

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

JULY 12, 2007

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, Ralph A. Fegley.

Joe Kovach and Carl Essex, Engineers' Office present to discuss the Whittlesey Road speed study. Mr. Kovach explained the speed study and procedures that need to be followed to be able to reduce the speed limit on Whittlesey Road. Mr. Kovach stated they will put the packet together and send off to ODOT, believes it will be approved, would think we would get an answer from ODOT in the fall. Mr. Kovach stated they are trying to get this roads speed reduced first and if it is approved by ODOT then they will proceed to go forward with speed studies on other roads in Huron County that need a speed reduction.

07-228

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SEEK A REDUCTION IN SPEED FOR A PORTION OF WHITTLESEY ROAD

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than the considered reasonable and safe on Whittlesey Road between City Limits and the County Line; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board Huron County Commissioners that by virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio the Director of Transportation is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Whittlesey Road between City Limits and the County Line, Huron County, Ohio; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that when this Board is advised that the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described above, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected; 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

- Aye - Mike Adelman
- Aye - Gary W. Bauer
- Aye - Ralph A. Fegley

07-225

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 07-222

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, resolution 07-222 in the matter of **APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$500.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 10, 2007** needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, changes were made to Huron County Department of Job & Family Services CDWG Inc. for a Laptop in the amount of \$1,395.00 + shipping needs to be amended to \$3,707.99; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners amends Resolution 07-222 as stated above; and further

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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.

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

- Aye - Mike Adelman
- Aye - Gary W. Bauer
- Aye - Ralph A. Fegley

At 9:30 a.m. Bill Ommert, EMA came before the board to express the need for each department to have a COOP plan, Continuity of Operations Plan. In case of any emergency, whatever it might be, need to have a plan of what you are going to do, who will be in charge, who will do what, and where in case of a disaster that could make the building inhabitable. There is a model that can be updated. Will also need to include all the offices in having a plan. Each department would need to write their own, Mr. Ommert stated he cannot write it for them but can help. Need to have a staff meeting where he can speak with and explain it to everyone and express the importance of it. Decided the staff would be invited to the fair meeting on Aug 15th at 11:30 a.m. for this discussion. Bill Ommert to put a meeting notice together and we will send it out from Commissioners' Office.

07-226

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$500.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 12, 2007

Mike Adelman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$500.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Building & Grounds

SA Comunale Co. Inc.	Annual Backflow Preventer Inspection	\$1,650.00	now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$500.00 as listed above; 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.

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

- Aye - Mike Adelman
- Aye - Gary W. Bauer
- Aye - Ralph A. Fegley

07-227

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 07-183

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners passed Resolution 07-183 on June 5, 2007, amending the City of Norwalk's enterprise zone to include annexed property; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution cited "Ohio Revised Code 5709.63", and State legislation and subsequent Enterprise Zone procedures have replaced reference to that section with Ohio Revised Code 5709.632(A)(2); now therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of Resolution 07-183 is hereby amended to read “WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners passed Resolution 91-136 on April 11, 1991, establishing an Enterprise Zone within the City of Norwalk pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5709.632(A)(2), and said Zone was certified by the State of Ohio;” and further

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

Mike Adelman seconded the motion.

**Discussion:* Ms. Ziemba stated that Mr. Kenney explained that the State needed the complete ORC stated in the resolution in order to approve.

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

Aye - Mike Adelman
Aye - Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Ralph A. Fegley

At 9:45 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to Enter into Executive Sessions **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; and **ORC 121.22 (G) (4)** preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. 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 - Ralph A. Fegley

At 1040 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to End Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G) (1) & (4). 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 - Ralph A. Fegley

At 10:41 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:50 a.m. the board resumed session.

At 10:50 a.m. Jim Weidenheft, HCDC, came before the board to discuss conveyance fees. Stated that all seven counties that touch Huron County are \$4.00; Huron County is \$2.00; \$4.00 is the maximum. Discussed what HCDC would do with the money if increased.

Huron County Development Council suggestion for additional \$1 Conveyance Fee
(Currently at \$2 and looking to go to \$3, with \$4 being the max)

From past projections every \$1.00 Conveyance Fee = about \$100,000/year

If approved and adopted, the funds would begin around the 4th Quarter of 2007

Proposed distribution for the new \$1 fee (Currently \$2 goes to general fund)

\$ 75 HCDC (local incentive and marketing) about \$75,000/year
\$ 25 Huron County Tourism about \$25,000/year

Prepared by Jim Wiedenheft, HCDC Executive Director
(July 10, 2007)

How would Huron County Development Council use the Conveyance Fee Funds?

- 1) Marketing Efforts (Web site, Site Selector Marketing, More Trade Shows, Increased Advertising,)
- 2) Local Incentive (ISIF Grants, State and Local Training Grants,)
- 3) New County Building Regulations Department Assistance, Training, and Marketing
(Assist with start up costs, county-wide advertising effort with contractors, architects, and home owners)
- 4) Job Ready Sites start up costs (This is a potential \$5 million grant application and local cost share and the county's ability to make the job ready site happen are very important)
- 5) Tourism: Set up the beginning of a tourism bureau in conjunction with the Norwalk Area/Huron County Chamber of Commerce

How does this help the County Commissioners?

- Stronger, more financial solvent Economic Development Department
- Shows support for Economic Development and job creation and retention for Huron County Citizens
- Still only County not at the maximum conveyance fee of \$4, like all seven neighboring counties

How does this help Realtors?

- More Jobs for the area bring up all real estate (commercial and residential)
- Insignificant increase to seller costs (\$125 on the sale of an average \$125,000 home)
- \$4 conveyance fee in all 7 neighboring counties do not seem to be truly affected by the \$4 amount

How does this help Huron County Residents?

- Could assist in increasing job retention and creation in and around Huron County
- More jobs, better jobs
- Increase home and land value

Mr. Adelman suggested the Commissioners take some time to review and discuss at a later date.

Mike Adelman moved to approve a \$1200.00 expenditure to Joe Mack of Norwalk to provide services of painting for the Common Pleas Courts Judges chambers. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye - Mike Adelman
Aye - Gary W. Bauer
Aye - Ralph A. Fegley*

07-229

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR BUDGETARY CHECKS TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:

Gary W. Bauer 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 for budgetary checks 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.

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 - Ralph A. Fegley

Joe Mack \$400.00 Painting of Judges Chambers 001-004-00569

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TRAVEL**

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Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the following travel requests. 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 - Ralph A. Fegley

Bill Ommert and Jason Roblin, EMA, to Ottawa County, on July 27, 2007 for EMAO NC Sector meeting.
Jason Roblin, EMA, to Lorain County, on July 20, 2007 for "On Scene" software demo.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTS FOR LEAVE

Merlin Baker /B&G/vacation/8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 9, 2007.
Melvin Eaton /Dog Warden/vacation/8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 20, 2007.

SIGNINGS

Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services QUARTERLY SUBGRANT REPORT					
A. Subgrant No. 2006-03-201-6432		This report is required for all OCS subgrants and is due 30 days after the end of each quarter. Please file one report every six months.			
B. Subgrant Title: Court Activities/Restriction		Office of Criminal Justice Services at (614) 466-0398			
C. Period Ending Date: 6/30/2007					
D. Initial Payment Request: \$ 450		F. Subgrantee: Huron County Commissioners			
E. Inpt. Agency: Huron County Prosecutor's Office		Street Address: 180 Miles Ave. City, State Zip: Norwalk, Ohio 44087			
G. Budget:		H. Approved Budget			
I. Cost Categories		L. Prior YTD Expenditures		K. Total YTD Expenditures	
M. Fund Distribution		Prior YTD Expenditures		Current Expenditures	
N. Cash Position		Local/State Match		O. Project Income	
P. STATUS OF OBJECTIVES		Q. Obstacles & Successes			
R. CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE		S. Signature of Designated Official			
TYPED NAME & TITLE OF DESIGNATED OFFICIAL		DATE			
OCS is the Only		Report Approved By: DATE			
Notes:					
Report Effective 01/2003 Office of Criminal Justice Services, 1970 West Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223					

OTHER BUSINESS

Gary Bauer reported on a meeting with the Sheriff. Board decided to have Sheriff and Lon Burton come in to a meeting to discuss various issues. Mr. Bauer reported on Family & Children First meeting. Mike Adelman reported on the sales tax collections.

Huron County Treasurer

Sales Tax Collection

Paid In 2007		From	Permissive Sales Tax	Capital Improvements
January	November '06		415,683.17	207,837.48
February	December '06		375,915.46	187,954.37
March	January '07		536,596.93	268,277.47
April	February		363,859.84	179,526.92
May	March		401,448.32	200,704.64
June	April		463,129.85	213,508.80
July	May			
August	June			
September	July			
October	August			
November	September			
December	October			
Totals			\$2,552,423.37	\$1,258,106.16

Paid In 2006		From	Permissive Sales Tax	Capital Improvements
January	November '05		415,077.93	207,012.90
February	December '05		392,873.00	198,268.97
March	January '06		491,018.49	244,656.86
April	February		385,911.48	192,902.27
May	March		404,941.39	202,466.09
June	April		430,883.26	215,430.15
July	May		427,777.93	213,859.10
August	June		447,287.87	223,629.33
September	July		493,298.37	245,140.47
October	August		458,148.55	229,599.12
November	September		408,381.39	203,190.79
December	October		456,890.01	226,489.71
Totals			\$6,208,077.87	\$2,900,845.36

Mr. Fegley discussed the construction meeting and reported on his walk thru after the meeting.

At 11:30 a.m. Gary Bauer moved to adjourn. Mike Adelman seconded the motion. The meeting stood

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adjourned.

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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

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 11:30 a.m.

Signatures on file.