

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: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Jeff Colvin, Citizen; Cassey Welscheront, Citizen; Kevin Strecker, Mayor of Bellevue; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brian Gott, Norwalk Reflector.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment. *Bellevue Mayor Kevin Strecker.* Mr. Strecker wanted to thank the commissioners for all they have done for Bellevue. They were there when Bellevue needed them during the pandemic. Lately Bellevue has asked for some letters of support. They greatly appreciate the commissioners providing those. He knows they have always been there for them and he felt he needed to get over more often to express his appreciation. If there was anything he could ever do for them, he told them to just ask.

24-074

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 # 74924 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 that the \$20,000 payment to Otis Elevator was the regular annual maintenance fee for the elevator.

On page 8, under Sheriff's Policing, Mr. Boose asked if they knew what Cellebrite UFED Cloud Full Analyzer Subscription was. Mr. Strickler explained Cellebrite was what they used to download defendant's cell phone information. He thought this was for the software that went with it. Mr. Boose did not believe it should be paid for out of the sheriff's policing fund. Mr. Wilde asked if he could pay anything out of there. Mr. Boose said for policing; if there are expenses related to contracts, that is what he should be paying. Mr. Brady asked what account would be best suited for the payment. Mr. Boose said Sheriff/023. Mr. Brady said he just thought it was dicey trying to figure out what could be paid out of the policing account. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if he knew if this was paid annually. Mr. Strickler said it was. Mr. Wilde suggested looking to see where it had been paid last year. Mr. Boose said he was firm believer that not everything was being paid out of the right accounts. So, the account it was paid out of last year may not be correct. Mr. Brady thought it was IT, or a contract. Mr. Wilde thought it was a contract. He suggested they hold it and find out. Mr. Boose didn't have a problem paying it, he just wanted to make sure it was paid out of the correct account.

Bruce Wilde moved to hold the payment to Capital One for the Cellebrite UFED Cloud Full Analyzer Subscription in the amount of \$4,700. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** *Ms. Ziemba stated she wanted them to be aware that if the payment is held it may generate late fees.*

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

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

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Capital Services, Disaster Service, and Mechanical.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Disaster Service, Dog & Kennel, and Sheriff's Policing.

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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 United States Postal Service, City of Newark, and various departmental accounts.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for City of Newark, City of Newark, and various departmental accounts.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Services for Aging, Department Alternative Response, and various departmental accounts.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Fisher-Titus Medical Center, City of Newark, and various departmental accounts.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/22/2024	SAFEBar LLC	374624	2024-002431	Administration of Permits-February	\$5,363.67	
Account 186.186.0025 (Contract Services) Total:					\$5,363.67	
Department Commercial Building Department Total:					\$5,363.67	
Fund 186 - Commercial Building Department Total:					\$5,488.13	
Fund: 183 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications						
Account 193.193.0025 (Contract Services) Total:					\$7,657.00	
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$7,657.00	
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$7,657.00	
Fund: 500 - Landfill						
Department: Landfill						
02/22/2024	Lee Supply Co Inc	374624	2024-000421	WSDPT'S 300' LEADS PUMP-EPG	\$7,796.88	
02/22/2024	Lee Supply Co Inc	374624	2024-000421	Program	\$1,180.00	
02/22/2024	Service Cooperative Inc	374624	2024-000421	Program	\$62.94	
02/22/2024	Service Cooperative Inc	374624	2024-000421	Program	\$933.27	
02/22/2024	Realg LLC DBA Ohio Twp Terminal	374624	2024-000421	January Tires	\$1,008.00	
02/22/2024	Chlor Corp	374624	2024-000421	Uniforms	\$346.95	
02/22/2024	Chlor Corp	374624	2024-000421	Uniforms	\$1,070.00	
02/22/2024	Chlor & Environmental Consultants Inc	374624	2024-000421	2023 Fall Gov Event	\$2,283.76	
02/22/2024	Chlor & Environmental Consultants Inc	374624	2024-000421	2023 Fall Gov Event	\$1,070.00	
02/22/2024	Edge Mark 4 Equipment Co	374624	2024-000421	Wheel Shop, Mid, Range	\$79.00	
02/22/2024	Edge Mark 4 Equipment Co	374624	2024-000421	House, Hse, Hoist, Reel	\$15,637.05	
02/22/2024	Edge Mark 4 Equipment Co	374624	2024-000421	Uniforms	\$15,637.05	
Account 500.501.0026 (Contract Services) Total:					\$15,637.05	
Department Landfill Total:					\$15,637.05	
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					\$15,637.05	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department: Solid Waste Management District						
02/22/2024	GT Environmental Inc	374624	2024-001711	GT ADR	\$248.00	
Account 525.525.0025 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$248.00	
02/22/2024	Isaac D Livewood	374624	2024-001661	Cell Phone February	\$50.00	
Account 525.525.0020 (Travel) Total:					\$50.00	
Department Landfill Total:					\$15,637.05	
Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					\$15,637.05	

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BUY TO MAKE	INVOICE ORDER	TOTAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Oil Elevator Company	2024-00297	2025.67	784.57 Air Handler Repair	022 Building & Grounds
Widworth Service	2024-00297	2257.43	Damaged Board/Air Handler Count	022 Building & Grounds
Relly Jamison Occomer LLC	2024-00318	5653.00	Evaluation-Capital Murder Case#2023040	040 Miscellaneous
		23284.10		

Bruce Wilde
Toby Bone
Kelley Brady

24-075

A RESOLUTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AGENCY AND THE OFFICE OF THE HURON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO AN ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR ASSIGNED TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, PLACEMENT MATTERS, AND OTHER RELATED LEGAL SERVICES AS DESCRIBED IN OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 2151.

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Title IV-E of the Social Security Act of 1974, codified as 42 USCA 670, et seq., creates federal funding that is issued to states for costs related to adoptive and foster care placement of children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services ("ODJFS"), reimburses county public children services agencies with Title IV-E funding for a portion of their adoptive and foster care related placement costs;

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/22/2024	Faces Kaiti & Melissa LPA	374624	2024-001701	Legal Services	\$1,180.00	
Account 525.525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$1,180.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$1,480.00	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$1,480.00	
Fund: 500 - Health Insurance						
Department: Health Insurance						
02/22/2024	Digital Insurance LLC	374624	2024-003571	Monthly Consulting Service	\$3,090.00	
Account 500.500.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$3,090.00	
Department Health Insurance Total:					\$3,090.00	
Fund 500 - Health Insurance Total:					\$3,090.00	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department: Commissary Trust						
02/22/2024	Chlor Communications	374624	2024-002651	TV service 205 - 20524	\$286.54	
02/22/2024	Chlor Communications	374624	2024-002651	60 gal bins, turn towels, steam dth soap, red pa	\$48.00	
02/22/2024	Chlor Communications	374624	2024-002651	60 gal bins, turn towels, steam dth soap, red pa	\$53.40	
02/22/2024	Chlor Communications	374624	2024-002651	Towels for kitchen	\$627.94	
Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$627.94	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$627.94	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$627.94	
Grand Total:					\$278,118.83	

Sign 1 *Bruce Wilde*
 Sign 2 *Toby Bone*
 Sign 3 *Kelley Brady*

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WHEREAS, Ohio Administrative Code 5101:9-6-28 authorizes ODJFS to reimburse a portion of county public children services agency’s administration costs related to the placement of children; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 5101:9-4-09(A), a public children services agency may claim as direct costs the contractually purchased legal services of a prosecutor for allowable Title IV-E activities; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services (“HCDJFS”) desires to contract with the Huron County Prosecutor’s Office for the legal services of an assistant prosecuting attorney exclusively assigned to child protective services, placement matters, and other related legal services as described in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2151; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes the agreement between the HCDJFS/Children Services Agency and the Office of the Huron County Prosecuting Attorney for legal services of an assistant prosecuting attorney exclusively assigned to child protective services, placement matters, and other related legal services pursuant to the agreement as attached hereto and expressly incorporated 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.

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Strickler said this is the IV-E money, for dependency, neglect and abuse cases. They get reimbursed, but only 50% and only for the hours that qualify.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

24-076

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE FITCHVILLE RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-035 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Fitchville River Road Improvement project; and

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

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

Sarver Paving Company	\$558,190.50
A.J. Riley, Inc.	\$569,710.00
Kokosing Construction Co.	\$585,893.00
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$588,067.00
Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$626,840.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio, for the Fitchville River Road Improvement project; and

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

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

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

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

24-077

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2024 CHIP AND SEAL PHASE 1 PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-036 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the 2024 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project; and

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

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

Sarver Paving Company	\$ 943,960.00
Melway Paving	\$ 994,955.00
Geauga Highway Co.	\$1,062,506.84
Allied Construction	\$1,124,084.00
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$1,149,325.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio, for the 2024 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project; and

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

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

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

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

24-078

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH VALLEY FREIGHTLINER, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-063 the bid was awarded to Valley Freightliner, Inc. for the amount of \$147,655.00 for the Purchase of a New Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck for the Huron County Engineer; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Valley Freightliner, Inc., Parma, Ohio for Purchase of a New Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Truck 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

**Contract on file*

24-079

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH A.J. RILEY, INC. FOR THE GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINE ROAD IMPROVMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-044 the bid was awarded to A.J. Riley, Inc. for the amount of \$301,902.50 for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1 project for the Huron County Engineer; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with A.J. Riley, Inc. Norwalk, Ohio for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 1 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

**Contract on file*

24-080

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BUCKET 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 Bucket 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 Bucket 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, March 15, 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of March 15, 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 Purchase of a New Bucket Truck. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

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: February 22, 2024

SIGNINGS

Bruce Wilde moved to approve signing a letter of support to Senator Nathan Manning and Senator Theresa Gavarone for the City of Bellevue. 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*

February 20, 2024

Dear Senator:

We are pleased to offer our full support for the request being submitted by Mayor Kevin Strecker, City of Bellevue. Mayor Strecker is seeking \$341,140.00 FY25-26 Ohio Capital Bill – One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (H.B. 33) toward the cost of a revitalization project that would clean up blight while constructing a downtown amphitheater and park in the heart of the City of Bellevue.

The goal is to rehabilitate a significant portion of an entire city block. The City has already purchased the buildings, located at 127-129 E. Main Street, in 2021 and demoed both structures in the fall of 2022 and has begun seeking dollars toward the construction of an amphitheater and park in the commercial/entertainment area of downtown Bellevue. The park will be called Bellevue Uptown Park.

It is the goal of the City to revitalize a 0.314-acre area that would include an amphitheater, walking paths, sitting area, and green space. This new downtown park would be centrally located in the City’s new Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), with proximity to several locally owned establishments utilizing the DORA. In addition, the City is partnering with the Gridiron Foundation to help with fundraising and planning for this new park. The City is also working with a local architect and has recently committed to a design, complete with artist renderings.

The renovated space will allow for more outdoor venues while giving residents more of an opportunity to be active in the downtown area. Bellevue is a city of 8,200 people with several events happening downtown throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

If awarded funding, the City of Bellevue would be able to continue their push to revitalize their downtown, help locally owned downtown businesses and give residents a new outdoor venue to enjoy with their community.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

At 9:30 a.m. Fairgrounds Building Proposal. Terry Boose reported on his meeting with Roger Hunker's committee and the fair board's executive committee. He explained that Mr. Hunker had come to them a few weeks ago as part of the committee to build a new facility at the fairgrounds. This facility would be used to house different animals, with pigs being number one. There will also be a showroom. It was asked that the executive committee of the fair board and some of the building committee members meet with Mr. Boose to discuss the project. Mr. Boose said they spent two hours on Thursday night discussing the project. They talked about some of the challenges of the last time. Everyone agreed to move forward from that. The Committee to build the building went back to work after the commissioners decided not to use ARPA funding. They now have a whole new project, a different building. What they put together is a very nice, standard fairgrounds building. Standard electrical, no heating or air conditioning. Mr. Wilde asked about bathrooms. Mr. Boose did not think they had bathrooms. There is a show ring. It will be similar to the one in the Wilson building, but it will be bigger. They have found out that there are shows that are very crowded in the current building. It is not going to be a huge, state of the art building, with things happening all year around. It still could be, but it's basically an animal barn with a show arena. It will have what is needed for that – the type of electricity, water, etc. Mr. Boose said they had a long discussion about how to move forward with the building. We want to make sure we take the right steps and we want to make sure we don't get back to some of the confusion we previously had. That leads us to who approves it first, who says what, when and how. Mr. Wilde said he wanted one person, the president of the fair board, to be our contact. He said it was nothing against their committee but that is the confusion we had before – the committee coming in, then the board. He wants one person. Mr. Boose asked for that in the form of a motion. Mr. Brady said he would make that motion. But first he wanted to say he also liked the fact that the commissioners are not going to be deciding as a group, but we have one commissioner so it funnels through him. If we have one commissioner, with one fair board representative, it will make the conduit a lot easier and less confusing than the last time. Mr. Boose felt this would lead to a better line of communication, with nobody wondering where the information was. He stated that, obviously, neither the commissioner nor the president of the fair board can make a decision for the board, but they can be the communication between the two. Mr. Wilde also agreed there would be less confusion that way. Mr. Brady said they want to make sure the fair board and its officers are more directly engaged for this one. Last time there seemed to be some miscommunication between the fair board and the committee itself. Ultimately the commissioners own it, ultimately they are the ones overseeing it and they wanted to make sure people understand.

Harry Brady moved to authorize Terry Boose as the commissioner contact to work with the fair board president, Bob Morgan, for the discussion on the proposed fairgrounds animal building. 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*

Mr. Boose said they have a rough estimate for the whole building. It does not include everything they had discussed for the prior building, such as parking and restrooms. This is just going to be replacing the animal barns. Mr. Wilde didn't think there should be any more parking needed, since this is just replacing existing buildings. Mr. Boose agreed. The estimate they have currently is just a bit over \$1,400,000. Between the money they raised and the money from the state, they have around \$800,000. That leaves \$600,000. The discussion was, the executive committee of the fair board and the commissioners agreed that borrowing \$600,000 from a bank and making a payment of \$88,000 every year was not an option. They discussed other options. Mr. Boose threw out an option that they will take to the fair board at the March meeting. He said once again it goes back to the question, who says to move forward first, who takes the first step. They thought because the board only meets once a month, if we could get something for them by the beginning of March, then they could continue to use it. Mr. Boose asked them if they could live with this: of the \$600,000 that they need, the commissioners will pay \$300,000 and that the other \$300,000 we would do in a ten-year loan to the fair board. The payment would be \$30,000 per year. The loan would be with

us, so if they have a bad year we can negotiate with them how the payment will be made - if we need to extend the loan, whatever the commissioners at that time want to do. They are also sending in a request to the capital budget for more money. The discussion was that we would expect them to continue to raise money through fundraisers and grants. Whatever money is raised above that \$800,000, that would reduce the amount the commissioners and the fair board would put in. If they raise another \$100,000, instead of us paying \$300,000 we would pay \$250,000 and the loan to the fair board would be \$250,000 instead of \$300,000. Mr. Wilde agreed, saying every penny they raise he wants to take away from them. Mr. Boose said rather than redesigning the building, the agreement is we are going with this building. We don't know the exact amount. This is an estimate. Any more money that is brought in would be deducted from our side of it. So, the fair board has some skin in the game to try to get grants, etc. Mr. Boose had asked Ms. Ziemba to have Mr. Strickler check on the ability of the commissioners to loan money to the fair board. Mr. Strickler said he has not done that yet. Mr. Boose said what they would really like is a decision whether we are interested in moving forward by their next board meeting. Mr. Strickler said he could get that information by next Tuesday. Mr. Brady said these amounts were tolerable to him. He was thinking the commissioners might put in \$100,000, so it is a little more. But ultimately the commissioners own the fairgrounds, they own the buildings, so it is an investment in our future as a county. The existing buildings are old, they are hard to utilize. Our goal is to draw people into the fairgrounds, and potentially they can use it for storage or something in the winter. Mr. Boose said the design allows for the storage of campers in the winter like the rest of the buildings. Mr. Brady was in favor of pursuing the conversation and seeing what they could get done. This was much more reasonable to him than what they were trying to do before. He did not feel this was something that would bankrupt the fair board. Mr. Boose thought it was important for everyone that doesn't understand how ownership works at the fairgrounds; we own the land, we own the buildings. The fair board manages them and for the most part has been paying the upkeep. Mr. Wilde said when they talk about funding, he does not want to use ARPA money. He doesn't want to tie rules and regulations to the project. He would prefer to give to them from the general fund. Mr. Boose said it would come from Transfer Out/099. As far as Mr. Boose was concerned, the \$300,000 will go straight from the general fund to the fair board. Everything goes to the fair board. We are not giving the money to the committee, we are giving the money to the fair board to use for this project. Then a separate line of \$300,000 for a loan. Mr. Wilde asked if it will happen in this calendar year. Mr. Boose said to the best of his knowledge it would start after the fair. Mr. Wilde thought funding would be in third or fourth quarter. Mr. Brady wanted to stress that there were still regulations on this money. They still have to bid, they still have to pay prevailing wage. But there are a lot less restrictions than with the ARPA money.

Bruce Wilde moved to continue the discussion on the potential construction of a fairgrounds animal building. 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 10:00 a.m. Sara Ross, NEDC, Kevin Rasnick, Huron County Chamber of Commerce, Pete Lechey, Don Tester Ford; John Lendrum, Norwalk Concrete were in to present an update on the move to Huron County Growth Partnership. This will be a public private partnership and represent the whole county. Ms. Ross introduced herself and stated she is the director of NEDC, interim director of HCDC, and soon to be director of Huron County Growth Partnership. She introduced Kevin Rasnick, Director of Huron County Chamber of Commerce. He will remain the chamber director in the new model. She introduced board members who were helping them through the transition: Pete Lechey, from Don Tester Ford and John Lendrum from Norwalk Concrete Industries. Mr. Lendrum said they have been having weekly meetings, they have been to Willard, Monroeville, will go south and east shortly. The idea is to get the county consensus and get people involved that have not been involved before. He thought so far it had been pretty successful.

Ms. Ross said one of the main goals of this partnership was to combine the wisdom and planning of government with the speed of the private sector. The idea was founded on the idea of being a public private partnership in funding and governance. This is what she wants to get into today. The goals of Huron County Growth Partnership are to grow the economy, grow the community, and secure resources for the community to do that. They are bringing together the strengths of three existing entities. The new partnership is based on the strength of the NEDC public/private board structure. The Huron County Growth Partnership will have a similar structure, with both public and private individuals on the board of directors. This will include a board seat for the county. It pulls the strength of HCDC with the tools it has in its toolbox, such as the Land Bank and others. And the strengths of the Chamber, with the tangible day to day benefits and impact you can see and feel immediately. Because not everything they do is going to be seen and felt immediately. On top of that, you have one place to call.

Mr. Wilde asked where other communities fall in in the chart. Ms. Ross said the partnership will represent the whole county. The total board will be made up of 16 to 22 voting board members. Six of those will always be public. There is one seat set aside for the county, the City of Willard and the City of Norwalk. Three at large. Depending on the year or the board term it could be a different community. That is just for the governance of the organization. They plan to partner very closely with basically every community, and have already had one-on-ones. Mr. Boose thought it was good to see some working relationships around the whole county. He thought they had an interesting job, pulling everybody together. Ms. Ross said the reason it is able to happen now and at this speed is because the attitudes throughout every community is that they are all a part of the same pie and they all want to expand that pie.

Mr. Brady asked how this would impact the Visitor's Bureau. He knew it was under the chamber. Ms. Ross said Norwalk Area Visitor's Bureau is a separate 501(c)6 that is in contract with the Huron County Chamber to administer it. At this time the Growth Partnership intends to keep that contract. They will now have the power of the partnership staff to do that, it will be more efficient. It is a similar situation for the Land Bank contract. The Land Bank is its own stand-alone 501(c)3 with a board appointed by the commissioners. They just contract to administer.

Mr. Boose thought it looked like the money and everything funnels through the director. Ms. Ross said as a nonprofit it would be under the purview of the board. One governing board and they have the ultimate fiscal responsibility for the contracts. Mr. Boose thought there might be some interesting months in the beginning. Ms. Ross said they do have written plans for that. Their transition team, made up of representatives from all the boards, has made recommendations on how to transition the current funding of each entity, where to locate. They have what they call a Memorandum of Understanding and Resource Sharing Agreement drafted. This will have to be approved by all the boards. Those votes will start happening later this week and should conclude by March 14.

Ms. Ross said what they were really looking to do was expand and diversify the tax base. That directly impacts our public bodies and all of our residents. We want to improve our competitiveness. She stated they do have an ask for the commissioners' support today. Between the three existing entities the county is participating in, there is an annual investment level of \$90,300 per year. They would like to ask for the county to continue that annual investment. If they would be willing to make a commitment, in theory, for more than one year they would also appreciate that. This is just for stability planning, obviously knowing the budget process is an annual process. They we would also like to ask for the commissioners' support in the transition. There are costs associated with getting a new name, and getting the word out about that new name. They would like to ask for a \$75,000 one-time contribution to help with the transition to the new public private partnership. Mr. Boose pointed out they were not just changing the name, but changing a whole organization. The county has payments they have been making on an annual basis and will continue to make until she tells us differently. But he wanted to confirm the \$75,000 was a one-time payment. Ms. Ross said yes. Their total start-up expenses are project to be about \$116,000. So, they are approaching other sources as well.

Mr. Brady said they were talking about combining things in 2024. Right now the commissioners pay \$80,000 for HCDC and \$10,000 for NEDC, and they will continue for the rest of the year. Mr. Boose noted there was also \$300 for the chamber. Mr. Brady verified the reoccurring quarterly payments will stay the same for 2024, then change in 2025? Ms. Ross said yes. Mr. Brady said he would like to see it go to \$100,000. He didn't like oddball numbers. We have a great businesses in the area; we have people investing in the county. For him, being on the next commissioner board, upping that amount is an investment in the future for the people in the community. Mr. Boose asked who they should write the check to. Ms. Ross said they should write the check to Norwalk Economic Development Council. According to the Memorandum of Understanding, they will assume all liability for the start-up costs. Mr. Boose suggested increasing the Economic Development line by \$75,000 in final budget. Ms. Ziemba said there was an "Other Expense" line they can use to avoid confusion.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve contributing \$75,000 to the Norwalk Economic Development for the one-time setup costs of combining Huron County Economic Development, Norwalk Economic Development, and Huron County Chamber into the Huron County Growth Partnership upon the agreement of an MOU. The payment to be made from the Economic Development account 025.00475.001 Other Expense. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

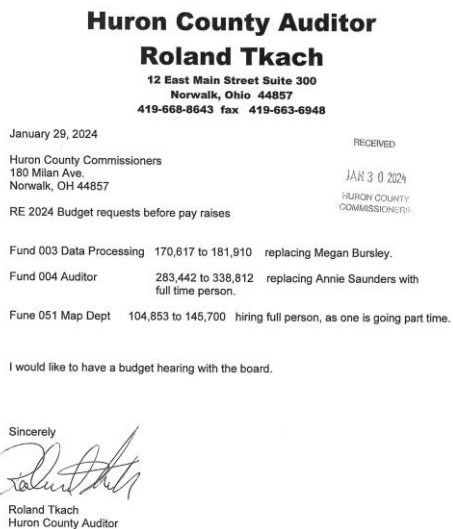
*Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

Ms. Ross noted that the Land Bank would be vacating their office space at the Administration building as a result of the merger. She would like to coordinate that with the commissioners. Also, there will be future legislative action needed with the name change.

Mr. Brady asked where they were at as far as buildings. Ms. Ross said they were recommending that the partnership be housed in the 12 Benedict building, which is where NEDC currently is. The boards are reviewing this and will vote on March 14.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:37 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Roland Tkach, Auditor for budget review.



Mr. Tkach provided the dates for the Tax Incentive Review Committee meetings. He also provided a copy of his budget, as well as the letter dated January 30 of what he was asking for. Mr. Tkach explained that change is coming. Megan Bursley is going to become the County Treasurer; he will need to replace her. He is asking for more money in the Salary line to make up the time of replacing that person. Annie Saunders will probably be done at the end of July, although they don't have a specific date yet. He will need to replace her as well. He is going to need to hire someone in the Map Department. One employee has kids and plans to drop to part-time. They are getting to the point where the whole staff has a lot of vacation and sick time accrued. In Ms. Saunders' case he won't have to request any money since she has already retired a number of years ago and her accruals are very low. Mr. Brady said was curious about the Map Department. One is going to drop to part time, and Mr. Tkach was planning to hire a full time? Mr. Tkach said that was correct. Mr. Brady asked how many employees he would have in the Map Department. Mr. Tkach said basically there are two people that are actually part time. And one has health issues. The other one has children. She is going to drop to part time and take a couple months off because she has the vacation time. That particular part of the county is very technical, and it takes time to understand how to do splits, how to do the mapping, how the GIS turns over into what is on our website. Mr. Wilde asked if he was going from two full time down to two part time in the Map Department. Mr. Tkach said basically two part time and one full time. Mr. Wilde asked if two part time and full time didn't equal two full time? Mr. Tkach said sort of. There is some overlap. Mr. Wilde noted the budget had gone up \$46,000. Mr. Tkach explained they were looking at an employee at \$18 per hour. Mr. Wilde asked if the part time people would still get benefits. Mr. Tkach said they would. He will have one off for a couple of months because of their accruals. Mr. Boose asked if they took vacation and sick time every year. Mr. Tkach said they do, but when you are looking at their particular situation they will be able to take two months off.

Mr. Boose asked about Data Processing. Salaries go from \$60,000 to \$75,000. But there is only one person working there, so what is the reason for the increase? Mr. Tkach explained there was overlap from when Ms. Bursley was there, and when Ms. Smith started and Ms. Bursley leaving. Essentially Ms. Bursley's job is being divided between other employees because Mr. Tkach didn't want people to be overwhelmed. Kellie Smith is taking over the majority of what Ms. Bursley does. But there will kind of be a mish mash as it evolves. There will be that period of time where Mr. Tkach will need to pay that person out of that fund because he doesn't want to get to October and run out of money. He is trying to look at what this will look like towards the end of the year. Mr. Boose asked how many positions total they were going to be hiring/changing. Mr. Tkach said, essentially, he is replacing Ms. Saunders and Ms. Bursley. He is basically adding a half a person when you look at hours worked in the Map Department. Mr. Boose asked if all the positions were open hire, advertised for. Mr. Tkach said as they always have. Mr. Boose asked if that was a yes. Mr. Tkach said they let it be known who they have to look for. Mr. Boose asked if it would be advertised, open to everybody in the county. Mr. Tkach said they have not advertised on the commissioners

website. Mr. Boose asked if he was going to advertise for the positions, so that everybody in the county knows the positions are open and they have an equal opportunity to apply. Mr. Tkach said typically he starts within his staff. If you look at the makeup of his staff, many have come from the BMV. And that is where they will begin. Mr. Brady asked where he goes if they don't fill it. Mr. Tkach said in the past they have always been able to fill it. Mr. Boose just wanted to let it be known that what they do at the commissioners' office is, anytime somebody is hiring there is a process where we go out and advertise so that anybody in the county that wants an opportunity at that job can have it. We then go through the interview process and after the interview process we hire. But it is fully open to everyone.

Ms. Ziemba stated she received a response from the Sheriff on the payment that was held to Capital One. The Sheriff stated that this is the money that was received from the Federal grant through MHAS. The payment is for equipment that is used to do cellphone data extraction. Discussion regarding fund 106 and the SOR line they are trying to move out of it. Mr. Brady explained it should legitimately should be outside on its own, not under policing. Grants come in and go out of there, but they all don't fit the criteria for policing. Mr. Strickler thought the sheriff's office talked to either Ms. Bursley or Ms. Horvatic, who called the state auditor. The state auditor told them they couldn't move it. Mr. Wilde asked how they get this paid. Mr. Brady said they could vote to pay it. Mr. Strickler said they need to resolve the situation going into the future. The sheriff is going to continue to apply for these grants because it assists him in getting equipment for his office. Mr. Brady said he would have appreciated a written explanation of what was happening, instead of just leaving them hanging without any idea anything had been pursued. He would still like an answer as to what they had asked and what the answer was, so that we can figure out how to work with the auditor or the state auditor to come up with a workable solution to put it in the right account.

Harry Brady moved to release the payment to Capital One for the Cellebrite UFED Cloud Full Analyzer Subscription in the amount of \$4,700. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

***No – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde***

Mr. Boose had one thing he wanted to go over before they went into executive session. He has had several people ask him what the next step is on the school property. He asked if Mr. Brady was a dead no, or if they were going to meet to talk about options or solutions. Mr. Brady said he believes the county needs to develop our property out there for county purposes. Mr. Boose said once again, to get back to the question, was Mr. Brady a yes, we are looking for solutions or no, we are not. Mr. Brady said he would cite the letter from 2022 when all the commissioners said no, and 2023 where he said no, and 2024 where he said no because he wants to develop it for county uses. Mr. Boose said it was obviously not clear to the public, he has a lot of questions on it. The question was, was Mr. Brady willing to sit down and look at solutions with the property, or was he not. Mr. Brady said he was willing for them to build their school on the 20 acres they own. Mr. Boose thought it was hard to get answers to his questions. Mr. Brady said the letter said no. Last year in January they voted to continue it and he said no. This year he read a statement that said no, and he is still being asked. He thought it should be pretty clear that he intends to, if possible, develop that for county purposes. Mr. Boose stated he would have a discussion with the city school district so they know it does not do any good to look at possible solutions because Mr. Brady is a no.

At 11:07 a.m. Bruce Wilde 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. 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 12:07 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). 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 12:08 p.m. the board recessed

At 12:40 p.m. the board resumed regular session to work on budget

Budget Discussion

Capital Improvements/021. Mr. Boose thought they should put \$600,000 in.

Contingencies. As a place to start, Mr. Boose suggested \$400,000.

Transfer Out/099 - \$2,500,000. Retirements, \$120,000. Total \$2,620,000.

The total amount of requests was \$25,023,234.97. Ms. Ziemba said the difference between that and the Budget Commission estimate was \$1,396,617.33.

Mr. Boose wanted to go through individual accounts before they go into requests.

The first question Mr. Boose had was Data Processing/Salary Employees, where he increased it. Mr. Boose thought they should give him the 5% raise. Sometime during the year, in October, if he wants to hire a person, then he can come in and we can talk about the exact hiring. Mr. Boose was concerned that if they put the money in there, he could use all of it for raises if he wanted. If he wants, and we agree sometime in the future about hiring somebody, then we discuss it at that time and decide what we are going to add. The problem is, if they put in the money he wants, he can use it however he wants to use it. If he is talking about adding new employees, that needs to be a serious discussion at the time it takes place. Mr. Boose was going to take that out of there. He told Ms. Ziemba she should have an amount that Mr. Tkach provided as to what a 1% increase would be. We can multiply that times five and add it to last years' salary account. Mr. Boose thought it would be somewhere between \$60,557 and \$75,530. It was Mr. Boose's opinion they needed to do that for all of his accounts - Auditor, Data Processing and Tax Map.

Juvenile Detention. The \$20,000 was added from the last time; Mr. Boose was okay there.

Juvenile Probation. Ms. Ziemba said this went up because they submitted paperwork for a retirement.

Clerk of Courts. For now, Mr. Boose said they leave it in there, but they know it is going to change. Once we get closer to final budget, that is when we will change that amount.

019/Municipal Court. Mr. Boose questioned whether Bellevue and Sixth District Court had gone up last year. Ms. Ziemba said we have already received the invoice for Bellevue. It has gone up, that is why there is an addition of \$1,659. Sixth District Court we have a question in as to whether or not we still have a bond and interest payment. Ms. Ziemba thought we might be done with it. Mr. Boose didn't think it was just the bond. Ms. Ziemba said it wasn't. There were two payments, but one of those may go away. It was around \$30,000. They have a question in. Mr. Boose confirmed that the \$72,000 that was in there would cover both. Ms. Ziemba said it would.

Board of Elections. Mr. Boose still questioned the Seasonal Staff Salaries. The two questions that needed to be asked to Board of Elections was Seasonal Salaries and PEO. Mr. Boose needs to know in detail how seasonal staff salaries are going to change. It was a huge change, it was more than double. The reason he brought these up was because they have a board that can take whatever we put in any line item and move it where ever they want. He would rather they come back and ask for something in the middle of the year than just putting extra money in there and they may or may not use it. Mr. Brady thought it had to do with the presidential election; Mr. Boose said that was the PEOs. Mr. Brady said the seasonal staff handles a lot of the mail-in ballot requests, and send outs and things. Mr. Boose said there was an article in yesterday's newspaper saying they expect the primary election to be way down. Ms. Blevins said they are expecting a huge turnout. As far as the presidential primary, Mr. Boose did not think there was much choice to make. A lot of people don't like the choices, so they are not going to come out to vote. Mr. Boose doesn't know how the seasonal staff salaries work. He didn't think we have been giving them the same increase the county employees were receiving. Mr. Boose didn't have a problem rounding it up from \$18,590 to \$20,000. When they need the money they can come back and ask us for it. That was Mr. Boose's suggestion for both line items. Mr. Brady didn't have an issue. They are going to set it aside, they were not taking it out. If the need comes up, they can come in and we will allocate it for them.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had already increased for the computers. He thought they should buy computers out of the IT department. Ms. Ziemba said that was why she had asked when they were in; she thought it was part of the motion. Mr. Boose confirmed it had been part of the motion to put it in Contract Services. Ms. Ziemba was not sure it had been in the motion, but she had asked where the money was. Mr. Boose thought it would be nice if we treated all the IT things the same in the future. Whatever we do for Board of Elections, is the same thing we do for the Prosecutor's. The Prosecutors money, we don't add

that to the budget. Ms. Ziemba said he did, she pulled it out. Mr. Boose said they didn't last year. He would like some kind of consistency if they do this. It is in there now, he is okay with that, but for future purchases for consistency, if we could take all the IT needs, and put them in one spot and then we know what computers are costing us.

Ms. Ziemba said the Prosecutor had \$9,000 in their equipment line for computers. She asked if they wanted to leave it in or take it out and put it in 021. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady agreed it needed to go into 021. Mr. Boose's reason for this was because they have a little more control. They come in and they say they need four computers. We get those four computers for \$2,000 less through the IT department than what we put in there. They still have that \$2,000 in there that they can do whatever they want with. Mr. Boose thought they had agreed to was a certain number of computers as opposed to a dollar amount. Mr. Brady agreed. Ms. Ziemba confirmed they wanted her to remove the cost of the computers from Board of Elections. Mr. Brady was in favor of that.

023/Sheriff Equipment. Mr. Boose didn't know how they got from 40 to 73. He knew it was the tasers, but that number didn't seem correct to him. Ms. Ziemba said the tasers were \$27,967.68 per year for five years. After discussion it was determined the number for equipment was \$45,000. That, plus the \$27,000 came to the \$73,000. Everybody was okay with that.

Mr. Boose said they need to take **023** and only put in the interim amount and say we will readjust all the accounts to the \$3,039,306 when we have accomplished the discussion we need to have. Or, he thought maybe better yet, go back to the \$2,896,990, which was last years' amount. Use that amount and say, once we get an agreement on the rest of this stuff we will change it to this amount.

Mr. Boose wanted to do the same thing with **036**. The \$4,014,445 can be changed to \$4,185,957 when we have worked out that agreement. Ms. Ziemba confirmed that she was changing both **023** and **036** back to the 2023 final budget number. She asked was the reason she should give to the sheriff. Mr. Boose said the reason to the sheriff was they have been working almost all year on working out the agreement with the SRO/school resource officers and who signs what contracts. Once we get an agreement on how we are going to move forward, then we will adjust it to the new number. That is the only way we have of getting to the table. He told Ms. Ziemba to take the difference between the 2023 number and the final number they have and put that into 099 somewhere so they have the money set aside. Ms. Ziemba assumed that was with all of them. They said that was correct.

Veterans Services/033. Mr. Boose said they increased salary officials by more than 30%. Mr. Boose understood we don't have a say in that, but somehow the public needs to know. Also, their OPERS and Medicare are wrong. Mr. Wilde noted they had lowered Salary Employees by \$12,000. Mr. Boose said they increased Salary Officials by \$13,000. Mr. Boose wanted to send them a note saying their OPERS and Medicare numbers are not correct according to the percentages used to figure those out. They can do what they want; they can leave them, they can do whatever they want.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba about health insurance. There was \$2,000,000 in there. They were going to use a certain amount of money from the insurance reserve account to pay for part of the increases in hospitalization. He asked if the \$2 million was what the total hospitalization estimate was, or was it \$2 million plus the amount of money we said we were going to use out of the reserve account? Ms. Ziemba thought he had everything backwards. The amount in 039/Health Insurance gets moved into the 520 account, the Health Insurance Special Fund. That is where they make the payment from. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure they only transferred in enough out of the reserve account to make the payments. Ms. Ziemba explained the total payment would be \$3.3 million for the year. Mr. Boose did not think \$2 million would be enough. Ms. Ziemba explained \$2 million was the general fund portion. Last year they spent \$1,597,000 of the \$2 million that was general fund. Special funds have their portion that makes up the difference. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Brady if he remembered what the increase was in health care. He thought they needed to go back, look at that discussion and make sure they have the right amount in there. Mr. Boose noted they were paying everybody's down with the reserve account, not just general fund. Ms. Ziemba agreed, and said she cannot remember what the decision was, if it was getting paid all at once. But she did not think it would affect the general fund account. Mr. Boose thought they had picked a dollar amount that they said was going to come out of there. We need to find out how much of that we can reduce the general fund amount because we have the extra money. And if we have extra, we can leave it in there and it will carry over. He asked if they transfer it as a lump sum or if was transferred as its used. Ms. Ziemba said it was transferred as it was used. Mr. Boose confirmed that what was not used would sit in that account. He was okay with that.

Mr. Boose asked why there were two lines called CEBCO Wellness Grant. One has money, one doesn't. Ms. Ziemba said there used to be two different types of funds that came in. The one in 040 is no longer used.

Clerk of Courts. Mr. Boose said they would have to come back and see how they work out the numbers with payroll. He said he had no idea what this means: “*the county’s one-third 2023 matching contribution for this grant*” Mr. Boose clarified that was the IV-D, “*due to the Clerk, is considered to be included in the Clerk’s 2024 operating budget*”. Mr. Boose said what that means is they already have it included in there. We just have to double check to make sure we get that money – how does that money get into the General Fund?

Common Pleas. Mr. Boose thought this was taken care of, although there were some capital projects he had listed on another sheet.

EMA. Mr. Boose did not know that they had made a decision about the carpet or flooring. But, the roof is an ARPA-funded project.

IT. Mr. Boose did not know where they had addressed this IT and where they need to put the money. If you add it all together it is a sizeable amount. here is a request for \$147,000. He asked Ms. Ziemba if there was money plugged in anywhere for any of that equipment. She said they did not, these were his additional requests. Mr. Boose suggested that it either come out of 021/Capital Improvements or 099/Transfer Out. Ms. Ziemba suggested they stay consistent with what they were doing and take it out of 021, with the exception of training. Training would have to come out of his IT budget. Mr. Boose asked if we had it in 021 already. Ms. Ziemba said they did not, these were his asks, it was not something that has been approved. Mr. Boose suggested they put it in 021 and he has to come to us first before he orders anything. Mr. Brady agreed. After taking the \$10,000 for training out they rounded the number to \$140,000.

Juvenile/Probate. Mr. Boose said they have already put \$20,000 extra in Juvenile Detention. The possible four retirements for 2024, Mr. Boose assumed that added up to 120. Mss Ziemba said she did not use their numbers, she just went with their standard. Every year they put in \$120,000. Mr. Boose said if they put 120 in, then they need to add to it whatever this number is and round it. Mr. Wilde came up to \$250,000. Mr. Boose said they need to change the account that is at 120 now to \$250,000.

Prosecutor. They have already taken care of the \$9,000 for equipment. Ms. Ziemba said they have asked for \$9,000 for computers. She asked if they wanted to put a number in, or if they wanted to list however many computers they wanted to purchase. Last year, when they had approved money for computers, they used pretty much all the money and it was a nightmare to track it. Mr. Boose said they have asked for four computers. Working through IT, when they come back with that amount, we move that into their account so they can pay for it. Ms. Ziemba said we would pay for it out of 021. When she sends this back to them she will say that the commissioners budgeted for four computers. When they are ready to purchase them please go through the process and send us the request. Mr. Boose agreed.

Public Defender. Mr. Boose thought this was a legitimate project, but more research needed to be done. He suggested putting aside \$20,000, he didn’t care where it went. Ms. Ziemba thought shelving had always been paid for out of 021. Mr. Boose did not want to tell the Public Defender to go ahead and order it; we need to find out whether that is doable or not, whether the floor can support it.

Recorder. Mr. Boose said they had already included longevity in the budget. The sheet he had in front of him shows there is \$15,000 and \$50,000 in there already, so we have the scanning. Mr. Boose asked if the money for the redacting had been carried over or if it needed to be added in. Ms. Ziemba will make sure this wasn’t something additional. But the redacting has been carried over for two years now. It was on a purchase order.

Mr. Boose thought they needed: sheriff vehicles, \$275,000. Commissioner vehicle, he thought \$40,000. He put down \$140,000 for tasers. They have already given them the \$27,000 for this year; the \$140,000 is for the next four years. We will pull from that every year for the next four years. He didn’t care if this came from **021** or **099**.

Mr. Boose left 040 where it was, 325.

Transfer Out. Mr. Boose left bonds. He left Victim’s Assistance grant match at \$15,000. Benefits Reserve, Mr. Boose added \$200,000 to get it up to \$535,000. It is estimated at \$486,000 but that is without all the raises thrown in there. Prosecutor’s new attorney can be reduced to \$40,000. Ms. Ziemba said that was what they requested. Victim’s Assistance VOCA-B, is \$67,996. Mr. Boose asked if that included the 5%. Ms. Ziemba said it did not, so it would go up.

Mr. Boose had a list of projects: carpet at JFS - \$175,000 - \$200,000. Expansion of the fifth floor, he put down \$50,000. Bob Morgan said they would like to do the blacktop at the fairgrounds; his estimate was \$50,000. Mr. Boose had Suhanik, Shady Lane trees - \$25,000. Outside elevator, get rid of it - \$25,000. Transfer Station floor - it is still questionable as to whether they will use ARPA money. If they don’t use

ARPA money Mr. Boose would like to put that in 099. He would put \$100,000 for child care. He thought they could use ARPA for this. This would be for anything the transportation grants doesn't have money for. For instance, if they are to do ceilings and floors in their area, if we needed to do the rest of the building. He thought for sure they would need to add restrooms, because you have to have separate restrooms for child care. He put in \$100,000 for child care improvements as a very rough estimate. He is not sure if it will be ARPA or general fund.

At 1:42 p.m. Harry Brady moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde 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 February 20, 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 1:42 p.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the Section Line 21 Concrete Superstructure Replacement project were opened on February 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

Denes Concrete	\$254,003.50
Senghas Construction	\$276,447.90
RMH Concrete	\$283,396.30
Fechko Excavating	\$291,731.00
R&I Construction	\$295,899.00