

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

MARCH 1, 2018

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Terry Boose and Bruce Wilde. Joe Hintz absent due to medical.

18-075

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, LTD (hereinafter referred to as “DTS”) AND HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HURON COUNTY RECORDER (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”)

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and DTS have an agreement for professional services for data processing services for the Huron County Recorder which is about to expire; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and DTS wishes to extend the contract an additional five (5) years, under the same terms and conditions, beginning July 1, 2018 and terminating on June 30, 2023; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the addendum to DTS Professional Services Agreement 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Jan Tkach, Recorder stated that last year she knew this would be expiring so she sat in on several demonstrations from other companies just to see what was out there to see if it was better than what we had or more efficient. When Ms. Tkach was asked what she was paying these companies couldn't match what she was getting from DTS. Ms. Tkach stated she feels that this is a good fit for the county.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Absent – Joe Hintz

Aye – Bruce Wilde

****Agreement on file***

Records storage discussion. Ms. Tkach explained that if for some reason the storage at the old antique mall falls through, they currently have a relationship with Strategic Solutions for offsite storage at a .25 a box a month. Ms. Tkach stated the documents are scanned first. This is an alternative we may want to look into and Ms. Tkach is asking the board to think about it. Mr. Boose stated that Mr. Welch would like to get with Ms. Tkach and go over this site regarding what documents need to be secured, do they need to be individually secure or can they store all these documents together.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - No Comment

Records storage discussion continued

Mr. Boose explained that they placed \$50,000 into the budget for scanning. Ms. Tkach stated that the relationship is already set up to scan the old jail and probation. Mr. Wilde asked what are the Sisters of Latter Day Saints doing, they are going back and doing some of the stuff that DTS has done, unfortunately they will not be able to move forward on the jail cell items. There really is no advantage here. Ms. Tkach stated again these need to be moved offsite once they are scanned they will never look at these again. Mr. Boose did state that if someone makes them the right deal they will sell that building. They are not saying we need to get rid of this building, that's not where they are at regarding this. Ms. Tkach will have conversations with Strategic Solutions regarding moving forward. Mr. Boose stated that they will meet in the near future along with other departments to figure out what needs to be stored and what doesn't. And to find out what needs to be secured.

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Mr. Boose wanted it on record that the only thing the Commissioners are doing is moving the records, they will not be sorting or boxing these records up. These records need to be ready before they are moved.

Ms. Ziemba explained that she has the "Then and Now Certificate" for payment to Soil & Water in the amount of \$180,000.00 ready for the Commissioners to approve. Mr. Boose asked if this needs a resolution or a motion and second. Ms. Ziemba stated that a motion and second can be done.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the "Then and Now Certificate" for payment to Soil & Water Conservation District in the amount of \$180,000.00. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Absent – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Absent – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

Tacy Bond, EMA/911 to Nashville, TN on June 17, 2018 – June 21, 2018 for NENA National Conference.

Warren Brown, Julia Armstrong, HR to Columbus, Ohio on April 13, 2018 for the CEBCO Annual Meeting, Mr. Boose to also attend.

Warren Brown, Julia Armstrong, HR to Columbus, Ohio on March 23, 2018 for CORA Annual/renewal Meeting, Mr. Wilde to also attend.

Ms. Ziemba asked if the Commissioners are ready to release the payment to Marcy Reed, Mr. Boose stated that as long as it has passed through the audit then they need to release it.

Bruce Wilde moved to release the payment to Marcy Reed in the amount of \$950.00. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Absent – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

Assistant Prosecutor Report

Mr. Strickler stated the Airport signings regarding the pre-application for a grant, this does not cost county any money or put us in perpetuity.

Mr. Boose stated that in the future, the Airport Board needs to schedule and tell us what it is. Prefer Mr. Strickler to review before scheduling unless there is a time crunch and it is a small document. Mr. Strickler wanted to let the Board know that a local attorney approached him and told him that the Airport Board has asked him to represent them. This attorney stated that in order to represent the Airport Board he will need he wants a lease between the Airport Board and Commissioners. Mr. Boose stated he will not sign anything that will cost us money or put us into perpetuity.

Mr. Boose stated that he had a meeting with Willard, they are asking if they Commissioners have agreed to waive the lien on the two properties in Willard, so they can move forward. Mr. Strickler stated that they cannot waive the lien at this time it is too late. Mr. Strickler stated that Mr. Binette spoke to Ms. Needlemyer and told her they can purchase these properties through the Auditor's Sale without the lien, they could probable get these properties for under \$500.00 and walk away with them. Mr. Boose asked what happens if no one purchases them from the Auditor's Sale, Mr. Strickler stated they still sit there. Mr. Boose asked if they just sit there can they then waive the lien, Mr. Strickler stated no it is too late. Mr. Boose asked why it is too late, Mr. Strickler stated there is a statue that says, there is a way to forgive back taxes before it goes into foreclosure. These properties are well past the foreclosure line. Mr. Binette spoke to Ms. Needlemyer about this, he told her to go to the Auditor's Sale, bidding starts around \$100.00, and there may be some fees that the Auditor adds they will need to pay as well. Mr. Boose stated

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that if we had a land bank this wouldn't be an issue, Mr. Strickler stated that is correct.

SIGNINGS – pre-application grant for the airport

Mr. Boose discussed the Land bank, he spoke to Ms. Knapp in regards to them being confused when the Treasurer stated that she doesn't want to run it. Mr. Strickler stated the statues that just means the Treasurer has to initiate the land bank but does not have to run it, she has to sit on the board. The Treasurer doesn't have to operate this. Mr. Boose stated this is what they wanted to do, Treasurer to get it going, then HCDC was going to run it, this would be a separate land bank board. Mr. Boose stated that we are unclear what needs to happen next.

Mr. Strickler stated this is what he thinks should happen, he could be wrong, pass the resolution, sign articles of incorporation once this is done assign the day to day operations to HCDC, and then appoint board members. Mr. Boose stated people would prefer them to do it as a county instead of multicounty operation. Mr. Wilde stated that he agrees, but they thought they didn't have any options. Mr. Boose stated he would like a meeting with Prosecutor's Office, Commissioners, Treasurer, Ms. Knapp, and anyone Ms. Knapp wants to be there from her office and the Auditor.

Mr. Boose discussed the Ohio Open Checkbook, last he knew we were stalled. Mr. Wilde is working with JFS, to figure out what they need to do. Clerk of Courts had some questions, Mr. Boose would like Mr. Strickler to get with Ms. Hazel to find out what her concerns are.

Commissioner Boose reported on the Willard Economic Development meeting. Mr. Boose stated it was a good meeting, they are going to redo their by-laws. Mr. Boose stated regarding voting most areas not represented well and funding is an issue they have no staff. One of their board members is also a board member in Seneca County Economic Development and more are going towards pay to play. If you pay you are part of the decision making. Currently working on the biggest Economic Development projects the county has seen and they may want to put some of that money aside for Economic Development. Mr. Boose stated they also need to take care of the townships if there are problems that come due to the project.

Mr. Boose stated that Willard schools will send us something soon about the wind farm. They are currently doing some things with Pioneer School. Mr. Boose stated at Willard City School will have a night time welding and STNA class/curriculum. The State stated if you set these programs up and do not have your diploma they you can get it along with certification. They discussed security issues. Willard has a good relationship with the city and law enforcement. The superintendent of Willard City Schools and the CEO of Willard hospital believe the number one reason for school violence is mental illness.

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde went over the calendar of events:

MRDD breakfast on 3/7/18 at 9 a.m. Terry Boose to present proclamation

Next Wednesday PEER House meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Norwalk Chamber exoficio meeting next week.

Cupcakes for 4H on 3/5/18 at the Treasurer's Office.

Board of Revision meetings coming up.

Health advisory council on the 12th.

Northeast County Commissioners meeting March 12th 10 – 12. Tour Perry Nuclear Power Plant. – Mr. Boose to attend –Ms. Ziemba possibly to attend.

Tax incentive review committee meetings, Thursday, March 08, 2018 he will be at City Hall at 3, Chamber at 4 and townships at 7.

Bellevue City Hall March 27, 2018 @ 1 p.m.

Commissioner Boose report

Received a letter from Greenfield township trustees. Mr. Boose did call the trustee back and let him know that the questions they have can be better answered by Apex. Mr. Boose suggested they get with Norwich Township Trustees to hold a meeting. Mr. Wilde stated he doesn't believe they understand completely.

Mr. Boose discussed the Senior Celebration for the lunch on May 17th.

Mr. Boose discussed the on March 8th with townships, they will tell them we are making a decision at meeting on the 13th. Mr. Boose stated they should come up with bullet points of what to talk about.

Mr. Boose wanted to make a recommendation in regards to the Commissioner getting a committee together to figure out the direction of the transfer station. Mr. Boose stated they will need to have Mr. Hintz for the discussion. Mr. Boose stated they should start with the SWDC and go from there.

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At 10:30 a.m. Pete Welch, Director of Operations, discussed the bid opening in Erie County. Mr. Welch stated the Erie County only received one bid from R&J Trucking. They go under house bill 268 therefore they actually don't release the pricing until they evaluate the bids. Mr. Welch stated they do their bid openings different in Erie County then they do in Huron County. The bids are officially accepted in the Commissioners meetings and open later. Mr. Welch stated that Erie County thought they would get at least (4) bids, however they did not. The issue is that they do not have a tipper and this is a huge investment. Mr. Boose asked the equipment to do this is not owned by the company who picks up trash, but is owned by the landfill, Mr. Welch stated the tipper is owned by the landfill. Mr. Boose stated that there are two different kinds of trailers here, Mr. Welch stated yes there is. The cost of a tipper is over \$100,000.00. Mr. Boose asked who owns the trailers, Mr. Welch stated the contractor owns the trailers. Mr. Boose stated the contractor that we are currently working with owns both the truck and the trailer, Mr. Welch stated that is correct. Mr. Wilde asked what kind of trailer they have, Mr. Welch stated it is a walking floor. Mr. Welch stated that this is the only way Erie can take trash is with a walking floor because they do not have a tipper. Mr. Welch stated that the current contractor asked over 30 days ago to be let out of the contract, Erie County released them. The contractor agreed to stay on until Erie hires a new contractor. Mr. Wilde asked as of 5 p.m. yesterday, how much waste did we have on the floor at the transfer station, Mr. Welch stated 5 tons, but they only took in 80 tons yesterday. They have had waste on the floor since last Friday. Which is in violation if the EPA came out. Mr. Boose asked what Erie County says to us, as far as what is going to happen tomorrow, Mr. Welch stated "wait be patient, we are doing the best we can". This is the message that Mr. Welch gets. Mr. Welch stated he guarantees he can find someone cheaper to run straight to BFI or Rumpke. Mr. Boose asked if we were locked into going to Erie County, Mr. Welch stated we are not. Mr. Boose stated there is no contract that states we have to go to Erie County, Mr. Welch stated there has not been a contract in 9 years. Mr. Wilde stated then we have some options, Mr. Welch stated we do, but Erie County is locked into a current pricing unit contract. Mr. Welch stated they can't do anything with their pricing till next year, no matter what they get charged for trucking. We don't pay the trucking cost, Erie County does. Mr. Welch explained that we have a set rate each year, this year is \$26.50 till the end of 2019. Mr. Boose asked what is required for Erie County to do. They must haul all our waste off the floor. Mr. Boose asked what the penalty is if they don't, Mr. Welch stated there is not one.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler is this right, we currently have waste on the floor which is in violation, do we have the ability in an emergency to get quotes from Rumpke and BFI, and Mr. Strickler stated that we would because Erie County is in violation of the EPA regulations. This is to put some pressure on Erie County to say you're not the only ballpark in town. Mr. Welch stated that we really need to have a plan B, Mr. Welch will contact Rumpke and BFI for pricing.

EMA Generator

Mr. Welch stated they needed to discuss the condition of the generator at EMA. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch if he received the letter from Mr. Smith, Mr. Welch stated he did not. Mr. Boose stated this is how Mr. Smith explained it to him, he does not know anything about the generator. He hasn't done anything and doesn't want to. He referred it to a 20 year old car and if you could rely on it in an emergency is that a good idea? Mr. Boose stated what they want to know is if that has not been used in 20 years, and it starts every day, what do we care how old it is. Mr. Boose stated they are going to buy a portable generator, which is separate from the one behind EMA.

Mr. Zurcher said it is under contract with Buckeye Power who comes out a couple times a year. It runs once a week. Mr. Zurcher stated it does have 574 hours on it. Mr. Wilde asked does it start every time, Mr. Zurcher stated every time. Mr. Zurcher did say that the battery didn't start, the charger a couple of times and this has been taken care of with the contract with Buckeye Power. Mr. Zurcher starts every Tuesday. This generator is for the EMA tower and EMA offices.

Mr. Welch asked if they should go over the meeting with the union, Mr. Zurcher and the Sheriff. The Sheriff needs to rewrite the job description, and that they don't do anything to make the unions unhappy, and Mr. Zurcher be caught in the middle.

Mr. Welch asked if the Board is for/against regarding spraying the facility for stink bugs, Mr. Boose stated that not at this time. Mr. Boose stated if they are in the working area where they work they will look into this. Mr. Welch stated they will have to hire out because no employees are certified. Mr. Boose stated until it becomes a health issue we need to take care of it otherwise no.

Mr. Boose stated that he was told we are behind on projects, 31 deep. Mr. Welch stated they have requests that are not emergency, but they need to prioritize. Example is the lights are working but they

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want LED. Those will be put on hold and replace as they burn out. Outside lights are priority for security reasons.

Mr. Wilde asked in regards to the water at Senior Enrichment, Mr. Welch stated the water is shut off in those problem areas, however they have not been capped off yet.

Mr. Boose explained that they had a discussion with Ms. Tkach regarding the storage of records, Mr. Welch will contact her, and then have a meeting with records commission meeting.

At 10:59 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:07 a.m. the board resumed regular session. Maribeth Taylor, God’s Little Critters, yearly report. The board doesn’t want to require additional reports. Ms. Taylor can submit the federal & state reports to the commissioners. Ms. Taylor updated the board on the referrals and rescues she has taken for 2017.

God’s Little Critters’ Contract

Bruce Wilde moved to renew the current contract and take away the requirement to do a separate report for the county. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Absent – Joe Hintz
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

Ms. Taylor discussed the study of wind turbines posing significant threat to hoary bat species. The American Wind Energy Association has issued a statement in response to the study. Mr. Boose explained that they have done bat studies and sound studies regarding the issues.

Ms. Taylor stated that they are looking for a different location and someone to take over, she will not be able to continue this forever.

Mr. Boose thanked Ms. Taylor for what she does, and appreciate what she does. This is very important to our area that this gets done. The money they give her is because she is doing a very important job. Ms. Taylor has never charged a person for her service, she only asks for donations.

Ms. Taylor explained that she had to renew her education permit, she paid \$75. She did 20 programs this past year.

At 11:44 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 1, 2018.

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 11:44 a. m.

Terry Boose

Absent
Joe Hintz

Bruce Wilde

ATTEST

Clerk to the Board

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The following bids were open on March 2, 2018 @ 10:01 a.m.

2018 Asphalt Resurfacing on Washington Rd.

| Contractor Name | Estimate |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| A.J. Riley | \$354,085.00 |
| Precision Paving | \$323,371.00 |
| Holcomb Enterprises | \$456,347.50 |
| Erie Blacktop | \$293,724.25 |
| Gerken Paving | \$293,934.00 |