

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

MARCH 3, 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 26, 2009 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Larry J. Silcox made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 26, 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

09-066

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:

Mike Adelman 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 Claim Schedule C 09-08 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrants; 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.

Discussion: Larry Silcox stated that he had a concern in regards to the dog warden treating a dog in the amount of \$256.83 and questioned where the funds come from to pay for such treatment. Mr. Bauer explained that the dog warden sells specialty tags to pay for such treatment. Mr. Silcox also questioned the payment for travel to Brenda Prack, to make bank deposits in the amount of 4430.56 and stated that he understands that there is a vehicle available to use at the landfill. Mr. Bauer explained the reason as being that the Auditor's requires that these deposits be made at the end of each day. Mr. Silcox will discuss with Pete Welch, SWD Coordinator.

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

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

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CLAIM SCHEDULE Page: 1

Batch Number: 08 Date: Reference:
I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the Various Appropriation Codes to cover the payment of the following claims.
Reference: Michael Koch by MS Auditor
We hereby approve for payment by the County Auditor the following vouchers as itemized below.
Mike Adelman
County Commissioners

Table with columns: Vendor, Amount, PO/Line, Warrant, Account. Includes items like SAM'S CLUB, WESTAFF INC, SHIPLEYS OFFICE SUPPLY INC, etc.

CLAIM SCHEDULE Page: 2

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Table with columns: Vendor, Amount, PO/Line, Warrant, Account. Includes items like HURON COUNTY SOIL & WATER, HURON COUNTY JOB & FAMILY S, etc.

CLAIM SCHEDULE Page: 4

Table with columns: Vendor, Amount, PO/Line, Warrant, Account. Includes items like GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP, HURON COUNTY TREASURER, etc.

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Table with columns: Vendor, Amount, PO/Line, Warrant, Account. Includes items like PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORC, AUTO TAX, etc.

CLAIM SCHEDULE Page: 6

Table with columns: Vendor, Amount, PO/Line, Warrant, Account. Includes items like AUTO TAX, RECORDERS EQUIPMENT, CHILDREN'S SERVICE F, etc.

CLAIM SCHEDULE					CLAIM SCHEDULE				
Batch Number: 08	Date: 03/04/2009	Reference:	Page: 7		Batch Number: 08	Date: 03/04/2009	Reference:	Page: 8	
Vendor	Amount	PO/Line	Warrant	Account	Vendor	Amount	PO/Line	Warrant	Account
PEGGY S FLATTE	500.00	29846/1	000000	00150	145 CHILDREN'S SERVICE F	10,571.00	** Total **		
KEIF-FACHERY FOSTER	500.00	29846/1	000000	00150	197 EMA HAZMAT				
PEGGY S FLATTE	500.00	29846/1	000000	00150	197-197 EMA HAZMAT				
KEIF-KALEIGH FOSTER	15.71	29846/1	000000	00150					
LISA A OUSE					TUPPMAN EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	10.99	29130/1	000000	00175
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	28.00	29846/1	000000	00150	CELL PHONE HOLDER				
CHRISTINA CURTIS					TIME WARNER CABLE	90.06	29130/1	000000	00175
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	100.08	29846/1	000000	00150	INTERNET 03/29/09				
ROBERT A BORGES					NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	86.21	29130/1	000000	00175
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	145.49	29846/1	000000	00150	CELL PHONES ACCT 273270138				
KEN & PATRICIA SMITH					197-197 EMA HAZMAT	187.26	** Total **		
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	56.00	29846/1	000000	00150					
JAMES & DEBBIE ORSH					197 EMA HAZMAT	187.26	** Total **		
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	36.50	29846/1	000000	00150					
NANCY ST CLAIR					310 PERMANENT IMPROVEMEN				
FOSTER CARE CHILD EXPENSE	550.00	29846/1	000000	00150	310-310 PERMANENT IMPROVEMEN				
PAM & TERRY DWIGHT					MOTO ELECTRIC INC	1,698.00	29806/1	000000	00545
SAM SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	1,657.00	29846/1	000000	00150	JAIL AIR COMPRESSOR				
					WADSWORTH BLANSON INC	3,315.00	29367/1	000000	00545
BARB FRYOS					ENERGY PROJECT INV 32949				
SAM SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	350.00	29846/1	000000	00150	310-310 PERMANENT IMPROVEMEN	5,013.00	** Total **		
& MARK RICE									
SAM SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	300.00	29846/1	000000	00150	310 PERMANENT IMPROVEMEN	5,013.00	** Total **		
MICHAEL GORDON SLES					500 LANDFILL				
SAM SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	250.00	29846/1	000000	00150	500-501 TRANSFER STATION				
LINDA & EUGENE WELLS					ENVIRO TIRE RECYCLING	834.75	29883/1	000000	00280
SAM SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	119.26	29846/1	000000	00150	SCRAP TIRE REMOVAL				
BRYAN BLOOMER					OHIO CAT	201.39	29883/1	000000	00280
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	37.86	29846/1	000000	00150	LOADER BLOCK HEATER/INSTALLATION				
TINA COURTAD					BRENDA PRACK	78.40	29212/2	000000	00300
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	68.15	29846/1	000000	00150	MILEAGE-BANK DEPOSIT				
MAURA GBOBGE					BRENDA PRACK	352.16	29889/1	000000	00300
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	208.23	29846/1	000000	00150	MILEAGE-BANK DEPOSIT				
REBBCCA GRIGGS					500-501 TRANSFER STATION	1,466.70	** Total **		
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	18.93	29846/1	000000	00150					
WILLIAM D. KOPES JR.					500 LANDFILL	1,466.70	** Total **		
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	492.18	29846/1	000000	00150					
DAN & AMY MATHEWS									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	18.93	29846/1	000000	00150					
MUNICA D MCCLISH									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	132.51	29846/1	000000	00150					
CHERYL SCHROCK									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	75.72	29846/1	000000	00150					
MOMICA D MCCLISH									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009	56.79	29846/1	000000	00150					
TOM & MICHELLE STAGGS									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009									
NANCY ST CLAIR									
AA SUBSIDIES-MAR 2009									
145-145 CHILDREN'S SERVICE F	10,571.00	** Total **							

09-067

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONER THROUGH THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT") AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND TRAINING, 9 HENRY STREET, NORWALK, OH 44857 (PROVIDER)

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

WHEREAS, Department has agreed to contract for the provisions of services for instructions on computer programs; and

WHEREAS, Provider desires to provide these services, and Provider agrees to provide qualifications and certifications as required prior to services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Provider have agreed to the training and/or services that Provider will furnish and the compensation the Department will pay Provider for said training and/or services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the agreement with Information Technologies and Training, 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.

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

- Contract on file Commissioners' Office.

09-068

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HURON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/COUNTY LOSS PREVENTION COORDINATOR AND SAFETY COORDINATOR TO HOLD MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO

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Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sue Bommer has asked for approval to hold membership in the County Loss Control Coordinator's Association of Ohio (CLCCA) in the amount of \$125.00; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Human Resource Director/ Loss Prevention Coordinator & Safety Coordinator is hereby endorsed for membership in the above listed association; 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

09-069

IN THE MATTER OF LETTING BIDS FOR THE APPLICATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS FOR VARIOUS ROADS IN HURON COUNTY (HUR-CR-PM-FY2010, PID 83336, FAN E071(130))

Larry J. Silcox moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of \$150,000 in Federal Funds for the application of pavement marking for a portion of the Huron County roadways and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for the application of pavement markings on various roads in Huron County; and

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code on Thursday, March 5th, Thursday, March 12th, and Thursday, March 19th, 2009 and posted on the County's internet site on the Worldwide Web at <http://www.hccommissioners.com>, and bids will be opened on Friday, March 27th, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the application of pavement markings; 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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of March 27, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the

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following Project: Application of Pavement Markings on Various County Roads.

Bids shall be opened & bid prices publicly read immediately thereafter.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$25.00 (check or cash) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded).

Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$5.00 for shipping.

Documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted.

This is a prevailing Wage project.

Advertisements for bids also are posted on the internet at <http://www.hccommissioners.com>.

COUNTY OF HURON

Joseph B. Kovach, P.E., P.S.

Huron County Engineer

Advertise March 5, 2009

March 12, 2009

March 19, 2009

09-070

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 07-129

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, resolution 07-129 IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN AND HURON COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS (HCJ&FS) AND HURON COUNTY TRANSIT OPERATED BY SENIOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES, 130 SHADY LANE AVENUE, NORWALK, OHIO 44857 HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS (PROVIDER) FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJ&FS) UNDER TANF, MEDICAID AND TITLE XX PROGRAMS needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, section TERM; SCOPE OF SERVICE; BILLING AND PAYMENT hereby are replaced and shall read as attached; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners amends Resolution 07-129 to replace sections TERM; SCOPE OF SERVICE; AND BILLING AND PAYMENT 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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Larry J. Silcox moved to approve the following travel requests this day. Mike Adelman seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman

Aye – Gary W. Bauer

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Aye –Larry J. Silcox

Bill Ommert, Jason Roblin, EMA, on March 4, 2009, to Mansfield, Ohio, for viewing Mansfield's 9-1-1 central dispatch.

Sue Bommer, HR, Daivia Kasper, Assistant Prosecutor, on March 11, 2009, to Columbus, Ohio, for seminar on "negotiating alternatives to layoffs in difficult economic times".

Gary Ousley, Dog Warden's office, on March 17 & 18, 2009, to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for EBI training.

Sue Bommer, HR, on April 24, 2009, to Bellville, Ohio, for CCAO Loss Prevention Affiliate Spring meeting.

HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUEST

DATE: 2/26/09
TO: Huron County Commissioners
FROM: Jeanne Fisher, HCDJFS Fiscal Specialist

03/10-11	Cris-E Training-Medicaid Bowling Green, Oh J Singer, A Hamons	\$100.00
05/19-20	Cris-E Training Income Processing Bowling Green, OH J Singer, A Hamons	\$100.00

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Vickie Ziemba/Commissioners/flex/3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. March 2, 2009.

Jeff Deeble/Buildings & Grounds/sick/6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. February 27, 2009.

Richard O'Grady/Dog Warden's Office/sick/8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. March 26, 2009.

Peter Welch/SWD/sick/7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. March 27, 2009;sick/8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. March 3, 2009/vacation/7:00 a.m. March 11, 2009 – 3:00 p.m. March 18, 2009.

Christina Norton/EMA/vacation/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. February 27, 2009.

Gary Ousley/Dog Warden's office/sick/8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. February 25, 2009.

Jason Roblin/EMA/sick/8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. February 27, 2009.

At 9:30 a.m. no public comment

OTHER BUSINESS

Larry Silcox to attend the Norwalk tax incentive meeting for Gary Bauer.

Mr. Bauer also explained that Bill Bader stated that he would also give \$5,000 of in kind services to the airport. The FAA wanted to know what kind of services that would be. JW Kelly stated that he could not actually say what this service would be. Mr. Bauer also explained to JW Kelly that any future letters need to be either sent by the board of commissioners or at least cosigned by them or a letter signed by the president of the airport board rather than by the airport manager.

The next airport board meeting will be held March 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Centralized dispatch will be held and will tour the Mansfield centralized dispatch.

Administrator/Clerk's report

Cheryl Nolan stated that she has registered Gary Bauer, Larry Silcox, Vickie Ziemba, & Cheryl Nolan for the HB 9 Public Recorder's requests training on October 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Mansfield, Ohio.

Ms. Nolan presented a quote for additional costs for the air compressor at the jail in the amount of \$275.00 for additional labor costs and \$100.00 for simplify for a total cost of \$375.00.

Mike Adelman moved to approve paying the additional labor costs of \$275.00 and \$100.00 additional labor costs for simplify for a total of \$375.00 for the new compressor at the jail to open and close the cell doors. 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

Assistant Prosecutor's report

Daivia Kasper stated that Sandy Gordy had asked for assistance with closing airport for the raceway park events.

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The city has indicated that they would like to proceed with the Dog Warden handling the vicious dogs in the part of registration. Ms. Kasper stated that she would review this and make sure all is in order as to what was agreed upon.

Mr. Bauer reported on a road vacation at Ripley Township that will be coming to the board.

Larry Silcox asked if anyone was attending the BWC meeting and will ask Sue Bommer to attend.

Mike Adelman presented the budget worksheet update. Mr. Adelman stated that he has sent in a few stimulus projects in for stimulus funds for the foyer at the courthouse, renovation of the old jail, the sewer grinder, and one for the parking lot drainage and the wall of 180 Milan Avenue. Mr. Adelman stated that he is also going to send one in to renovate the grandstand at the fairgrounds as well.

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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 third public hearing for modifying rates at the transfer station 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 station, hearing none Mr. Bauer called once for testimony against modifying the rates as stated above at the transfer station, hearing none, 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 10:07 a.m.

Mr. Silcox asked if we did not increase the amount for individuals to bring trash to the landfill what would the affect be. Mr. Welch stated that you will have to draw more from the general fund to cover the costs. Discussion was had in regards to approving the modifying rates, with discussion of keeping at 300 pounds at \$8.55. This would mean that an additional \$13,000 would have to come out of the general fund. After further discussion the board agreed to think about the modification of the rates and be ready to take action in two weeks from today which is March 17, 2009.

Larry Silcox stated that he had spoken with the Sheriff in regards to any further retirements like Don Alberts. The sheriff will be reviewing the possibility.

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

At 10:34 a.m. regular session resumed

Deb Angell, OSU Extension came before the board in regards to the budget cuts from the state that OSU

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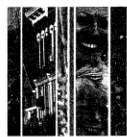
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extension has received. Ms. Angell reviewed the plan that extension has put together, does not know what all this will mean to Huron County at this time. Extension educators will be working across county lines instead of just in one county. Ms. Angell reviewed the Executive Summary provided by OSU Extension. Funding was discussed as follows; a reasonable budget to support the operational functions of the county extension office (e.g., travel, phone, office supplies and program delivery costs) will be the responsibility of the county where the education is housed. However fund for travel between counties within the Extension Education and Research Areas (EERAs) will be from a shared pool of funds provided by the individual counties within the EERA. This model assumes a continued 60% state funding and 40% county commissioner funding for the Extension educators. A minimum of one educator FTE will be located in each county based upon available funding for the county cost share. The FY10 county cost share will be \$25,000 for the first FTE and \$38,200 for the second FTE. With each FTE cost shared, the county will receive educational programming from all four program areas. Counties that provide more financial support will receive more from OSU Extension. Counties may acquire additional FTEs if they can financially support them. Huron County has 3 educators at this time. Ms. Angell asked the board for questions. Mr. Bauer stated that the good educators will be the safe educators.

Executive Summary

OSU Extension
Restructuring
Model:

2009



Engaging people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programming.

A Plan for Continued Excellence



Signature Program Teams

After development of appropriate curriculum, evaluation instruments and marketing plans, critical multidisciplinary issues teams that have successful, replicable programs that reflect OSU Extension's capabilities and are multidisciplinary in nature may apply to have curriculum designated as a Signature Program. Programs granted this status will be replicated throughout the state to maximize program outreach and impact.

State Specialists

OSU Extension has state specialist positions within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; the College of Education and Human Ecology; the College of Veterinary Medicine; and the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. These state specialists are to support the work of the EERA teams by assisting in conducting research, developing curriculum, and teaching when requested/appropriate. These state specialists are expected to serve on appropriate program and issue teams, and to share in leadership of these teams when appropriate.

Impact Area Leaders

Impact area leaders will be identified to manage impact area research, educational programming and grant writing when financial resources become available. They will provide overall management for teams that address critical issues identified for each of the impact areas. The four impact areas are: Enhancing Agriculture and the Environment; Strengthening Families and Communities; Preparing Youth for Success, and Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities.

Administration and Leadership

County Coordinators

One educator located in each county will serve as the county coordinator. The county coordinator duties will include supervision of county support staff and county program support staff (program assistant/program coordinator), fiscal management, and serve as the initial county commissioner contact.

Area Leaders

A 0.5 FTE area leader will be assigned to each EERA to oversee shared administrative services and fiscal management of the area, ensure equitable programming to each county based upon their fiscal support, serve as a team member on the county coordinators' and educators' support teams and oversee the EERA advisory committee. The remaining 0.5 FTE will be dedicated to educational programming within the EERA based upon his/her specialization. This position reports to the regional director and will provide input on county coordinator/educator evaluations.

Regional Directors/Associate Chairs

The nine EERAs will be separated into three regions supervised by the respective Regional Directors (RD). The RD will oversee fiscal management of the region, assist in ensuring equitable programming to each county based upon their fiscal support, serve as a county commissioner and legislative contact, and serve as a team member on the educators' support team. Educators, county coordinators and area leaders report to RDs for performance evaluation and supervision. In addition, each RD will serve on the Extension Administrative Cabinet. The West Region will be comprised of the Maumee Valley, Top of Ohio and Miami Valley EERAs. The South Central Region will be comprised of the Ohio Valley, Buckeye

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Executive Summary

Ohio State University Extension system's ability to deliver educational programs in each of the 88 counties is threatened by the current economic situation in Ohio. Programming delivered by professionals to address the needs of the local community while also addressing state, national, and global issues has been OSU Extension's hallmark. The current key issues for Ohioans are economic stability, healthy lifestyles, and educational success. The nature of these complex issues requires programming that is holistic and increasingly multidisciplinary.

In response to the economic constraints, Ohio's extension educators will work across county lines in multi-county areas. Called Extension Education and Research Areas (EERA) (see Appendix A), these areas align with the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation and Development Areas (see <http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/cpram/cda/cda.html>). The development of these EERAs will (a) allow extension educators to share their specialized knowledge across a broader geographic area, and (b) allow OSU Extension to address local and state needs at a greater depth and in a more efficient manner. Program availability will be proportionate to funding from the individual counties within the EERA. Counties that provide more financial support will receive more from OSU Extension.

County and Community Presence

OSU Extension will have a presence in each county. The goal is to have an office in each county staffed by a minimum of one Extension educator FTE and one support staff FTE. The 4-H Youth Development program will continue to be county focused, with local program management facilitated by a program assistant/coordinator. All four program areas will be addressed by educators working in EERAs. Educators will be assigned to an EERA based on their subject matter expertise. Educators will work together to plan and deliver educational programming to address impact areas identified in the OSU Extension 2008 Strategic Plan (Preparing Youth for Success, Enhancing Agriculture and the Environment, Strengthening Families and Communities and Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities).

Extension Educators

Educators working in the four program areas (Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development, 4-H Youth Development, and Family and Consumer Sciences) will provide educational programming within each of the nine EERAs, expanding the availability of expertise within each county.

EERA Teams

Educators within the EERA, the EERA Area Leader, the respective Regional Director and the Assistant Directors comprise an EERA team. EERA team responsibilities include needs assessment, program development and implementation, evaluation, reporting, marketing and promotion and support of educational and research activity.

Extension Teams

Ohio's complex issues require creative responses. As such, it is expected that statewide teams will continue to be used to address critical issues. Team contributions will be expected from all county- and campus-based Extension professionals.

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Hills and Heart of Ohio EERAs. Finally, The North East Region will be comprised of the Erie Basin, Western Reserve and Crossroads EERAs.

Assistant Directors

The previous OSU Extension model put program leadership in the hands of the four Assistant Directors (AD) assigned to statewide oversight for programming (4-H, ANR, CD, and FCS). In addition, these assistant directors were responsible for leadership of the four impact areas and the signature programs. In addition to these responsibilities, the new model establishes a program leadership system that rests with Assistant Directors, Regional Directors, Area Leaders and EERA teams. The ADs will serve on the Extension Administrative Cabinet.

Positions, Responsibilities and Duties

Extension educators will be primarily responsible for the program initiatives assigned within their EERA; however, they also will have responsibilities on state Extension teams, and potential responsibilities on signature program teams. They will work primarily within the multi-county EERA and may work across EERA boundaries when issues and programs dictate that cross-area programming best addresses community needs and when resources are available.

Program Assistant/Coordinators will maximize OSU Extension's ability to have a local presence by providing educational programming at the county level under the direction and oversight of the appropriate Extension educator(s).

Educator Travel and Program Considerations

Educators will not split their weeks evenly among the counties in their EERA. The county that houses the educator will serve as a "home base," with travel to other counties determined by educational program needs. Program availability will be proportionate to funding from the individual counties within the EERA. Fundamental changes in educational opportunities, coupled with the rapid and ever-increasing media accessibility, require a move from instructor-generated models to learner-centered educational programs.

Shared Services

As OSU Extension endeavors to increase its focus on emerging issues and critical needs, it becomes increasingly important to provide the support necessary for Extension professionals to excel. These support resources include reduced time spent on administrative matters. To increase efficiency, maximize the skills and talents of support staff, and assure the strategic use of resources within each EERA, a shared services model will be adopted.

State Support Units

The state support units (Human Resources; Business Office; Program Development & Evaluation; Government Relations; OSU CARES; Leadership Center; Communication & Technology) will continue to support the organization. However, each unit has also been asked to reduce their budgets by 20% and realign duties to address the reduction in resources.

Plan for Transition

At this point in time, OSU Extension in partnership with county commissioners through county cost share, can support 180 educator FTEs in the field. This means a significant reduction from our present

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number of 239.65 FTEs through retirements, attrition, and reduction in force (RIF) to reach this fiscally responsible staffing level. These reductions must begin immediately in order to remain fiscally solvent.

Funding

A reasonable budget to support the operational functions of the county Extension office (e.g., travel, phone, office supplies and program delivery costs) will be the responsibility of the county where the educator is housed. However, funding for travel between counties within the EERAs will be from a shared pool of funds provided by the individual counties within the EERA.

This model assumes a continued 60% state funding and 40% county commissioner funding for the Extension educators. A minimum of one educator FTE will be located in each county based upon available funding for the county cost share. The FY10 county cost share will be \$25,000 for the first FTE and \$38,200 for the second FTE. With each FTE cost shared, the county will receive educational programming from all four program areas. Counties that provide more financial support will receive more from OSU Extension. Counties may acquire additional FTEs if they can financially support them.

Partner Relations

OSU Extension will work closely with county commissioners, EERA and state advisory committees, and clientele to smoothly transition into this strategic restructuring plan.

Strategic Applications

This staffing model meets the OSU Extension strategic plan priorities, and it can be implemented with the resources available after our significant budget reductions from FY09 through FY11. Although staffing is not adequate to effectively address all of the needs in each community, educators will provide coverage to support the delivery of core Extension programming and ensure delivery of programs identified by OSU Extension as critical in meeting the state's identified focus areas: economic stability healthy lifestyles and educational success.

OSU Extension Flexibility and Change

Our staffing and programming structures must be flexible and evaluated regularly; therefore, it is not intended that this model be static or last forever. Future administration and OSU Extension planning committees must continue to examine the structure to determine if educational needs can be addressed in a more efficient and productive manner, while retaining those items that continue to function well.

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Ohio RC&D Resource Conservation and Development

What is the RC&D Program?

In 1962, Congress passed the Food and Agricultural Act authorizing the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program. Administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, the purpose of the program is to expand opportunities for conservation districts, county governments and individuals to improve their communities in multi-county areas through the formation of regional non-profit organizations.

Ohio Counties Served by the RC&D Areas

- **Buckeye Hills RC&D**
Counties: Athens, Belmont, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Washington
- **Crossroads RC&D**
Counties: Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Muskingum, Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne
- **Erie Basin RC&D**
Counties: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, Wyandot
- **Heart of Ohio RC&D**
Counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway
- **Hausman Valley RC&D**
Counties: Allen, DeLancey, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams
- **Miami Valley RC&D**
Counties: Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Greene, Fayette, Hamilton, Montgomery, Preble, Warren
- **Ohio Valley RC&D**
Counties: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton
- **Top of Ohio RC&D**
Counties: Aughton, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Shelby, Union
- **Western Reserve RC&D**
Counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit, Trumbull

For more information about the RC&D area nearest you, click on your county on the RC&D map below.

RC&D AREAS - OHIO

Appendix A

Extension Education and Research Areas



The premise of the RC&D program is that local people know what is best for their communities. Local people create and organize their own RC&D areas, define their own goals, and work with a broad range of public and private entities to achieve their objectives. And because RC&D areas are locally organized, sponsored, and led, the program provides an ideal way for residents to join together to decide what is best for their community.

USDA provides technical and financial assistance to RC&D areas while local sponsors obtain additional funding and services from other public and private sources. There are nine RC&D areas in Ohio which address economic, environmental, and community issues.

At 10:55 a.m. Larry J. Silcox moved to enter into **Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1)** to consider the appointment, **employment**, dismissal, **discipline**, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. 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

At 11:45 a.m. Larry J. Silcox moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Mike Adelman seconded the motion. Mike Adelman seconded the emotion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Mike Adelman reported on the Plymouth Shiloh food pantry annual report, and further stated what a great job they do.

Gary Bauer reported on the General Health District annual meeting.

Larry Silcox reported that he had heard that there is a contractor interested in renovating the old Human Services Building.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

MARCH 3, 2009

At 11:46 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 3, 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 11:46 a.m.

Signatures on File