

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

MARCH 12, 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 March 10, 2009 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 10, 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

09-077

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 09-071

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, resolution 09-071 in the matter of **APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$500.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD MARCH 5, 2009** needs to be amended as follows:

Blossom City Fence Co.	Welding approximately 30ft long by 4 ft high onto existing hand rail and attach 9 ga.x2” galv. Chain link mesh from floor to ceiling. Price includes all materials and labor needed to compete the job priced per non prevailing wage for six cell pods and 7 stairs. For a total amount of	\$21,400.00 now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$500.00 as amended and listed above;

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, high school athletic programs throughout the Huron County schools do much to promote our youth; and

WHEREAS, such programs have produced championship teams and individuals in which all residents of the county may take much pride; and

WHEREAS, these teams and individual achievements shall not go unheralded in the public eye; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Commissioners do desire to recognize several area wrestlers for their achievements at the state level of competition:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby honors and commends the wrestlers listed below:

Bellevue	Markie Brooks	Division II	285 lbs.	Qualifier
Norwalk	Jared Torrence	Division II	285 lbs.	3 rd Place
Willard	Jeff Goines	Division II	145 lbs.	Qualifier
Monroeville	Hunter Stieber	Division III	119 lbs.	CHAMPION
	Logan Stieber	Division III	125 lbs.	CHAMPION
	Cam Tessari	Division III	130 lbs.	CHAMPION
	Chris Phillips	Division III	171 lbs.	CHAMPION
	Cal Clark	Division III	135 lbs.	Qualifier
New London	T.J. Keathley	Division III	160 lbs.	Qualifier
South Central	Anthony Ferber	Division III	145 lbs.	Qualifier
	Nick Hamilton	Division III	285 lbs.	CHAMPION
St. Paul	Michael Cawley	Division III	152 lbs.	Qualifier
	Geoff Hainline	Division III	171 lbs.	8 th Place
	Chris Doughty	Division III	285 lbs.	5 th Place

for their achievements and wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

We have hereunto subscribed our names this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine.

HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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and

WHEREAS, such programs have produced championship teams and individuals in which all residents of the county may take much pride;

and

WHEREAS, these teams and individual achievements shall not go unheralded in the public eye;

and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Commissioners do desire to recognize members of the Monroeville High School Firelands Challenge team as the 2009 Firelands Challenge Champs:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby honors and commends the students listed below:

Senior Captain	Chris Dahs
Senior	Stephen Roberts
Junior	McKenzie Alt
Junior	Isaac Heyman
Junior	Adam Mastroianni
Freshman	Ashley Gies

for their achievements and wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors;

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IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Larry J. Silcox moved to approve the following travel request this day. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted.

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

Gary W. Bauer, Commissioner, on March 23, 2009 to Columbus, Ohio, for CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee.

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

Mike Adelman moved to approve the following travel request this day. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Larry J. Silcox, Commissioner, on March 13, 2009, to Ashland, Ohio, for Legislative update/on April 2, 2009, to Columbus, Ohio, for CCAO Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Peter Welch/SWD/sick/1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. March 10, 2009.

Maria Lyons/Buildings & Grounds/sick/9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. March 10, 2009.

SIGNINGS

Department of Administrative Services
Ohio Federal Surplus Property Program
4200 Surface Road

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Columbus, Ohio 43228

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Attention: Rose Steward

This statement is in response of your request for an update of authorized representatives to be accompanied by a description of service/programs provided to the general populace.

Huron County Board of Commissioners is comprised of three persons elected to serve in the capacity of overseeing and authorizing funding that supports services either mandated by the State of Ohio or in response to the requests of the citizens of Huron County. These services/programs include, but are not limited to, the Huron County offices of the Auditor, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Juvenile and Common Pleas Courts, Clerk of Courts, Board of Elections, Sheriff's Department, Recorder, Public Defender, Department of Job and Family Services, Veterans Services, Department of Health, Emergency Management Agency, Soil and water Conservation District, County Highway Department, and the Airport. In addition, the Huron County Board of Commissioners provide the facilities and utilities along with custodial and maintenance services for many of the departments and programs.

The Commissioners strive to provide the general populace with all reasonable access to such services and programs that enhance and provide for the well-being of the citizens served.

Further explanation and details of the operation and functions of the Huron County Board of Commissioners may be obtained by contacting their administrative office as listed on this letterhead.

Sincerely,
Gary W. Bauer
Commission President

federal surplus property app. ltr.2009doc.

TO: Erie Basin RC&D
8 Fair Road
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

FROM: HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLEARINGHOUSE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS


APPLICANT: Erie Basin RC&D Council @ Norwalk, Ohio

PROJECT: Revolving Loan Fund -- RBEG -- \$99,000 (ninth appl.)

Comments and Recommendations

The Huron County Commissioners commends to the funding agency, USDA Rural Development:

That this project is in compliance with local planning, does not conflict with any other local project, and meets the goals of the region; that the funding agency continue the process of funding the proposal.


COMMISSIONER

3/12/09
DATE



ASHLAND □ CRAWFORD □ ERIE □ HURON
OTTAWA □ ROCKLAND □ SANDUSKY □ SHERBORN □ WYANDOT

Mailing address:
8 Fair Road
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Phone 419-668-4113 Ext. 4
Fax 419-663-0611
Fax 419-663-8405

03/06/09

Huron County Commissioners
180 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Attn: Intergovernmental review

Area affected: County of Huron

Dear Commissioners,

Erie Basin RC&D Council, Inc. (501c3 nonprofit) has been approved to file for a ninth Rural Business Enterprise Grant through USDA Rural Development in Massillon. This is additional funds for an already existing Revolving Loan Fund under our Management.

1. We are filing an application to USDA RD for another RBEG in the amount of \$99,000 (ninth grant).
2. We plan to continue making third party higher risk loans to provide "gap" financing for natural resource based small businesses. All loans would be in areas of less than 50,000 population.
3. We serve a 10 county area which includes the above.

We are requesting your clearance to proceed with the project as soon as possible. Please refer to the attached information.

Your approval and/or comments may be sent to the above address or if possible please FAX to 1-419-663-8405

Sincerely,

Greg Small
Coordinator Assistant

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Attachment to SF-424

Standard Form 424, "Application for Federal Assistance," Attachment to SF-424, and good site map must be submitted by the applicant for intergovernmental review directly to the Rural Development Area Office.

Catalog Number & Program Title: (to Complete Item 10 on SF-424)	ID#	ID#
	10.415	Rural Rental Housing Loans
	10.433	Rural Housing Preservation Grants
	10.760	Water and Waste Disposal
	10.766	Community Facilities
	10.767	Intermediary Relending Program
	10.769	Rural Development Grants (RDEG)

By providing the following additional information, it will enable the appropriate State reviewing agencies to review and evaluate the impact of the proposed project without submitting copies of the entire application package. You may continue your answers/descriptions on plain paper as long as they are identified.

Applicant (Complete name and address):

ERIE BASIN RCSD	RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT
8 Fair Road	
Norwalk, Ohio 44857	REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Where is the project located? (Provide appropriate map(s) and a written boundary description. County and city maps or USGS topographic maps are best for general project location. Also include a more detailed project map, such as a plat map, Sanborn map, or site plan. All maps should clearly show the project's location and have a scale, north arrow, legend, and, if needed, a key referencing additional documentation submitted, such as photographs.) The Counties of Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood and Wyandot. State of Ohio

What is the current land use in the project area? (If buildings currently occupy the project site, provide date of construction and photographs to allow evaluation of any apparent architectural significance. If the site is "vacant" land, state that it is currently farmed, is a wooded, is or was a parking lot, etc. Perhaps soil borings, grading plans, aerial photographs or other site data are available to provide this information.)

Industrial, Commercial, Residential and Farm

*Submit original photographs (copier reproductions are not acceptable), suitably identified and labeled, showing when and where they were taken and what they depict. Attach the photographs securely to heavy 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

Is historical or archaeological information available for the project area? (Check for and refer to any Survey Reports, Ohio Historic Inventory forms or Ohio Archaeological Inventory forms available for use in reviewing the proposed project. If you know of historic sites or buildings in the area, include your evaluation of any impacts on them by the proposed project.)

There is usually nothing at the sites involved that would be over 50 years.

What activities are included in the project? (Make project descriptions detailed and specific. Use the following examples as guides.)

- a. Avoid this wording: "Install new water system."
Recommended wording: "Install 2,658 linear feet of 4-inch water lines in existing street right-of-ways in a four-block area bounded by the following streets."
- b. Avoid this wording: "Housing rehabilitation."
Recommended wording: "Rehabilitation of 10 residential structures. Individual buildings will be chosen from a neighborhood of single- and two-family residences constructed between 1930 and 1945, within the area shown on the project location map. The OHFO will be notified during house selection for determination of any historic or architectural significance of the properties."
This is a Third Party Revolving Loan Project to purchase equipment only.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gary Bauer reported on the Huron County Firefighters Association. Mr. Bauer stated that he had been asked about selling timber at the landfill as had been done in the past. It was decided that this was done in either 2001 or-02.

Larry Silcox reported that the two sheriff's cruisers that had been in accidents recently. Reported how these would be repaired.

At 9:30 a.m. Public Comment

Dr. Dee explained the self advocate group that was formed five years ago and stated that this group has completed some remarkable things. Each member of the officer's team introduced them and state what office they held.

The board presented the following proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the month of March has been designated National Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The theme this year for the Huron County Board of MRDD is that individuals are just like you. They are friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, volunteers and teammates. The are people with developmental disabilities and they are just like you; and

WHEREAS, Mental retardation is a condition which affects more than seven million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a disability does not diminish the right of individuals to live independently, exert control and choice over their own lives or fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of US society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Board of Commissioners, Huron County, Ohio hereby proclaims full support to efforts towards public awareness

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enabling people with developmental disabilities to live productive lives and achieve their potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

We have hereunto subscribed our names this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

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At 9:40 a.m. The board recessed to take pictures of the Christie Lane advocate officers.

At 9:42 a.m. regular session resumed

Gary Bauer reported on the Family and Children First Council meeting and reported on the government funding and stated that all the professionals at the meeting were depressed at what is happening in the governor's budget.

Discussion was had in regards to OSU Extension budget cuts and how they will affect each county.

Larry Silcox discussed reports that he has seen recently about California which was the highest rate at 22% and Elkhart Indiana came in fourth so he would say that our unemployment rate last month was fourth in the country according to this report.

Mike Adelman discussed the budget and the sales tax which is within the auditor's estimate but behind last year at this time by a little over \$73,000. Mr. Bauer stated that the Auditor stated that he would not come back in July and roll the numbers back again because he feels that he has made the cuts that needed to be made and he said that we are up \$66,000 over the estimate. Mr. Bauer also stated that he had spoken with Kathleen Schaffer, Treasurer and the auditor agreed that the delinquent taxes are no higher than normal which is another good piece of news.

Mr. Adelman stated that the sheriff has two retirements coming for Alberts and Gadberry and the payouts there amount to \$29,609 which is about \$4,000 less than then anticipated when we asked for the number last year so that money had been set aside to move over there to cover those retirement payouts. Mr. Adelman stated that he took a look at where they might be able to save one layoff as the Sheriff had asked for, and stated that the only place that he could find it would be because of the fact that people were being laid off there would be a little wiggle room from where they had appropriated funds for health insurance and that would be in the amount of about \$20,500. This would not be needed because that the laid off people would not be on health insurance and we could use funds in that department and between that and the \$15,000 we moved there a couple of weeks ago and the pay outs for the retirement is the best that we can do. Mr. Bauer stated that the auditor maintains that we should not give the sheriff anymore funding. Mr. Adelman stated though that these funds were put in transfer out #099 for these retirements. Mr. Bauer discussed the extra non mandates that the board funds. Mr. Bauer asked the auditor if we were at a point where we need to pull these funds back before we pass the final budget and he said no not this year, but we had better keep it in mind for next year. Mr. Silcox asked if maybe we should think about cutting it even a quarter this year. Mr. Adelman stated that in terms of God's Little Critters we did cut them back the same in 2004 as every other budget. If we want to do that he is sure that Mary Beth would be fine with that and feels that if we send her a letter stating that her funding will be cut that amount she will be fine with it. Mr. Adelman stated though that he still maintains that she should receive something from the county because she is getting calls to take care of things. Mr. Silcox stated that he doesn't have a problem with it but when you look at those expenses here and there it is time to give those the same cut that we have given everyone else. Mr. Adelman stated that in regards to the sheriff's department he can call Sheriff Howard and tell him that the funds for the retirements are there and this additional \$20,500 and ask if it is going to save one layoff or not. Mr. Silcox asked if the two that are planning to retire are included. Mr. Silcox stated that he would go along with this but is also concerned about giving him more money, as he was out and talked with him and the sheriff gave Mr. Silcox his list of personnel for the jail and the road officers and why he was going to have to layoff four road officers. Mr. Silcox stated that on his way out he passed the civil office, which still have three people and he has not cut staff. Mr. Silcox stated that he wouldn't criticize the sheriff and how is running his department as it is his job, but the day that he was out there his

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jail administrator had just come back from the range to get certified so that he could carry a weapon which means he is a full fledge deputy sheriff and if need be he could be used a patrol officer in these hard times and the civil office work could be divided amongst dispatchers and corrections people when they are not busy. Mr. Silcox stated that what we are doing as far as the \$20,500 is as far as he is concerned it is appropriate. Mr. Bauer asked where the money is coming from in regards to unemployment. Mr. Adelman stated that he would be a little more specific in regards to the appropriation for the health insurance between the couple of retirements and layoffs there is actually enough in that line to cover everyone that is on the insurance for this year, and we probably have about \$39,000 more in that line than what we need, but to make sure we have enough in there to cover cobra or something else he stated that he is not even thinking about taking that full \$39,000 from that line and putting it somewhere else. Mr. Bauer stated we have given them \$15,000, \$4,000 and the \$20,000 can he do anything with \$40,000.00. Mr. Adelman stated yes that saves one job. Mr. Silcox also stated that he is not happy with the idea of the sheriff stating that he is not getting funding so he will have to layoff road patrol, when he still has three people in the civil office but as stated before those are his decisions. The board agreed that Mr. Adelman can let him know about this and Mr. Bauer stated that Mr. Adelman needs to make it clear that if this funding move is made it is to save the layoff and not for anything else. Mr. Adelman stated that the board needs to target a date here to pass the budget. It was decided that the target date for passing budget is March 26, 2009.

At 10:20 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:30 a.m. regular session resumed

Bill Duncan, Dog Warden came before the board and reported on the newest vehicle that they own having a problem with the transmission. After discussion with the county mechanic Lon Burton following report was discussed.

**HURON COUNTY
DOG WARDEN**

March 11, 2009

Board of County Commissioners,

During January we started having issues with the transmission in the departments 2005 Ford Truck. At that time the vehicle had just over 45,000 miles, was shifting awkward and had a "Transmission Fault" light showing on the dash. The vehicle was taken to Don Tester for diagnostic testing. The test revealed that a transmission fluid temperature sensor needed replaced. The sensor was replaced by the Huron County Mechanic and while replacing the sensor the mechanic found shards of metal in the transmission pan. The sensor did not solve the problem and the transmission will need to be replaced.

The cost to replace the transmission is estimated at about \$2,500.

After discussing the situation with the Huron County Mechanic it became obvious the only options we had were to replace the transmission or replace the vehicle. A comparison of those options is as follows.

Option 1		
Action:	Purchase and replace transmission in 2005 Ford F150	\$2,500.00
Cost Category:		\$2,500.00
Outcome:	2005 Ford F150 with 46,000 miles and a rebuilt transmission	
Option 2 - Truck Replacement		\$ 9,300.00
Action:	Purchase 2009 Chevy Colorado Ext. Cab (Leads to Ford Brak)	
Cost Category:	Brak/Leads to \$10,000 - \$10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00
Outcome:	2009 Chevy Colorado	
Option 3 - Pickup (Chevrolet)		\$ 7,100.00
Action:	Purchase 2009 Chevy Colorado Ext. Cab (Leads to Ford Brak)	
Cost Category:	Brak/Leads to \$8,000 - \$8,000.00	\$ 7,100.00
Outcome:	2009 Chevy Colorado	

Option 2

Fuel Economy Savings

	MPG	Cost	Miles driven	Fuel cost
F-150	21	\$2.50	10000	\$1,190.48
Colorado	23	\$2.50	10000	\$1,043.48
				\$1,146.99

There are sufficient funds available in the Dog & Kennel Fund - Equipment Reserve account to either repair or replace this vehicle.

Thank You,

Bill Duncan
Huron County Dog Warden

130 Shady Lane
Building 2
Nurell, OH 44857

PHONE: (419) 688-9073
FAX: (419) 683-9038
E-MAIL: bcdm@co.huron.oh.us

The board agreed that the new smaller truck would be the best way to go at this time. Resolution will be prepared for purchase. Further discussion was had in regards to the daily operations of the Dog Warden's office.

Mr. Bauer reported on the parking lot up town and our other parking lots. He just happened to run into Roland Tkach and Joe Kovach at the up town parking lot. Mr. Kovach stated that he would have Bobby Sidel look at all the parking lot to see what the cost would be to put some chip and seal down. Mr. Silcox stated that he will also be looking at the jail sewer system with Mr. Kovach as well.

Mr. Bauer stated that he had attended the diversity meeting yesterday and stated that there was a large crowd and stated that it was a very positive meeting. Mr. Bauer also reported on the Family and Children First meeting that he attended as well.

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Assistant Prosecutor's Report

Daivia Kasper reported on the seminar for alternatives to lay offs that she and Sue Bommer attended yesterday. Ms. Kasper stated that they talked about many of the things that Huron County had talked about such as furloughs, reducing work hours, changing the health plan as far as premiums that are paid. Ms. Kasper stated that one of the things that he did say was that he felt certain that if properly prepared an agreement with your classified civil service employees to reduce hours or furloughs or something else that would affect reducing their pay could withstand court scrutiny. He did recommend that it be written up very carefully so that you would address what you are doing whether it be reduction in the rate of pay or hours the affect any type leave, such as vacation, any kind of accrual rate and whether there is any affect on seniority or anything like that. You need to write down that it is voluntary and give them an opportunity to review and at some later date have them sign it if they wish to agree or not wish to agree. Also need to know how to proceed if some employees decide not to agree etc. Ms. Kasper stated that she asked about her question of this being coercive but he thought it would with stand a court challenge if all the process was completed and make sure that it is drafted well.

At 10:46 a.m. Larry J. 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 March 12, 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 10:46 a.m.

Signatures on File