

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; William Seaman, Citizen; Jeff Colvin, Citizen; Tom Dunlap Citizen; Jason Hamman, Hamman Consulting Group; Kayla Cross, NEDC; Sarah Ross, NEDC; Kevin Resnick, Chamber of Commerce; George Henshaw; Roland Neiberka, Storage Masters; Scott Sparks, Airport Board; Jessica Walsh, Apex; Callie Chaplain; Apex; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

24-015

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 #372461 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:** Mr. Boose noted this contained a list of Then and Now's, most of them for the Landfill/Transfer Station.

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**

Payment Type: All	Warrant Dates: 01/11/2024 to 01/11/2024	Warrant Numbers: All	Payment Batches: 372461 to 372461		
Funds: 001 to 851				Amount	Warrant #
Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description			
Fund: 001 - General Fund					
Department: Corrections					
01110204	372461	2023-001102	Cover charge	\$61.25	
01110204	372461	2023-001102	Cover	\$177.71	
Account 001.001.00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$238.95	
Department Commissioners Total:				\$238.95	
Department: Microfilling					
01110204	372461	2023-001972	Storage Cdr- Dec 2023	\$120.00	
Account 001.002.00255 (Contract Services) Total:				\$120.00	
Department Microfilling Total:				\$120.00	
Department: Data Processing					
01110204	372461	2023-000039	2023 Year End Encumbrance 001-00221 Contract Serv	\$1,134.48	
01110204	372461	2023-000032	2023 Year End Encumbrance 001-00221 Contract Serv	\$472.39	
Account 001.003.00275 (Contract Services) Total:				\$1,606.87	
Department Data Processing Total:				\$1,606.87	
Department: Treasurer					
01110204	372461	2024-001461	legal pack, ink for scanner; gas scraper	\$144.54	
Account 001.005.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$144.54	
Department Treasurer Total:				\$144.54	
Department: Adult Probation					
01110204	372461	2023-001032	Equipment Rental	\$281.04	
Account 001.010.00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$281.04	
01110204	372461	2024-002941	2024 Membership	\$28.00	
01110204	372461	2023-001042	Document Ref	\$58.46	
01110204	372461	2023-001042	Document Destruction	\$24.00	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
01110204	Ohio Civil Protection Officers Association	372461	2023-001042	2024 Membership	\$50.00	
Account 001.010.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$50.00	
Department Adult Probation Total:					\$58.29	
Department: Building and Grounds						
01110204	WR Menon Co Inc	372461	2023-001212	Printer Ink-Steve Minor	\$52.78	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$52.78	
01110204	Electric-2322Maurit	372461		Electric-2322Maurit	\$18.48	
01110204	Ohio Edison	372461		Electric-3053Meylame	\$280.91	
01110204	Ohio Edison	372461		Electric-3232Maurit	\$17.00	
01110204	Ohio Edison	372461		Electric-3053Meylame	\$172.91	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$753.70	
01110204	Gas-Jail	372461		Gas-Jail	\$3,427.40	
01110204	Gas Utility-Jail	372461		Gas Utility-Jail	\$151.59	
Account 001.022.00527 (Gas) Total:					\$326.55	
Department Building and Grounds Total:					\$3,806.73	
Department: Mechanic						
01110204	WR Menon Co Inc	372461	2023-001302	Printer Ink	\$43.39	
Account 001.022.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$43.39	
Department Mechanic Total:					\$43.39	
Department: Jail Operations						
01110204	Gas-Jail	372461		Gas-Jail	\$69.09	
01110204	Gas Utility-Jail	372461		Gas Utility-Jail	\$735.44	
Account 001.036.00527 (Gas) Total:					\$1,559.44	
Department Jail Operations Total:					\$1,559.44	
Fund 001 - General Fund Total:					\$8,443.02	
Fund: 105 - Dog & Kennel						
01110204	Verizon Wireless	372461	2023-001902	2023 air card	\$40.11	
01110204	Verizon Wireless	372461	2023-001902	2023 air card	\$156.00	
01110204	Verizon Wireless	372461	2023-001902	2023 air card	\$156.00	
Account 105.105.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:					\$372.18	

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Claims Register for Payment Batches table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Dog & Kennel, Fund 105 - Dog & Kennel, and Department Auto Tax Administrative.

Claims Register for Payment Batches table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Landfill, Fund 500 - Landfill, and Department Solid Waste Management District.

Claims Register for Payment Batches table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department Auto Tax Road, Fund 125 - Auto Tax Road, and Department Records Technology.

PAYMENT REQUEST WORKFLOW table with columns: PAY TO NAME, INVOICE NUMBER, TOTAL VALUE, DESCRIPTION, and a signature line for 'Mary Budy'.

24-016

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 5513.01 (B) provides the opportunity for Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Conservancy Districts, Township Park Districts, Park Districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised Code, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Airport Authorities, Regional Water and Sewer Districts, County Transit Boards, State Universities or Colleges to participate in contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by Huron County:

SECTION 1.

That the Huron County Engineer hereby requests authority in the name of Huron County to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies or other articles which the Department has entered into pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B)

SECTION 2.

That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County to be bound by all terms and conditions as the Director of Transportation prescribes.

SECTION 3.

That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which Huron County participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

SECTION 4.

That Huron County agrees to be responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program under Section 5513.01 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code. That Huron County releases and forever discharges the Director of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation from all such claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation in the cooperative purchasing program which Huron County may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

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

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

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

24-017

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE WHITTLESEY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Whittlesey Road Improvements project; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Whittlesey Road Improvements project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this was to resurface from Westwind to the county line.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

JANUARY 9, 2024

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, January 26, 2024 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Whittlesey Road Improvements. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

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

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

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

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

Advertise: January 11, 2024

24-018

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TANDEM AXLE CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Purchase of a new Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approve of letting bids for the Purchase of a New Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Truck; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to O.R.C. §307.88(B), the Board, by unanimous vote, hereby waive the bid bonding requirements as provided in O.R.C. §153.54 for the bids herein; a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) will be required for bidding purposes; all other requirements of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code still apply for these bids; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey explained this is another plow truck and will start the process. Once they receive the cab and chassis they will have to go out to bid for the outfitting. The truck won’t see service until winter of 2025 and will be replacing a 2007 truck. They are right on schedule, they try to get 20 years out of them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Advertise: January 11, 2024

24-019

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH MARETT EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE BUTLER ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 23-393 the bid was awarded to Marett Excavating, Inc. for the amount of \$276,783.00 for the Butler Road Culvert Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Marett Excavating, Inc., for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Marett Excavating, Inc., Norwalk, Ohio for the Butler Road Culvert Replacement 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**On file*

24-020

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING SCOTT SPARKS TO THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Scott Sparks term on the Huron County Airport Authority Board expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sparks wishes to be re-appointed and it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to re-appoint Mr. Sparks to a three-year term; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby re-appoints Scott Sparks to the Huron County Airport Authority Board for a term effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026; 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

24-021

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CASEY LLOYD JACOBS FROM THE HURON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter of resignation of Casey Lloyd Jacobs from the Huron County Public Defender Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation of Casey Lloyd Jacobs; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to thank Casey Lloyd Jacobs for her services on the Board; 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

24-022

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING MILES T. MULL TO THE HURON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Public Defender Board for a term that expires October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Miles T. Mull to fulfill the unexpired term; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Miles T. Mull to the Huron County Public Defender Board to fulfill the unexpired term ending October 31, 2025; 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

24-023

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE LANDFILL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND #505

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustment; and

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

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

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	505	00550	505	\$46,000.00		505	00475	505	\$46,000.00
		Transfer Out					Equipment Reserve		

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:** Ms. Crable read Mr. Welch’s explanation that this was due to the fact the 2023 encumbrance and purchase order issuance was not properly completed for the Case 580N backhoe approved on November 21, 2023.

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

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

24-024

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING & POSTING FOR THE POSITION OF COMPUTER AND NETWORK TECHNICIAN

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Computer and Network Technician for the Huron County Information Technology (IT) department; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Computer and Network Technician Job Posting as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Director of Human Resources to solicit applicants for the position by posting and advertising in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that all those applying must submit a resume with references and a Huron County application for employment to the Huron County Human Resource Department, 12 East Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; 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

24-025

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the annexation petition shall be and hereby is GRANTED; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose explained there had been some discrepancies between the description and the map when they originally received this in December. That has been corrected. Everyone that needed to review it has agreed it is ready to move forward.

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

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

SIGNINGS

Certificate of Exempt project for CHIP PY 2023 for Fair Housing Administration. Ms. Crable explained this was needed for the state to release funding for these activities.

Bruce Wilde moved to sign the Certificate of Exempt Project for CHIP PY2023. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll 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.

**Discussion:* Ms. Crable explained FEMA was covering all the costs for travel and training directly; they do not cover salary.

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

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

Art Mead, EMA to College Station, Texas for All Hazard Unified Command training on October 7 – 11, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Clerical Assistant update

Ms. Crable stated another annexation came in yesterday. This was from Randal and Diane Eschen; the property is located on Gibbs Road. They would like to annex from Norwalk Township into City of Norwalk.

Assistant Prosecutor update

Mr. Strickler said that Board of DD wanted to know if the board was interested in the bus they were getting rid of. Mr. Boose thought they had already told her to talk to NCAT. Mr. Strickler will call Ms. Smith and tell her.

Board of DD has also made a request to be on the county's health insurance. Ms. Smith was asking if there was an update. Mr. Boose would like to know the reason they were not on it originally. He had concerns about people jumping in and out of the program. If there was a reason they were not on it and now it makes sense, that's fine. Mr. Strickler will have Ms. Smith contact Ms. Hozalski.

Mr. Boose said they also needed to make a decision as to whether Senior Services would continue on CORSA. He was confused as to whether this was all of Senior Services or just transportation. Originally CORSA's recommendation was no, then they changed it to yes. Mr. Boose would like to discuss this with Ms. Ziemba.

At 9:35 a.m. Sarah Ross, NEDC; Kevin Rasnick, Chamber of Commerce Director; Kayla Cross, NEDC; Jason Hamman, The Hamman Consulting Group, Inc. – CEDS discussion. Ms. Ross said their main purpose today was to follow up on the CEDS process. CEDS stands for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. It is a planning process Norwalk Economic Development and Huron County Development Council are working on. The final product will be a strategy document they submit to the federal EDA – Economic Development Administration. Mr. Wilde introduced Jason Hamman, the consultant they had hired. Ms. Ross said Mr. Hamman would provide the majority of the update on the CEDS, the process and the timeline. Mr. Boose thought this was something that Erie County was also involved with. Ms. Ross said they were doing this in conjunction with Erie County. The commissioners had provided a letter of support for a grant from the EDA to pay the consultant and the fees of the planning process. The grant was awarded to Erie Regional Planning, who was covering the full cost of the plan for both counties.

Mr. Hamman explained the final report will include a background summary of information on the two counties. It will include a detailed SWOT analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats. This will lead to the development of a strategic development and action plan, followed by an evaluation framework. Discussion on the what constituted strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Mr. Hamman hoped to have the final report completed by the end of March. He explained that, without an EDA approved CEDS, you cannot access EDA grant dollars. There are a lot of grants aimed at infrastructure development, planning and technical assistance, etc. They have even branched out to assistance for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.

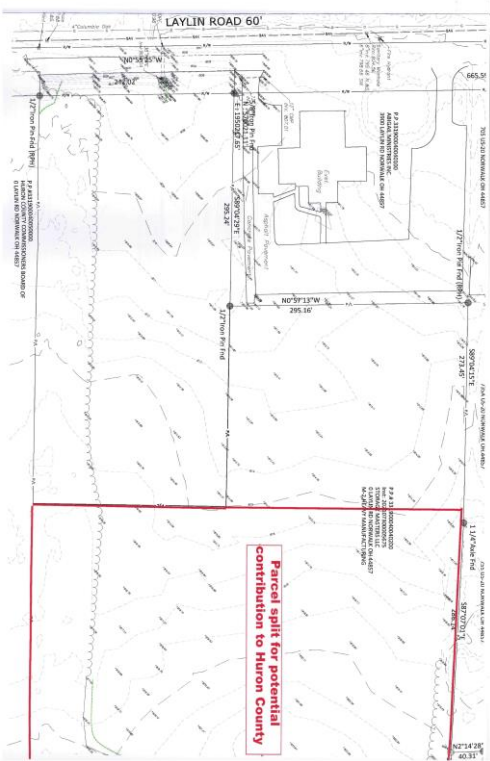
Mr. Wilde asked if Erie County had chosen a different consultant. Mr. Hamman said they did not. Mr. Wilde thought that was good, both counties were getting the same foundation on this since Mr. Hamman was in charge of both. Mr. Hamman said the data he will include in the report will be things that have Erie and Huron County together, Erie and Huron County separate and then analysis for subareas within each county.

Ms. Ross provided an update on the All Ohio Future Fund. This is a new program in the state budget for increasing inventory of developable sites. The total amount of funding is \$750 million for site development. They have a preference for sites that already have some of the work completed. North Central Industrial Park, which is 100 acres on Furniture Parkway, is a very desirable site. It is already “Site Ohio” certified, which gives it preference for this program. At a couple million dollars they will probably be one of the smallest projects to submit. The site is move in ready, but this will take it to another level. She would like the commissioners to provide a letter of support, if they are willing, for continuing to develop this site; to be project ready. Ms. Ross had provided a sample letter.

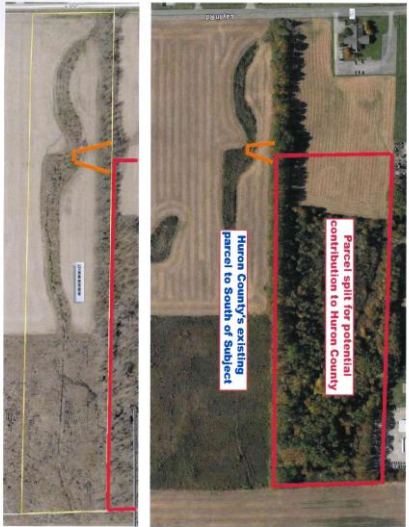
Mr. Boose said, after watching the webinar, he does have some concerns with the program. There are a lot of people in Licking County that wish they never saw the project that is in Licking County. The county will never be the same. He understood we were no where near that, but there were some concerns he thought we need to be aware of. Ms. Ross said you can tell the target of the program is mega sites like the one in Licking County. But they did mention they will evaluate it based on what your community can accommodate and widespread community support. They want to see things that match our communities’ vision. She thought that was something to put in their letter of support specifically – this is the size and scope of project we are comfortable with and the community is rallying around. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ross to revise the sample LOS to reflect Mr. Boose’s concerns, since she knew what she wanted included in the letter.

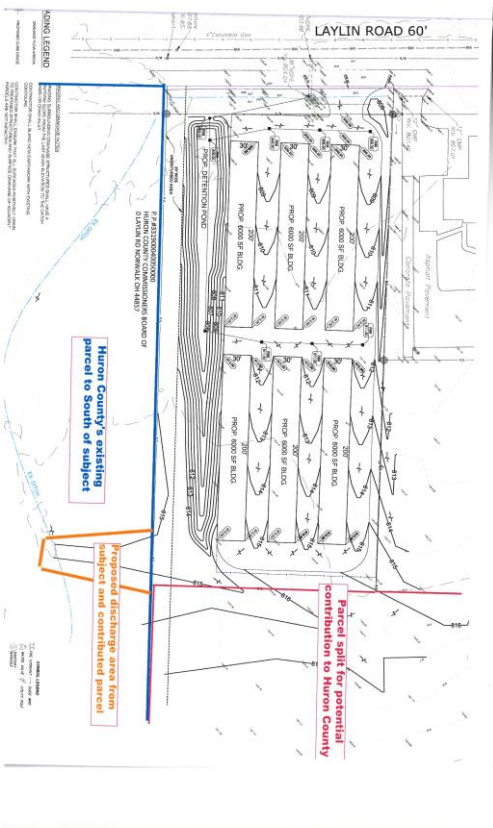
The last item Ms. Ross wanted to mention was the partnership with NEDC, HCDC and the Chamber. They are on schedule for the June goal of one name and one location. Executive boards are meeting weekly.

At 10:08 a.m. George Henshaw & Roland Neiberka Storage Masters, LLC - Airport tree removal. Also in attendance, Scott Sparks, Airport Board President. Mr. Henshaw provided some handouts to the board. He explained that he and Mr. Neiberka have spent about the last year and a half putting together plans for a self storage facility. They recently received a letter from Scott Sparks wanting to cut down trees. There is a 29’ slope from Laylin Road up to the airport. Storage Masters owns most of that land. They are putting self storage in where there is only seven to eight feet of slope. If they start cutting down trees, they are going to have a flood. They don’t want to flood the storage buildings. Mr. Henshaw used a diagram to explain the area he was looking at. The trees were in the way of airport safety. Mr. Neiberka was willing to clear one area. They were offering to donate the back portion of the property with the trees on it to the county. But they needed to get rid of the water. They had an engineering study done and determined the water needs to be brought down into the existing ditch.



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Next steps

Resolution to accept conditions subject to final environmental order:

Engineering to reflect lot split and easements
 Access agreement to be signed by Storage Masters
 Access agreement to be signed by Storage Masters to allow 15210000000000
 Sign lot split plan
 Legal description of new lot split for deed

NOTES

Mr. Henshaw thought there was also an income opportunity for the county as well. The grant the airport has from ODOT to cut down the trees included taking out the stumps. This would provide additional land for farming.

Mr. Wilde asked what they wanted from the county. Mr. Henshaw asked them to look at the last page. The county will need to allow them to do some digging to get the water to the ditch. There will need to be engineering to do the lot split. They would have acceptance of that by Norwalk City. They will need an access agreement in the deed for Storage Masters to be able to keep the access lane clean. There may be more once the attorneys get involved. It should not be terribly difficult, but these are the things they want the county to do.

Mr. Boose would like to work with the prosecutor's office to try to move the project forward. Mr. Brady pointed out that ultimately the water would end up in the same ditch. Mr. Henshaw agreed, saying the county was already receiving the water now, they were just going to concentrate it.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed
At 10:39 a.m. the board resumed regular session

10:30 a.m. Jessica Walsh & Callie Chaplain - Apex/ Emerson Creek update. Ms. Walsh did not have a lot of updates. They have been in contact with the Engineer's office and working on cleaning up the RUMA. They are working on finalizing designs and getting ready for construction, hopefully later this year. They have to order the turbines, which will take 12 to 14 months from order to delivery. Mr. Tansey expressed his concern that one of the first things that should be done is to look at the roads. They are talking about ordering turbines but his office still has not received concrete information on road improvements. Ms. Walsh said they were planning on trying to get Mr. Tansey some updates on that soon. Mr. Tansey said they have not received potential locations for access drives. There is a permitting process with that. Imagine how long the turbines are – there are no county or township road radius' that would be able to make that turn with the semi. He did not know if that could be done within the road right-of-way, if so there are easements that will need to be done. He pointed out how long it takes for the bridges he brings to get to construction. We are on a similar kind of pattern as that. It takes us multiple years to get there. His office has yet to see any hard evidence of where we are going. Their review process is going to take a while and if they don't get information to start the process early it is going to be difficult for him and three other guys to look at this information with all the other stuff they have going on. We have been adamant from day one and we still feel like we are not receiving all the engineering information we need. Mr. Strickler requested a clean version of the RUMA for review. Ms. Walsh said they were working on this now and she would get one to him.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS *continued*

Commissioner Boose update

Mr. Boose explained Mr. Mead would not be coming in this morning. He had been called out for a large diesel spill late last night.

Tomorrow they have a TAC meeting at 9:00 a.m.

There had been some hiccups with transportation. Mr. Boose thought Ms. Minor and Ms. Habig were meeting tomorrow. Mr. Brady agreed and said he would be there as well. He thought Ms. Minor may have also invited Mr. Beal.

Mr. Boose said there was discussion at Workforce Development that there were other departments that would like to have a meeting with Transportation. They decided to try to sit down on Friday with Senior Express, Steve Beal, Ms. Habig, Ms. Minor/JFS, Chamber of Commerce and Veterans Services.

Discussion regarding transportation and some of the initial issues that had come up.

There will be a senior center preconstruction meeting tomorrow at 1:00.

Norwalk City School board tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. They have all been invited.

At 7:00 tomorrow there is a Firefighter's Association meeting. Mr. Boose made sure Mr. Brady planned to be at Firefighter's since Mr. Boose plans to be at the school board meeting.

Thursday morning is HCDC Executive board meeting.

Mr. Boose has a CCAO Taxation and Finance meeting at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

At 10:00 a.m. tomorrow there is a homelessness task force meeting at the Huron County Chamber. Mr. Wilde will attend.

At 11:09 a.m. Harry Brady moved to enter Executive Session 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:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 11:45 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). 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

***No action taken**

At 11:46 a.m. the board recessed

At 12:32 p.m. the board resumed regular session

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS *continued***Commissioner Wilde update**

Board of Revision organizational meeting. Mr. Wilde was nominated as chair. As of now no requests. Mr. Strickler noted all the Board of Tax Appeals cases from last year have been resolved.

Catastrophic Leave. Balance is 3,372.828 hours.

Data Board. As of yesterday there was nothing to come before the Data Board. Mr. Boose asked if they talked about what they were doing with the old i-pads from the Board of Elections. He thought some went to MRDD. Job & Family Services wanted some to use for Senior Services. They were going to teach the seniors to use them, then give them the i-pad.

Mr. Wilde sat with NEDC last Friday on the All-Ohio fund. They are going to do \$100 million. Mr. Boose thought we had a real opportunity to get it. But he had a lot of concerns about that program. One of these is the fact you have to have an end user in 5 years.

Last Thursday was the Muck Crop school.

Family Dependency Court graduation was scheduled for 2:30, but the Judge was busy and it did not take place until 3:30.

Mr. Boose said that Mr. Welch has asked the architect to get some dates for the elevator. She is working on that.

Commissioner Brady update

NCAT (formerly SCAT) and FCFC meeting conflict. Ms. Minor is going to check with Ms. Cross to see if the meeting times for FCFC can be changed.

Prevention Coalition is going to be going under the Health Department.

School resource officer. Mr. Brady thinks this should be resolved sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Boose update - *continued*

Workforce Development meeting yesterday. Beginning in February the meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Mr. Boose had forwarded an article on how the state could possibly fund child care. They have been discussing child care a lot in the workforce development meetings. They should be getting a report back sometime this month from the group that looked at the building on S. Norwalk Road. That would be a public-private partnership.

Firelands Forward had an employee quit rather abruptly. They were already short an employee. Sandusky Greater Partnership has been helping out a lot.

Mr. Boose would like to keep a list of issues that come up. Need to stay on top of things or they are not going to get done. Mr. Boose has a list of things and he will bring them up every week, unless he knows there are no updates.

First on Mr. Boose's list was the school resource officers. A couple meetings had been held, but he did not think anything had been done. He would like one of the other commissioners to take on the issue, and sit down with the sheriff until it gets done. He thought it could be divided into two areas. One was the SROs with the rural schools and setting up a contract with them. The other was the SRO for the Norwalk School District. He is going to set up a meeting with Norwalk School District; it may or may not include Norwalk Police Department and the Sheriff's office. He is going to say what our requirements are. We have already sent out an email saying we don't think it is our responsibility and we would like them to work out something between themselves for next year. Mr. Brady offered to handle the SRO for the rural schools. Mr. Boose would like to come up with a standard contract for everybody. He would like to do it early enough they can include it in their budget. Mr. Strickler thought most of the expenses were easy to figure out. The difficult one was the cost of the vehicle. There were different ways it could be done. They will need to figure out how they are going to compute that cost and what number to use. Mr. Boose thought the other issue was where the revenue goes that we receive so it pays for the cost. Mr. Strickler said the ORC states it goes to the special policing fund. Mr. Boose thought if that is the case then the costs need to be paid out of there. There are only three expense lines in that account: salary, PERS, and Medicare. Mr. Strickler said that they would have to establish other line items for insurance, car and whatever else. Mr. Brady said it needs to be an in and out. Mr. Brady will work with the sheriff and the prosecutor's office to get this done.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde to work on the sheriff's vehicles. He would like to know who is using the vehicles and what the plan is. He is confused because we are so far behind. He wants to know, with the next set of cars we get in, what cars are being retired. Mr. Wilde said he talked to Ms. Stebel and told her if eight cars come in eight need to go out. Mr. Boose would like to go to the sheriff ahead of time and say, we have purchased eight new cars, what eight are going out? It may be more than that because there were extra cars purchased in 2017.

Mr. Boose also asked Mr. Wilde to work with JFS on getting the new car for the commissioner's office.

Mr. Boose will work with Ms. Ziemba to work with Chief Deputy Ditz on estimated capital costs for the sheriff's office, mostly the jail. This is because the cost per square foot, or the cost of equipment, has gone up so much since the last survey was done. CCAO is redoing the survey to try to get more counties to respond and to try to get current numbers.

Mr. Boose will keep them updated with the regional mental health corrections facility. Seneca, Sandusky and Ottawa Counties have invited him to continue with these meetings. They really need the sheriff's department to be part of it. They are looking for a lot of data. When it comes time Mr. Boose will try to get the data from the sheriff.

The next issue Mr. Boose wanted to bring up was that we continue to have problems at the courthouse parking lot. It doesn't matter how it is marked. It was suggested they bring up the issue at the next courthouse security meeting. The majority of those that park there are courthouse employees. The board needs the cooperation of their bosses. Mr. Boose told Mr. Strickler we need to know what our rights are as far as towing people. There are people parking in designated no parking spots and in other people's parking spots. Mr. Boose felt if people park in those spots we need to know what our rights are. Mr. Boose did not think they should start towing immediately. They should talk about it at the courthouse security meeting and send an email to the employees that park downtown explaining the rules.

Budget hearings. There is an email that has been sent in past years. Mr. Boose would like to send it out and indicate if they have a change to last year's budget then they should come in and explain why it needs to happen. He would like to start scheduling the beginning of February. Carryover estimated to be around \$9,300,000.

Mr. Boose will not be going to the NACo conference in Washington, D.C. in February. He feels it will cost too much and he will not bring that much back.

Before final budget, Mr. Boose would like to review the 2024 9-1-1 budget. He thinks a lot of things have changed. They have received the final plan for TAC. Mr. Boose thought it looked good, but there were some items that needed to be discussed. Final plan needs to be approved by a lot of people. There are positions that are filled that Mr. Boose did not know who put them in that position. As president, he is going to make sure everything comes back to the board.

Senior Center preconstruction meeting is Wednesday. Mr. Boose made sure Mr. Riedy, Ms. Stebel, Ms. Ziemba, Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor can all attend.

ARPA projects. Mr. Boose would like to make sure we are going out to bid sooner rather than later. Mr. Welch had asked if they were ready to move forward on the projects discussed last year. Mr. Boose said they absolutely were. Ms. Gordon has already reviewed most of them.

Mr. Boose told Mr. Strickler he would be receiving a phone call or an email from Damschroder. They are claiming they have a new cooperative program that is better than the old one. They want Mr. Strickler to review this.

Airport road drainage project. Mr. Brady confirmed Mr. Tansey was planning to put in a culvert when they do the road. Mr. Boose verified they had all agreed to use ARPA money to pay for this.

Mr. Boose thought they should do a review of jail rent for out of county inmates. He will work with Ms. Ziemba on this. Medical is reimbursed by county the person comes from.

Need to make sure the amount of jail money/jail revenue from last year gets carried over into Jail Permanent Improvements. Mr. Boose was just making a note to make sure we do that.

Mr. Boose told Mr. Strickler they need to get a better idea of where they are with the TID committee. Mr. Strickler thought they needed to find the resolution that created it and start there. Mr. Boose thought Huron County Economic Development was managing it. They can't find any records.

Eclipse. Mr. Boose is very concerned about internet and phone availability. The other issue that came up at Winter Conference is trash. Mr. Boose has some ideas. He asked Mr. Welch what he would be able to do at the transfer station if we end up with a lot of trash. Mr. Welch assured him he is aware there will probably be an increase in trash. There are only so many things they can do. A lot of it is up to other people. Mr. Welch and Mr. Mead have already discussed it. Mr. Boose said, based on what he heard at Winter Conference, one of the questions is going to be who picks up the trash in a township and who pays to dump it. He would love to hear from Mr. Mead what the volunteer system is going to be for cleanup. Mr. Boose did not think this was something the kids or 4-H groups should be doing. He has heard there could be an increased use in illegal drugs. He did not want kids dealing with this. Mr. Boose had a compromise he thought would work. The county could rent out trash containers for a week and include one or two dumps. Those dumpsters would be placed on county property, parks, township or small village property. We would put a sign up that says "Eclipse related trash only. No residential and/or furniture is allowed". Everyone is not going to abide by it but we will do the best we can to try to keep things out. Tell the township we are willing to put the dumpster there and pay for one or two dumps, but we are not going to do any of the cleanup. Mr. Wilde asked if he wanted to do that for all 19 townships. Mr. Boose wanted to make it available to them, but he did not think they all would do it. Mr. Wilde thought they could do it Wednesday to Wednesday. Mr. Boose is worried about the county's issues, not everybody else's. He did not intend to do this for Norwalk, Willard, Bellevue. The people that are having events should know we are not doing it for them. Mr. Boose thought this would help the townships out. He wanted to try to be as fair as possible. He wanted to make it clear that we were doing something above and beyond what they have to do. Mr. Brady agreed, saying they were not offering the entire solution, they were just offering to help with a part of it. Mr. Boose would like to discuss this with Mr. Mead when he comes in.

Mr. Boose thought Mr. Welch was going to need Mr. Strickler's help with an LEC proposal for the landfill. Mr. Strickler said he had talked to him and Albin Bauer was going to help with that.

Mr. Boose wants to make sure we are moving on filling the open positions we have. Receptionist and IT. If we get resumes in he would like to interview right away. Mr. Wilde would like to sit in on the interviews.

Mr. Boose said they are also looking for a solid waste equipment operator. One applicant does not have CDL. Mr. Boose noted Job & Family Services pays for CDLs all the time. Mr. Boose talked to Ms. Minor. One of the things she brought up was that solid waste employees were union. She did not know if they could offer free training if it was not in the contract. Or, do they have to offer it to everybody. Ms. Hozalski is looking into it.

HVAC. Would be nice to be able to hire someone while we have the contract with Air Force One so they may be able to provide some training.

Future Ohio Fund. Mr. Boose was disappointed in some of the things he saw in the webinar.

At 2:46 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 9, 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 2:46 p.m.

Signatures on File