

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 Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Patrick Schwan, Richland Engineering; Patricia Didion, Resident; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the August 19, 2025 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Tom Dunlap made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

25-242

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE HURON COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognize the threat that natural, human-caused, and technological hazards pose to people and property within Huron County; and

WHEREAS, Huron County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as HURON COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the HURON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Huron County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Board of Huron County Commissioners demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the HURON COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Huron County Commissioners, Norwalk, Ohio that:

- The HURON COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County.
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the HURON COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them. 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

**2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan on file*

25-243

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AUGUST 21, 2025

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$5,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Capital Improvements Account #021

Dex Imaging LLC	Quantum Spark 2000 Firewall	\$18,888.00
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Capital Improvements Account #021

R.J. Beck	Courthouse Security Software & Camera Upgrade	\$14,450.00
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Public Assistance Fund #115

R.J. Beck	Outside Cameras & Server Upgrade	\$9,290.00;	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 \$5,000.00 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Brady asked what department is the first one for? Ms. Ziemba stated it is for the 180 Milan Ave. building.

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

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

25-244

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HURON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are open board seats on the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Rucker and Casey Nead have expressed interest in serving on the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Jodi Rucker to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2029; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Casey Nead to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2029;

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

25-245

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FY 2025 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT AGREEMENT (#3-39-0062-019-2025) AND AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (BIL-AIG) AGREEMENT (#3-39-0062-018-2025)

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 FAA on April 29, 2025 Resolution 25-131, for the Reconstruct Runway 10/28 Lighting, Reconstruct Airport Beacon, Reconstruct Airport Lighting Vault, Reconstruct Taxiway Lighting ; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority Board & Huron County Commissioners have been awarded \$698,518.00 by the FAA Airport Improvement Program (FY 2025 AIP) for Reconstruct Runway 10-28 Lighting- Construction; Reconstruct Taxiway C Lighting- Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority Board & Huron County Commissioners have been awarded \$359,176.00 by the FAA Airport Infrastructure Grant (BIL-AIG) for the Reconstruct Airfield Electrical Vault- Construction, Reconstruct Airport Beacon- Construction, and Reconstruct Airport Wind Cone- Construction Project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the FAA FY 2025 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Agreement (#3-39-0062-019-2025) and FY 2025 Airport Infrastructure Grant (BIL-AIG) (#3-39-0062-018-2025) and authorizes the president of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to sign the grant documents associated with each grant and 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:** Mr. Schwan expressed his appreciation for the Commissioners' willingness to support this work at the airport, which is for the lighting replacement. He noted it is approximately \$1,000,000 of federal grant money that will be utilized to upgrade all lighting, along with a new vault and beacon. The LEDs should lessen utility cost. Mr. Brady asked if the beacon will be moved. Mr. Schwan confirmed it will be moved to behind the FBO office building. Mr. Brady thanked them for all they are doing out at the airport.

Mr. Mesenburg asked if they have heard anything further about the pavement upgrades grant? Mr. Schwan explained a pavement condition report was done in July, which was the information to share with the FAA about current pavement condition. There was a discussion about doing rehabilitation versus reconstruction. The pavement is getting deteriorated. They did do the corrective sealant project a couple years ago to extend the life. He stated there will be planning meetings this fall, which the Commissioners are welcome to attend. They are meeting discussions with FAA for the next project, and it will be the runway. As soon as he receives the dates, he will forward them to the Commissioners. There has been some discussion there may be potentially some additional funds. Mr. Schwan said there as been past history for some Airport projects, which they funded 100%, so there would not be local share. He also heard the state may have additional funds to put towards aviation. They are planning, at this time, to do rehabilitation. He also announced there is an Open House on September 20th. One event is some planes offering rides. Mr. Sparks will let the Board know the times. Ms. Ziemba asked they email the advertisement flyer.

One last note, Mr. Schwan said once the agreement is in place, they can contract with the contractor, which will be Jess Howard. It will be next year before the work happens.

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

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

**Grant agreements on file*

25-246

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE CCW FUND #135 AND LOCAL SCHOOL REVENUE FUND #114

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation of moneys as follows:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	135	00125	135	\$10,000.00		135	00475	135	\$10,000.00
		CCW Salaries					CCW Other Expenses		
	114	00125	114	\$3,000.00		114	00475	114	\$3,000.00
		S.R.O Salaries					S.R.O. Other Expenses		

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the appropriate journal entry;

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

25-247

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FROM FIRMS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PRESERVATION, RENOVATION, AND RESTORATION OF THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE IN HURON COUNTY, OHIO

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract for professional architectural and engineering services for planning, design, and construction management services for the preservation, renovation, and restoration of the historical courthouse in Huron County, Ohio; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby request Firms interested in providing architectural and/or engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the preservation, renovation, and restoration of the historical courthouse in Huron County, Ohio to submit their Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 24, 2025; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on Monday, August 25, 2025 and posted on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices; 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

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

AUGUST 21, 2025

The Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract for professional architectural and engineering services for the planning, design, and construction management services for the preservation, renovation, and restoration of the historical courthouse in Huron County, Ohio.

Firms interested in providing architectural and/or engineering services relative to this project must submit four copies of their written Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Faxed or emailed responses will not be accepted or considered. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the offeror's name and 'CONFIDENTIAL – RFQ Architectural/Engineering Services –Historical Courthouse Renovation'. Envelopes which are not sealed will not be accepted.

Statement of Qualifications shall include the following information:

- Firm Name, Location, and Contact Information
 - Firm Profile and History
 - Education and Experience of Key Personnel
 - Experience with Government Projects, especially historical preservation/renovation
 - Staff Availability for this project
 - Knowledge of and Familiarity with Huron County Contracting Procedures
 - Demonstrated Success Working Within Budgets and Completing Projects on Time
 - Demonstrated Ability to Produce Designs Requiring Minimal Change Orders
 - Experience with Planning, Design, Energy Conservation, and Sustainability
 - Experience with Interior and Exterior Building Components and Systems
 - Construction Administration Experience
 - References
 - Sample Listing of Projects

Submittals will be reviewed and finalists interviewed.

Responding firms will be evaluated and ranked based on the strength of their experience and qualifications relating to the specific needs of this project. It is anticipated that the Board of Huron County Commissioners will enter into contracts with the most highly qualified firm for this project. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive any informalities and irregularities in responses received or to accept any portion of any response or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of Huron County, however, the Board is not obligated to do so.

Project Location: City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio

Scope of Work: Provide investigative services, design services, assessments, reports, plans, specifications, cost estimates, schedules, and construction administration for facility preservation and renovation, energy conservation, and sustainment for this project.

The issuance of this public announcement in no way constitutes any commitment by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in preparation of a response to this announcement or accept other acts on the part of the respondents to procure or contract for services.

This Request for Qualifications notice may also be found on the Huron County Commissioners' website at: <https://www.hccommissioners.com/legal-notices/>.

BY ORDER OF: Board of Huron County Commissioners, County of Huron, Ohio
Vickie Ziemba/Administrator/Clerk

Publish: Monday, August 25, 2025 in the Norwalk Reflector.
Posted on County Website

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - *None*

SIGNINGS - *None*

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mesenburg report: There will be no meeting next Tuesday, August 26th, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Brady will be at the CCAO Summer Symposium.

Commissioner Brady's report: Mr. Brady reported yesterday he attended the NCAT board meeting. Everything is in line now for the rehab. on 306 S. Norwalk Road. Ms. Habig will be walking through the building and the garages. The ODOT grant is worth \$270,000.

Mr. Dunlap would like to review and restructure the lease agreement out there. He said they have expanded beyond what their lease notes. The Board and Mr. Strickler will review the lease.

Commissioner Dunlap's report: He stated he has received in the past couple days continuing issues with the Health Department. Mr. Mesenburg commented he received one as well. Mr. Dunlap said he had many constituents complain to him at the fair. He suggested they set up another meeting with the Health Department letting them know how poorly they are perceived in the public eye. Mr. Mesenburg asked Mr. Strickler if the DAC appoints members to the board, if a seat became available, could one of the three Commissioners fill it. Mr. Strickler answered no. There is a revised code section that will not allow it. This Board has no control, the Health Department is their own separate entity and not an elected official. Mr. Dunlap has a meeting with an Erie County Commissioner today and he will ask why other counties are not experiencing this problem. After further discussion Mr. Strickler felt the Commissioners would have to lobby the Legislature to change the fact the Commissioners have no control.

At 9:40 a.m. Public comment:

Patrick Schwan, Engineer for Greenwich to New London project, Rails to Trails: Mr. Schwan is the appointed Engineer for this new project. They received an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant to do Phase 1 and an ODOT grant has been given to do Phase 2. It will be administered through ODOT and begin in 2026. This is a four-mile gravel trail and a \$1.5 million-dollar project investing into our county.

Ms. Patricia Didion, Resident: She reported statistics of how many households have leases in Huron County for the wind turbines.

- Lyme Township: 16 – 4.8
- Monroeville Village: 3 -- .53
- Norwich Township: 55 – 15%
- Richmond Township: 7 – 2.08% (these have been eliminated)
- Ridgefield Township: 3 – 0.7%
- Sherman Township: 30 -- 17.9%

TOTAL: 114 – 7 = 107

When compared to the registered voter households with leases, it is a very small percentage of people. Mr. Strickler said they pulled out the ones in Richmond Township. She stated the amendments are not done and who is going to enforce the stipulations that were made, and make sure they are done. Mr. Strickler asked Ms. Didion if her concern is Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) who said they can do this project under certain conditions. She is concerned about who will enforce the conditions and the permit, which the OPSB put in place. She feels APEX should supply more information to the OPSB. Lastly, she heard the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) just ruled last week, nationwide, there are no more wind turbines and solars to be built on any agricultural farmland.

At 9:55 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 August 21, 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 9:55 a.m.

Signatures on File