

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Larry J. Silcox.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the February 24, 2009 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Mike Adelman seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

09-061

Signature Only

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE HURON COUNTY JAIL ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS

Larry J. Silcox moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, emergency professional nursing services on an as needed basis for the Huron County jail, is needed for a period beginning, February 23, 2009 – December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to approve a letter of understanding with Jennifer Roth for such services; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Roth, 7336 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035 has provided the Jail Administration with copies of all licenses and certificates pertinent to her practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for a specific period, being February 23, 2009 – December 31, 2009; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the attached letter of engagement for professional services, jail nurse, namely, inmate medical services at the Huron County jail on a as needed emergency basis for this time period with Jennifer Roth for a time period of February 23, 2009- December 31, 2009; 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.

Mike Adelman seconded the motion.

Discussion: Cheryl Nolan explained that Daivia Kasper, Assistant Prosecutor had made note of advising against number 8 of the contract which does not hold Lakewood responsible for damages, but does hold the inmate responsible. It was stated that this is just a note to make sure all were aware of the risks. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

February 23, 2009

Jennifer L. Roth
7336 Murray Ridge Road
Stryker, Ohio 44635

This communication constitutes a letter of engagement for professional services, namely, inmate medical services, at the Huron County Jail, where you shall serve as Jail Nurse.

*Required of Nurse Jennifer Roth is:
Provide the Jail Administration with copies of all licenses and certificates pertinent to your practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) in the State of Ohio:

*Provide direct services and supervisory services for inmates for all the medical needs as required by the Bureau of Adult Detention, Sheriff, or the Jail Administration; and, ensure coverage of and provision for inmate sick-call clinics.

*Assist the Jail Physician, Dr. Richard Cole, in evaluating, monitoring and operating the jail medical section in an efficient manner so as to meet budget demands, meet all federal and state standards in an adequate fashion, and to work with any other jail-medical-related entities in order to achieve and maintain an adequate operation that meets or exceeds minimum standards.

*Be generally available for consultations and/or clarifications; and:

*Invoice for services timely rendered and forward to the Chief Financial Officer, Tammy Scheffer, at the Huron County Sheriff's Office. The invoices shall be for a flat fee of \$25.00 per hour.

*Furthermore:
The nurse should provide and maintain a valid driver's license, and vehicle insurance that meets the demands of Ohio law in minimum requirements from the County of Huron:

*The acquisition and maintenance of medical malpractice through CORSAs, shall be secured by Huron County.

*Nursing invoices for professional services shall be paid within 30 days of the last day of service.

Lorain County Sheriff Phil Stammitz was notified by phone and stated that he had no objection to Jennifer Roth providing this service, whenever needed, to Huron County; so as not to interfere with her primary employment at Lorain County Sheriff's Office.

This letter of understanding shall take effect on February 23, 2009, and shall remain renewable until further notice from either party.

Jennifer L. Roth, L.P.N. Date

Sheriff David A. Howard Date

Gary W. Bauer, President Date
Board of Huron County Commissioners

09-062

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE NORTHCOAST REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAC)

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Workforce Investment Act Program formed a partnership with the counties of Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca to form a Workforce Investment Act One-Stop system to better serve the businesses, job seekers, and career builders of all partner counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and the aforementioned counties established a Regional Advisory Committee with the Board of Huron County Commissioners appointing representatives to the committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following individuals to serve on the Northcoast Regional Advisory Committee as non-mandated;

Section 1 The Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby appoint the following individuals to serve on the Northcoast Regional Advisory Committee.

1. Teresa Alt, Department of Job & Family Services Director, voting authority
2. Chris Robertson, DJFS, WIA Supervisor, alternate

Section 2 Copies of this resolution shall be certified to, Director of Sandusky County DJFS; Director of Ottawa DJFS; Director Erie County DJFS; Director Huron County DJFS; Director of Seneca County DJFS. 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.

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye – Larry J. Silcox

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING GROUP LIFE/ AD&D BENEFITS WITH PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE

Larry J. Silcox moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at the request of the Board of Huron County Commissioners Willis HRH solicited bids for the renewal of group life and AD&D benefits; and

WHEREAS, the following companies received a request for proposal (RFP) for the group insurance coverage:

- Fort Dearborn Life
- Hartford Insurance
- MetLife Insurance
- ING Insurance
- Principal Financial
- Prudential Insurance
- Standard Life Insurance
- Sun Life of Canada
- UNUM Life Insurance

WHEREAS, the marketing summary as attached found Prudential Insurance to have the most competitive rates which were guaranteed for 36 months; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves Prudential Insurance as Group Life/AD&D Benefits provider at the rates as attached hereto and incorporated herein for the 36 months guarantee; 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.

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

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye –Larry J. Silcox

**HURON COUNTY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
GROUP LIFE / AD&D BENEFITS**

The following is a summary of the marketing results for the group life and AD&D benefits for the employees of Huron County. The current plan of benefits is administered by Anthem Life Insurance Company.

The following companies received a request for proposal (RFP) for the group insurance coverage:

- Fort Dearborn Life
- Hartford Insurance
- MetLife Insurance
- ING Insurance
- Principal Financial
- Prudential Insurance
- Standard Life Insurance
- Sun Life of Canada
- UNUM Life Insurance

The following is a summary of the marketing results:

	Anthem	Prudential	Fort Dearborn	Hartford	MetLife	Principal	UNUM	Sun Life	Standard	ING
Life	25	157	15	16	174	189	21	22	21	245
AD&D	021	015	03	02	027	040	04	04	04	025
Annual	\$12,708	\$8,076	\$8,436	\$8,448	\$9,432	\$11,025	\$11,724	\$12,192	\$11,724	\$12,672
Difference		(\$4,632)	(\$4,272)	(\$4,260)	(\$2,475)	(\$1,695)	(\$200)	(\$150)	(\$954)	(\$930)

The most competitive rates were provided by Prudential Insurance. The carrier has guaranteed the initial rates for 36 months. Our report includes a benefit summary that highlights the provisions of the current contract with Anthem and those presented by Prudential Insurance. Prudential has included several enhancements to the AD&D benefit plan that included with Anthem. The current eligibility and waiting period was not indicated in the Anthem booklet. These provisions will be duplicated in the Prudential Insurance contract.

We requested a response from CEBCO regarding a life insurance proposal. They indicated that the life insurance provided to their members is currently underwritten by Anthem Life Insurance. There would be no advantage in providing the Anthem policy through the association for the Huron County group.

Our report includes the detailed proposal submitted by Prudential.



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IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to Huron County) AND THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT (hereinafter referred to Lakewood) FOR HOUSING PRISONERS

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lakewood has inadequate facilities for confining and supporting all prisoners which Lakewood is required by law to confine and support by reason of sentence imposed upon them as a result of convictions or guilty pleas to charges of violations of any state or local law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Huron County owns and operates a full-service jail and presently is in a position to enter into contractual arrangements for confining and support prisoners; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Huron County to enter into an agreement with Lakewood to house prisoners as recommended by the Huron County Sheriff; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County approves of the agreement with Lakewood as approved by the Huron County Sheriff as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Larry J. Silcox seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye – Larry J. Silcox

- Contract on file Commissioners' Office.

09-065

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #041 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO FUND #028

Larry J. Silcox moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is needed for the #028 Agriculture fund; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 041-00572-001 in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Agriculture fund #028-00558-001; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor's office will make the journal entry to the # 028 account; and further

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

Mike Adelman seconded the motion.

Discussion was had in regards to why this transfer was necessary and that Soil and Water will still receive the same amount in the end.

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

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Aye – Mike Adelman

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

Aye –Larry J. Silcox

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Richard O’Grady/Dog Warden’s Office/sick/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. February 12, 2009.

Larry Burdue/Buildings & Grounds/vacation/7:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 1,8, 15,22, 29, 2009.

At 9:30 a.m. no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gary Bauer reported on his meeting with Teresa Alt, DJFS director, in regards to appointments to the WIA board, and budget. Mr. Bauer also stated that it looked like the transitional center in Norwalk will be closed and moved to Willard.

Mike Adelman referred to the letter received in support of the rail transportation from Senator Sherrod Brown, and also discussed the budget by stating that when the interim 2009 budget was completed funds were appropriated in fund #099 to cover retirements at the sheriff’s department. The amount needed for these two retirements was much less than anticipated. The sheriff has already paid the two retirements which came to \$15,891.00. Mr. Adelman explained that this amount should now be added to the sheriff’s budget and subtracted from fund #009 transfers out. Further discussion was had.

Mr. Adelman reported on the courthouse security committee and stated that the plan is not a public document as it is a security plan.

Larry Silcox stated that he was looking at the heaters that are not being serviced properly and referred to one at the garage.

At 9:57 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:03 a.m. regular session resumed.

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PUBLIC HEARING TRANSFER STATION MODIFICATION OF RATES
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At 10:00 a.m. President, Gary W. Bauer opened the second public hearing for modifying rates at the transfer by stating that the hearing was to hear public comment for and/or against the modifying of such rates. Mr. Bauer asked Pete Welch, Solid Waste District Coordinator to explain the reason for modifying such rates and explained how they will be modified. Mr. Welch explained the rates as follows:

MSW, Exempt & Industrial Waste	\$57.00/ton
Minimum Waste Charge (500 lbs or less)	\$14.25
Garden Tractor, Lawn Mower Tires	\$3.00
Passenger Car Tire (12” to 15”)	\$3.00
Light Truck (16” to 18.5”)	\$4.50
Semi Truck	\$10.00
Tractor	\$25.00
Compost	\$20.00/ton
Co-mingled Reyclables	\$30.00/ton

and also explained that these rates have been set based on what the expenses have been increased the last couple of years at the transfer station. Mr. Welch stated that there has not been an increase in the last six years county wise but there was a state increase three years ago. Mr. Welch explained the new rates as well. Mr. Adelman asked Mr. Welch to explain the projected tonnage at the facility. Mr. Welch stated that for the 2009 budget he had tried to project what we expected to take in at the facility. We are going to use 38,000 tons and tonnage has dropped since 2006 which was 43,000 so the facility is down about 5,000 tons per year at this time. Mr. Bauer also stated that BFI rates have increased through the years as well with no increase passed on. Mr. Welch also stated that they have reduced expenses at the transfer station as well. Mr. Bauer called once for testimony in favor of modifying rates as stated above at the transfer station, hearing none called twice for testimony in favor of modifying rates as stated above at the transfer station, hearing none called thrice for testimony in favor of modifying rates as stated above at the transfer

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station, hearing none Mr. Bauer called once for testimony against modifying the rates as stated above at the transfer station, Larry Cloud, Troy Mill Road, stated that the little guy is going to take the biggest increase also stated that he sees a lot of little guys that this will hurt. Mr. Bauer also spoke to the bonds and the intent would be to back the rates down once the bonds are paid. Mr. Bauer stated that he feels Mr. Cloud is making a good point and this will be discussed before modifying the rates. Mr. Silcox asked about the rates and stated that Mr. Cloud had made a good point and asked Mr. Welch for the figures. Mr. Bauer called twice for testimony against modifying the rates as stated above at the transfer station, hearing none called thrice for testimony against modifying the rates as stated above at the transfer station, hearing none President Bauer closed the hearing at 10:14 a.m.

At 10:18 a.m. Teresa Alt, Department of Job & Family Services Director came before the board in regards to introducing Trista Piccolla, Children Services Administrator. Ms. Piccolla gave a brief background summary of her work history.

Ms. Alt spoke to the state budget cuts by stating that they might be looking at 10% cut across the board which is a projection, which is around \$450,000. Ms. Alt stated that she will be meeting with the staff to see what they can do. TANF has suffered the most there is no surplus as there has been in past years.

At 10:39 a.m. Larry Silcox moved to adjourn. Mike Adelman seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

The Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

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 February 26, 2009.

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 10:30 a.m.

Signatures on File