

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; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Jeff Colvin, Citizen; Richard Ortman, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment:**

*Richard Ortman, Norwalk.* Mr. Ortman wanted to let the board know he was the one who had submitted a property use form for a peaceful rally for Christian Nationalism. Mr. Ortman is in attendance in case there are any questions. The event will be January 6, 2024 from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

Mr. Boose suggested addressing this now so Mr. Ortman would not have to stay for the whole meeting.

***Terry Boose moved to approve the Property Use Request as presented. 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*

HURON COUNTY  
PROPERTY USE REQUEST

VENUE REQUESTED:  Courthouse steps & yard  Old Jail

ORGANIZATION/PERSON REQUESTING PERMISSION: Perfect Law Institute, Richard Ortman

NAME OF EVENT: Peaceful Rally for Christian Nationalism

PROPOSED DATE: 1/06/2024 TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

ALTERNATE DATE/TIME IN CASE OF CANCELLATION: 1/13/2024

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Ortman

ADDRESS: 61 State St., Norwalk, OH

PHONE NUMBER: 734 660-0427

EMAIL: Richard@theperfectliberty.com

WILL YOU REQUIRE ELECTRICITY?  Yes  No  
\*You must submit request at least 10 days prior to your event if requesting access to electricity.

THE ORGANIZATION AND/OR PERSONS USING THE COURTHOUSE STEPS, YARD, OR OLD JAIL AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES, LIABILITY AND EXPENSES RELATIVE TO OR ARISING OUT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSONS (INCLUDING DEATH) RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE, YARD, OR OLD JAIL PROPERTY.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, 180 MILAN AVE., STE 7, NORWALK, OH, 44857, 419-668-3092, MAIN@HURONCOUNTYOHIO.COM

This request is:  Approved  Not Approved

Harry Brady 12/21/23  
County Commissioner President Date

23-387

**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 for Payment Batch #371482 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: Mr. Boose wondered why the postage meter needed to be updated with \$16,000 before the end of the year.

Park Board bond. Mr. Boose thought he had discussed this with Ms. Ziembra a year or two ago and they can't get their bond through CORSA.

Buildings & Grounds – annual sprinkler and backflow inspection for 22 E. Main. Mr. Boose reminded them the county has the sprinkler system in the basement.

Large bill for water at S. Norwalk Road. Mr. Boose hoped the issues had been taken care of.

FOJ is a separate fund both the Prosecutor and the Sheriff have. There is money put in that account for them to spend on special things. Mr. Boose was curious why they were paying for FOJ checks out of the regular sheriff's fund and the checks don't come out of the FOJ fund. Mr. Boose would like to hold this payment.

The sheriff has a K9 account to pay for all food and vet bills. Equipment account is being used to buy K9 uniforms for the officers. This did not make sense to Mr. Boose.

Quarterly payment to OSU Extension in the amount of \$48,000. Mr. Boose thought, with all the drug and alcohol prevention that 4-H does, this was well worth it.

Special foster care was \$140,000 for the month.

Looking at EMA and 9-1-1 Mr. Boose thought they would need to have discussion at the beginning of next year about what some of the expenses are, especially out of 9-1-1.

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: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department of Commissioners, Department of Data Processing, Department of Treasurer, and Department of Prosecutor.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department of Prosecutor, Department of Common Pleas, Department of Adult Probation, and Department of Juvenile.









**Claims Register for Payment Batches**

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
<b>Fund 635 - Commissary Trust</b>						
<b>Department - Commissary Trust</b>						
12/29/2023	Wells Commissary Network	371482	2023-0424201	November Commissary Stock	\$5,214.68	
12/29/2023	Lakewood Inc	371482	2023-0424201	40 cases gloves	\$2,143.20	
12/29/2023	Pro Tech	371482	2023-0424201	Pro Tech	\$2,000.23	
12/29/2023	Prime Calling Solutions	371482	2023-0424201	Nov Phone Use	\$45.00	
12/29/2023	Acme Connections	371482	2023-0424201	Nov Phone Use	\$66.90	
12/29/2023	Account 636.635.0290 (Expenditures) Total:	371482	2023-0424201	Nov Phone Use	\$111.90	
<b>Department - Commissary Trust Total:</b>						
					<b>\$15,537.96</b>	
<b>Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund</b>						
<b>Department - Canine Trust Fund</b>						
12/29/2023	Ray Alan Manufacturing LLC	371482	2023-0424211	3. Brady bowls for fund, Canes & Keys	\$65.72	
12/29/2023	Mapleview Animal Hospital Inc	371482	2023-0424211	Vet report for Chesed	\$97.81	
<b>Account 640.640.0290 (Expenditures) Total:</b>					<b>\$163.53</b>	
<b>Department Canine Trust Fund Total:</b>					<b>\$163.53</b>	
<b>Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:</b>					<b>\$163.53</b>	
<b>Grand Total:</b>					<b>\$9715,918.20</b>	

Sign 1: *Harry Brady*  
Sign 2: *Terry Boose*  
Sign 3: *Bruce Wilde*

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23-388

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1 project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:05 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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 were going to resurface from where ODOT stopped at the roundabout south to Tiger Road.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, January 19, 2024 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:05 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than September 27, 2024.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise:  
January 4, 2024

23-389

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINER ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Bridge Improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Bridge Improvements project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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 this was south of Court. It would widen out the bridge deck to accept the road widening scheduled for 2027. He explained that south of Court to Scranton was only 20’ wide. The rest of the road is 24’ wide. This is the last stretch to be widened.

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

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



**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**DECEMBER 21, 2023**

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Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than August 30, 2024.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

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Advertise:  
January 4, 2024

23-390

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR  
THE NEW STATE ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for New State Road Superstructure project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for New State Road Superstructure project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:10 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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 this was north of Peru Olena. They were saving the existing foundations and put a new deck on the bridge.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**DECEMBER 21, 2023**

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, January 19, 2024 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: New State Road Superstructure Replacement. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:10 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than November 4, 2024.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

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Advertise:  
January 4, 2024

23-391

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH R&I CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE FOR THE HURON COUNTY BASELINE ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT; HUR CR 011-03.24; PID 113808 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-371 the bid was awarded to R & I Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$734,204.00 for the Huron County Baseline Road Bridge Design/Build Project; for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., for such goods and services: now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with R & I Construction, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio for the Huron County Baseline Road Bridge Design/Build Project for the Huron County Engineer as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this is a bridge just east of the village, about 500’ from the one they did last year.

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

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

*\*Contract on file*

23-392

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE BULLHEAD ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-343 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Bullhead Road Resurfacing project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, December 15, 2023 at 9:00 A.M from the following:

Sarver Paving Company	\$183,900.00
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$190,054.75
Gerken Paving, Co.	\$202,704.00
Kokosing Construction Co.	\$207,264.00
AJ Riley	Bid Rejected

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio, for the Bullhead Road Resurfacing Project; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** This is the whole road from 224 to 103.

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

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

23-393

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR BUTLER ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-344 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for Butler Road Culvert Replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, December 15, 2023 at 9:05 A.M from the following:

Marett Excavating	\$276,783.00
Denes Concrete	\$282,560.75
RMH Concrete	\$299,200.50
Hockenberry Trucking	\$308,764.01 *corrected bid amount
Rising Son Company, Inc	\$309,170.25 *corrected bid amount
Great Lakes Demolition	\$328,361.50
R&I Construction	\$335,407.29
Fabrizi Trucking	\$337,343.70

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Marett Excavating, Norwalk, Ohio, for Butler Road Culvert Replacement; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; and further

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

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

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

23-394

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE OUTFITTING OF SINGLE AXLE CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK.**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Outfitting of Single Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested that the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 be waived for said bids and in its stead a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be required; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board of County Commissioners, by a unanimous vote of the entire board, may permit a contracting authority to exempt a bid from any or all of the requirements of O.R.C. §153.54; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve of letting bids for the Outfitting of Single Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website [www.hccommssioners.com](http://www.hccommssioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids; 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 this was an ARPA truck that is scheduled to be delivered next month. It should be in service next year. Mr. Boose reminded him the commissioners had decided to pay for this.

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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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of January 19, 2024, until 8:59 a.m. local time at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 for: The Outfitting of a Single Axle Cab & Chassis Truck. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:15 a.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Bidder and the name of the Proposal written on the outside of the envelope.

Proposals and Specifications may be obtained or examined at the office of Lee E. Tansey, Huron County Engineer, 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Huron County Commissioners, all of the bid bonding requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code have been waived for these bids. A certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes for each Bid submitted. All other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This legal notice may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com/> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise: January 4, 2024

23-395

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO

<p><b>IN RE:</b> THE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH, OHIO’S ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BASELINE ROAD (WEST BROADWAY STREET) VEHICULAR BRIDGE</p>	<p>A RESOLUTION TO AGREE AND RECOGNIZE THE VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH, OHIO’S ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP OF AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BASELINE ROAD VEHICULAR BRIDGE, FORMERLY OWNED BY ASHLAND RAILWAY, INC.</p>
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WHEREAS, the Baseline Road (West Broadway Street) Vehicular Bridge is closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic and is deemed unsafe, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has awarded 100% funding of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$1,829,112 .00, and

WHEREAS, Ashland Railway, Inc., owner of the bridge, has transferred ownership to the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the award of the ODOT funds is partially conditioned on this County's agreement to and recognition of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio's ownership of and inspection/maintenance responsibility for the Baseline Road Vehicular Bridge.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. THAT the Quit Claim Vehicular Bridge Deed dated November 3, 2023 from Ashland Railway, Inc. to the Village of Plymouth, Ohio of its conveyance of ownership and inspection/maintenance responsibility to the Village of Plymouth, Ohio is recognized and confirmed.

SECTION 2. THAT this Board recognizes and declares that for purposes of County funding practices and policies, the Village of Plymouth, Ohio is the owner of the Baseline Road (West Broadway Street) Vehicular Bridge and that the Village of Plymouth, Ohio shall be and is responsible for all the inspections, minor maintenance and major maintenance of the Baseline Road (West Broadway Street) Vehicular Bridge.

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on December 21, 2023, Commissioner Wilde moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, seconded by Commissioner Boose, and upon roll call vote, the vote was  X aye  nay.

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

23-396

**IN THE MATTER OF ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF NORWALK, PROPERTY OWNER SCOTT WHITE dba L & J RENTALS, LLC FOR 1 ACRE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN RIDGEFIELD TOWNSHIP (PARCEL 43-0010-01-054-0100)**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, an Expedited Type I petition of the above mentioned property owner was received by the board of Huron County Commissioners pursuant to Section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code to annex property into the City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements for filing an Expedited Type I petition have been met pursuant to Section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the annexation petition shall be and hereby is GRANTED; 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 had received responses from Tax Map and the Engineer’s office. Tax Map stated “In reviewing the documentation, the legal description Exhibit A was prepared by one surveyor and the survey plat, Exhibit B, was prepared by a different surveyor. The bearings in the legal description does not match the bearings shown on the plat. The legal description and the plat must agree and be prepared by the same surveyor. The legal description that was provided does agree with the legal description that is filed of public record on the current deed. Either a copy of the original survey needs to be attached as Exhibit B or a legal description that matches the survey plat will need to be prepared by the surveyor that completed the survey and needs to be submitted to the Huron County Tax Map department for review and approval. The Tax Map department has not seen or approved the current Exhibit B attachment.” The Engineer’s offices states that: “In reviewing the information the legal description does not match the survey plat. The bearings are somewhat different between the two documents. He has attached the survey plat Book 22, page 43 that matches the legal. The legal that was provided is the same as the current legal on record. It appears there are two easy solutions. The quickest is to use the old survey as Exhibit B that matches the legal or two, record a new legal that corresponds with the survey that was performed in 2016 and submit the new legal as Exhibit A.” Based on these two responses, Ms. Ziemba thought the only option they had was to deny. When she responds to the petitioner he will receive copies of all the responses so he has an idea of what he needs to do.

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

No – Terry Boose  
No – Harry Brady  
No – Bruce Wilde

23-397

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE SENIOR CENTER PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution #23-324, the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorized the advertisement and letting of bids for the Senior Center Project, in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and opened on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. A tabulation of the bids received is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, these bids have been reviewed by the Architect, Garmann Miller, as to their compliance with applicable terms, conditions and specifications of the bid with a recommendation that such bid and alternates be awarded to:

**Classical Construction, LLC  
8162 Secrest Road  
Apple Creek, OH 44606**

General Construction – Base Bid	\$4,700,000.00	
Alternate 01 - VVT Controls	\$ 14,077.00	
Alternate 02 – Heat Pump	\$ 906.00	
Alternate 03 – Sensor Operated Flush Valves	\$ 6,899.00	
Alternate 04 – Parking Spaces Around and West	\$ 46,412.00	
Alternate 05 – Parking Spaces North Side	\$ 36,314.00	
Alternate 06 – Back Patio	\$ 77,159.00	
Alternate 08 – Wall Tile	\$ 23,000.00	
Alternate 09 – Structural Steel	\$ 3,494.00	
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT AWARD:</b>	<b>\$4,908,261.00</b>	now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Senior Center Project, to Classical Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$4,908,261.00 as stated above and as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Brady stated he would be voting no because there was a different contractor he thought would be lowest and best, not because he did not want to see the senior center built.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
No – Harry Brady  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

23-398

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND ADULT PROBATION ACCOUNT #010**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for appropriation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

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

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	010	00175	001	\$762.57		010	00475	001	\$762.57
		Adult Probation – supplies					Adult Probation – other expenses		
	022	00200	001	\$5,000.00		022	00280	001	\$5,000.00
		B&G Equipment					B&G Services Contract		

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the appropriate journal entry;

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 noted they have never paid for this type of equipment from Buildings & Grounds before. It has always come from Capital Improvement or Permanent Improvement. This year was a busy year for HVAC replacement, which is why the account line was short.

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

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

23-399

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE LANDFILL FUND #500**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

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

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	501	00125	500	\$15,000.00		501	00280	500	\$150,000.00
		Salaries					Contract Services		
	501	00260	500	\$25,000.00					
		District /Local fees							
	501	00275	500	\$110,000.00					
		Contract Repairs							

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the appropriate journal entry;

and further

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



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

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

23-400

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOME VISITING FUND #144 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND #110**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustment:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	144	00500	144	\$454.28		144	00425	144	\$454.28
		Hospitalization					Workers Compensation HV		
	110	00500	110	\$6,602.28		110	00425	110	\$6,602.28
		Hospitalization					Workers Compensation		

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

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

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

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

23-401

**IN THE MATTER OF REDUCING THE ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES FOR THOSE FUNDS NOT REACHING THE LEVEL OF REVENUE ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED IN THE FINAL BUDGET**

Bruce Wilde moved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources reducing the estimate of resources for those funds not reaching the level of revenue they originally estimated in the final budget; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to reduce these funds as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the departments with revenue reduced; 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

23-402

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SECURITY GRANT FUND #194**

Bruce Wilde moved 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 Security Grant Fund #194 in the amount of \$1,858.04; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds to the Board of Elections Security Grant Fund #194; now therefore

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

TO: 194-00475-194 Other Expenses \$1,858.04 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. Boose explained they were doing this now to avoid a Then and Now next year.

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

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

23-403

**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-2 (DRAW #7) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD DECEMBER 21, 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 this was Private Rehab for a home in Willard in the amount of \$15,000.

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

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

Submit to: Development Services Agency Office of Community Development P.O. Box 1000 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1000		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		OSBG E.E. RLF Balance: OSBG Housing P.I. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:			
Contact Person Information Name: Marcia Walters Phone number: (614) 333-4118 Email: m.walters@dcap.org		Grant Number: B-C-21-18J-2		Date: Issued/Start: Interest#			
		Draw Number: 7					
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Title Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Title Budget (\$)
1	Rehabilitation Assistance	1	Private Rehabilitation	123 W Maple, Willard	15000.00	100961.00	85961.00
Total Amount of this Draw:					15000.00	100961.00	85961.00
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:		Signature:		Title:			
12/21/23		[Signature]		PRESIDENT			
Date:		Countersignature:		Title:			
12/21/23		[Signature]		Vice-President			
State Use Only:							
Approved:							

**SIGNINGS**

***Bruce Wilde moved to approve the Letter of Support to the Ohio Department of Development for additional funding for the city of Willard Water Plant upgrade. 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*



**HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Terry Boose \* Harry Brady \* Bruce "Skip" Wilde  
 Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk

December 19, 2023

Ohio Department of Development  
 Attn: Director Lydia Mihalik  
 77 S. High Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Letter of Support – Additional Funding for City of Willard Water Plant Upgrade

Dear Ms. Mihalik:

The Huron County Board of Commissioners wish to express their support for the City of Willard in their application for additional funds to be used for the water plant upgrade project.

The City of Willard has done their due diligence for many years to fund this project by increasing water capital fees and rates. However, the continued cost of inflation is making it difficult for the residents to pay for the project and still provide for their families. Additional funding is necessary to guarantee the success of this project. The water plant upgrade is vital for ensuring the continued supply of safe and clean water for the community.

We support the City of Willard's request and encourage you to fund this project so that they can continue to provide safe drinking water to the residents.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]  
 Terry Boose  
 [Signature]  
 Harry Brady  
 [Signature]  
 Bruce Wilde

180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1198  
 419-663-3092 \* 800-806-6092 \* Fax: 419-663-3370  
 Email: main@huroncounty-oh.gov  
 www.huroncommissioners.com

***Bruce Wilde moved to approve the Letter of Support for ORBEG Round 2 funding for North Coast Wireless Communications LLC. 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*



HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Boose \* Harry Brady \* Bruce "Skip" Wilde
Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk

December 19, 2023

RE: Letter of Support – ORBEG Round 2/North Coast Wireless Communications

To Whom It May Concern:

This shall serve as a letter of support for North Coast Wireless Communications LLC (NCWCOM). NCWCOM has been partnering with the Huron County Commissioners and to provide reliable and affordable internet service to unserved and underserved Huron County households first through their award of the House Bill 2/Round 1 Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) that is providing fiber optic internet access to over 320 homes in the Filchville area.

It is our understanding that NCWCOM plans to submit grant applications for round 2 of the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) Program, some of which include households in Huron County. Obtaining these grants would allow NCWCOM to further enhance fiber optic service in Huron County, which is vital to our residents. Service access of at least 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload to residents would assist those households in access to education, online work, medical services, etc.

We understand that ORBEG is a competitive grant program and grant awards are based on a competitive scoring system that takes into account various factors, one of which being letters of support. We, the Commissioners of Huron County, are extending our support of North Coast Wireless Communications (NCWCOM) and have witnessed their success within our county to provide fiber optic internet service to more than 320 households. That project is considerably ahead of schedule, the first residents already have service, and more are being lit up daily. Based on their success with this project, and our commitment to ensure excellent and affordable internet service is available to Huron County households, we believe NCWCOM is deserving of additional grant funds and recommend that they be awarded additional project through Round 2 of ORBEG funding.

The Huron County Commissioners are pleased that additional grant funds are being made available and has the potential to further expand broadband access.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Handwritten signatures of Terry Boose, Harry Brady, and Bruce Wilde.

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419-666-3092 \* 419-666-4092 \* Fax: 419-665-3370
Email: main@hocommissioners.com
www.hocommissioners.com

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

Michele Pfeiffer, Lenora Minor, Lara Hozalski, JFS & Vickie Ziemba, Commissioners, to Columbus, Ohio for the Public Employer Labor Relations Association Conference on January 29 – January 30, 2024.

Administrator/Clerk report

Ms. Ziemba said they would need to cancel the January 2nd meeting. They will hold the reorganizational meeting on January 4, 2024.

Bruce Wilde moved to cancel the January 2, 2024 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

County Credit Card. Ms. Ziemba had received a message from Ms. Schaffer at the Treasurers’ office that Mr. Stephens has reviewed whether the county could receive credit card rebates. He said it is fine as long as the rebates go into the general fund. Ms. Schaffer will notify the credit card company. They will begin the process of going through the contract. It will be the end of February or March before anything happens.

Ms. Ziemba reminded Mr. Boose he wanted to discuss the Firelands Local lease agreement. Mr. Boose thought they had discussed that, if Fireland’s Local creates garbage in their operation of doing business, then that disposal is their cost. He thought the contract indicated the county pays for all garbage disposal.

Ms. Ziemba said they had received a letter from the Ohio Department of Agriculture asking if they would be appointing anybody as an Apiary Inspector. She did not think they had found anyone that was interested.

Mr. Strickler had reviewed the Fireland’s Local lease and read the section that states: “Lessee shall be responsible for its own trash removal relative to its operations in the leased premises”. Everyone felt that was sufficient.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the Firelands Local Lease. Terry Boose seconded the motion.

\*Discussion: Ms. Ziemba will prepare a resolution for signature.

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

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

Ms. Ziemba has been working with Job & Family Services to try to get a new vehicle for the commissioners. She reminded them this had not been budgeted for in the 2024 budget. The state purchasing program has Honda Odyssey EX or Honda Accords available. She wanted to make sure they were okay with her continuing the process. Mr. Boose said they would let her know when they get a price. Mr. Brady asked if they would get rid of the Escape. Mr. Boose said they had talked about keeping the Escape to use around town. Ms. Ziemba said the prices they have so far are: 2024 Honda Accord, \$28,966. 2024 Honda Odyssey EX \$38,799. Prices do not include title fees. Mr. Boose would like JFS to continue looking into a vehicle for the commissioners.

America 250-Ohio Communities. Mr. Boose said CCAO had supported this several months ago and strongly suggested the counties support it as well. It doesn't cost anything. Ms. Ziemba said there is a lot to it. There has to be a primary contact. There are items that have to be agreed to: pass and sign the America 250-Ohio Communities resolution; upload the signed resolution; designate one to two people from the appropriate governmental office and one local church, civic or corporate partner to serve as the AM 250 Ohio community liaison; submit the names of the liaisons within 30 days of passing the resolution; and then within 30 days of passing the resolution you have to begin to form a committee. And you have to sign up for the newsletter. Ms. Ziemba said they would have to form a committee to do something. Mr. Boose said to celebrate 250 years for the U.S. Ms. Ziemba said the counties are discussing it in the email group; there are only two counties that have done it so far. One brought in their tourism director and one is looking at their historical society. Mr. Boose thought they should bring this up for discussion next year.

Sheriff's F150. When Chief Deputy Ditz went to purchase the 2024 they brought up they could get a 2023 with more options, saving \$1,148.

Payment held from Huron County Sheriff's office for the FOJ. The information Ms. Ziemba had from Ms. Newton was that this is always how it has been and there are only certain things that are allowed to be paid out of the FOJ fund. It is a discretionary fund and has very strict rules. Mr. Brady asked what fund they wanted to pay for the checks out of. Ms. Ziemba said 023, which was the General Fund road account. Mr. Strickler noted that at the end of the year, whatever is left in the FOJ fund goes back into the general fund. Mr. Boose wanted to stand by his decision to hold it and stated we need to do a better job of paying for expenses out of the proper account. Ms. Ziemba has let them know the payment was not going to be released.

*At 10:30 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, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. 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 11:35 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Sessions 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*

*\*Action taken:*

*Bruce Wilde moved to make changes to the Personnel Policy manual.*

*\*Discussion: Ms. Ziemba explained they want to make changes to the new Personnel Policy Manual that was supposed to go into effect January 1, 2024. They are going to remove the allowance of an 80-hour payout for vacation time. They are going to add back in the three-year cap of payout, with the ability to approve accrual over that amount as long as the employee acknowledges that anything above that three year cap will not be paid out. It does allow for any overage to be donated to the Catastrophic Leave bank.*

*Longevity will be clarified that it is for years of service with Huron County, not Ohio or other counties. Also, the longevity payout will go back to the prior policy amounts. That will allow the commissioners time to evaluate the financial impact to the county.*

*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 Boose update**

Mr. Boose had the final sales tax for 2023. It was up 3.86% from 2022. He has been in several meetings where they have discussed the large increase in sales tax. He was happy with the 3.86% but there were other revenues that didn't keep up with inflation. That is why local government has so many revenues, to try to balance things out. He thought this was about right given the increases in food, housing and other things. Mr. Boose wanted to point out that 34.3% is what our actual sales revenue is over estimated. This is high. The issue wasn't that this was high. The issue is that it was grossly underestimated and continues to be for next year. He thought the fact that there is over \$3 million that is not included in the Budget Commission's estimate is very unfair to the taxpayers.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if they had applied for the capital money from our state reps. Ms. Ziemba said that Mr. Welch had.

Mr. Boose said that Mr. Welch was trying to set up a preconstruction meeting with the contractor for the Senior Center. He couldn't do it until they passed the resolution earlier today. Mr. Brady asked if it was possible to have a preconstruction meeting before signing the contract. Mr. Strickler said they could, but if they don't come to an agreement on the contract they will have wasted everybody's time.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler where they stood on the RUMA. Mr. Strickler thought they were going to try to set a meeting for the middle of January. Mr. Tansey just received answers to his questions.

**At 11:49 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 December 21, 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 11:49 a.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the Greenwich Milan Towlne and Scranton Road Intersection improvement project were opened on December 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

GREENWICH MILAN TOWLINE AND SCRANTON RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
 HUR-CR 051-00.00 HUR 170-00.00 PID 116003  
 Bid Opening: Friday, December 22, 2023 9:00 a.m.

REF	ITEM	EXTEN.	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	Erie Blacktop, Inc.		Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.		Gerken Paving, Inc.		A.J. Riley, Inc.	
<b>PAVEMENT</b>															
1	202	23000	PAVEMENT REMOVED	43	SY	\$30.00	\$1,290.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 1,161.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 4,730.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,290.00
2	283	01001	PAVEMENT REPAIR (6"), AS PER PLAN	600	SY	\$60.00	\$36,000.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 39,600.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 36,000.00
3	294	01001	PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE (2"), AS PER PLAN	8131	SY	\$2.00	\$16,262.00	\$ 2.25	\$ 18,294.75	\$ 1.15	\$ 9,350.65	\$ 1.75	\$ 14,229.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 24,393.00
4	294	01001	PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE (3"), AS PER PLAN	2460	SY	\$3.00	\$7,380.00	\$ 3.40	\$ 8,364.00	\$ 1.30	\$ 3,198.00	\$ 2.35	\$ 5,781.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 7,380.00
5	294	01601	PATCHING PLANED SURFACE, AS PER PLAN	500	SY	\$11.00	\$5,500.00	\$ 8.35	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 625.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 7,500.00
6	407	20000	TACK COAT, NON TRACKING	1592	GAL	\$3.00	\$4,776.00	\$ 2.55	\$ 4,059.60	\$ 2.75	\$ 4,378.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4,776.00
7	411	10000	STABILIZED CRUSHED AGGREGATE	8	CY	\$120.00	\$960.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00
			ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448), PG64-22												
8	441	50101	AS PER PLAN	396	CY	\$220.00	\$87,120.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 77,220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 87,120.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 83,160.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 75,240.00
			ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE 2 (448), PG64-22												
9	441	50301	AS PER PLAN	585	CY	\$200.00	\$117,000.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 96,525.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 114,680.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 108,225.00
10	617	10101	COMPACTED AGGREGATE, AS PER PLAN	85	CY	\$80.00	\$6,800.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 7,310.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 8,075.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 4,675.00
<b>PAVEMENT SUBTOTAL =</b>								<b>\$ 283,088.00</b>	<b>\$ 258,989.35</b>	<b>\$ 260,166.65</b>	<b>\$ 276,840.25</b>	<b>\$ 270,679.00</b>			
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>															
11	630	02101	GROUND MOUNTED SUPPORT, SQUARE POST, (2 1/4") STUBS, 730 16, AS PER PLAN	30	EA	\$50.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 44.85	\$ 1,345.50	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,500.00
12	630	02101	GROUND MOUNTED SUPPORT, SQUARE POST, (2"), 730 16, AS PER PLAN	368	FT	\$15.00	\$5,520.00	\$ 11.55	\$ 4,250.40	\$ 11.00	\$ 4,048.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 4,048.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 4,784.00
13	630	08510	STREET NAME SIGN SUPPORT, NO. 2 POST, AS PER PLAN	11	FT	\$16.00	\$176.00	\$ 11.55	\$ 127.05	\$ 11.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 143.00
14	630	08600	SIGN POST REFLECTOR	29	EA	\$50.00	\$1,450.00	\$ 47.25	\$ 1,370.25	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,450.00
15	630	80100	SIGN, FLAT SHEET	217.5	SF	\$25.00	\$5,437.50	\$ 25.20	\$ 5,481.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,437.50
16	630	80510	SIGN, STREET NAME	2	EA	\$240.00	\$480.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
17	630	84900	REMOVAL OF GROUND MOUNTED SIGN AND STORAGE FOR COUNTY PICK-UP	21	EA	\$20.00	\$420.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 330.75	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00
			REMOVAL OF GROUND MOUNTED POST SUPPORT & STORAGE FOR PICK-UP												
18	630	86002	COUNTY PICK-UP	22	EA	\$20.00	\$440.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 346.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 330.00
19	642	00100	EDGE LINE, 4", TYPE 1	1.69	MILE	\$700.00	\$1,183.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 2,129.40	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,521.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,380.00
20	642	00300	CENTER LINE, TYPE 1	0.84	MILE	\$1,500.00	\$1,260.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,116.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,100.00
21	642	00300	TEMP. CENTERLINE STRIPPING (2 APPLICATIONS)	1.88	MILE	\$1,200.00	\$2,256.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,928.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,360.00
22	644	00500	STOP LINE, 24"	99	FT	\$18.00	\$1,782.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 2,079.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,780.00
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL SUBTOTAL =</b>								<b>\$ 21,484.50</b>	<b>\$ 23,158.65</b>	<b>\$ 18,730.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,093.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,829.50</b>			
<b>INCIDENTALS</b>															
23	103	05000	BOND	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
24	614	11000	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
25	624	10000	MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$12,927.50	\$12,927.50	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL =</b>								<b>\$ 25,427.50</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,685.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,000.00</b>			
<b>PROJECT TOTAL =</b>							<b>\$330,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,148.00</b>	<b>\$ 316,581.65</b>	<b>\$ 323,433.25</b>	<b>\$ 333,508.50</b>				