

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; Lara Hozalski, HR; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Rich Marett, Citizen; Danielle Smith, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the September 21, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 21, 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 - none.**

23-308

**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 #367603 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 asked if anyone knew what internal pipe inspections were at JFS. Mr. Brady noted the payment was going to SA Comunale, which did fire inspection services.

Mr. Boose thought the water bill was high again for the Administration building.

More ES Consulting for the Sheriff's office.

Two internet charges for the jail – one for coax and one for fiber. Mr. Boose will ask Mr. Riedy about this.

Foster care for the week – \$110,189.99. Mr. Boose noted this might be the second highest expense for the county.

Mr. Wilde noted the commercial building department was doing well. A portion of their fees go to the state, 5% goes to the county and the rest goes to SAFEBuilt.

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

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to certify to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, that depending upon good service and performance to Huron County victims, all funds collected from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in the Special Marriage License and Divorce Fee Fund will be paid by July 15, 2024 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, and all funds collected from July 1, 2024 through the thirty-first day of December, 2024 shall be paid by January 15, 2025 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Total amount for the year is estimated to be approximately \$12,000.00; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board shall certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, Norwalk, Ohio and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Sandusky, Ohio; 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

23-310

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for expenditures of over \$5,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

**IT Contracted Services**

ComDoc	Email spam filter license and support (5 years)	\$ 5,826.46
		now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; and further

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

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

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

23-311

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCIES ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO SHERIFF #023 ACCOUNT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds is needed for the Sheriff #023 account due to reimbursement from the Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the requests 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
	041	00572	001	\$2,337.00		023	00200	001	\$2,337.00
		Contingencies					Sheriff's equipment		

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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose thought this line had already been used for things their IT department could have gotten cheaper through the county IT. He used an example that if you go to the store and find what you need on sale, you don't run out and the spend the money you saved just because you got the item cheaper. He did not know when we got to the point where, if general fund money is used to pay for something, when it is reimbursed they get the money back. The idea was you have to put it in there so you can get reimbursed, but you don't get it back. Mr. Boose said there are a ton of grants we get that don't go back and reimburse the account it was paid out of. In this particular case he wanted to find out what was needed for the next three months in the Sheriff's equipment account. He did not want to just put money in, he wanted to find out what the needs were first. Mr. Wilde said that \$2,337.00 was in his budget somewhere, because he got to use it. He got reimbursed, so now we don't ever have to put money in for that. Mr. Brady said the way he looks at it is, if it came out of that account and then it got reimbursed it should go back in that account. He is a firm believer, just like the school resource officer and some of the others, the receipts for it should go into the account that pays the expenditure.

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

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

23-312

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ADMINISTER THE OHIO HEALTHY AGING GRANT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2024 FY GRANT PERIOD**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, by Resolution 23-307, authorized Department of Job and Family Services to apply for the Ohio Healthy Aging grant funds for the initial grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County has been allocated \$236,564.57 in Healthy Aging Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to administer these funds in accordance with the guidelines established by the State of Ohio; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Huron County Board of Commissioners wish to authorize and direct the Department of Job and Family Services to administer the Ohio Healthy Aging grant funds in accordance with the guidelines established by the State of Ohio; 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 explained every county received \$100,000. The rest of the funds were allocated based on a long, involved formula. Money must be appropriated and assigned to a project by next June and spent by next September. This is ARPA money that the state has added additional rules to.

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

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

23-313

**IN THE MATTER OF RENEWING COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) AS THE HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER AND APPROVING FUNDING RATES AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2024 PLAN YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, this Board has previously entered into a Participant Agreement with County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) to provide employee benefit plan coverage and administrative services relating to certain employee benefit plans for its officials, employees, and their eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to approve the funding rates and employee contributions for the 2024 plan year commencing January 1, 2024, and in doing so will continue to offer two plans to the county staff; and

**WHEREAS**, employees who waive coverage under either of the two plans now being offered and can provide proof of health insurance coverage will be entitled to an annual stipend of \$1,300.00 to be paid monthly on a pro-rata basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the stipend cited above shall not be paid to any employee whose spouse is covered under any of the Huron County health plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board approved the renewal amount as set forth by CEBCO and outlined as follows:

2024 Renewal Rates:	Medical	HSA	Rx	Total	Total
	2F	HSAE1	PPO	2F	HSAE1
EE Only:	\$660.40	\$743.60	\$145.04	\$805.44	\$743.60
EE + Spouse:	\$1,454.88	\$1,638.04	\$319.56	\$1,774.44	\$1,638.04
EE + Child(ren):	\$1,186.74	\$1,336.26	\$260.66	\$1,447.40	\$1,336.26
Family:	\$1,981.20	\$2,230.82	\$435.18	\$2,416.38	\$2,230.82

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following health insurance plans and rates for the calendar year of 2024:

PPO Plan 2F:

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness Monthly	Employee Non-Wellness Monthly	Neutral Employee Monthly
Single - EE	\$688.32	\$52.48	\$102.48	\$76.48
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,505.56	\$143.28	\$193.28	\$167.28
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,247.80	\$114.64	\$164.64	\$138.64
Family - FAM	\$2,075.98	\$206.67	\$256.67	\$230.67

HSA Plan E1:

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness Monthly	Employee Non-Wellness Monthly	Neutral Employee Monthly
Single - EE	\$632.66	\$46.30	\$96.30	\$70.30
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,382.80	\$129.64	\$179.64	\$153.64
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,147.77	\$103.53	\$153.53	\$127.53
Family - FAM	\$1,908.98	\$188.11	\$238.11	\$212.11

Employer HSA Contributions:

	One-Time Contribution for HSA renewal employees	One-Time Contributions for new HSA employees	Monthly Contribution for all HSA employees
Single - EE	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$57.70
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$131.31
Employee/Children - ECH	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$108.61
Family - FAM	\$750.00	\$1250.00	\$177.55

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board will continue the annual incentive stipend of \$1,300, paid on a pro-rated monthly basis, to employees who choose not to participate in any of the County’s health plans, who are not covered under the plan of a spouse or other family member who is covered by one of the County’s health plans, and who present certification of coverage under another health insurance provider as required by ORC 305.171(G) and (H);

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the auditor to utilize Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$200,000.00) from the 560 Health Fund as a premium buydown paid to the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) for the renewal amount of the premium for said benefit for its officials, employees, and their eligible dependents for calendar year 2024;

and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Wilde asked what a neutral employee was. Ms. Hozalski explained they were new hires that did not have the opportunity to participate in the wellness program. Mr. Boose said next year our employees will have an opportunity they haven’t had before. If they did everything in wellness last year, they will receive the \$50/month off on the insurance premium. With the new wellness program, they can also earn gift cards. There is a rare chance someone could get \$600 off on the premium plus \$200 in gift cards. Ms. Hozalski said our 2024 rates are based on the participation in the wellness program from August 2022 through August 2023. Overall insurance this year went up about \$10/month for most employees, or \$120 for the year. If they earn the \$200 in gift cards they are ahead. Mr. Boose thought money spent on wellness was an investment.

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**

Terry Boose moved to approve the following travel request this day. 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

- Dave Longo, Public Defender, to Columbus, Ohio for State Public Defender Summit on November 1 – 3, 2023.
- Niki Cross and Kristen Cardone, JFS, to Columbus, Ohio for FCFC Prevention Conference on November 16, 2023.
- Jess Spears, 9-1-1 Coordinator & Art Mead, EMA to Bowling Green, Ohio for Ohio NENA 911 meeting on November 15, 2023.
- Harry Brady, Terry Boose, Bruce Wilde, Vickie Ziemba & Cherise Crable, Commissioners, to Columbus, Ohio for CCAO Winter Conference on December 6 – 8, 2023.

Mr. Boose said he spoke to some fire chiefs who thought it would be good to have Mr. Stevens go to training events out in the field. He mentioned this to Ms. Ziemba. She told him that we had changed the job description and Mr. Stevens may not be able to attend trainings. Mr. Boose said the people he talked to thought it would be a good learning experience, especially in preparation for the future. He wanted to see what needed to be done so that Mr. Stevens could start attending trainings.

**SIGNINGS – none.**



OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

**Clerical Assistant update:**

Interim Clerk of Courts. Mr. Boose said he was for Ms. Hazel’s recommendation of putting Gina Hartman in as interim clerk.

***Bruce Wilde moved to prepare a resolution to appoint Gina Hartman as interim Clerk of Courts until the Republican Party appoints a successor. Terry Boose seconded the motion.***

***\*Discussion:*** Mr. Boose explained they left it open for a week in case anyone else wanted to put their name in. No one had officially reached out to the commissioners’ office to do so.

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

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

Ms. Hozalski had sent an email asking if they were ready to move forward with adding Board of DD to CORSA. The Board okayed this last June and is still okay with moving forward.

Family Life Counseling lease. Mr. Boose would like to have a discussion with Dr. Burggraf. Mr. Strickler thought we may want to terminate the current lease and renegotiate a new one.

A photographer will be coming in on Tuesday to take the board picture.

**At 9:59 a.m. the board recessed.**

**At 10:05 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Kathleen Schaffer, Treasurer - Investment Board meeting.**

Harry Brady called the meeting to order. Also present, Bruce Wilde and Kathleen Schaffer. Bruce Wilde moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting. Kathleen Schaffer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Schaffer presented the account balances, checking account interest, interest recap on all funds, landfill statement, and Meeder Investment reports. The balances were a combination of all the taxing subdivisions and Huron County’s money they had invested, not General Fund.

**Investment Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
Quarterly Meeting**

Commissioner Harry Brady, Chairman  
Commissioner Skip Wilde Vice Chairman  
Treasurer Kathleen Schaffer, Secretary

Call to order by the Chairman.

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Quarterly Meeting. meeting and approve as written. The minutes were emailed on October 10, 2023.

Year to date reports:

- Account balances Q3 pg.2
- Checking Account interest pg.3
- Recap of Earned Interest pg.4-5
- Landfill statement pg. 6
- Meeder Investments September 2023 report- attached.

The next Investment Board meeting will the re-organizational meeting be at 180 Milan Avenue in January 2024.

Motion to adjourn:

Summary of Huron County Account Balances as of September 30, 2023

Civista Bank General Fund Account: \$12,349,249.69  
Premier Bank Money Market: \$2,670,416.65  
PNC Money Market: \$845,179.09  
STAR Ohio: \$28,673,771.53  
Meeder Investments: \$23,922,432.12  
Total: \$68,461,049.08

September 30, 2022

Civista Bank General Fund Account: \$12,281,985.73  
Premier Bank Money Market: \$1,592,436.88  
PNC Money Market: \$826,714.20  
STAR Ohio: \$30,301,901.74  
Meeder Investments: \$18,618,189.27  
Total: \$63,621,227.82



**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS - *continued*****Assistant Prosecutor update**

Mr. Strickler has reviewed and approved the coroner contract with Lucas County. There will be a resolution on Thursday.

Mr. Boose said he had some questions about the draft of the Firelands Local lease. There were some minor changes that Mr. Strickler will take care of. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Welch to be at the commissioner meeting on Thursday for further discussion. Mr. Boose also said he had a short discussion with Ms. Smith yesterday about the office space that is being used, but they don't pay anything. Ms. Smith said there is no contract for that, it is a "gentleman's agreement". Mr. Strickler did not like that. Mr. Boose said that in previous years Firelands Local had picked up the cost for that office. But during the tour they had indicated that it was separate, it was not theirs. Mr. Boose asked if they had received rent yet. Mr. Strickler did not think so, but he had sent a letter to them.

**Commissioner Brady update:**

Mr. Brady attended Community Corrections meeting last Wednesday. Discussed the state approved programs for rehabilitation.

Land Bank. They had moved the location of the previous meeting and did not have a quorum, so they had to call a special meeting. Mr. Boose noted that moving meeting locations always seem to decrease attendance. Five projects left for demo this year. New Brownfield consultant. 130 Shady Lane is on the list for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify that a lot of people think that "Brownfield" indicates it is contaminated. In this case, there is just the potential of having asbestos in the building.

Network after Hours at Ken Ganley last week. Mr. Brady told the General Manager they really appreciate the investment they were making in Huron County. Discussion regarding auto tax.

Firefighters Association that same evening. Very good presentation on human trafficking. Mr. Boose thought this would be a great presentation for our Job and Family Services.

HCDC Board meeting. This ran a little late, so he did not make it to the Muck Breakfast.

Tomorrow night is the Grade A 4-H banquet.

**Commissioner Wilde update**

HCDC. Mr. Wilde wanted to add that Ms. Lykins is going to be 95% Land Bank, Mr. McCoy will take over more of HCDC. Good cash flow with the Land Bank. State could do a better job with the reimbursements. Mr. Wilde brought up to HCDC that they should not be carrying so much in the checking account. Mr. Brady noted they had been talking about changing financial institutions. He was hoping they did something soon.

Fisher Titus Foundation board meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Wilde will attend the Budget Commission meeting Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m.

There may be Solid Waste District Council meeting next Tuesday. Not sure, because they already presented with GT Environmental. Waiting to hear back from Mr. Welch.

**Commissioner Boose update**

Mr. Boose said there was a discussion at the Firefighters meeting that it has been a while since the county has had Ag Safety training. He has been thinking about this since the fatality in the bin in Wakeman. This is more for the first responders than the farm owners and operators. After the eclipse next April, he would like to see if we can get some kind of farm safety training for first responders. Firefighters thought this was a good idea, it has been quite some since they have had this. There is a program out of Minnesota where you can get a bin safety trailer. It pulls all the equipment you need in the case of a bin emergency, including a 200-foot grain vac. Costs a minimum of \$75,000. It was discussed that counties could go together on this.

Mr. Boose said at the Chief's meeting they talked about how we can work together better regionally. Township and county lines don't matter during an emergency. Mutual aid. This is more a hardware/software issue. They talked about this earlier in the year, this could be part of our 9-1-1 & Communications money. We had asked Ms. Bond to make it part of our 5-year plan. The firefighters wondered if anyone was working on it. There were a couple other things they had questions on. Mr. Boose told them they need to bring those questions to the commissioners and to the 9-1-1 committee. TAC Committee meeting coming up. Thought about having a pre-TAC meeting so the firefighters can discuss what they need. Chief Reiderman has already sent an email asking how to set this up. Mr. Boose suggested, since Mr. Brady was on the 9-1-1 Planning Committee, that he contact Chief Reiderman, Mr. Mead and Ms. Spears to set up the meeting.

It was also suggested to have Ag Safety events at the fair.

Muck Breakfast on Thursday. More discussion on the fact the Muck Research Center will no longer have a manager. This leads to concerns about losing the Muck Research station. Representative Stein attended; Mr. Boose hoped he heard the concerns.

Fall Funfest last Saturday. First one in three years. A lot of changes.

After that was the meeting for Henry Timman. Mr. Timman has been president for 50 years. Had a very nice plaque made and was a very nice presentation.

Yesterday was the Workforce Development meeting. Good attendance, discussed housing issue. Board of DD was there, they have money for housing but no place to build. Discussed child care. Allen County is putting together a training for in-home day care providers. Also talked about the fact that people no longer want to work 40-hour weeks; everyone wants to work part time. There are concerns about lowering the number of hours that qualify as full time as far as providing benefits.

Mr. Boose said transportation also came up at the meeting and whether we would be ready to go by January 1. Questions about if there was going to be rehab done to the building before January 1. Mr. Brady said he will talk to Ms. Habig. He knew they planned to start transferring titles in November. There is a particular type of plate you can use for transportation that only has to be paid for once. We do not have these on the Huron County vehicles, we have been paying every year. Mr. Brady said he also had a phone call from Fisher Titus. They advertise on buses and wanted to know what was going to happen. Mr. Brady told them they would still be able to do this. Mr. Boose thought SCAT may have different opinions. As far as the building, Mr. Brady said Ms. Habig was checking on the funding. Until we get everything finalized with the Fireland's Local lease, he wasn't sure where things stood. Mr. Boose said January 1 will be here before we know it. Mr. Brady said they are working on transferring what they can. As far as the building, a lot of that is going to be a grant that won't come out until June 2024. Mr. Boose said it was pretty important since one entity is ending December 31 and the other has to start on January 1. Mr. Brady said he knew that SCAT has been working with Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Beal. There have been conversations, there have been meetings with ODOT, so they have been kept up to speed with what is going on.

Still on the subject of transportation, Mr. Boose thought they received three very confusing emails about the next quarterly transportation meeting. It looked like it had been cancelled. But what was cancelled was the zoom portion of the meeting. He noted that we have been talking about having all the interested agencies at a meeting for transportation. That hasn't happened. He asked if we can do something with that quarterly meeting, maybe before or after. Mr. Brady said he made the comment at the last Q3 Transportation meeting and the response he got from GLCAP was that was what this meeting was for. Mr. Brady asked them to update the email so the municipalities and everyone else who may be interested had an opportunity to be there. He said he had talked to Mr. Pickworth, Mr. Hammons and Mayor Light's office. Mr. Boose said the quarterly meetings have a specific group for the transportation meetings. We are talking about expanding that. He was looking for a bigger meeting where everyone could get their questions answered. Mr. Brady said he would work with Mr. Oliver at GLCAP. But he pointed out that anyone that had questions had his number and could just call him.

Mr. Boose said one of the questions that is still unanswered has to do with the lease Mr. Strickler is working on for the S. Norwalk Road property. There is a regional group that toured the building to look for possible alternatives for child care. They asked what space of the layout was available to them. Mr. Boose said he told them we don't have the answer yet. Mr. Wilde thought it was more than likely the east end of it. Mr. Boose agreed, but said there was some talk of putting Senior Express on the east end. He said we have to nail down some specifics if we expect people to look at the building for uses. Mr. Brady said we now have a map of the area the county is going to use and of what Firelands Local will be using. He believed the area transportation was looking at was the group of offices on the south side at the west end. He thought the offices across the way may go to Senior Express. Mr. Boose noted we have two months left and Firelands Local was still all over the building. Mr. Wilde thought we needed to give them a deadline ASAP. Mr. Boose said he plans to have Mr. Welch come in on Thursday to finish up the contract. He thought we should really start to lock in what was going where. He asked Mr. Strickler to talk to Ms. Habig to determine if the offices across the hall were separated enough for ODOT for two different transportation systems. Mr. Boose spoke to Ms. Smith yesterday; there is one room out there where no one is paying rent. Ms. Smith indicated there is just a "gentleman's agreement". Firelands Local paid for that as part of their rent and then gave the use of that office away.

Mr. Brady noted there was no office in the new Senior Center for Senior Express, so they were going to be in the South Norwalk Building. He thought we were going to need some kind of agreement between Services for the Aging and the county on the use of the building. He suggested there should probably be insurance coverage so the county doesn't get stuck. Mr. Strickler clarified he was referring to 306A South Norwalk Road. Mr. Boose said that should all be part of Thursday's discussion. They will have to have some details so Mr. Strickler can write that contract up. Mr. Wilde said they need to take action on Thursday and give Fireland's Local a deadline. Discussed the need to have a contract with SCAT. This reminded Mr. Boose that he had not seen where the county was listed as an additional insured on the Fireland's Local lease. Mr.

Strickler will double check. Mr. Boose said he spoke to Ms. Smith about using the east side entrance. He told her if we do use it, he would like to think of it as temporary. He thinks what they need to do is have an entrance off the road on that side of the building. Then there would have to be a sidewalk that would take you to that door. Ms. Smith said it would be no problem to sit down and work out a temporary agreement.

Discussion regarding property tax changes. No one really understands them.

Demolition grant webinar. Mr. Wilde made sure Ms. Lykins was signed up for it.

Two House bills are moving forward that would exempt firearm safety devices from sales and use tax. One of those would mean \$100 million in sales tax lost in a year. This will decrease local government funds.

Can now set up individual meetings with the CCAO Empower retirement program at Winter Conference.

NACo provides aggregate services similar to CCAO.

Email from Auditor Tkach providing an update on General Fund. YTD spending right along with where we were last year. Revenue is also similar to what it was a year ago. Sales tax up, but not keeping up with inflation. Healthy cash balance. Mr. Boose expects revenue estimates for next year to be fairly close to what they were this year. But this year we have inflation, all the labor contracts are going up, and starting next year we are going to be running out of ARPA money that we are using for some of our capital projects.

Mr. Wilde thought that from April through October the water bills were lower this year at 180 Milan Avenue. Mr. Boose pointed out we had leaks in 2022.

180 Milan	2021	2022	180 Milan	2023	2024
January	-\$112.75	\$133.50	January	\$123.00	
February	-\$1.30	\$112.50	February	\$228.00	
March	\$153.20	\$123.00	March	\$123.00	
April	\$144.00	\$154.50	April	\$144.00	
May	\$133.50	\$175.50	May	\$133.50	
June	\$364.50	\$259.50	June	\$154.50	
July	\$427.50	\$469.50	July	\$144.00	
August	\$396.00	\$805.50	August	\$396.00	
September	\$375.00	\$616.50	September	\$490.50	
October	\$627.00	\$400.50	October	\$396.00	
November	\$322.50	\$448.50	November	\$0.00	
December	\$217.50	\$354.00	December	\$0.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,046.65</b>	<b>\$4,053.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,332.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

At 12:21 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 October 17, 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 12:21 p.m.

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