

**REGULAR SESSION****TUESDAY****NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

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 James R. Morgan.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Jocelyn Leber, Norwalk Ohio News; William Seaman, Resident; Dominic Miller, Resident; Dennis Alt, Resident; Jon White, Resident; Roger Hunker, Resident; Bill Kaltenbach, Resident; Jessica Spears, Emergency Management Agency; Arthur Mead, Emergency Management Agency; Mary Beier, Resident.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 18, 2025 and November 20, 2025 meeting(s) and approve as presented. James R. Morgan seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – James R. Morgan

25-327

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

Harry Brady 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 for Payment Batches #414178 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.

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

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – James R. Morgan

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches						Claims Register for Payment Batches				
Payment Type: All	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Warrant Numbers: All										
Funds: 001 to 991										
Warrant Date: Claimant										
Warrant Date: Clerk										
Warrant Dates: 11/26/2025 to 11/26/2025										
Payment Batches: #414178 to #414178										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Cell Phone Allowance-November		\$50.00						
Amount: \$50.00										
Line Description: 10002025 Vickie Ziembra										
Amount: \$50.00										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Copier-Philips		\$177.70						
Amount: \$177.70										
Line Description: Account 001.001.0003 (Contract Services) Total:										
Amount: \$177.70										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Data Processing & Cloud Services		\$98.78						
Amount: \$98.78										
Line Description: Account 001.003.0017 (Supplies) Total:										
Amount: \$98.78										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Toner Cartridges & Air Freshener & Wipes		\$441.25						
Amount: \$441.25										
Line Description: Account 001.003.0017 (Supplies) Total:										
Amount: \$441.25										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Service & Battery for Alarm System		\$150.00						
Amount: \$150.00										
Line Description: Account 001.003.0017 (Supplies) Total:										
Amount: \$150.00										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Service & Battery for Alarm System		\$600.25						
Amount: \$600.25										
Line Description: Department Data Processing Total:										
Amount: \$600.25										
Batch ID: 414178	2025-00039/1	Advertising		\$4,334.40						
Amount: \$4,334.40										
Line Description: Account 001.004.0032 (Advertising & Printing) Total:										
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REGULAR SESSION

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25-328

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MERGER OF THE HURON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD INTO THE EXITING JOINT DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF SENECA, OTTAWA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES.**

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has been aware that since May of 2024, the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board has been operating with an interim director, and receiving administrative and financial services via contract from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties after the resignation of its previous executive director; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2025, the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services adopted Resolution #2025-11 to recommend the merger of the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, a joint alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services district, and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code 340.01(B) states that “an alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services district shall be established in any county or combination of counties having a population of at least fifty thousand;” and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 340.02, for each alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services district, there shall be appointed a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 340.01(C), for any tax levied under section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code by a board of a joint county districted formed on or after April 1, 2023, revenue from the tax shall only be expended for the benefit of the residents of the county from which the tax revenue is derived, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners in Huron County, Ohio, recognize the opportunities and advantages to clients in need of mental health and/or addiction services of merging with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, now

**THEREFORE**, is it the intent of said Board, to integrate the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties and request the establishment of an eighteen-member board district, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 340.02, the Board of Huron County Commissioners agree to merge the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board with the existing joint service district of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties and hereby request the County Commissioners of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties and the Director of Department of Behavioral Health Services to consent to the merger and establishment of the five-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services joint district Board of Seneca, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties effective July 1, 2026, 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.

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

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – James R. Morgan

**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment -**

William Seaman, Lyme Township- Mr. Seaman read an article last week and apparently, he is one of the opposers to the wind project. When he made the remarks about Lyme Township being ethically cluttered it only referred to two of the trustees, the third one is just ignorant to what the project will entail. He wants the board to know that Ares Management, a New York based capital equity group, shows the controlling interest in APEX clean energy and they have since 2021. Mr. Seaman stated that we need to be careful of who we are letting do business with us, because people in New York and Charlottesville don't care about anyone in this room. On Friday the executive director made a statement and decision that all of the stipulations have been met including that there is an approved RUMA in Huron County. They will be commencing construction again after a 3- or 4-day halt. The only people that can improve a RUMA are

township trustees or County Commissioners. Erie County approved their RUMA. Huron County has not. Mr. Seaman does not know why Mike Williams of the Ohio Power Siting Board has signed off on this decision. He wanted to make the board aware of this. Mr. Brady stated that he does appreciate him bringing the letter in what he doesn't appreciate that the county wasn't notified that the Power Siting Board was just going to go ahead and approve the RUMA on behalf of anyone. He is blown away but not surprised. Mr. Brady stated that he is disappointed with the Power Siting Board that didn't at least have the courtesy to send a notification. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Strickler if he has seen this letter, he has not. Mr. Seaman stated it is posted on the Ohio Power Siting Board's website with a date of November 21, 2025. Mr. Dunlap would like legal to look over this letter

**At 9:15 a.m. Mary Beier-** Interview for board member opening for the Huron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Mr. Beier expressed her interest in serving on the board and thinks she could bring value to the board. The Board is in favor and requests a resolution to appoint her.

#### IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – James R. Morgan

Harry Brady and Bob Morgan going to Tiffin, Ohio on December 2, 2025 for an NCAT meeting.  
Harry Brady going to Columbus, Ohio on December 17, 2025 for a CEBCO Meeting  
Harry Brady going to multiple CEBCO meetings in various locations for 2026.

#### SIGNINGS - None

#### At 9:30 a.m. Jess Spears- 911 Infrastructure Update –

Mr. Morgan stated he has been working with Ms. Spears and there are a few holes in the coverage, she has come up with some ways to cover most of the areas with 911 funds. Ms. Spears stated we actually had a discussion about three areas in the county that needed better radio coverage for first responders. There are two sites that are ready to go, water towers will be used in those villages at no charge. The third location is not ready they are in the process of scheduling to paint their water towers so it will be another two years until this site is ready. Each one of those villages has a summary chart about the cost and what the villages are putting into the projects to assist.

Mr. Brady said it comes down to dollars so can you give us a quick run down on how much villages will put in, what comes from 911 funds and what comes from the commissioners. Ms. Spears stated the villages are providing the space on the tower for the equipment and space in their buildings. They're also helping with the trenching for fiber with Frontier. One of the villages is helping with laying gravel to get to the building. The overall costs are for Wakeman \$429,635.57, provided we choose the lesser of the generator quotes. This includes all of the radio equipment all the initial costs with propane tanks and air conditioners. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Spears to be specific with what radio equipment means. Ms. Spears clarified that she means the infrastructure. The only recurring charges listed are for Frontier fiber connection at \$440.00 monthly, there is enough in the 911 Levy account to cover this fee. Mr. Brady is pleased with the willingness of the villages to help out with this. He stated that out of all this cost which is, without doing the math, a little under \$900,000.00, how much money do we have available out of 911 Levy funds? Ms. Spears stated they have \$487,000.00. Mr. Morgan has already reviewed this with Ms. Ziembra. Ms. Ziembra stated that there is money from permanent improvement that could be moved to this instead. They asked the state auditor which fund it could go into and it could go into the Levy Fund but it would be documented as a contribution towards this project as a one-time transfer in, for a one-time project. There will need to be a resolution as well. Mr. Dunlap thanked Mr. Morgan and Ms. Spears for working so hard on this. Ms. Ziembra stated if Ms. Spears has the board's blessing she can get something more than just a quote, Ms. Ziembra will start working on the resolutions for this. Mr. Brady also thanked Mr. Morgan for working on this, it's good to get fresh eyes on these kinds of projects.

Ms. Ziembra asked if the board has a preference on which one (village) they cover? If they decide to cover Greenwich, which was \$40,000.00 more it allows the levy fund to catch any additional costs that may come up and allows Ms. Spears to continue saving for the next. The board is in agreement with covering Greenwich.

**Greenwich Water Tower**  
6 Maple St., Greenwich, Ohio

- **Cole's Energy:**
  - 1- 330 Gallon Tank
  - 1- Regulator = \$90.74
  - Copper Line = \$50.00
  - Propane Fill = \$540.94
    - Estimated Total: \$681.68
    - Can be paid out of Contract Services in the 193 Levy Account
- **Greenwich FD (Tri-Community Joint Fire):**
  - Providing space in their building at the base of the water tower at no charge
    - MOU will be drafted
- **Greenwich Village:**
  - Trenching and running conduit from the road to the building to run Frontier Fiber for connectivity and placing gravel driveway
  - Changing the door on the building
  - Providing space on the tower for the radio equipment at no charge
    - MOU will be drafted
- **Greenwich Village Electricity:**
  - Account will be established
- **Frontier Fiber Connection:**
  - No charge to install
  - \$440/month
- **Norwalk Heating & Cooling:**
  - Install a 12,000 btu split unit for \$3,966.00
- **18Kw Generator Quotes:**
  - Great Lakes Electric - \$9,708.00
  - Avon Lake Electric - \$9,396.60
    - Generator Maintenance Quote \$675/year
    - Includes Quarterly checks and a yearly tune-up
  - Beck Electric - \$11,997.84

*\*\*My recommendation would be Avon Lake Electric. They have completed generator installations for our towers in the past and currently maintain the generators at each site.*

- **Cleveland Communications Inc.:**
  - Quote for equipment and installation \$455,407.20
  - Sole Source Letter obtained

**Total Project Estimated Cost: \$469,451.48**

*\*This estimate reflects the selection of Avon Lake Electric for the generator\**

*\*Does not include the MRC for Frontier or the yearly generator maintenance\**

**Wakeman Water Tower**  
40 Pearl St., Wakeman, Ohio

- **Cole's Energy:**
  - 2- 124 Gallon Horizontal Tanks
  - 2- Regulators @ \$90.74/each = \$181.48
  - Copper Line = \$50.00
  - Propane Fill = \$405.70
    - Total Estimated Cost: \$637.18
    - Can be paid out of Contract Services in the 193 Levy Account
- **Wakeman Village:**
  - Trenching and running conduit from the road to the building to run Frontier Fiber for connectivity is being explored
  - Providing space in their existing building under the water tower and space on the tower for the radio equipment at no charge
    - MOU will be drafted
- **Ohio Edison:**
  - Meter can be placed at no charge from Ohio Edison
    - We would need a separate breaker box to keep our electric separate
  - Wakeman FD currently pays the electric bill. There might be an option to use their electric meter and pay them for our portion of the bill
- **Frontier Fiber Connection:**
  - No charge to install
  - \$440/month
- **Norwalk Heating & Cooling:**
  - Install a 12,000 btu split unit for \$3,952.00
- **18Kw Generator Quotes:**
  - Great Lakes Electric - \$9,708.00
  - Avon Lake Electric - \$9,396.60
    - Generator Maintenance Quote \$675/year
    - Includes Quarterly checks and a yearly tune-up
  - Beck Electric - \$11,973.51

*\*\*My recommendation would be Avon Lake Electric. They have completed generator installations for our towers in the past and currently maintain the generators at each site.*

- **Cleveland Communications Inc.:**
  - Quote for equipment and installation \$415,649.79
  - Sole Source Letter obtained

**Total Project Estimated Cost: \$429,635.57**

*\*This estimate reflects the selection of Avon Lake Electric for the generator\**

*\*Does not include the MRC for Frontier or the yearly generator maintenance\**

## OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

### Administrator/Clerk report

### Budget Discussion

Norwalk Muni Court was missing a zero with their numbers. This has now been handled.

**Board of Elections-** The budget has been submitted and they are budgeting for two elections and they may have an August election in 2026. They will need more money budgeted if this happens. Mr. Brady stated that in the past with an August election the state might kick in funds. Ms. Ziembra said there is a little bit of an increase. Mr. Dunlap thought this was a huge ask. Mr. Brady went to the BOE Board

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Meeting yesterday. He told them two things, they need to be cognizant of the cost factors and the size of the county. He has spoken with the Auditor about their budget. He expressed to them if they go out of line the commissioners are not going to be on board. Mr. Strickler stated that the board members get a 5% raise in 2026. Mr. Brady told them to send their requests to Ms. Ziembra and if they want to talk to the commissioners they can.

**Huron County Growth Partnership-** Mr. Dunlap stated they are asking for an extra \$50,000.00. Mr. Brady said they helped them out as a one-time fee, since they got out of Firelands Forward. It was to help them over the hump. Mr. Brady is not opposed to helping them out, they do an excellent job. Ms. Ziembra suggested sticking with the \$90,000.00 right now and then revisiting giving them the extra funds.

Ms. Ziembra will submit the budget to the Auditor.

The Commissioners wish the entire county a Happy Thanksgiving

**At 9:39 a.m.** Harry Brady moved to adjourn. James R. Morgan 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 November 25, 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 9:39 a.m.

\*Signatures on file