

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: Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Rich Maret, 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 October 10, 2023 and October 17, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 10, 2023 and October 17, 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

**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - Scott Sparks, Huron County Airport Board President.** Mr. Sparks thanked Commissioner Wilde for attending the FAA meeting last Friday.

Mr. Sparks had two requests. First, they would like to establish Continental Drive as an official road so that it can be maintained. He feels there would be a lot of benefit to adding that road. The other half of his request had to do with the taxiway drainage problem out there. He understood there may be some maintenance and road work done on Jim Esker Road. He would like to see if they can get that taxiway drainage problem funded and done before the work on Jim Esker Road and possibly Continental Drive are accomplished. He noted they have seen multiple instances of putting brand new roads in, everyone is happy for a week and the next week they cut it up to put in utilities. The taxiway drainage issue is way down on their list as far as FAA grants for other, higher priority safety reasons. But he would like to see if the commissioners would be interested in getting that project done. Mr. Wilde clarified this was an ARPA request. Mr. Sparks said it was. Mr. Brady said he know they have had this issue out there for decades. He asked if the current board looked at any costs for it. Mr. Sparks said they haven't. Mr. Brady agreed it was an issue out there; it ends up with a lake across the one taxiway. Mr. Sparks said it is gradually getting worse. Mr. Maret noted that ever since they built the building in the back, it has forced the water to come down the left side. Mr. Sparks thought the plan was to go under Jim Esker and across. Mr. Brady suggested he have a conversation with the Engineer about Continental because the engineer's department is the one that would end up doing all the maintenance. He thought they should listen to the engineer's input on the subject. He also thought the engineer had been involved in conversations about drainage, so Mr. Sparks should speak to him on that. Mr. Strickler said the problem with dedicating the road depended on how it was built. If it was not built to county specs the engineer may not be willing to accept it. But at the end of the day the engineer makes the recommendation and the commissioners have the authority to declare it a public road or not.

Mr. Sparks stated that the 'Low Flying Aircraft' sign had not been approved by ODOT District 3. He is going to ask to have it put in writing and he is going to take it to her boss.

23-331

**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 #368749 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.







FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	145	00150	145	\$36,536.34		145	00160	145	36,536.34
		Contract Services					Subsidy Admin		

**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.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought Ms. Leibold at JFS did a great job.

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

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

23-333

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for appropriation adjustments; 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 adjustments:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	008	00450	001	\$5,000.00		008	00400	001	\$4,300.00
		Unemployment					OPERS		
						008	00460	001	\$ 700.00
							Medicare		

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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

23-334

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING JUVENILES IN THE ERIE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Huron County does not maintain a juvenile detention facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Erie County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division (Detention Center) for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Erie County Detention Center for 2024 on an as needed basis for a not-to-exceed sum of One Hundred Forty-six Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$146,400.00); now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby enters into agreement with Erie County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Erie County Detention Center as per the contract attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose said this was the contract with Erie County for juvenile detention. Last week we did the contract with Seneca County.

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

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

*\*On file*

23-335

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFER OUT ACCOUNT #099 TO THE JAIL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND #315**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to transfer funds received from housing out-of-county inmates in 2022 and the unspent 2022 revenue received from the ½% jail sales tax into the Jail Permanent Improvement Fund #315 for jail permanent improvement projects; now therefore

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

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	099	00600	001	\$682,644.49		315	10500	315	\$682,644.49
		Transfer Out					Jail Perm Improvement		

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 journal entry to the account; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Brady explained this was the half percent sales tax. Mr. Boose said this had been put on the ballot, he thought back in 1995, to have a half percent of sales tax to be used to build, maintain and operate the jail.

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - none**

**SIGNINGS - none**

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

**Clerical Assistant update**

Ms. Crable said Ms. Ziemba had asked her to remind them that budget worksheets were due at the end of this week. Ms. Ziemba would be sending an updated budget sheet for their review this weekend.

**Assistant Prosecutor update**

Mr. Strickler emailed Mr. Bond regarding the tower agreement. Mr. Strickler told him the EMA Director would contact the Village so we can get our antenna.

Mr. Boose said he attended the Veteran's Services board meeting yesterday. There were a couple things that came up, but he thought Mr. Strickler's office was probably already working on them. With the changes out at Veterans, the lack of being able to use credit cards was really causing issues for them. Mr. Boose thought if they could speed up the process it would really be appreciated. Mr. Strickler said he knew Mr. Stephens was working with Chase.

The other issue the Veterans had was an Ohio Edison bill for \$83. Mr. Boose was curious what that was for, because we pay all the utilities. The bill was for Memorial Park. The problem is 2/3 of the lights out there are for fire and police. Mr. Boose will bring this up at tomorrow night's Firefighter's meeting. He also asked Ms. Stebel to see if we could get it on the county aggregate rate.

**Commissioner Brady update**

Mr. Brady wanted to address the article in the paper regarding school resource officers. He thought it showed how much misunderstanding there is out there. He wanted to correct some inaccurate statements so the people in the county understand what is going on. In the article, Mr. Euton said "*If the Norwalk Police Department does take over the responsibility of providing an SRO, however, the county should be responsible for absorbing some of the costs since a percentage of the district's students live outside the city limits.*" Mr. Brady stated this was the whole crux of the matter – the entities with which the sheriff engages in a policing contract have to bear the entire cost for the contract. It is not the city paying, or the county paying, but according to the Ohio Revised Code, the cost is the responsibility of the entity with which the agreement is made. In the case of the school resource officers, it is the schools. What was more perturbing to Mr. Brady was to have the sheriff make some of the statements he made, in particular when he said he was able to engage in the policing contracts. This is true. Legally he is allowed to enter into a policing contract with any political subdivision, such as the Norwalk City School District, and he does not need the commissioners' approval to do so. That is an accurate statement. But he also has to recoup the costs of the contract from whatever entity he is engaging in that contract, per Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Brady was very disappointed. We are following the law. If we don't follow the law as a commissioner board we get into trouble. We have legal counsel and we asked for an opinion. They gave us the opinion. Mr. Boose pointed out that the county also gets audited by the state every year. Mr. Brady said he wants the people of the county to understand. This was not trying to run the sheriff's department. This was not trying to get money out of the school districts. This is simply following the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Boose thought it was simple. County government is statutory government. We operate per Ohio Revised Code and the rules set up by legislature. There are certain things we are required to do; there are certain things other entities are required to do. In this case we have actually gone out of our way a little bit. Norwalk City Schools are in Norwalk Police Department jurisdiction. In this case, this year Norwalk was working through some issues in their police department. At that time the sheriff stepped forward and agreed to supply the SRO. Which is fine, except there are overhead costs and there are things the county is picking up. We were willing to say, at this time, it is okay if you just pay health insurance; we are not going to nickel and dime it. Then a few weeks down the road we hear that officer is driving one of our cruisers. There are all kinds of costs for that. The maintenance, the fuel, the insurance. We have asked to have a sit down to get a universal contract that includes all this. In the meantime, we are not even part of the contract, yet we are paying these indirect costs. We need to get this all worked out according to Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Brady stated

very well what our responsibilities are. And we are abiding by all of our responsibilities and then some. Mr. Boose suggested releasing the opinion letter they received from the Prosecutor's office to the public. Mr. Brady agreed, he did not think there was anything in it the public should not know. It was Ohio Revised Code and how it applied.

***Terry Boose moved to release the SRO opinion letter to the public. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**At 9:57 a.m. Major Chuck Summers, Sheriff's office – Sheriff's office vehicle request.** Mr. Brady said he knows they usually purchase four vehicles every year. There were questions as to if some vehicles were repairable, how many the sheriff's department owns, and who they are assigned to. Mr. Wilde said he had a list of the vehicles that they had gotten rid of in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The understanding was, when vehicles were purchased for the sheriff's office each year, they would get rid of the same number of cruisers. In 2023 they only released one vehicle, and that was a 2007 van donated by Erie County. No vehicles were disposed of in 2023, although Mr. Wilde noted they hadn't received any either. Mr. Wilde said the big question is, we don't know how many vehicles the sheriff has. It appeared they had purchased four cruisers every year for the past three years and very few had gone away. Major Summers indicated there were two others for this year that were marked "sell" or have been sold. Mr. Wilde said he had a list Ms. Stebel had given him this morning and the other two were not sold because she had not signed off the titles. Major Summers stated they were still waiting on the insurance verification for the 2020 cruiser that got hit two weeks ago. He thought the Chief said in his request they need a PO or a letter of intent for this coming year to lock in pricing. They are way behind, they still have not received the 2023s. We may not receive 2024 until late 2024 or early 2025. Mr. Boose wanted to go back over the history. The commissioners buy four vehicles a year. The agreement was that if we buy four, then four would be retired. Unfortunately, it takes forever to get these vehicles. A year ago we changed the process. Normally we wouldn't order them until the beginning of the year. Last year we ordered them three or four months early so we could guarantee we could get them and lock in pricing. Last year, instead of paying for four vehicles, we paid for eight. The fact that, to the best we can tell at this time, the agreement we had that we buy four, we retire four, is not happening. Mr. Boose said they had asked for a list of all the vehicles and who they were assigned to. Major Summers thought his list was up to date; it was not by name, just by badge number. Mr. Wilde asked if they had a bunch of vehicles sitting out there? Major Summers said they did not. Mr. Wilde asked what happened to the four they were supposed to get rid of. He was concerned the county was still paying insurance on those vehicles. Major Summers said all he knows is because of vehicle problems and that kind of thing they have been hanging on to them. He knew there were a couple times, like with the one that got crashed, they have had to swap them around. Mr. Wilde thought if we were using a cruiser for parts we need to take it off insurance.

Mr. Boose said they will take a look at the paperwork Major Summers provided. If they have questions they will contact Chief Deputy Ditz. He knew this was not Major Summers area and appreciated him coming in.

Mr. Brady asked if they keep a spare vehicle. He would think they would keep a spare cruiser in case one was in for maintenance. Major Summers said the one he drove today was a line car. They typically do have a spare just because they don't have a deputy to use it. He was hoping the one he drove today was retired soon. Mr. Boose said that was one of their concerns. If they keep a car too long, is it safe and how much is the maintenance costing us? Mr. Brady said he would hope there would be a spare. Mr. Boose said especially as hard as it is to get a new one. Major Summer thought they were on the same page, but pointed out they can't rotate one out until they have something to replace it with. Mr. Wilde thought he should get Major Summers a copy of the list Ms. Stebel had provided. There were some 2017's on it. Major Summers said they were still being used. Three are still on the road; one scheduled for sale. There were two that were being used as transports for the jail. Mr. Boose appreciated the sheriff was doing what he could with what he had.

**At 10:20 a.m. the board recessed.**

**At 10:31 a.m. the board resumed regular session. ARPA discussion.** Also present were Pete Welch, Director of Operations and Steve Minor, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. Mr. Brady explained they have to decide what they want to do with the remaining ARPA money. We have until the end of 2024 to allocate it, but it is not an easy process. Mr. Brady said they do have a list that Ms. Ziemba put together in September that they have already talked about. He had asked Mr. Welch for a list of things Buildings & Grounds saw. What they are going to try to figure out what had already been on the assessment from Garmann Miller and what has not.

Mr. Boose said there were two different pots of money, and he thought they should be discussed separately.

He wanted to talk about the \$1,317,487, which has specific uses. Of that amount, \$899,791.56 had been contracted for the Broadband project. There is \$435,000 allocated to McDonald Hopkins. Mr. Brady said if you add the two numbers it equals \$1,334,791.56, which exceeds the amount available. Discussion that the amount budgeted for McDonald Hopkins has been under budget. Mr. Boose thought we would be using them a lot more as we get into more involved reporting requirements. He suggested Ms. Ziemba talk to Ms. Gordon and try to come up with a realistic number. But unless the number changes significantly they will have all of the \$1.3 million spent. The board decided they did not need to change anything in the \$1.3 million bucket at this time.

\$10,000,000.00 Revenue Replacement bucket. They had previously allocated \$1 million to the engineer's office. He was still working on some the projects. He was paying for a portion of the last project out of his own funds, because it went over his \$1 million. Mr. Boose suggested they pay the additional \$17,059.81 for the engineer. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde agreed.

Mr. Boose also wanted to talk about the request the engineer's office sent over for Jim Esker Road in the amount of \$85,000. This would bring the total amount earmarked for the engineer to \$102,059.81, in addition to the \$1 million he already received. The Jim Esker Road request will still need to be reviewed by Ms. Gordon. Mr. Brady suggested having the engineer look at the drainage issue and see if there was something he could do while he was working on the road. Mr. Boose said option one is to do nothing. Build it, then replace part of that road later when they do the drainage. Option two was to do both projects. Option three was to know where they are going to have to cross Jim Esker Road and put in what they need to beforehand, even though the project is not done. That was why Mr. Brady thought the engineer could help them out. Mr. Boose will talk to the engineer, but for now they are going to leave the amount where it is.

Next they discussed the architect fees for the Senior Center. This was a percentage of estimated costs and was budgeted at \$436,689.00. They did not see any sense in changing this number for now. However, the amount for the Senior Center would need to be changed to \$5.5 million.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch if, to the best of his knowledge, the amount for the Administration Building elevator project had changed. Mr. Welch said it had not. \$265,319.00

Board of DD property purchase. Amount paid for the building was \$1,002,596.25. There is additional money set aside for improvements of \$100,000.00. There was a list of uses for this money. Mr. Boose said he had a discussion with Ms. Stebel and Ms. Crable about where the money should come from for the phones and internet. He thought the installation part of that could come out of the \$100,000.00. Not the monthly fees, but the initial installation. He thought it should also be spent on what they need to do to get transportation up and running, including Senior Express. That does not include new heating and air conditioning. Mr. Welch thought it could be for flooring, ceilings; they really needed to sit down and figure out what they want to spend that money on. Mr. Brady said a lot of that was in the grant that should come through in June. HVAC was also part of that grant. They were expecting the grant to be around \$600,000.00. Discussion regarding the heating and air at the South Norwalk Road building. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor to come up with a good number. He would like the heating and air to be totally done for that building so that future commissioners would not have to worry about it.

Mr. Boose thought it would be nice to use ARPA money to upgrade all the heating and air conditioning equipment in the county that needs upgrading. Mr. Welch clarified that was their number one priority. All three of the commissioners agreed. Mr. Boose thought they should not worry about any other projects until the HVAC had been taken care of.

After discussion it was decided that everything Mr. Welch had listed in HVAC, except for the cooling tower replacement at the Administration Building, they want to include in ARPA money, if there is enough. Mr. Welch restated that they were hoping to use grant money for the S. Norwalk Road heating and air. Mr. Boose thought they should schedule it as soon as they can, and they can figure out to pay for it, either Permanent Improvement, ARPA or the grant. But there is no air conditioning, so it has to get done. Mr. Brady thought they may have better idea first quarter of next year.

Mr. Boose said once we get all the costs, they need to sit down and figure out the priority.

Mr. Boose said there was a cost they needed to add to the Senior Center. He was not sure if they pulled it out of the documents, he wasn't sure it was even in there, to run internet from the road to the building. Mr. Welch thought they were running the conduit, but not the actual cable. Mr. Boose would like to clear that up with Mr. Monnin. Mr. Welch will call him.

Mr. Brady wanted to discuss roofs. He thought they definitely have some needs. If they run out of ARPA money they will have to look at Permanent Improvement for roofs. Mr. Boose agreed. He asked if the roofs were listed in order of priority on the sheet Mr. Welch had given them. Mr. Welch said he would probably pay to do the back entrance at the Office Building out of 022. It is not that big of a job and he needs to get it done quickly. He would put the Office Building as the number one priority since it has leaks. The EMA building was built in 1997 and the roof is at the end of its life, but it is not leaking. The Administration Building does not have leaks either, per se. Mr. Wilde clarified the Office Building roof would also include 22 E. Main Street. Mr. Welch said it did. Mr. Boose pointed out this was three buildings and asked if they would put the same roof on it. Mr. Welch was pretty sure it would all be membrane. He said he did not have an estimate – it was a lot of area. Mr. Minor pointed out it was three-quarters of a city block. Mr. Boose said they need numbers before they can finalize ARPA. But they also need to finalize budget. Mr. Boose thought what was not paid with ARPA dollars they would have to see if they had it in the budget in Permanent Improvement. Mr. Welch said they should have numbers in a few weeks; they have done this before.

Mr. Boose said one number they might not have would be what is the best way to heat and cool 22 E. Main. Mr. Welch agreed, saying he has a number to replace the heat pumps, but there may be a better way to do it. Mr. Boose asked if it made sense to use Garmann Miller as opposed to a heating and air conditioning company. What we have found out with roofs is sometimes we get people telling us we need to go one way because that is what their products are. He pointed out Garmann Miller seems to have a specialist for everything. Mr. Welch agreed they all handle different elements. Mr. Boose thought Garmann Miller may be able to tell them the best way to go with 22 E. Main. Mr. Brady agreed he would like to run it by Garmann Miller. Mr. Welch said he would talk to them. Mr. Boose did not think it would take long to get costs, with the exception of possibly a redesign of 22 E. Main.

Mr. Boose reiterated – ARPA money, first use is HVAC. Second use is roofs. He said they were now really into the wish list. Mr. Brady thought they should at least talk about these projects because they did have budget coming up.

First on the list was JFS carpet. Mr. Minor said they still need to do Family Support, Child Support, Administration and Veterans. Mr. Brady noted the Veterans' was worn to pieces. Mr. Boose said the good news is he thought the carpeting was included in indirect costs that Job & Family pays. But we still have to pay for it up front. Discussion as to whether they could do it in phases. Mr. Wilde thought they have to, because you have to move people. Mr. Brady thought they could bid the whole job and still move people. Mr. Boose gave this low priority. Mr. Welch agreed. He felt as far as "wants" there were more important things. For example, the masonry work at the Courthouse and the Office Building. They have a rough cost from last spring for the Office Building, it was about \$50,000.00. Mr. Boose said if you were going to do the Courthouse you would have to more than double that number. Mr. Brady thought the tuckpointing on the Courthouse should be a higher priority. Mr. Welch agreed, and also the Treasurer's window. That is something that needs to be replaced, but it is not going to cost an arm and a leg. Mr. Boose was not sure why they wanted to replace it. Mr. Welch explained it was single paned, it is not efficient, and the wood in between the windows was starting to rot out. Mr. Welch said they also need to get all the parking lots sealed and striped again. Mr. Boose asked how high a priority the parking lots were. Mr. Welch said it should be done next year. The contractor is working up costs for all the parking lots.

Mr. Boose asked about the Administration Building office renovation. Mr. Welch said this was low priority, but he wanted to mention it. Mr. Brady noted it was around \$1.2 million, but it included everything – demo downstairs, a lot of rehab.

Mr. Boose was reviewing the facility improvements, and for him the high priorities were: tuckpointing the Office Building, general seal and stripe parking lots, and S. Norwalk Road flooring, ceiling, sidewalks, masonry and signage. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Welch also wanted to do the Treasurer's window. Mr. Welch said he could absorb that in his budget. Mr. Boose said there was one other thing that was not on the list. That was to paint the front of the Courthouse entrance. Mr. Minor said he was only able to get one price on that and they can't do it until spring. Mr. Boose asked him to please try again; the Judge has been asking for this for the last three years. Mr. Minor thought the problem might be he has asked to have the upper, the front and the back all at once. He thought maybe he could talk him into getting the front door done.

Mr. Boose would like cost estimates for everything he had just mentioned. Because one way or another it would have to be paid for, whether it is ARPA money, Permanent, Improvement money or grant money.

Mr. Welch said the other two projects he was thinking about were the Shady Lane demo and the Courthouse jail walkway. He is getting a cost on the walkway, the contractor may be able to do it yet this year. Depending on the cost he might be able to find it in his budget to pay for that. Discussion whether the Land Bank would have money for the Shady Lane demo. Mr. Brady said it was on the list for Brownfield phase 1 and phase 2. Once phase 2 was done they could go to demolition. Mr. Wilde said their funding for demo next year is \$500,000.00. He did not think there would be any more than that. Mr. Boose would like them to talk to Land Bank about getting this done sooner rather than later.

**Commissioner Brady update continued**

Transportation meeting this afternoon.

Firefighter's tomorrow night.

Township trustee business meeting Thursday night, but Mr. Brady will not be able to make it.

Prebid meeting for the Senior Center is at Senior Services Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Veteran's Day is Saturday, it will be observed on Friday and County offices will be closed.

Mr. Boose said they had received some things from the Airport this morning. He had not addressed anything they sent over, only what the engineer sent over. Mr. Brady said he had asked Mr. Sparks to talk to the engineer's office to see if there was something that could be done so they don't have to cut up Jim Esker Road when they do the drainage. Mr. Boose stated, just so the airport board knows, we don't do anything with infrastructure, roads, ditches. Mr. Brady thought the drainage going through Jim Esker would be something they might want to look at while it is being done.

**Commissioner Wilde update**

Mr. Wilde visited Family Life Counseling and spoke to Sue Wilson. They discussed tearing down buildings out at Shady Lane and if the building they are in would be one. We haven't made that decision yet, but Mr. Wilde wanted to give her a heads up. He thought they were at least a year away. He told her there is no definite date, but when they make a decision, we will let her know. He discussed this with her yesterday. Mr. Strickler suggested he follow up with an email so they have something in writing.

**Commissioner Boose update**

Mr. Boose attended last Friday's Stepping Up meeting. Really good attendance, really good meeting. They rely on hospitals and first responders to voluntarily give them data. Mr. Strickler thought they also receive information from the coroner's office, raw data. A lot of discussion on how to best provide services in the jail.

Attended Veterans Services board meeting yesterday. He told them he would look up the two issues they mentioned and he asked them to keep the commissioners informed of changes as they move forward.

Counties Current:

- Webinar tomorrow with the Department of Children & Youth Director. This is a new department separated out from Job & Family Services. The commissioners had been asked to attend this last week during the budget briefing they were at.
- There is also a Broadband webinar at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Riedy was not aware of this. This is on the second round of broadband expansion funds.
- Two EPA webinars regarding mosquito control and Brownfield. Mr. Wilde has given the information to Ms. Lykins.
- Carbon storage. Mandated CO2 compliance regulations are about to be implemented. Will require CO2 to be captured when used. Southeast district.

NACo. Mr. Brady asked if either of them was interested in attending the legislative conference in Washington D.C. Mr. Boose might be.

***Harry Brady moved to have Commissioner Boose check into registering for the NACO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. 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***

OPERS board is recommending to legislature to increase statutory maximum employer PERS contribution limit from 14% to 18%. Mr. Boose thought this would be like giving all the employees a 4% raise, but they don't get it. They are not changing the employee contribution. Has not gone to legislation yet. Talking about increasing it a half percent each year until they reach the 4%.

Extra August election cost \$2 million more than what the State anticipated. 39 counties spent more than they were initially allocated.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

There is a bill that will allow a concealed handgun licensee to carry a weapon “*in a building or structure that is not a courthouse, but in which a courtroom is located, if court is not in session*”. This would basically be municipal court. Mr. Boose was curious how the judges would feel about this.

Mr. Boose would like to review the November 1, 2023 9-1-1 TAC minutes at a future meeting. There were some decision that will need to be made that weren’t made at that meeting. He would like to wait and see if the levy passes first.

Commissioner Brady made it to the last part of the Budget Commission meeting yesterday, then they had Board of Revision. Board of Revision was all mobile homes.

Mr. Wilde noted next Tuesday morning was the Professional Business Breakfast at the Parish Center.

**At 12:50 p.m.** Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 7, 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 12:50 p.m.

Signatures on File