

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Harry Brady, Tom Dunlap and Bradley Mesenburg.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Mia Phillips, Executive Assistant; Lee Tansey, Engineer, Patricia Didion, Resident; Dale Daniels, Resident; Jon White, Resident; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

25-078

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

Tom Dunlap 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 Batches # 398406 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches						Claims Register for Payment Batches							
Payment Type: All Warrant Numbers: All Funds: 001 to 951			Warrant Dates: 3/12/2025 to 3/12/2025 Payment Batches: 398406 to 398406			Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #							
Fund: 001 - General Fund													
Department: Commissioners													
03/12/2025	Harry Brady	398406	2025-003001	Mileage Reimbursement	\$144.20								
Account 001.001.00300 (Travel) Total:													
Department Commissioners Total:							\$144.20						
Department: Microfilming													
03/12/2025	SC Strategic Solutions	398406	2025-001771	SCView Annual Support & Upgrade	\$12,995.00								
Account 001.002.00525 (Contract Services) Total:							\$12,995.00						
Department Microfilming Total:							\$12,995.00						
Department: Data Processing													
03/12/2025	Amazon Capital Services	398406	2025-000301	Folders & Ink Cartridge & Toner & Pens	\$231.24								
Account 001.003.00175 (Supplies) Total:							\$231.24						
03/12/2025	US Bank Equipment Finance	398406	2025-000301	Rioch Copier-Contract Payment	\$603.50								
03/12/2025	Schneider Geospatial LLC	398406	2025-000301	BeeconPublic Net/Contracted	\$1,750.00								
Account 001.003.00275 (Contract Services) Total:							\$4,253.50						
Department Data Processing Total:							\$4,484.74						
Department: Prosecutor													
03/12/2025	Jeremy Orsger	398406	2025-001601	Special Grand Jury refreshments	\$15.99								
Account 001.006.00175 (Supplies) Total:							\$15.99						
03/12/2025	US Bank Equipment Finance	398406	2025-001601	Contract payment, overage, Supply Freight	\$494.04								
Account 001.006.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:							\$494.04						
Department Prosecutor Total:							\$510.03						
Department: Common Pleas													
03/12/2025	Scelta GA	398406	2025-001401	Refreshments for Jurors	\$17.68								
Account 001.008.00335 (Lodging & Meals) Total:							\$17.68						
03/12/2025	US Postal Service(CMRS-FF)	398406	2024-000512	Description	\$1,011.47								
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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Mini ams & Drain Plunger	\$12.59		03/12/2025	Gallo LLC	398406	2025-003001	Booth-Light	\$127.99	
03/12/2025	Carl J Law	398406	2025-003001	Final Payment-Board Room	\$1,750.00		Account 001.023.00200 (Equipment) Total:						\$127.99
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Seller & Plus	\$10.99		03/12/2025	ES Consulting Inc	398406	2025-003001	Fab Services	\$360.00	
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Wire ams	\$5.59		03/12/2025	Kyle Knight Media	398406	2025-003001	Jan & Feb updates	\$60.00	
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Triple Outlet Cord	\$14.99		03/12/2025	Wilcox Garage LLC	398406	2025-003001	Tow of trailer to HCSO	\$230.00	
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Spray Paint	\$9.59		03/12/2025	Wilcox Garage LLC	398406	2025-003001	Tow of vehicle, case #25-0377	\$187.50	
03/12/2025	The Sherwin Williams Co	398406	2025-003001	Paint for IT office	\$44.43		Account 001.023.00275 (Contract Repairs) Total:						\$862.50
03/12/2025	Amazon Capital Services	398406	2025-003001	Actuator and 2-way Valve	\$245.98		03/12/2025	ES Consulting Inc	398406	2025-003001	Fab Services	\$1,750.00	
03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-003001	Key and Key band	\$4.77		03/12/2025	Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute	398406	2025-003001	Online Cold case homicide investigations-Gilman,	\$150.00	
03/12/2025	John Deere Financial	398406	2025-003001	Corner brackets	\$16.97		Account 001.023.00280 (Training) Total:						\$150.00
03/12/2025	John Deere Financial	398406	2025-003001	Paint Pak, Pull Liners, Contractors tape	\$45.14		Department Sheriff Total:						\$7,196.43
Account 001.002.00275 (Repairs Maintenance) Total:													
03/12/2025	Great Lakes Electric	398406	2024-002912	Annual Generator Maintenance	\$200.00		Department: Disaster Service						
03/12/2025	Marell Snow Removal Inc	398406	2025-004191	Snowfall removal Various Locations	\$13,022.50		03/12/2025	AT&T Mobility	398406	2025-003001	EMA Cell Phones	\$131.94	
Account 001.022.00280 (Service Contract) Total:							\$13,352.50						
03/12/2025	North Coast Wireless Communications	398406		Internet-305SNorwalk	\$156.20		Account 001.026.00200 (Equipment) Total:						\$131.94
Account 001.022.00524 (Internet) Total:													
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-125MainFL4	\$156.20		03/12/2025	Wes Bank 189148-1	398406	2025-003001	EMA Circle K Wes Fuel	\$377.81	
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-305ShadyLane	\$625.99		Account 001.026.00250 (Fuel) Total:						\$509.75
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-125MainFL1	\$78.04		Department Disaster Service Total:						\$509.75
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-025Main	\$245.57		Department: Public Defender Commission						
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-305SNorwalk	\$1,504.35		03/12/2025	03/12/2025	398406	2025-004311	Credit Memo	\$44.73	
03/12/2025	Ohio Edison	398406		Electric-125ShadyLane	\$1,117.83		03/12/2025	03/12/2025	398406	2025-004311	Martha Folders, Wall Calendar & Hand Soap	\$99.99	
Account 001.022.00526 (Electric) Total:							\$4,037.33						
03/12/2025	IGS Energy	398406		Gas Utility-Jail	\$356.16		Account 001.027.00175 (Supplies) Total:						\$166.76
Account 001.022.00527 (Gas) Total:													
03/12/2025	Republic Services #033	398406		Trash-305SNorwalk	\$215.00		Account 001.027.00525 (Contract Services) Total:						\$49.59
Account 001.022.00529 (Trash) Total:													
03/12/2025	John Deere Financial	398406	2025-003001	High Visibility Jacket	\$19.99		Department Public Defender Commission Total:						\$216.35
03/12/2025	Malachi J Greenman	398406	2025-003001	Reimbursement for shirts	\$19.99		Department: Jail Operations						
03/12/2025	Malachi J Greenman	398406	2025-003001	Reimbursement for shirts	\$19.99		03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-002001	11 light mags	\$8.69	
Account 001.022.00530 (Uniform Allowance) Total:							\$109.97						
Department Building and Grounds Total:							\$21,437.12						
Department: Sheriff													
03/12/2025	Stellas	398406	2025-003001	Glyph Report Business Cards	\$91.99		03/12/2025	Norwalk Ace Hardware	398406	2025-002001	3 LED w/8 E26 DL 100W 2 pk	\$58.97	
03/12/2025	Wes Bank 12813-1	398406	2025-003001	February Marathon fuel	\$367.29		03/12/2025	Wes Bank 189148-0	398406	2025-002001	February Circle K Fuel-Jail	\$556.82	
03/12/2025	Wes Bank 189148-0	398406	2025-003001	February Circle K fuel	\$4,161.16		03/12/2025	Wes Bank 189148-0	398406	2025-002001	90 L 10W1848585DGR40 Lamps	\$987.50	
Account 001.023.00175 (Supplies) Total:							\$5,531.31						
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03/12/2025	American Electric Power	398406	2025-00307/1	911 AEP Wildcat Tower	\$190.18		03/12/2025	Southeastern Equipment Co Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Leader Parts	\$2,866.75		
Account 193.193.00525 (Contract Services) Total:						\$684.19		03/12/2025	Summit Cooperative Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Propane	\$829.08	
Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:						\$684.19		03/12/2025	Franklin Electric Cooperative Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Electricity	\$3,301.57	
Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:						\$684.19		03/12/2025	Huron County Commissioners	398406	2025-00301/1	New Brakes, Rotax, Pads on Maroon Chevy	\$1,070.64	
Fund: 315 - Jail Permanent Improvements								03/12/2025	Interstate Billing Service	398406	2025-00301/1	Box	\$488.12	
Department: Jail Permanent Improvement								03/12/2025	Interstate Billing Service	398406	2025-00301/1	Supply Valve	\$118.59	
03/12/2025	Hartford & Wilson	398406	2025-00414/1	Jail Refrigerator	\$19,404.00		03/12/2025	Cintas Corp	398406	2025-00301/1	Uniforms	\$330.43		
Account 315.315.00545 (Project Expenses) Total:						\$19,404.00		Account 500.501.00280 (Contract Service) Total:						\$20,490.03
Department Jail Permanent Improvement Total:						\$19,404.00		Department Landfill Total:						\$48,742.42
Fund 315 - Jail Permanent Improvements Total:						\$19,404.00		Fund 500 - Landfill Total:						\$48,742.42
Fund: 500 - Landfill								Fund: 560 - Health Insurance						
Department: Landfill								Department: Health Insurance						
03/12/2025	Richtland County Treasurer	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$480.67		03/12/2025	Digital Insurance LLC	398406	2025-00418/1	Monthly Consulting-March	\$1,182.00		
03/12/2025	Crawford County Solid Waste Management District	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$0.58		Account 560.560.00260 (Expenditures) Total:						\$3,182.00	
03/12/2025	Elk County Solid Waste Management District	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$2.34		Department Health Insurance Total:						\$3,182.00	
03/12/2025	Greenfield Township	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$719.80		Fund 560 - Health Insurance Total:						\$3,182.00	
03/12/2025	Huron County SWMD	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$12,958.24		Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust							
03/12/2025	Treasurer State of Ohio	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$14,001.54		Department: Commissary Trust							
03/12/2025	Ohio Sanitary Service Counties Joint Solid Waste Management District	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$25.89		03/12/2025	Also Clean Inc	398406	2025-00232/1	Cleaning supplies for inmate workers	\$1,202.30		
03/12/2025	Ashland County Solid Waste Management District	398406	2025-00289/1	February Fees	\$63.26		Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:						\$1,202.30	
Account 500.501.00260 (District/Local Fees) Total:						\$28,252.39		Department Commissary Trust Total:						\$1,202.30
03/12/2025	Liberty Auto Parts Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Multi Delcoact ATF Gel	\$69.89		Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund							
03/12/2025	George Lefebvre	398406	2025-00301/1	March Phone Signed	\$50.00		Department: Canine Trust Fund							
03/12/2025	Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	January NPDES	\$500.00		03/12/2025	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	398406	2025-00233/1	Food for Kians	\$89.99		
03/12/2025	Cintas Corp	398406	2025-00301/1	Uniforms	\$266.32		03/12/2025	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	398406	2025-00233/1	Food for Creed	\$84.99		
03/12/2025	Cintas Corp	398406	2025-00301/1	Uniforms	\$336.43		Account 640.640.00260 (Expenditures) Total:						\$154.98	
03/12/2025	Cintas Corp	398406	2025-00301/1	Uniforms	\$352.84		Department Canine Trust Fund Total:						\$154.98	
03/12/2025	Coles Energy Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Oil & Unleaded	\$1,139.75		Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:						\$154.98	
03/12/2025	Summit Cooperative Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Propane	\$1,263.83		Grand Total:						\$820,310.84	
03/12/2025	WB Mason Co Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Paper, Tine Cards, Viscart	\$167.32									
03/12/2025	Ziegler Tire & Supply Co	398406	2025-00301/1	Tire Repair	\$77.00									
03/12/2025	Liberty Auto Parts Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Oil Dry, Paint Markers	\$60.00									
03/12/2025	Chavez Water Heating	398406	2025-00301/1	2025 gl Water	\$90.00									
03/12/2025	Pfiffer Trucking LLC	398406	2025-00301/1	February Leasehale Trucking	\$8,499.26									
03/12/2025	Southeastern Equipment Co Inc	398406	2025-00301/1	Leader Parts	\$69.05									



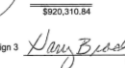
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PAY TO NAME	TOTAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	JOURNAL DATE	PURCHASE ORDER	INVOICE DATE	CURRENT QUEUE
ORIGINATOR: Valerie Stebel							
Law Office of Anthony J Richardson II LLC	52.5	Appointed Counsel Fees	040 Miscellaneous	3/5/2025	2025-00380	11/18/2024	Commissioners TAN Approval
Law Office of Anthony J Richardson II LLC	1170	Appointed Counsel Fees	040 Miscellaneous	3/5/2025	2025-00380	11/18/2024	Commissioners TAN Approval
	\$1,222.50						

Harry Brady

Tom Dunlap

Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-079

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LANDFILL/RECYCLING FACILITY/TRANSFER STATION, AFSCME OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 3764, AFL/CIO

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has presented the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the Huron County Board of Commissioners and the Huron County Landfill/Recycling Facility/Transfer Station (AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 3764) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2026, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves of the adoption of the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the parties 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.

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

*Agreement on file

25-080

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/HURON COUNTY CORONER AND THE BOARD OF LUCAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/LUCAS COUNTY CORONER FOR 2025

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from time to time the Huron County Coroner needs to have certain necessary autopsies; and

WHEREAS, the Lucas County Coroner has advised that he is willing to perform such services as requested

by the Huron County Coroner, for the costs incurred during the performance of said work; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the agreement with the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, for the services of the Lucas County Coroner to perform requested autopsies, 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba stated that when Dr. Harwood was in, he mentioned they were working on doing a flat retainer amount for each year. This contract begins this new process and the amount will be \$42,770.21 for the partial year. This number is based off of 2023's number of autopsies. Dr. Harwood said this amount will fluctuate from year to year, because they will use the previous year's number of autopsies each year, such as, next year it will be based off of 2024 autopsies. This allows Lucas County to budget better and recuperate some of the costs.

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

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

*Contract on file

25-081

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SARVER PAVING COMPANY
FOR THE 2025 CHIP AND SEAL PHASE 1 PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY
ENGINEER**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 25-060 the bid was awarded to Sarver Paving Company for the amount of \$1,080,706.00 for the 2025 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Sarver Paving Company, for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio for the 2025 Chip and Seal 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.

***Discussion:** Mr. Mesenburg is abstaining from discussion and voting.

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

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

*Contract on file

25-082

**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**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 25-076 the bid was awarded to Valley Freightliner, Inc. for the amount of \$153,642.00 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 – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

*Contract on file

25-083

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SARVER PAVING COMPANY
FOR THE BUTLER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY
ENGINEER**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 25-059 the bid was awarded to Sarver Paving Company for the amount of \$247,215.00 for the Butler Road Resurfacing project for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Sarver Paving Company, for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio for Butler Road Resurfacing 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.

***Discussion:** Mr. Mesenburg is abstaining from discussion and voting.

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

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

*Contract on file

25-084

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

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 25-062 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Fitchville River Road Resurfacing project; and

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

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, February 28, 2025 at 10:00 A.M from the following:

Melway Paving Co., Inc.	\$344,485.00
Sarver Paving Co.	\$350,431.00
A.J. Riley, Inc.	\$351,500.00
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$366,337.00
Precision Paving, Inc.	\$383,385.00
Kokosing Construction, Inc.	\$395,270.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Melway Paving, Inc., Holmesville, Ohio, for the Fitchville River Road Resurfacing 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.

***Discussion:** Mr. Mesenburg will be abstaining from discussion and voting. Mr. Tansey explained this is resurfacing from Prospect to Cook.

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

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-085

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
OFFICE OF AVIATION, OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, ODOT PROJECT NO. M25-29 (FAA PROJECT #3-39-0062-017-2024)

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority Board & Huron County Commissioners prepared and submitted a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation on November 26,2024, Resolution 24-376, for Reconstruct Runway 10-28 Lighting – Design Phase 1 / 2; Reconstruct Taxiway C Lighting – Design Phase 1 / 2; Reconstruct or Replace Airfield Electrical Vault – Design Phase 1 / 2; Reconstruct Airport Beacon – Design Phase 1 / 2 at the Huron County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority Board & Huron County Commissioners have been awarded \$8,047.00 for the above listed Project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, Ohio Airport Improvement Program Grant Contract for Fiscal Year 2025, ODOT Project No. M25-29 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this is the project that is to rehabilitate, reconstruct the airfield lighting, airport beacon primary runway and electrical vault Phase 1. The total project is \$160,948, of this they have a grant from FAA for \$144,853. The commissioners share is \$8,048 and the ODOT share is \$8,047. Mr. Brady stated he thinks this was for the study they approved back in November last year. Mr. Brady said they are in the design phase of this project.

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

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

**Grant contract on file*

At 9:10 a.m. Public Comment: None

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Tom Dunlap moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Tom Dunlap
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

Nikki Cross, JFS, to Columbus, Ohio for Mental Health and Addiction Conference on June 9, 2025

SIGNINGS – None

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

CHIP Administration/Statement of Qualification from Consultants:

Ms. Ziemba stated GLCAP is the only SOQ received by the March 6th deadline. GLCAP is the entity that has been doing the commissioners administration for quite a few years now. There will be an official resolution to come before the Board for the final decision. She said they have done a good job for the commissioners.

Norwalk City Schools:

Mr. Dunlap said he would like to talk about a situation where he respectfully requested Mr. Mesenburg to yield his chair. He would like to bring up a subject that by advice and counsel he should not be involved in, although he did not think Mr. Mesenburg lost his constitutional rights, he can stay and listen. Mr. Mesenburg yield his chair to Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Dunlap said awhile back the commissioners received an email from the school district asking to purchase 23.36 acres, of land across from the high school.

Email from Mr. Cooley, Norwalk City Schools, dated March 2, 2025:

Huron County Commissioners,

We are ecstatic that our community passed a historic bond issue at nearly 55% on November 5, 2024. Even in the midst of a reappraisal, increased property taxes, and state-wide historical data not in our favor, our residents spoke out in resounding fashion on the very first attempt. The narrative and the objective behind this \$100 million dollar school project has been rock-solid from day one.

Our Board has held interviews for owner's representative services and has just recently met with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). Our next steps include securing both an architect and a construction manager at risk (CMAR) by mid-spring. Despite this momentum, our OFCC project manager, Helena Gonzalez, said, "until you get the necessary land, your project is stalled."

I, along with thousands of others, certainly do not want that to happen, and it is my hope that your thoughts

are exactly the same. It is my sincerest hope that you recognize the power that schools play in our communities. It is my sincerest hope that you recognize the economic explosion that will happen when local contractors, living and working in Huron County, are contributing to this massive project. It is my sincerest hope that we can work together to promote programs that benefit our seniors and young students alike.

With that perspective in mind, our District is asking to purchase 23.36 acres from the Huron County Commissioners at the appraised rate (conducted by Timothy Winslow on 2/10/25) of \$11,000/acre. Given that my taxpayer is also your taxpayer, I know that reaching a fair market value is of utmost importance.

While that particular parcel is critical to our future, we do have a major concern with the soil quality for construction. Various types of loam make for decent farming, but for anyone who worked on the builds at Norwalk High School, Fisher Titus Medical Center, and other local properties, they are distinctly aware of the challenges. Therefore, as quickly as possible, we are wanting to do soil boring and other geotechnical measures to address necessary contingencies with ground stabilization.

In my possession is the land appraisal report, the customized soil mapping survey, a support letter from all Huron County school superintendents, and a video clip of local residents who addressed the land issue at community forums. Let me know if you would like these items emailed or hand delivered.

Also, please let me know how you wish to proceed. I am willing to discuss and/or negotiate in the public arena on Tuesday, March 4. Clearly, the interest is rightfully there for so many stakeholders who are longing for a positive outcome. Or, as discussed with Tom Dunlap last Wednesday, our Board and others can wait for a counter offer, and move our talks into an executive session.

Thank you for your work and commitment to improving lives in our region.

*Sincerely,
Bradley E. Cooley
Superintendent
Norwalk City School District*

Mr. Dunlap stated this has been hashed over by the last Board. It is the same piece of property and they made an offer of \$11,000 per acre. The school district indicated in their email that they are up against timelines and need to know what they can do and cannot do. Mr. Dunlap said the commissioners owe the school district a response. At this point he would like to move that the commissioners make a final counteroffer of \$20,000 per acre, with the agreement that they connect the parking lot to the Senior Citizens Center parking lot, at no cost to the county, which is to be used collaboratively between the 2 parties. He asked, do I have a second? Mr. Dunlap said hearing no second, he thinks the issue then, at that point is kind-of mute. He would like to point out that it is proven statistically that education is the foundation of any functioning society, to live cohesively, participate politically, contribute economically. Investments and education at an individual county at the state level, have huge economic benefits for our community. At an individual level, it improves people's lives, their employability, earnings, health income. Areas that they are heavily invested in and primary and secondary education, these areas have been able to create advances in products, technology, a whole mirror of facts. Schools are one of the biggest economic drivers for attracting new business to our county as well. He thinks this would be a huge benefit to not only Norwalk students, but also Huron County students, given open enrollment in today's world. Mr. Dunlap said he does not believe there is any argument that Norwalk City Schools are old and costly to maintain. This is why the voters in this district approved, by a fairly large margin, a levy to replace these old and costly buildings. He also noted that all the other county superintendents in the entire county have endorsed this project. He feels this asking price is reasonable, it is a little high maybe, but it is because the commissioners must look out for the rest of the electorate in this county to be fair and equitable. He said he does not understand why they do not have a second to this matter and he certainly would like to give to Mr. Brady a second opportunity to second it, if he would like to. With no reply, Mr. Dunlap yield the power of the chair back to Mr. Mesenburg.

Assistant Prosecutor report

Mr. Strickler sent Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Riedy the bid packet for the phone system. He confirmed he will get out the correspondence from Mr. Brady about the insulin suit. Mr. Brady stated it was from an email he thinks he received by accident or maybe because he was on the board last year. He did forward the email to Mr. Strickler, who will deal with it when he gets back to his office. He confirmed he has sent the Prosecutors budget back to Ms. Ziemba. Mr. Mesenburg asked for update on old the progress of the Shady Lane building stuff. Mr. Strickler said he spoke to Mr. Stephens about working on this. Also, it is on his radar to work on the lease between the commissioners and Land Bank. Mr. Brady pointed out this must be in effect before the grant money is released.

Commissioner Brady report

Mr. Brady noted he will not be at the next board meeting, because he will be attending the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP). He will be back for the meeting on Thursday, March 20th.

Commissioner Dunlap report

Mr. Dunlap reported he attended the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) meeting, which was very well attended by Farmers in Erie, Huron Counties and even Lorain County. Also, in attendance were all the State Representatives and one State Senator. Representative Thomas from Trumbull County came, he used to be a county auditor and he gave a very informative speech.

At 9:20 a.m. the board recessed.

At 9:31 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

At 9:31 a.m. Tom Dunlap moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3), a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Tom Dunlap

Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

At 10:13 a.m. Tom Dunlap moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Tom Dunlap

Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

****no action taken***

Budget for 2025:

Ms. Ziemba stated she sent the offices their budget sheets and requested they be returned by Wednesday. She pointed out they are on a tight time frame, because there is only one more meeting this month when all three commissioners are present, which is next Thursday. Once she gets all the numbers back, if there are no major issues, she would like to send them to the Auditor's office. The Auditor's office will start working on the input and balancing then they will be returned to the commissioners for approval. She asked the commissioners to review their accounts, which are on the sheets she handed out, before the end of the week. She received an email yesterday from Chief Deputy Ditz that Mr. Brady had requested quotes on radios in a previous meeting. The total is \$24,868. That was the only add on that was not discussed.

In 021 Capital Improvement, Ms. Ziemba put a number together for Treasurer's office and Common Pleas Court, who are requesting security upgrades. 040 miscellaneous consists of all the county related invoices, such as, the property taxes, Clemans Nelson, and the commissioners' portion of autopsies. She explained for transfer out, similar to 021, she listed the things that the commissioners went over, of possible approved contracts, grant matches or bonds, which will be transferred to the appropriate account.

Ms. Ziemba noted the dollar amount for 310 Permanent Improvement is based off of projects Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor presented and the numbers they had associated with these projects. The money associated with the Jail Permanent Improvement fund, Mr. Tkach submitted a document that listed the actual sales tax collection vs. the actual spend. The non-county jail fees, such as, when they bring in out of county inmates. took in \$3,061.41, which they did not use. The previous board would just add this to the Jail Permanent Improvement fund. The commissioners agreed to keep putting this back into jail improvements.

Ms. Ziemba questioned the amount for the Benefits Reserve Fund, the 27-pay in that year. Mr. Tkach typically gives her this number, but this time he sent her something stating she should take the increases from the previous year, which last year was 5%, but that is only a small percentage, because they have unions also. She pointed out 27-pay will go across the board to all county employees. She said any number the commissioners put in here will be helpful and less stress on the county's budget that year. Mr. Brady commented putting in a ball park figure and if not quite there, it is close enough, so that it is not a massive drain on the general fund. In the past the commissioners have put in \$150,000 to \$200,000. Ms. Ziemba said she will reach out to Mr. Tkach to review the general fund payroll for the county as a whole. Mr. Brady said there will be increases over the next two years and if they can split this between the next two years it will be easier to absorb.

Mr. Mesenburg asked Ms. Ziemba if she spoke to Mr. Tkach about the request of \$50,000 for the Park Board and the ODOT grant funds that may be available. Ms. Ziemba explained the Park Board is not part of the commissioners' budget book. It sounds like they are anticipating \$50,000. Mr. Mesenburg said when they sent their stuff up to the Auditor, they added in \$50,000 and Mr. Tkach did not understand where this was coming from. Mr. Brady commented the ODOT spreadsheet shows the funds that the Park Board has, but when one looks at the restrictions on what the funds can be used for, it is very difficult for the Park Board to use them. Mr. Mesenburg told Mr. Tkach the commissioners will get back to him. Ms. Ziemba asked the commissioners if they were ready to decide on this. The commissioners, at this time, are not ready to decide. The Park Board is doing good things and trying, but are not there yet.

Ms. Ziemba noted the only number the commissioners had not seen yet was Public Defender which is for their attorneys and it was approximately \$30,000. Mr. Brady commented it was mandated they must get within this range. Mr. Mesenburg brought up the CCAO information about Indigent Defense funding, which he will forward to Ms. Deeter. Mr. Brady commented he received a call from Mr. Petty, who is CCAO Policy, he asked Mr. Brady if he could reach out to Ms. Deeter to see if she could put forward both of the amendments; Enhanced 9-1-1 and the Indigent Defense funding. Mr. Brady did call Ms. Deeter and she was very responsive and said, absolutely. Mr. Petty is going to get this information to Ms. Deeter. Mr. Brady said he also put a call in to Mr. D. J. Swearingen, however he has not returned the call yet, which is unusual. Mr. Dunlap stated Mr. Swearingen was at the Farm Bureau meeting on Saturday and he did listen to concerns from the local people.

The Board formally thanked Ms. Ziemba for all her hard work on the budget. She has done a good job.

At 10:32 a.m. Tom Dunlap moved to adjourn. Harry Brady 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 March 11, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Signatures on File