitting in your seats someday. We want to keep these good individuals in Huron County. Owen went to Mr. Hunker to talk about starting a fund for the fairgrounds because he wanted to come back to this county. He wanted to raise a family here and farm here and better our county. He wanted that for his generation. That is what they are trying to fulfill. Huron County used to be one of the better fair grounds in the State. But if you travel around the state, you will see the growth of fairgrounds around us and will see the facilities they have included and improved upon. Those include centers similar to what we are looking to build. To be able to have things for the community. They would like to be able to use this building for other things than just the ones on the week of the fair. This is more than just adding the name of her son to a building. This is something to get people to come back to this area and be the leaders we will need some day. They want to keep this fair a multigenerational fair and want to continue this. She asked that the commissioners continue to work with them, instead of keeping moving the pinpoint. They have traveled the state and seen facilities built with ARPA money.

Heath Feichtner, Willard, Ohio. He noted this is still a dream and was the only dream they have left. He asked that they reconsider this and help them make this become a reality.

Randolph Bacon, Greenwich, Ohio. Mr. Bacon stated this group has been working very hard to get this project going. They have also discussed how to run this building after it is built. They also discussed the option of holding weddings and open houses. Norwalk is a beautiful place, because we are right next to Erie County. We can pull people from both counties and fill that building with shows and all kinds of neat things. We have been planning on doing that but this is a big crush, putting us back.

Mr. Brady closed public comment and thanked those who spoke. He explained they were going to finish the resolutions, then have a discussion amongst the commissioners, and the commissioners only, about the project at hand. Then they will take a vote.

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IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICE AT THE HURON COUNTY JAIL

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the contract for the medical service at the Huron County jail needs to be bid; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on September 28, 2023 and on the County’s website <http://www.hccommissioners.com> by clicking on the Legal Notice link until the bid is opened on October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.; 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. Strickler explained the current contract was about to expire. They are required to re-bid it.

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

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bid packets will be made available for medical service for the Huron County Jail by the Board of County Commissioners, Huron County (OWNER) Address, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 beginning September 28, 2023 and will be publicly opened and read on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The project consists of provisions for:

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Providing medical services for Huron County Jail as stated in the project's Request for Proposal (RFP) bid packet.

The RFP bid packet for this project may be acquired at the following location:

Huron County Administration Building
Huron County Commissioners
180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7
Norwalk, OH 44857

The RFP bid packet may be obtained from OWNER during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Huron County shall select the lowest and best bid as determined by the sole discretion of Huron County. All bidders must:

- Submit a bid guarantee made out to the Huron County Treasurer in the amount of \$500.00 and it must accompany the bid.
- Bidder must furnish a sworn statement concerning full compliance concerning personal property taxes according to the ORC Section 5719.042. The bidder must hold this bid for at least sixty (60) days.
- Bidder must sign the awarded contract within two (2) weeks of the award
- Bidder must complete all bid documents, and be fully compliant with all local, state and federal laws.

This notice can be located on the county's internet site on the worldwide web, at <http://www.hccommissioners.com> click on legal notice button.

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vickie Ziemba
Administrator/Clerk

Publish: September 28, 2023

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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 #19) AND S-C-21-1BJ-1 (DRAW #9) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 26, 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 BC-1 was in the amount of \$14,274 and is for a private rehab in Norwalk, repair assistance in Willard, and general administration. SC-1 was \$1,094 for home repair in Bellevue. Mr. Boose stated he and Mr. Wilde had watched a webinar on housing yesterday. He noted that there is a lack of housing in this area. There was some really interesting outside-the-box talk. One of the things discussed was using ARPA money for housing. Mr. Boose thought the CHIP funds have more applicants than there were funds available. Ms. Ziemba stated that was true for some of the programs. Mr. Boose thought what he heard yesterday was worth looking into as a way of getting more affordable housing to the area. He would like to get a copy of that presentation and forward it to the Land Bank.

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

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

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

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 3001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-3001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDHG E.E. RJ Balance: CDHG Housing P.J. Balance: Home Program Income Balance	
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IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought this was a very important meeting. He reminded them that during the last three months of this year they were going to reduce the amount from 97% to 72% without the revenue being included. There is already an amendment that will allow the state to move the money from the state funds to the local government funds. So, if that does pass, and there is no indication that it won't, we will receive two checks for 9-1-1. The check at 72% and then an additional check for the rest of it. It is complicated, especially for a new 9-1-1 Coordinator, so he would definitely recommend this training.

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

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

Jessica Spears, EMA/9-1-1 Coordinator & Art Mead, EMA, to Medina, Ohio for a NexGen 9-1-1 Update Session on October 17, 2023.

SIGNINGS

Ms. Ziemba said the only signing was the energy refresh for the electric aggregation which should be coming in sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. today.

Proposed Fair Building Discussion: Those in attendance: Cody Gerdeman, Roger Hunker, Evan Clemons, Betty Miller, Tara Stieber, Ben Fries, Ray Barber, Jude Ott, Mason Kinney, Joey Feichtner, Nash Feichtner, Adam Myers, Heath Feichtner, Jeanette Ott, Adam Weaver, B. Gold, Matthew Gillenwater, Randolph Bacon, James K. Miller, Ben Chaffee, Jr., and Tom Trimmer.

Mr. Wilde wanted to begin the discussion. He stated that originally the occupancy was approximately 416; now it is 1,300+. But he did not think anything changed in the plan before it went out to bid. He looked at the plans and did not think if you had 1,300 people in the building they could all go to the bathroom. He understood there was the option of restrooms within 500 feet. But those bathrooms are not open in the winter. His other concern was, when you have a wedding and everyone is dressed up, he didn't know how practical it was to go to the bathroom outside, especially dressed up in high heels. Financially he was concerned they were borrowing money. He was definitely not for that based on some of the numbers he has seen from the Fair Board. He was not sure it was financially sustainable for the future. On Thursday he asked about utilities. There were no estimates on utilities. He believes the building has both heat and air, and it is a big building. Another concern was the fact the start date for construction wasn't until after the 2024 fair. His question was, what is pricing going to be like a year from now? The price of things continues to go up. He wondered how that was going to be dealt with when we are already constrained with money. Lastly, at the Thursday meeting he asked Ms. Gordon, our ARPA consultant, if the project still qualified for ARPA funds. She said no.

Mr. Brady said Thursday they had the Fair Board in and had a discussion about the building and the bids. A lot of questions were asked about the design, Mr. Wilde had already mentioned some. Tim Hollinger had concerns about the number of restrooms. The kitchen was expected from the beginning. Mr. Brady said if we are going to use it for weddings, for conventions, for things that have food, we need a kitchen. Some events are catered, but for a true community building, there needs to be some sort of a kitchen. Along the way, the accusation has been made that the commissioners have moved the goalpost. We have not. From the beginning we have said what kind of building we would support. The funding has changed. When you go from state money to ARPA money, you have a whole new set of rules to follow. So yes, the funding goalpost was moved. That was not because of the commissioners, that was because of ARPA regulations. We had a meeting here that was attended by some of the Fair Board, some of the committee, the architect, Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Strickler. The meeting was to make sure everyone was on same page. In that conversation we talked about multiple things that didn't ultimately get addressed. But one of the things we had said was we want to see a single bid. We do not want to rely on volunteers. That's great if you are using your own money. But if you are using \$1.8 million in ARPA money and you can't get the project finished on time then we have to pay the money back. Because the rules say it has to be a completed project. He found it distressing that the bids did not include demo of the existing buildings, and going ten feet outside the pad for hookups. The other thing was that he did not believe that this has been meticulously followed, as was stated in the paper. He said it has been an ongoing issue since January at least when Ms. Gordon wrote the memorandum. His concern is if we are having this much trouble staying on the same page now, he is not sure what will happen when it is time to do the reporting. That reporting is meticulous, very specific and very in depth. It has to be done the way the federal government says it has to be done.

Mr. Wilde pointed out that our ARPA consultant, who we pay a lot of money for, did not see the bid package until after the bid went out. He clarified that Mr. Strickler had seen it, but Ms. Gordon had not. Mr. Boose noted that they had not either. Mr. Brady said that was definitely a criteria – the bid documents would go to Ms. Gordon, she would insert the language and then it would go out to bid.

Mr. Boose stated that a lot of them were mad, and so was he. This was a project the commissioners wanted and were behind 100%. He was the first commissioner to hear about the proposal, to hear about the ask for using the ARPA money. This was back in December of last year. From what he heard why they needed the building and what it was going to be used for, it was truly a community building. This board has always been a strong supporter of 4-H and of the Fair Board. We have put in over \$1 million of electric work, water work. We spent a large sum of our money to make it wireless. Just about every time the Fair Board has asked for something we have told them, if this is what you want and we can fulfill it, we will do that. That is not what he has read in the paper or has seen on Facebook. We as a board wanted to see this building get done. We wanted to see a bigger facility so we could have bigger events. Which is what we were told, in more than one meeting, this building was going to be used for. We have it in writing, and we read it at our last meeting, what we were told the purposes of the building were going to be. That is what we used to make the decision. Because our ARPA consultant told us, over and over again, it is going to depend on the use.

At the very first meeting Mr. Boose told them, if you use ARPA money, there are a whole lot of strings attached, and you have to do every one of them. If you don't, the county is held liable for that money and needs to pay it back. This was stressed several times during this process. Mr. Boose said he likes that all of a sudden the transparency question is brought up. We have had more meetings about this project than any other ARPA project. And we have some projects that are a whole lot bigger than this one. We have always had open meetings in this room. We have passed information on to the board, we have passed information on to the committee, over and over and over again. We saw, back in July or August, that this project was not moving at the pace we needed it to move for ARPA. So, we asked to have a special meeting so everyone could sit down, including our ARPA consultant. This was the time to get everyone in one room and work out all the answers to all the questions. That meeting was had. Mr. Boose said he was not happy that there were still a ton of questions that weren't answered after that meeting. The other thing Mr. Boose wanted to bring forward was that they said the goalpost changed. The goalpost never changed. ARPA money is ARPA

money. The rules are the rules. When we saw you doing things that were pushing the rules of ARPA, then maybe we questioned it. But every time we would see changes, they were changes made by the building committee. As Commissioner Brady said, the ARPA rules have never changed. They are the same. Mr. Boose thought it was interesting that now they were saying, hey you need to work with us, you need to have transparency. He has not seen that over the last nine or ten months. For example, Mr. Boose was out at the fair and mentioned to them that he had heard the building had already gone out to bid. They confirmed it had. The commissioners never saw anything. The commissioners asked for all costs by the end of September. What is the cost of adding heating and air conditioning to that bathroom that you plan on using? Has it gone out to bid? Mr. Weaver said he could answer. It could easily be added into the current building. Mr. Boose said they asked for it to all be done. Mr. Weaver said the wall in the bathroom could be moved about six feet, two stalls could be added to each bathroom. This would fulfill the requirement. Mr. Weaver explained they came in massively under the estimate at \$2.4 million. Mr. Brady said that estimate was just for the building, it did not include all the demo. The commissioners asked for all costs to be included.

Mr. Boose said we were given an estimate at the last meeting of what it was going to cost to do site work. We were told the Fair Board was going to do it themselves. We need to know what that cost is now. We don't have that cost, but the estimate we were given is way over the bidding requirement. We asked for a bid so we know what the numbers are, and we want that bid on the whole project, not on parts of the project. We don't have the numbers we asked for by the end of September. We gave a specific date and made it clear we need to know all costs by that date. Today we still don't have this. We don't have anything other than generic guesses of what it might be. Mr. Boose said he knew for a fact that site prep has not gone out to bid. No more guesses, we are past time to guess what something is. Mr. Boose was at a Fair Board meeting where it was discussed that parking was needed and somebody even brought up the fact that may require taking out the horse arena. We didn't hear any different until we got the bids back. Nobody asked for any of the commissioners input before going out to bid. We didn't even know you were going out to bid.

Mr. Boose said they keep hearing people are going to park way over in the far parking lot. But, the building is going to be used for weddings and big meetings. So the people attending those events were going to have to walk across half the fair to get to them. He asked if there were going to be any upgrades, are there going to be sidewalks? The commissioners don't have any of that information. No one thought to give it to them. Mr. Brady agreed they did not have it, it was not given to them prior to the meeting.

Mr. Wilde said that on Thursday we asked about the costs from ten feet out from the building. Mr. Morgan stated it would be \$300,000. Mr. Boose said that Mr. Hunker then stated it was \$100,000. But there is no bid. We have the president of the Fair Board saying \$300,000 and somebody else saying \$100,000.

Mr. Boose said, to wrap it up, he was mad. He wanted this building. This has nothing to do with 4-H. We strongly support 4-H and always have. It is not about not supporting the Fair Board. It amazed him that it even comes up that the commissioners were not working with them. They have worked hard these last nine months to get the answers we needed. Today we still don't have those answers. He thought it would have been great as originally planned and as passed by the ARPA consultant at the beginning of the year. Ms. Feichtner asked what has changed. Mr. Boose said a lot has changed on their end. Mr. Boose said they have supported the Fair Board every year he has been in office. The Fair Board has decided to do some things that the commissioners really weren't 100% in agreement with, but we said, the Fair Board is making those decisions. But this is a decision of \$1.8 million that the county is going to be held responsible for. We have said in several meetings that this is not our project, this is your project. The details of it are all yours. But they have to abide by ARPA. We told you, before we even approved the \$1.8 million, that you have to follow all the ARPA rules. Last Thursday you heard from our consultant that says this doesn't follow what they said they were going to do.

Mr. Brady noted they had visited the Wood County Fairgrounds building that he thought was absolutely beautiful. That was what he envisioned this was going to be like. It didn't go that direction. But he did think they need a new hog barn and the Fair Board should go back and pursue that.

Terry Boose moved that they do not use the \$1.8M set aside from ARPA money for this project. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion: Mr. Boose thought there was still a great opportunity to put up a new hog barn. A lot of money has been raised.***

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

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

At 10:10 a.m. Scott Sparks, Airport Board. Also in attendance: Pat Schwann, Richland Engineering; Daniel LeClair, Patricia LeClair, Mark Blakely, Dennis Sokol, Nick Burch, Herbert Cremeans, Michael T. Barefoot, Martin Patton, Joshua Ott, Scott Brogan, Alex McCoy and Judy Lykins.

Mr. Brady apologized they were running late. He said he appreciates what they do out at the Airport and has seen a lot of positive changes out there. Mr. Sparks thanked them for allowing them to be here today. He said the goals at the airport were changing so they could get more impact as far as economic development. Mr. Sparks explained their first goal is to get the necessary permissions to conduct an air study to enable them to get their night approach back. That night approach gets them a lot of things. It can get them cargo flights in, it can get them charter passenger flights in. The current runway and taxiway crack sealing project will go towards that goal. They have also received a grant from the State of Ohio for removal of trees that are in the obstruction zone. Mr. Boose asked if that included the trees that were once all cleared out and were now growing back. Mr. Sparks said it does. Mr. Boose asked if there was a plan to keep that from happening. Mr. Sparks said he wants to put it in the bid to have it bulldozed, raked and get it all out of there. Mr. Brady asked if it could be turned into farmable ground. Mr. Sparks said absolutely. Mr. Brady said so that would be potentially more income.

Mr. Sparks said future projects on their goal is to enhance the airports electrical infrastructure; facilitate the installation of the state-of-the-art lighting system and safety features. This also goes in line with getting the night approach back. They really need the electrical upgrades. Last year they did almost \$23,000 worth of electrical work. The upgrade includes relocating and replacing the electrical vault. They want to upgrade all the airfield lighting to LED, the runways, signage, high intensity runway lights. They also need to move the beacon. The pole is a hazard. Moving the beacon is going to be critical, which is why they included it in this project as well. The light socks will be upgraded; they are going to ask for a PAPI, and also an AWOS (Automatic Weather Observation System). The AWOS requires a study, but it is a safety issue. This became important the week of Nationals. We had low ceilings in Norwalk. Lorain was showing blue skies and sunny. A lot of people use Lorain's weather to fly into Huron County, and it is very misleading. AWOS is critical.

The second goal is to rehabilitate the airport movement surfaces. This includes rehabilitating taxiways A, C and ramp A. There is a drainage problem out by the taxiway by the B hangars. They also plan to install a perimeter fence.

Mr. Sparks said all projects have potential to be funded by FAA, ODOT Air or through the bill money. The funding breaks down as 95/5. He said they would like to ask the commissioners if they would be willing to kick in some local money. Friends of Airport have provided money to support the funding we did for the FAA grant a couple weeks ago. That local share is going to get bigger and bigger as these projects get more expensive. Mr. Sparks noted they had a lot of support with them today to ask the commissioners to kick in some of that local share money. Mr. Sparks had a chart showing the projects and what local share was anticipated.

Mr. Brady asked how long it would take the FAA to approve the night approach. Mr. Sparks asked Pat Schwann, Richland Engineering to answer that question. Mr. Schwann said that would have to get on the schedule for the FAA. He did not know the exact timeframe, but thought it would be six months or more. The intent would be to have all those items addressed before it gets scheduled, because if it wasn't approved it would have to be rescheduled.

Mr. Boose wanted to explain how their process works and how they fund the county projects. They sit down and put a long-term plan together as to what all the projects are. Then they put a rough estimate on it. They put the plan together year by year. That helps them make decisions. He thought everything on Mr. Sparks' list was needed. He said what would help him was if there was a timeline on the projects. Mr. Wilde agreed, saying they don't know what order things need to be done. Mr. Boose said they also understand that when grants come up, you want to take advantage of it. He wanted to be positive, but noted we don't know what the economy is going to do in the next couple of years. Mr. Brady said the more we can make the airport utilize what it has and getting more traffic out there increases the potential for self-sustainability. Mr. Boose said sometimes it takes investments to get to that stage to become self-sufficient. He thought the current board has brought the airport a long way. He would like to be able to fund everything with a match, but it would depend on the economy and timing.

Mr. Sparks explained they do have a 10-year capital improvement plan. They have moved the pieces around and Mr. Schwan was hoping to get it published shortly. Mr. Sparks said they have had more jets out there than ever. It was a really good year; those owners and racers really like being able to fly in and walk out the back door to Summit. We have something really unique. Mr. Boose saw he was already trying to put a plan together for the eclipse. Mr. Sparks said Mr. Mead has been a big part of it; he has done a lot to help them get ready for the eclipse and realizes the impact that will have.

Dan LeClaire, President, Friends of the Airport. Mr. LeClaire asked how long Mr. Sparks has to put together this plan so he can possibly get money for matching funds for next year. Mr. Boose thought that anything for next year, the sooner the better. They will be starting to make decisions on next years budget in about a month. Mr. Boose said for the long term, whatever fits into your schedule, but the sooner we get it the easier it is for us to plan. Mr. LeClaire said the Friends will continue to try to solicit funding.

Joshua Ott, C.W. Mechanical & Plumbing, wanted to say that as a new company in this area, one of the biggest struggles is getting their name out and building a reputation. The Huron County airport has supported them by giving them work. He wanted to let the commissioners know the airport was spending their money responsibly and keeping it local.

Mr. LeClaire noted there are hundreds of businesses that fly in to the airport. If you are not there you don't realize the impact the airport has on the community, but it has a major impact. At one time there were over 250 businesses that flew in the week of Nationals.

At 10:39 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:07 a.m. the board resumed regular session

OLD BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

Ms. Ziemba had some answers to questions on the Claims Schedule. Mr. Mushett responded to the payment to Franklin County Courts. He said *"As per state law, our court is required to pay the court costs for mental illness hearings conducted foreign counties for Huron County residents. Franklin County keeps coming up because our residents get admitted to the State Mental Hospitals and other facilities . . ."*. They remembered this was not the first one they had received and that they also had received medical bills.

She had received a message back from Ms. Newton at the Sheriff's office on the hotspots. It stated *" . . . new technology that would work better in the cruisers. It is a one-time charge for the actual hotspots and I think we are getting some credits on our next invoice. The monthly service will remain the same, or close to the same, as what we have been paying."* Mr. Wilde clarified this was a physical item they had received.

Ms. Ziemba forwarded an email she received late yesterday from the Sheriff's office regarding a transfer so if there are any questions we can get those answered. They are running short in their overtime line because of pregnancies, turnover. They have a lot going on. Mr. Brady pointed out that you can't help those things or plan for them. Ms. Ziemba wanted to see if they had any questions before the meeting next Tuesday. Mr. Brady just wanted to know if they thought that would get them through to the end of the year. Ms. Ziemba will check to see if they know of anything else that may come up.

Assistant Prosecutor updates:

Mr. Strickler finished the lease for the DD building. However, he received conflicting emails. Mr. Welch said it was 13,500 square feet. Mr. Johnson thought it was 9,400 – 9,500 square feet. Mr. Welch was supposed to confirm the actual square footage. Mr. Brady called Mr. Welch into the meeting. Mr. Strickler asked what the exact square footage was. Mr. Welch thought it was 13,276. Mr. Boose told him not to move forward with that number. Mr. Welch said he was meeting with John Schwartz today. They should have it narrowed down by end of day. Mr. Wilde said he had given Mr. Welch some numbers of what people in Norwalk were paying. He noted that utility costs would need to be reflected in the lease agreement. Mr. Boose said Ms. Stebel had given them a utility bill for July or August that was \$1,400. This did not include air conditioning. They were pretty much the only ones in the building.

Mr. Brady stated that an email had come from ODOT indicating they did not have any money to help us with the building. However, they are looking at it for the grant for next year. Discussion about the chiller at the Board of DD building and when they would be able to replace it.

Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if he received his email from Paul Farrell, Jr. regarding opioid litigation. They wanted to add a new person to the opioid contacts. Mr. Strickler will check it out.

Commissioner Wilde updates:

NACo housing webinar yesterday. Good information. Mr. Boose thought this was the perfect example of why they needed to belong to NACo.

Commissioner Brady updates:

Last Thursday Mr. Brady had a CCAO General Government and Operations meeting via Zoom. Voted to not endorse any legislation that is currently going through.

Mr. Brady was at a meeting in Lorain County last evening. The gentleman who is running for sheriff in Lorain County was there. Had a long discussion about sheriff's budgets, and especially School Resource Officers.

Tomorrow morning is WIOA.

Boys and Girls Club open house in New London tomorrow. Mr. Brady will be there at some point.

Land Bank on Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Brady will be attending CEBCO in Columbus on Friday morning. Auditor Faber is going to present Thisbe Butcher, who is the accountant for CCAO, with an award.

Commissioner Boose updates:

Mr. Boose said they have covered one of the three items he plans to bring up at every meeting. Today he wanted to talk about Victim's Assistance. Had discussions with many commissioners at the CCAO retreat and asked a lot of questions.

Terry Boose moved to approve the \$11,130.50 that Ms. Ziemba determined, after discussion with Ms. Bursley at the Auditor's office, was the amount needed to get Victim's Assistance through to the end of the year. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion:*** Mr. Boose wanted to be clear this would only get them through the end of the year. He would like Mr. Wilde and Ms. Ziemba to sit down with them and help them look into other sources of funding.

Mr. Strickler asked how that \$11,130.50 number was determined. Mr. Boose said it was their intention to cover their current rates through the end of the year. If they find out at the end of the year that this isn't the correct amount, they will adjust it. Ms. Ziemba stated the number they were talking about was without a pay increase. The numbers Ms. Border submitted included a pay increase and was for nine pays. There are only seven pays remaining this year. Mr. Strickler said he was unaware of the pay raise.

Mr. Brady suggested the Prosecutor's office have some conversations earlier rather than later about potential funding sources. Mr. Strickler said at one point, a few years ago, they had gone to the Judges and asked if they would add another cost on the filing fees. He seemed to remember that the Judge did not feel it was right that people who weren't victims of crimes were paying for this. It didn't seem right to put something related to a criminal case on a civil filing. Mr. Brady noted they were about to use General Fund money to do this, and a lot of the people that contributed to the General Fund were not victims either. Mr. Strickler agreed and said they would revisit that with the Judges.

Mr. Wilde said they know we need \$11,130.50. We know we may have to address it later. He asked if it would be okay to give them a little more so come November or December they wouldn't need to ask for more. Mr. Boose said you can't carry it forward for next year's budget. Mr. Strickler noted come January 1 they may have two people filing unemployment claims. Mr. Brady said they could do it with the interim budget if they so choose.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to take the money out of 041/Contingencies.

Mr. Wilde asked if his idea had been shot down. Ms. Strickler suggested they round it up to \$12,000.00. Mr. Wilde was concerned that something could happen at the end of the year. Mr. Brady asked if that would truly zero them out at the end. Ms. Ziemba said yes. He then suggested they do give them an even \$12,000.00. Mr. Boose said he would move to amend the resolution. They would need a motion and second, then they would need to vote on the amendment, then on the amended motion.

Terry Boose moved to amend Commissioner Wilde's resolution to approve \$12,000.00 for Victims Assistance. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

****Discussion:*** Ms. Ziemba explained this will get them to the final pay period of 2023, which ends December 16, 2023. It does not get you to the January budget. The \$12,000 does not include giving the employees an increase.

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

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

The roll being called upon the adoption of the amended motion, the vote resulted as follows:

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

The next thing Mr. Boose wanted to bring up was Mr. Strickler's written opinion regarding School Resource officer contract with Western Reserve. Mr. Strickler said he was working on it.

Brought up at the meeting last week the five regional meeting regarding HB33 and the budget. They say they are going to go into the details. The board is RSVP'd for the October 30 meeting in Lima.

CCAO working with the office of the Public Defender to collect projections. Our Public Defender has sent his in. Mr. Boose said he liked what he heard from him.

Employers workers compensation rate reduction for 2024.

NACo Housing Task Force has released the final report and policy recommendations on housing. Contains some excellent information. Mr. Boose would like to forward this to Norwalk Economic Development, Huron County Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wilde suggested it should also go to GLCAP.

Secretary of State has issued a directive advisory regarding election security and poll book reimbursement. One the things he learned last week is there will be a county omnibus bill in the House and the Senate which will try to clear up some things which may not have come out of the budget the way they should have. One of those corrections is that the reimbursement for pollbooks would go to the General Fund as opposed to going to the Board of Elections. The General Fund paid for the pollbooks.

Department of Administrative Services is planning NextGen 9-1-1 regional briefings. Mr. Mead and Ms. Spears are already signed up.

New round of body-worn camera grant accepting applications through October 5. Mr. Boose did not think there should be reason we should be paying for body cams or storage of the information.

Central district – Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission study to target Intel impact outside central Ohio. Does not include Huron County; we are not within a 40-minute drive. Trying to see how much of the \$20B project will change the lives for those living a county or two away.

In the Statehouse Report, the ESINet Committee passed a motion to restore counties to 97% of 9-1-1 fee for the rest of 2023.

A lot of bills going forward about property tax valuation. Talked extensively about this last week. Bottom line from both House and Senate was no one understands this stuff.

Really good discussion last year with leadership of House and Senate on how can they help up with the housing shortage. They have a housing study committee to look at that at the state level. Mr. Boose asked them to share the information they have with Huron County. A lot of the issues have very little to do with money. Discussed how easy/how hard it is to get building permits.

Region 19 continues to meet and they continue to finalize stuff.

Mr. Boose pointed out that there were quite a few people filing petitions for the commissioner seats. This is good if everyone knows what the job is. He asked CCAO if they have any documentation on what is involved in the commissioner's job. They said they have talked about putting something together.

At 12:27 p.m. the board recessed.

At 12:55 p.m. the board resumed regular session

Mr. Brady stated they had an email from Palmer Energy on the refresh results for the electric aggregation program. Dynegy was at a rate of 0.06471 through December 2025. Energy Harbor was at a 0.06550 through December 2025. It was the recommendation of Palmer Energy for Huron County to execute an agreement with Dynegy for a term beginning with the January 2024 billing period through the December 2025 billing period at the rate of 0.06471/kw for residential and small commercial aggregation participants.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the recommendation. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 12:59 p.m. Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde 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 September 26, 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 12:59 p.m.

Signatures on File