

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose, Harry Brady and Bruce Wilde.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Cherise Crable, Clerical Assistant; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; 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 26, 2023 and October 3, 2023 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 26, 2023 and October 3, 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: *Patricia Didion. Lyme Township resident.* Mrs. Didion had concerns about the Emerson Creek wind project. Mrs. Didion wondered if the commissioners were aware of all the changes. In September of 2020 they signed the proposed stipulations being requested by Apex, even before the October 2020 educatory hearing, before the facts could be presented. Now there are amendments that provide changes to the stipulations. Many rely on other agencies. They are self-reporting. Mrs. Didion asked who was liable when things happen? The leaseholders? The wind company? The township trustees? The commissioners? The county? Or the agency that states there will be no problems? She asked who maintains and watches the mitigations? They all have mitigations for the particular effect of actions or mishaps with the wind turbines. Mrs. Didion was also concerned that the PILOT arranged for a tax break for the wind company. Those facts were based in 2009 figures. We know what has happened to our money in the last year and a half, two years. Inflation has taken over. She wondered if that PILOT arrangement was sufficient. Maybe it would have been better to rely on real estate taxes and not have granted the PILOT.

23-321

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 #368471 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 pointed out the payment to Adult Advocacy Services for probate court. This was for the whole year. He just thought this was an interesting time to be paying it.

Autopsies. They had discussed these a few weeks ago; there are three on the claims schedule.

Bulletproof vest purchase. Mr. Boose noted there were grants throughout the year for vests and cameras. He was curious if a grant was used to purchase that vest.

Out of state foster care is down.

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

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

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
11/02/2023	One Edison	388471	2023-002841	Zenada Output Electric	\$74.38	
11/02/2023	Account 125.125.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$74.38	
11/02/2023	Verizon Wireless	388471	2023-000451	Monthly Cell Phone Bill	\$70.00	
11/02/2023	Verizon Wireless	388471	2023-000511	Cell-Phone Email Service	\$70.00	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000511	AMZN-AMZN-AMZN	\$17.83	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000511	IN-Cardinals Fabricate	\$69.87	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000511	Toll-Free Paper	\$25.00	
11/02/2023	Account 125.125.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:				\$271.98	
11/02/2023	Department Auto Tax Road				\$271.98	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000841	Flagships Electronics Inc Expenses	\$49.51	
11/02/2023	Account 125.126.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$151.31	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000591	Expanding Farm Summit	\$48.99	
11/02/2023	Amazon Capital Services	388471	2023-000591	Indoorcast Events-Sales	\$41.56	
11/02/2023	Par (Rely Training)	388471	2023-000591	NY High Skill Train	\$60.76	
11/02/2023	Account 125.126.00210 (Materials) Total:				\$351.41	
11/02/2023	Department Auto Tax Road Total:				\$512.72	
11/02/2023	Fund 125 - Auto Tax Total:				\$885.70	
11/02/2023	Department Clerk of Courts-Title					
11/02/2023	Account 132.132.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$54.91	
11/02/2023	W8 Mason Co Inc	388471	2023-002771	Note Print/Signatures	\$79.00	
11/02/2023	W8 Mason Co Inc	388471	2023-002771	Copy Paper/Ink Office	\$75.91	
11/02/2023	Account 132.132.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$154.81	
11/02/2023	Foremane Technologies Inc	388471	2023-002811	Phone Maintenance Support Contract	\$756.08	
11/02/2023	Account 132.132.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:				\$120.86	
11/02/2023	One Helman	388471	2023-000301	Meeting for OCA Meeting 10/18/2023	\$171.00	
11/02/2023	Account 132.132.00300 (Travel) Total:				\$254.86	
11/02/2023	Foreline	388471	2023-000311	Phone Bill 10/15-11/2/2023	\$75.12	
11/02/2023	Account 132.132.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$2,079.48	
11/02/2023	Department Clerk of Courts-Title Total:				\$2,079.48	
11/02/2023	Fund 132 - Clerk of Courts-Title Total:				\$2,079.48	
11/02/2023	Department Clerk of Courts Computer					

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11/02/2023	Account 134.134.00260 (Expenditures) Total:				\$298.38	
11/02/2023	W8 Mason Co Inc	388471	2023-002671	Toner	\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Department Clerk of Courts Computer Total:				\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Fund 134 - Clerk of Courts Computer Total:				\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Department Concealed Weapons					
11/02/2023	Account 135.135.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$11.44	
11/02/2023	Outspire.com	388471	2023-004411	2 year deal, includes	\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Account 135.135.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Department Concealed Weapons Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Fund 135 - Concealed Weapons Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Department DYS Subsidy					
11/02/2023	City of Wilson Court	388471	2023-004271	JO Salary Subsidy	\$10,000.00	
11/02/2023	Northwest Police Department	388471	2023-004271	JO Salary Subsidy	\$10,000.00	
11/02/2023	Account 137.137.00525 (Residential Placement) Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Department DYS Subsidy Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Fund 137 - DYS Subsidy Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Department Children's Services					
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Healthcare	\$501.11	
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Transportation	\$17.00	
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$1,366.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Harold D Case Jr	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Therapy	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Levernwood, Cheryl A	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Child Care-JR	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Levernwood, Cheryl A	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Child Care-JR	\$1,462.62	
11/02/2023	Thomas E Juma	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Child Care-Family	\$168.00	
11/02/2023	Thomas E Juma	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Child Care-Family	\$28.97	
11/02/2023	Hermon County Job & Family Services	388471	2023-002841	ESBA Reunification-Cameron IC Transfer	\$75.00	
11/02/2023	Hermon County Job & Family Services	388471	2023-002841	ESBA Reunification-Cameron IC Transfer	\$100.00	

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11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00250 (CJMEP) Total:				\$4,402.50	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Public Health	388471	2023-002671	Adult Protective Services-Deon	\$4,402.50	
11/02/2023	Department Public Assistance Total:				\$4,402.50	
11/02/2023	Fund 115 - Public Assistance Total:				\$4,402.50	
11/02/2023	Department Child Support Enforcement					
11/02/2023	Harmon County Sheriff	388471	2023-002621	NO Contract July 2023	\$3,182.00	
11/02/2023	Account 117.117.00470 (Purchase of Services) Total:				\$17.00	
11/02/2023	BAH Signage	388471	2023-002621	Nonplastic Mylar	\$32.00	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Sheriff Services Ltd	388471	2023-002621	Harold Case November 2023	\$1,462.62	
11/02/2023	Account 117.117.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$57,124.64	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Job & Family Services	388471	2023-002641	CESA to PA July-September 2023	\$57,124.64	
11/02/2023	Department Child Support Enforcement Total:				\$61,777.06	
11/02/2023	Fund 117 - Child Support Enforcement Total:				\$61,777.06	
11/02/2023	Department WDA					
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002651	CCMEP WDA Youth-Full Volunteer-September 2023	\$798.08	
11/02/2023	Power Career Center	388471	2023-002651	CCMEP WDA Youth-Tutor-DNA-CIA	\$4,602.50	
11/02/2023	Account 123.123.00200 (CCMEP WDA Youth) Total:				\$5,400.58	
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002651	WDA Adult Full Volunteer-September 2023	\$644.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002651	WDA Adult Full Volunteer-September 2023	\$4,337.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002651	WDA Adult Test & App Fees-J Wagner	\$275.00	
11/02/2023	Account 123.123.00250 (Shared Services) Total:				\$5,351.00	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Job & Family Services	388471	2023-002651	CCMEP WDA Youth-RMS-September 2023	\$14,465.54	
11/02/2023	Account 123.123.00255 (Shared Transfers) Total:				\$23,281.35	
11/02/2023	Department WDA Total:				\$35,202.23	
11/02/2023	Fund 123 - WDA Total:				\$35,202.23	
11/02/2023	Department Auto Tax Administrative					

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11/02/2023	Department Public Assistance					
11/02/2023	Big Los General Office	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Household Items-L Benson	\$25.00	
11/02/2023	Big Los General Office	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Cleaning-L Benson	\$25.00	
11/02/2023	Big Los General Office	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Child Care-L Benson	\$300.00	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00280 (PRC-ASD) Total:				\$350.00	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Sheriff	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Child Care-J Wagner	\$56.62	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Sheriff	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Child Care-J Wagner	\$96.12	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Sheriff	388471	2023-002851	PRC-Caregiver Program-Child Care-J Wagner	\$96.12	
11/02/2023	PRC-Harmon & Contingency-Shared-Cartridges	388471	2023-002851	PRC-School Fees 2023	\$1,471.00	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00280 (PRC-ASD) Total:				\$4,178.35	
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002861	CCMEP Youth-School Books-S Staff	\$677.58	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00280 (CJMEP) Total:				\$709.21	
11/02/2023	Lease Payment-November 2023	388471	2023-002871	Lease Payment-November 2023	\$4,059.12	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00280 (CJMEP) Total:				\$8,105.12	
11/02/2023	Colson Gas of Ohio	388471	2023-002841	Utilities-8/15-10/4/23	\$487.86	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00300 (Utilities) Total:				\$500.00	
11/02/2023	Ohio Treasurer of State	388471	2023-002841	Computer Monitor-22 Inch(V)	\$19.40	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Commissioners	388471	2023-002841	Agency Supplies-Cartridges Paper	\$25.00	
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002841	Full Volunteer-J203-September 2023	\$254.00	
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002841	Full Volunteer-J203-September 2023	\$254.00	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Commissioners	388471	2023-002841	Harold Case November 2023	\$7,346.98	
11/02/2023	Harmon County Commissioners	388471	2023-002841	Harold Case-November 2023	\$75.00	
11/02/2023	Account 115.115.00470 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$24,577.88	
11/02/2023	Department Public Assistance Total:				\$24,577.88	
11/02/2023	Public Assistance	388471	2023-002671	ESB Supplies-Cartridges 2023	\$65.00	
11/02/2023	DANCP LTD	388471	2023-002671	Harold Case-November 2023	\$3,755.00	
11/02/2023	Department Public Assistance Total:				\$685.00	
11/02/2023	Department Public Assistance Total:				\$10,000.00	

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11/02/2023	W8 Mason Co Inc	388471	2023-002671	Toner	\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Department Clerk of Courts Computer Total:				\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Fund 134 - Clerk of Courts Computer Total:				\$298.38	
11/02/2023	Department Concealed Weapons					
11/02/2023	Outspire.com	388471	2023-004411	2 year deal, includes	\$11.44	
11/02/2023	Account 135.135.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Department Concealed Weapons Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Fund 135 - Concealed Weapons Total:				\$265.30	
11/02/2023	Department DYS Subsidy					
11/02/2023	City of Wilson Court	388471	2023-004271	JO Salary Subsidy	\$10,000.00	
11/02/2023	Northwest Police Department	388471	2023-004271	JO Salary Subsidy	\$10,000.00	
11/02/2023	Account 137.137.00525 (Residential Placement) Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Department DYS Subsidy Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Fund 137 - DYS Subsidy Total:				\$30,000.00	
11/02/2023	Department Children's Services					
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Healthcare	\$501.11	
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Transportation	\$17.00	
11/02/2023	Midu Court Toke	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$1,366.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	ESBA Reunification-Tulinn-Burn Family	388471	2023-002841	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Utilities	\$200.00	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO Bill #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
11/02/2023	Concave Incubator of Ohio Huron Children and Secondary Children Inc	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$66.25	
11/02/2023	McKee M. McKee	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$331.76	
11/02/2023	Livengood, Cheryl A	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$1,077.82	
11/02/2023	Harold D. Case Jr	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$150.00	
11/02/2023	Diane E. Eshen	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$348.61	
11/02/2023	J.A. Anne Shaw A Lot	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$31.00	
11/02/2023	DAWG LTD	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$1,146.71	
11/02/2023	J.A. Anne Shaw A Lot	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$48.98	
11/02/2023	J.A. Anne Shaw A Lot	38471	2023-00281	ESHA Reunification-Childing Da la Cruz	\$27,483.13	
11/02/2023	Huron County Job & Family Services	38471	2023-00281	PCSA Transfer to PA for July-Sep 2023	\$506,411.45	
11/02/2023	Department Children's Services Total:				\$533,974.55	
11/02/2023	Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:				\$533,974.55	
11/02/2023	Department Emergency Management	38471	2023-00071	EMA Fuel Not Monthly Bill	\$33.78	
11/02/2023	ATM Monthly	38471	2023-00071	EMA Fuel Not Monthly Bill	\$434.12	
11/02/2023	Account 177 - Emergency Management (Expenses) Total:				\$467.90	
11/02/2023	Account 177 - Emergency Management (Other Expenses) Total:				\$42.38	
11/02/2023	Department Emergency Management Total:				\$470.28	
11/02/2023	Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$470.28	
11/02/2023	Department Solid Waste Management District	38471	2023-00091	Office Phone	\$70.92	
11/02/2023	Account 525.525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$70.92	
11/02/2023	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$70.92	
11/02/2023	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$70.92	

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11/02/2023	Department Hester Trust	38471	2023-00091	4 Checker Gift Certificates 97896-97993	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Huron County Chamber of Commerce	38471	2023-00091	4 Checker Gift Certificates 97896-97993	\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:				\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Department Hester Trust Total:				\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Fund 620 - Hester Trust Total:				\$200.00	
11/02/2023	Department Commissary Trust	38471	2023-00001	Bath tissues, O-Shan, Liquid laundry, line debt.	\$93.67	
11/02/2023	Account 635.635.00290 (Expenditures) Total:				\$93.67	
11/02/2023	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$93.67	
11/02/2023	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$93.67	
11/02/2023	Department Canine Trust Fund	38471	2023-00411	Fund Mt Credit	\$88.99	
11/02/2023	Account 640.640.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$88.99	
11/02/2023	Department Canine Trust Fund Total:				\$88.99	
11/02/2023	Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:				\$88.99	
11/02/2023	Grand Total:				\$792,184.76	

Sign 1 Terry Boose

Sign 2 Bruce Wilde

Sign 3 Kelly Bready

23-322

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County is located within the jurisdiction of the Huron County Solid Waste Management District; and

WHEREAS, the District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.53, 3734.54 and 3734.55; and

WHEREAS, the District has provided a copy of the Draft Final Solid Waste Management Plan for ratification to each of the legislative authorities of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners must decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan within ninety days of receipt of the Final Draft Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Huron County approves the District Solid Waste Management Plan; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, The Clerk is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this resolution to the attention of Mr. Peter Welch, District Coordinator, Huron County Solid Waste Management District, 180 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857; 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. Welch said that Mr. Livengood had done the plan, he deserved all the credit. He is well prepared to do the next plan in five years. There were no increases in the gen fee projected, so there won't be an increase for landfill disposal rates from the gen fee from the Solid Waste District. Mr. Wilde clarified that doesn't mean the fees won't go up. Mr. Welch agreed, saying the District charges \$4.50/ton to operate its programs. They were not projected to see an increase for that in the next five years.

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

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

23-323

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING JUVENILES IN THE SENECA COUNTY YOUTH 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 Seneca County for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Seneca County Youth Center for 2024 on an as needed basis for a not-to-exceed sum of One Hundred and Twenty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$127,750.00); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby enters into agreement with Seneca County for the receipt, custody, and care of juveniles at the Seneca County Youth 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 he spoke to the juvenile judge and Chris Mushett last week. The bad news is the rates for Seneca County have gone up dramatically. The good news is, Erie County’s rates have not. We contract with both Erie and Seneca County. The plan is to use Erie County first.

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

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

**On file*

23-324

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA program appropriates funds to provide support to State, Local, Tribal and Territory governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Huron County has applied for and received ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of ARPA as described in H.R. 1319, and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Huron County desires to seek bids for the Senior Center Project. The project will be funded with ARPA funds and will provide for construction of a facility to deliver services to the senior citizens of Huron County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Senior Center Project request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used to construct the Senior Center under the Revenue Loss Category because the use of such funds meets the “government services” requirement of the Rules, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, a notice seeking bids for the aforementioned Senior Center Project must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks 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 hereby approves and authorizes Architect, Garman Miller, to let the bid for the Senior Center Project. The project shall be financed with funds received through ARPA; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bids are opened; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Brady noted this has been a while coming and he appreciated the work Mr. Boose had done on this project. Ms. Gordon has reviewed it and corrected things that needed changed. Mr. Boose said they have a great committee and as many as ten people from the architect’s office working on this. He thinks this will be a fantastic building and something the county can be proud of.

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

At 9:30 a.m. Kristen Cardone, MHAS Governing Board changes. Ms. Cardone explained that, effective October 3, the state passed a change to Ohio Revised Code section 340. This is the section of the law that governs ADAM boards. The change had to do with governing board sizes and how appointments will be managed. Previously it was 14 members for a single county board, 18 members for a joint county board. Those options have been changed to 9, 12, 14, 15 or 18. Those are all divisible by three, except 14. Fourteen was left in, even though it is not divisible by three, because it has always been there. The change also increases the number of appointments by county commissioners, which increases local control. This is a good thing. She said they have been lucky, they have never had any issues with state appointments and push back on their recommendations. But other boards have. Their board is currently at 14, which is not divisible by three. The commissioners will appoint nine members, which is 64% instead of the 66% required by law. That was agreed upon by CCAO and OACBHA, their governing organization. Ms. Cardone talked to both the program committee and the finance committee to see what they would like. They are happy at keeping 14 members. One of their goals is to have representation on the board from every community in the county.

They struggle with that. The concern is if they go smaller they will not have good representation from all communities; if they go larger they may have ongoing open seats.

Terry Boose moved to go forward with Ms. Cardone's recommendation to keep the board the same size. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Boose said that Ms. Cardone had a great walk in Willard. It was the first time it was held in Willard and they had really good turnout. Ms. Cardone said they were trying to put together a color run in May for mental health month.

SIGNINGS - none

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Clerical Assistant update:

Ms. Crable asked Mr. Strickler about the New London tower. He said he has sent an email and is still waiting for a response.

Assistant Prosecutor update

Firelands Local lease. Mr. Strickler added the language for the dumpster and confirmed the board wanted to renegotiate the lease amount each year.

Commissioner Wilde update

NEDC last Thursday. They are in good shape.

Planning Commission was also last Thursday. Reviewed New London Township Zoning Code amendments.

Land Bank. The new consultants who are doing the environmental were there. They are the same ones that help put the grants together. Land Bank is having a cash flow issue. Mr. Boose reminded everyone they had given the Land Bank a temporary loan when they first started up. He asked if that was something they should consider doing again. Mr. Wilde will sit down with Ms. Lykins and Mr. Loughton this week.

Mr. Wilde left Land Bank early to go to the Family Dependency Court graduation. Young lady worked very hard. Mr. Boose said the judge told him how important it was for them to be there and how much he appreciated it. It showed support for both her and the program.

At 10:02a.m. the board recessed

At 10:10 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Brian Young, Charter Communications/Spectrum - State of Ohio Broadband Grant Project update. Mr. Young said, during their first round of Ohio Broadband Grants that were awarded in 2022, they had submitted an application for a very large project in Huron County. This was the largest project they submitted in the State of Ohio. They were successful in getting that grant. They plan to service 4,797 locations. They will be running 599 total miles of fiber – 554 aerial and 45 underground. Historically they try to go where utilities are already located. They have identified about 14,400 poles they will have to attach to; in process of acquiring permits now. Have been waiting over a year and a half for pole permits to come back from AEP. This is a statewide issue and they have gone to PUCO. AEP admitted they are just overwhelmed. Mr. Boose asked if the grants for pole replacement affected them. Mr. Young said they had been very supportive of it. The state is also providing money for homes located a distance off the road. They are doing everything they can to make sure that every location gets service. Next week the second round of state funding is opening up. It is not as much as the first round, about \$78 million. This will be awarded spring 2024. The other large amount of money is from the federal government – Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD). The state received a little over \$800 million. That is to do “cleanup” and get service to locations that still don’t have it after all the other funding rounds.

Mr. Young said their company is doing an enhancement to the existing network. This is to provide symmetrical speed – to have the same upload and download speeds. An official announcement will be coming out tomorrow.

Mr. Wilde noted that for 9-1-1, the County’s only option was Frontier. He asked if anything could be done about that. Mr. Young said they had looked at it. They are not certified to actually do the county 9-1-1. He offered to go back and ask their team to look at it; he really wasn’t that familiar with it. We tend to be the backup for a lot of communities. But the legacy phone provider is usually the 9-1-1 provider. It had to do with the criteria needed to meet the levels.

Mr. Young also stated they were participants in the ACP - Affordable Connectivity Program. This is a \$30 reimbursement for those that qualify. Ohio was number two in participation in the country. They have been encouraging the congressional leadership to re-up this; it is set to expire next April or May.

Mr. Boose wanted to note for the record - they had a discussion at CCAO yesterday and the question came up: when did internet become the responsibility of counties?

Commissioner Brady update

Land Bank, Planning Commission and Dependency Court graduation last Thursday. Mr. Wilde already touched on these.

Mr. Brady attended the CEBCO board meeting last Friday. Voted to go back with Anthem for the stop/loss and move it from \$800,000 to \$1 million. CEBCO will absorb costs in the pool up to \$1 million. Cuts premiums, but some new medicines are exorbitantly expensive. Premium vs. payouts at about 102%, so just about breaking even. Risk pool is not in it to make money, so we aren't too bad. CEBCO receives a guaranteed rebate from drug companies, about \$25 million. Picked up another county. \$290 million premium intakes anticipated for next year.

Mr. Brady attended budget meeting in Lima with Mr. Boose yesterday. Very informative.

9-1-1/TAC meeting tomorrow.

Thursday Mr. Brady has Justice & Safety at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Boose update

Last Wednesday was the kickoff meeting for the Regional Jail study. Renamed to the Mental Health Correctional Facility. Currently Ottawa, Seneca and Sandusky County are involved. Part of their study is to look at the whole mental health aspect of jails, what makes sense to pull out and work together as a region as opposed to each facility having special mental health services. Huron County invited from almost day one. Our sheriff refuses to go to any meetings, or even sit down and listen to what they want to do. Mr. Boose found this frustrating. As high as 80% of inmates have mental health issues, but 5 – 10% of them take up most of the resources and money. The resources are limited; not everybody can have a psychologist on staff. The idea behind a mental health correctional facility is to divert people out of jail and into resources that are going to help them. Mr. Boose found it frustrating to go to these meetings knowing Huron County was not a part of it. He would throw it out to the sheriff to spend a little time talking to these people, not just listening to rumors. Each sheriff from each of the three counties indicated they were not for a regional jail. They have some state departments behind them, as well as the Governor's office. Mr. Brady thought maybe they should have had the judge's input instead of just the sheriffs. Mr. Boose said the judges are a big part of it, but it is the sheriff's responsibility. He has talked to both of the judges. From the information they have seen, they think it is a very good program that Huron County could benefit from. The plan is to look at the individual counties, see what their needs are, and then determining the best way to move forward. They look at each county individually, and to do that they need data from the sheriff. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Brady if he thought he could talk to the sheriff and convince him of the value of this program. A large part of the process in those counties is their MHAS/ADAMS board director. He is the same for all three counties. Ms. Cardone thinks, based on the limited information she has, this would be a good program. Mr. Brady noted that there were a lot of people that thought the commissioners could make the elected officials do what they want. This is an example of that. The sheriff is an elected official and responsible to the voters directly. The commissioners don't have the authority to tell him what he should do. Mr. Boose said, to be totally transparent, there is a local match to the state grant they received. It was either \$50,000 or \$50,000 per county. But he did not know if they would even let us in at this point.

Mr. Boose said he has a whole list of things he needs to go through. They have received a lot of emails over the last week, there are things they need to do to keep moving on ARPA money, budget stuff. They have requests from the sheriff. Mr. Boose said he has lot of information to go over. If he doesn't get to everything today he will bring it up on Thursday.

At 11:00 a.m. Terry Boose moved to enter into Executive Sessions 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; ORC 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2023

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

At 12:58 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1), (2) and (3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**No action taken*

Mr. Boose said he had no problem adjourning for the day, but they have a ton of stuff – emails and other things - that people deserve answers to. They need to have plenty of time to discuss these in a meeting. For example, he thought the email from the engineer was a very legitimate ask. There had been a lot of emails received in the last two weeks that should be addressed. After discussion it was decided to add “Discussion on budget, ARPA, current outstanding issues” to the agenda for Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Boose said one of the questions the Auditor’s office was asking was when was the last meeting for the year. In his opinion, it is December 26. He never wants to cancel the last meeting and then have to call an emergency meeting that week because something has to happen. The intention is to not meet that day. Ms. Ziemba said she would respond the same way she always does – the intention is to not meet on the 26th unless it is an emergency. Mr. Brady noted he would not be here for the meetings on December 19 and 21.

At 1:04 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 31, 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 1:04 p.m.

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