

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; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Jeff Colvin, Citizen; Rich Marett, Citizen; Danielle Smith, Citizen; Jacob Stephen, Assistant Prosecutor, Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the January 4, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the January 4, 2024 minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

24-040

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 and Then and Now’s for Payment Batch # 373822 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Gas for the Senior Enrichment building was \$2,239.53 last month.

Mr. Riedy is checking with EMA on their TV and internet. Mr. Boose thought it seemed expensive.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for General Fund, Corrections, and various services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Sheriff, Health, and Children's Services.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Jail Operations, Mechanical, and various contractors.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Court Management Program, Department of Courts, and various legal services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Sheriff's Office, Public Assistance, and Animal Services.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for US Safety Glass Inc, Landfill, Solid Waste Management District, and Solid Waste Management District.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Emergency Management, and Countywide Communications.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Amazon Capital Services, Commodity Trust, and Commodity Trust.

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Sign 1, Sign 2, Sign 3 with handwritten signatures and dates.

PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Chas. J. Harris & Associates Inc	366	Audit	501 Transfer Station
Cintas Corp	246	Uniforms	501 Transfer Station
Cintas Corp	237.14	Uniforms	501 Transfer Station
Cintas Corp	246.95	Uniforms	501 Transfer Station
Cintas Corp	237.14	Uniforms	501 Transfer Station
DANOP LTD	210	CCMEFT TANF Youth-Fuel Vouchers	115 Public Assistance
Statewide Emergency Products	3758	Saturday Lightbars	177 Emergency Management Agency
Great Lakes Community Action	15000	CHIP-123WMaple	190 Comprehensive Housing
Southeastern Equipment Co Inc	52650	User Backhoe Loader	505 Landfill Equipment Reserve
	\$72,892.88		

Terry Boose *Bruce Wilde* *Harry Brady*

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - none.

24-041

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2024 COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) WELLNESS GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING A COUNTY WELLNESS CONTACT (CWC)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) desire to execute an agreement for the 2024 Wellness Grant; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Wellness Grant includes administrative funds that are intended to be used towards the salary of the individual(s) identified as a County Wellness Contact(s). The County will receive a flat \$4,000 per grant year in administrative funds; and

WHEREAS, CEBCO requests the county designate one or two employees to act as a point of contact for the wellness grant and program, known as the County Wellness Contact (CWC); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the 2024 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to designate Human Resource/Loss Prevention Assistant, Michele Pfeiffer, as the CWC to oversee the grant and execute the employee wellness program as outlined in the attached 2024 Wellness Grant Agreement; 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 noted this was something we do every year. It is money CEBCO provides for us to do wellness programs for our employees.

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

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

*On file

24-042

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JANUARY 30, 2024

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:

JFS (Child Support)

ComDoc	Copier/printer	\$11,481.00	
			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.

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

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

24-043

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR NEW STATE ROAD SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-390 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the New State Road Superstructure Replacement project; and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:10 A.M from the following:

Senghas Construction	\$305,698.25	
R&I Construction	\$311,599.25	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Senghas Construction, LaGrange, Ohio, for the New State Road Superstructure Replacement project; and further

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

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

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

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

24-044

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-388 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1; and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:05 A.M from the following:

A.J. Riley	\$301,902.50	
Sarver Paving, Co.	\$303,950.00	
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$310,869.80	
Gerken Paving, Inc	\$325,299.50	
Kokosing Construction, Inc.	\$329,263.50	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to A.J. Riley, Norwalk, Ohio, for Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1; and further

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

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

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

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

24-045

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINE ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-389 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for Greenwich Milan Townline Road Bridge Improvements; and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:00 A.M from the following:

Senghas Construction	\$154,600.50	
RMH Construction	\$164,706.70	
Denes Concrete	\$166,571.00	
Fechko Excavating	\$167,748.00	
R&I Construction	\$197,377.00	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Senghas Construction, LaGrange, Ohio, for Greenwich Milan Townline Road Bridge Improvements; and further

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

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

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

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

24-046

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR OUTFITTING SINGLE AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-394 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for and Outfitting of a Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:15 A.M from the following:

Henderson Products	\$94,083.00	
Kalida Truck Equipment	\$98,500.00	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Henderson Products, Bucyrus, Ohio, for Outfitting of a Single Axle Cab and Chassis Truck; and further

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

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey explained this was for the snow plow, dump bed and all the hydraulics.

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

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

24-047

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SARVER PAVING COMPANY FOR THE BULLHEAD ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-392 the bid was awarded to Sarver Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$183,900.00 for the Bullhead Road Resurfacing project for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Sarver Paving Company, for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio for the Bullhead Road Resurfacing project for the Huron County Engineer as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this was 74% Ohio Public Works Grant.

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

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

24-048

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/HURON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION, FOR AN OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE SFY 2023.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation is administrating funds to provide financial assistance to publicly owned airports in the State through the Ohio Airport Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Norwalk-Huron County Airport is eligible for funding for Crack Seal and Remark Runway 10-28 (4,209' x 75'), Partial Parallel an Connector Taxiways (Approx. 1,000' x 35'), Seal Coat Apron A and B (Approx. 9,800 SY) at the Norwalk-Huron County Airport; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Huron County Commissioners/Huron County Airport Authority, Huron County, Ohio that:

SECTION ONE: That Scott Sparks, Airport Manager of the Huron County Airport Authority is hereby authorized to make application for said grant in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation and sign all related documents and assurances.

SECTION TWO: That Scott Sparks, Airport Manager may enter into a Grant Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation and may execute any documents to manage said grant inclusive of amendments and submissions of applications for payment as required by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation. 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 stated this was to get some grant matching funds through ODOT Air.

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

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

24-049

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO THE MASTER COMMERCIAL CARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A COUNTY CREDIT CARD PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 301.27

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is desirous of acquiring a county credit card and adopted Resolution No. 23-359 on the 21st day of November, 2023, authorizing and directing the Huron County Treasurer to complete and submit an application to acquire the same; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners have been informed by the Huron County Treasurer that she applied for a county credit card with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Huron County has received approval for a county credit card account with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to enter into a credit card service agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to acquire a county credit card; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, does hereby approved the Master Commercial Card Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated herein as Exhibit A; 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. Stephens explained this card can be used for any legitimate purchase of the office. The agreement is structured so Huron County will have a single master account. Individual offices and departments will apply with the Board of Commissioners to request a card. They can choose to have cards issued in the department name or to individuals. JPMorgan Chase will bill them individually. Mr. Stephens expected the cards to be issued within two to three weeks. He will provide another resolution for approval when he receives the applications from the offices/departments.

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

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

24-050

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD MEMBERSHIPS IN THE COUNTY AUDITORS’ ASSOCIATION OF OHIO, OHIO DEPUTY REGISTRAR ASSOCIATION, and OHIO WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS ASSOCIATION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Roland Tkach, Auditor has asked for approval to hold membership in the County Auditor Association of Ohio in the amount of \$2,600.00; Ohio Deputy Registrar Association in the amount of \$400.00, and Ohio Weights and Measurers Association in the amount of \$75.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes that membership in these organizations would be beneficial; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is hereby endorsed for membership in the above listed associations and dues will be paid from funds appropriated to the County Auditor; 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

24-051

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER DOGS FOR 2024 (DOG TAG

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 955.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, “...every person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog more than three months of age shall file, on or after the first day of the applicable December, but before the thirty-first day of the applicable January, in the office of the

county auditor of the county in which the dog is kept or harbored, an application for registration for a period of one year or three years or an application for a permanent registration. The board of county commissioners, by resolution, may extend the period for filing the application....” and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a request from the Huron County Auditor and Huron County Dog Warden to extend the application period for registration until Friday, February 2, 2024 to allow the public the full work week to register their dogs and obtain the appropriate dog tags; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve extending the application period for registering dogs until Friday, February 2, 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.

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

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

24-052

IN THE MATTER OF HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE HURON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to hold membership in the Huron County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes that membership in this organization would be beneficial; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves holding membership in the Huron County Chamber of Commerce and approves the membership fee in the amount of \$300.00; 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 it would be interesting, with the three organizations combining, to see if we still will have to join each one individually. Mr. Wilde thought we would this year, but next year would probably be different.

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

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Roland Tkach, Auditor to Dublin, Ohio for CAAO Executive & Legislative meeting on February 1, 2024.

Roland Tkach, Auditor, Bruce Wilde, Commissioner, Kenn Rospert & Bill Kalf, to Bowling Green, Ohio for 2024 State of the Region Conference on March 11, 2024.

SIGNINGS - none**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boose stated he signed the document for the TAC Advisory Committee. Once Mr. Mead gets all the signatures it will come to the commissioners. Mr. Boose thought it had to be turned in to the state in order for us to get part of the money and for the money from the cell phones.

Ms. Crable said Ms. Ziembra had been able to contact Mr. Hunker. Apex is on the agenda Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Boose understands that Apex wanted to update us, he thinks this will be monthly.

Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. Mr. Minor wanted to provide an update on concrete sidewalk replacement at 306B S. Norwalk Road. Mr. Minor provided handouts that detailed the project.

Mr. Minor said they have quotes to replace all the concrete walks. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify that they have quotes to replace the concrete sidewalks on both the east side and the west side of the building. Mr. Minor said it was only for the main walks. Mr. Wilde asked what a truncated dome was. After discussion it was decided this was related to handicap accessibility. Mr. Boose stressed the importance that this location be handicap accessible. Mr. Minor stated that there were two posts located in the middle of the slab. He believes these are old enough they are hardwired in. These are going to be removed because the new access is remote. He also believed they were going to put them on the building.

Mr. Boose asked if they have discussed where this will be paid from. Mr. Minor said it had not. Mr. Boose said there was money set aside in the ARPA money for remodeling and doing things for the building. Mr. Boose thought they had paid some small bills from there, but he was pretty sure there was \$25,000.00 in there. Mr. Boose stated as they work on final budget they will need to make sure there is money in there for this. Mr. Boose doesn't expect this to come out of 022. Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Boose asked what the next step was. Mr. Minor stated he doesn't know the guidelines. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if they should make a motion to move forward with using ARPA funds for this project. Mr. Strickler stated yes, they need to make a motion.

Bruce Wilde moved to move forward with the process of using ARPA funds to pay for the concrete work at 306 S. Norwalk Road as quoted by Smith Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$24,931. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

****Discussion:*** Mr. Boose stated that the job name on the quote was *Christie Lane Workshop*. This name hasn't been used in years. They were looking to officially name the building for the county. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Minor if that has been done. Mr. Minor stated no, they have just been using 306B S. Norwalk Road. Mr. Brady stated they do need to change the job name on the quote. This could be confusing due to Christie Lane still being out there. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Minor to work with Ms. Ziembra before moving forward to make sure the proper process was followed.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Boose said there was no one else on the agenda, but saw that Chief Deputy Dave Ditz was present. He asked Chief Deputy Ditz if there was anything they could help them with.

Chief Deputy Dave Ditz. Also present, Sheriff Todd Corbin. Mr. Ditz said they had a conversation yesterday about the SOR fund. They are working with the Auditor to move the SOR line out of the policing line. Mr. Brady explained there was actually an SOR fund line inside the policing fund. They wish to move SOR out of policing and make it a stand-alone line. There is a lot of grant money that comes in and goes through that. Mr. Strickler said it was for different things. The particular one on the books now is equipment for the jail. They also have radios and other equipment. Mr. Ditz said there is some that benefits the whole office. Mr. Strickler said it needs to be a stand-alone fund so when they get the SOR grants they can use it for whatever the purpose of that grant is.

Mr. Boose stated the Commissioners still need to sign the contract. Mr. Strickler questioned what contract are they referring to. He asked if it was the contract to purchase the item. Mr. Boose stated yes, that contract. Mr. Strickler stated yes, they would have to sign it. However, he didn't want to go back to the MHAS. Mr. Boose stated he would. Mr. Strickler stated that they could certainly go back and do that, but at this point it was fiat-accomplish, since we already got the money. The contract that they should be signing is the one where they actually purchase the equipment that the SOR grant was intended for. Mr. Boose stated he doesn't think they have a legal contract. Mr. Ditz expressed frustration and offered to have the equipment removed if they didn't want to pay for it. Mr. Boose continued to reiterate his desire to sign the contract.

Harry Brady moved to take the payment to Black Creek Integrated Systems off hold and get the equipment where it needs to go. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

No – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Boose wanted to note that they made time to talk to them even though they didn't ask to be on the agenda nor did they come in during public comment.

At 10:06 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:14 a.m. the board resumed regular session

Mr. Boose wanted to make a comment before they moved on. If anybody would like to talk to him about the issue of the commissioners not signing the contracts and what it means - the sheriff, by signing these contracts, is going to need money in the future to maintain and use the equipment he is getting. The sheriff can't lock them into future costs. They should have the courtesy to sit down and talk to the commissioners about what it is going to cost to have these, maintain them, and keep them going in the future. Mr. Boose stated it was great to get grants. But the problem with grants is they run out. The grant money they are getting for this particular project is coming from Mental Health and Addiction Services. He has already had a discussion with them about the fact that he thinks they need to sign the contracts and he will continue to have discussions with them. This is purchasing equipment they got the grant for in 2023 and the agreement was between MHAS and the sheriff's office. The commissioners didn't know anything was going on, nor was it discussed with them at all. He is going to leave it at that but there is a reason why commissioners are supposed to sign contracts that go through the sheriff's office. Mr. Boose mentioned he sat in a meeting with Buckeye Sheriff's Association and it was specifically stated, "I don't know what your issue is, the commissioners are supposed to sign the contracts that the sheriff has".

Mr. Boose asked if there had been any movement with the Sheriff's office and the SRO contracts. Mr. Strickler stated they met yesterday. The sticking point had been how to determine a cost for the vehicles. They figured out they would use the IRS mileage from the officer's home to the school and back. They will multiply that by the number of school days. The sheriff is going to work on the getting those numbers for the SROs. Mr. Boose asked if they had talked about how to set the accounts up so everything is paid out of the proper account. Mr. Strickler said they didn't talk about it, he wasn't sure it was an issue. The way he understands it is we bill the schools and the money goes into the special policing fund. Then they should be paid out of the special policing fund. There should be in and out lines.

Mr. Boose asked if there was any discussion about the commissioners not providing a resource officer to Norwalk schools. Mr. Strickler said there had not been.

Mr. Boose asked about the sheriff's cars. Mr. Wilde said they received four cars. Ms. Stebel is working on figuring out which cars are coming back. He said the cars are not completely done yet. Mr. Strickler stated they were waiting for radios. They will continue to work on that. Cruiser #7 belonged to the second shift supervisor. Mr. Wilde will make sure four vehicles are put on GovDeals when the time comes.

Commissioner Boose update

Sheriff survey. Ms. Ziemba had indicated something was turned in. Mr. Boose did not think they got to review it before it was turned in.

Mental health correctional facility. Mr. Boose has been in many mental health meetings where the sheriff has said over and over again he is concerned about it, yet to the best of Mr. Boose's knowledge he is not participating in the discussion between multi counties going together for a mental health facility.

Commissioner new vehicle. Mr. Wilde stated we had \$30,000 set aside in final budget.

Budget hearings coming up. This can come off Mr. Boose's list.

Budget Commission has not provided the final budget estimate.

Eclipse planning. Mr. Boose wanted to see if Mr. Welch was in; he wanted to talk about dumpsters.

Senior Services preconstruction meeting. Still no contract as far as Mr. Boose knows. Mr. Wilde said they are having a meeting today. Mr. Brady thought they had been ready to go but now we were getting nothing. Mr. Boose said they were doing something. He said they already sent plans to the architect to get approved so they can move forward and order rebar and other things. Mr. Brady noted we had some decent weather

right now that they could be digging. Mr. Boose said Mr. Brady was the one that brought it up at the preconstruction meeting about the end date. He asked if Mr. Brady had talked to any of them about where they stand. Mr. Brady said he had not; it was all part of the contract. Once it is bid out it is very difficult to go back and change that because you would have to change it for everybody. Now that the bids are in and awarded it is difficult. We can give some leeway because it didn't say October 1st, it said October. So, if it goes to October 31 then that is within the scope of the contract. Mr. Monnin's thought was, if it is going to take longer to get it done, then get more people. There was the idea that the subs didn't want to work on the job site when there were other subs there. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Monnin how many job sites he had been on where the subs weren't stacked. He said none. Mr. Boose said we don't know that they don't have contractors stacked. Mr. Brady said the way he was talking they don't want to be there all at the same time. It was going to be too hard for them to work. It was said in the preconstruction meeting. Mr. Monnin picked up on it and said it is not our concern. Mr. Boose would say Mr. Brady needs to talk to Mr. Monnin to see if the contract comes back. He thought the discussion was \$3,000/day if it's not done on time. Mr. Brady said he could get ahold of Mr. Monnin and ask him. He didn't know that was in his wheelhouse, but that is fine. Mr. Boose told him when he brings up an issue he needs to follow through with it. Mr. Brady said this was a project Mr. Boose had been appointed to and he did not want to step on his toes, but he will call Mr. Monnin and talk to him.

Mr. Boose said they had a brief meeting yesterday about signage in front of the new senior center. The architects are going to send an example of what was discussed. They will need to talk to BMV and Title before they can make a decision. There will be one sign for all three, and the new one is going to be lit up. Mr. Boose thought the old sign could be placed at the other entrance.

Final Budget. Mr. Boose would like to sit down and have another meeting to make sure the ARPA projects are going out to bid.

Airport Road drainage project. Mr. Brady said they will put the catch basin in in the spring when they do Jim Esker.

Mr. Boose asked what the next step was for the land adjacent to the airport that the storage company wanted to give to the county. Mr. Brady said he has talked to Mr. Sparks about that. He was going to meet with an engineer about the drainage for that ditch. That water is not being diverted to a different ditch so it is okay to do that. They want to make sure, if this goes forward, that they are able to drain into that ditch without a problem. Mr. Brady said he also talked to Mr. Sparks about the main hangar they want to rehab. A statement was made that the lease should be at least the length it would take to recoup. Mr. Sparks has somebody who is willing to sign a lease for that building at \$2,000/month for a four-year lease. This would be approximately \$100,000, which is about how much money they would be putting into it.

RUMA with Apex. They will be in on Thursday.

Mr. Boose said they need to figure out the amount that needs to be moved to Jail Permanent Improvement. He has asked Ms. Stebel to see if she can get the total amount that was spent out of the jail last year. Then we need to compare that to the amount of money the sales tax brought in. The difference between the two is the amount we need to move into the Jail Permanent Improvement account. It is a significant amount of money. We need to know that going into the budget so we know where we stand with the budget.

Mr. Boose called Mr. Welch into the meeting to ask him about the dumpsters for the eclipse. Mr. Welch has contacted a local subcontractor. The subcontractor has what was estimated we would need – between 10 and 15. He does have more available. \$250 drop off/pick up if empty. Full it is \$560/box. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch to work with Mr. Stevens to get a letter out to all the local governments – villages and townships. Explain to them that the dumpster will be set and picked up once, paid for by the commissioners. Any other use after that will be between them and the subcontractor. He thought it should include some kind of request form. Mr. Boose wanted to make it clear in the letter that the county is not loading the dumpsters or picking up trash around the dumpsters. Mr. Welch's concern was someone would drop off hazardous waste – gas or something like that. Mr. Boose instructed Mr. Welch to have signs made that say "Eclipse trash only. No residential or commercial trash allowed in the dumpster. No hazardous waste allowed in the dumpster". Mr. Welch clarified they wanted 15 signs. He will talk to Mr. Tansey, they used to be able to make signs at the engineer's office.

Mr. Welch stated he will be submitting the projects for the capital budgets. He is going to have Ms. Ziembra review them before he sends them out.

TID – Transportation Improvement District. Mr. Boose was told they would meet sometime in February. He is still waiting for a date. They need all the paperwork the state is requiring.

Mr. Boose would like to check on the status of adding Senior Services to the CORSA insurance.

Open positions for commissioner's office. Interviews are scheduled for Friday.

Future Ohio fund. Mr. Boose thought they needed to hear from Norwalk Economic Development. There was supposed to be somebody putting in an application. As he understood it, if an application is put in the commissioners need to provide a letter of support. Mr. Wilde will check with Ms. Ross.

At the CCAO meeting last week it was brought to their attention that state screwed up on Medicaid distribution money to counties. They were supposed to hold back \$5 million. They didn't do that. They distributed it all, then the state pulled some back. Since then the state has found some money, so they plan to make the counties whole that they took the money back from. Ms. Minor said for us it amounts to about \$15,000. She has plans for that money.

Commissioner Wilde update

Planning Commission meeting last Thursday. Winery/distillery/ice cream. Mr. Boose wanted to make it clear all they did was approve it to move forward to the next step.

Land Bank. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady attended. Good conversation on some Willard properties.

Shady Lane does not qualify for Brownfield. Land Bank ran out of demo money last year.

Board of Revision tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Wilde to mention the notice they received from Ohio Department of Taxation that we are in a reappraisal year. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure that that auditor, who is in charge of the reappraisal, advertises/notifies/lets constituents know what is coming and what it could mean to their property value. Mr. Boose said this should be information the county is very open and transparent on. He did not want the constituents to be shocked when they get their tax bill; some counties are increasing properties by 30 – 40%.

Commissioner Brady update

Mr. Brady attended the All Hazards meeting, formerly EMA meeting. Only about four people in attendance, plus Mr. Mead and Mr. Stevens.

CEBCO Board meeting last Friday. They are picking up another county; they now represent 48 counties. May add another one or two in next year or so.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Strickler met with the Sheriff yesterday.

Commissioner Boose update *continued*

Statehouse report. CCAO and other organizations express opposition to HB344. This would eliminate the ability of a political subdivision to put a replacement levy on the ballot after October 2024.

Indigent defense study task force held their first meeting.

Budget Discussion

Mr. Boose said they had the amount the sales tax brought in last year. They will need to pull from that the total amount of jail sales tax that came in. Mr. Boose told Ms. Stebel we need to get a copy of the total amount expended from the jail accounts so we know how much money we need to move into Permanent Improvements.

When Mr. Boose looks at the sheriff's budget - both the sheriff's and the jail - salary, PERS & Medicare numbers don't make sense. The percentages aren't right. Mr. Boose recommended getting from the sheriff's office a list of all employees, what their rate is, what they are withholding for them on PERS and what they are withholding for them on Medicare so we can get those numbers correct.

All the county elected officials receive a 1.75% increase. Mr. Boose noted the salary increase for the recorder was only 1%. Mr. Strickler said the statute was pretty clear - everyone receives 1.75%. Mr. Boose said he was doing random testing and hers was only 1%. They might want to ask Ms. Tkach about this.

Mr. Boose said they need to get some numbers to Juvenile Court fairly quickly. They will need to shift between departments.

Mr. Boose was confused about the retirements. He would like from Ms. Ziemba an explanation of where they have the money for the retirements.

Juvenile Court asked for a \$20,000 increase in detention due to increase in costs. Mr. Boose did not know if Ms. Ziemba was waiting for them to officially make a decision on that.

Board of Elections. They will be coming in, they need to talk about their budget and computers. Mr. Boose has a lot of questions. They have double amounts for PEO and seasonal staff.

Clerk of Courts. They received a note saying all employees received a forty cent raise but didn't use money. Ms. Hazel did this before she left. Mr. Boose wants to let her know that if they gave a forty cent raise out of other money, that amount needs to continue to be paid out of other money. We will give the same raise to Clerk of Courts that we give to all other employees.

Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba and Ms. Stebel to use the 5% amount for raises due to how hard it is to get and keep employees, and because of inflation. He said we can afford it this year. We can't always keep up with inflation; this year we have an opportunity to do that. He would like those numbers to be plugged in.

For the jail, Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba to get them copies of the contracts for medical and food. He thought they had both been renewed last year. It doesn't look like the food increase is enough. It went up 2.5%

Veterans services. There is some information they need. Mr. Boose saw there was a 31% increase in salary officials. \$12,000 decrease in salary for employees. They don't have any choice in this, but Mr. Boose thought the public needed to know.

Jail operations. Hospitalization did not go up. Mr. Boose wondered if they were overfunded last year, or if they just didn't put the increase in the employer's share of health insurance.

Mr. Boose said that a 5% increase to the hourly employees will cost around \$210,000.00.

EMA roof. Mr. Boose asked if there was ARPA money set aside for that. They will talk about this later.

IT has \$10,000 for training. Mr. Boose questioned if that was enough considering there is a new employee coming on.

There was a question asked by the sheriff that Mr. Boose thought they could answer now; it didn't have to wait for final budget. The sheriff had asked to get stainless steel around the sink and dishwasher in the kitchen; he asked for door and window replacements. The sheriff requested that these be paid out of Jail Permanent Improvement account. Mr. Boose said there was plenty of money in the account. He would like to give him notice to move forward with that.

At 12:13 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady 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 January 30, 2024.

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 12:13 p.m.

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