

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021

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

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

21-123

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to continue its participation in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program;
and

WHEREAS, the CCAO has invited Huron County to participate in its Group Retrospective Rating Program, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, this agreement signifies a continuation of Huron County's participation in the Program, initial participation having been previously discussed and approved;
and

WHEREAS, this Retrospective Group Rating Program continues to be the best option for savings in the cost of Workers' Compensation premiums for Huron County;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Huron County wishes to continue its participation in the Group Retrospective Rating Plan per the invitation of the CCAO;
and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and enters into the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement to continue participation for the 2022 calendar year and certifies for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation the Employer Statement for Group-Retrospective Rating Program;
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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated the County has been in this program for several years now. He felt we really get the best benefit out of it by being in it consistently rather than jumping in and out of it.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - None

21-124

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustments;
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 the following appropriation adjustments:

FROM: Dept	Account	Fund	Amount	TO: Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
099	00600	001	\$20,000.00	040	00569	001	\$20,000.00
Transfer Out				Misc. Other – (The Nord Center commitment)			

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Boose stated NORD Center had their federal grant money cut back this year. This money will specifically be for a forensic interview worker for sexual assault services for Huron County.

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

- Aye – Terry Boose
- Aye – Joe Hintz
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

21-125

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE NORD CENTER

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Nord Center is a community mental health agency that serves adults, adolescents and children of Huron County. The agency is the sole provider of comprehensive Sexual Assault Services (SAS) in Huron County; and

WHEREAS, The Nord Center is a part of the multidisciplinary team including law enforcement and child protective services that exists to coordinate care, decrease the duplication of services in the county and offer consistent, best-practice services yielding high fidelity; and

WHEREAS, an integral piece of the multidisciplinary team structure is the role of the forensic interviewer, who works with law enforcement, sexual assault advocates, and child protective services to ensure a high quality, trauma-informed interview is conducted as part of the investigative process. This role allows the number of times the child has to share their story to be drastically reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners recognizes the importance of this service and wishes to contribute funds for the services of a Forensic Interviewer that is utilized by the Huron County multidisciplinary team; and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for The Nord Center for 2021; and

WHEREAS, a P.O. for these funds for a yearly payment is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to The Nord Center for the year 2021:

From: 040-00569-001	Miscellaneous - Other Expenses	\$20,000.00	and further
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

21-126

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Recorder and Sheriff have various equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of; 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.

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

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

**On file*

21-127

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURES OVER \$1,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 1, 2021

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, requests for expenditures of over \$1,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

Commissioners #001

CDWG Computer equipment upgrades \$2,934.89

Human Resource #012

CDWG Computer equipment upgrades \$1,324.18 now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$1,000.00 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.

Joe Hintz seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziembra explained this was for equipment for the Commissioner's office that included new monitors, docking stations, wireless keyboards and mice. The recently purchased laptops will become the primary computers for staff members and allow staff to take advantage of the latest technology.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - None

SIGNINGS – None

At 9:15 a.m. Tacy Bond, 911 Coordinator. Mr. Boose said he and Ms. Bond had discussed the possibility of a fourth license. Ms. Bond explained they currently have three licenses. A fourth license would provide two more talk paths and lessen the likelihood of someone being busied out or put in the queue. She had contacted Cleveland Communications to find out what the cost would be – \$168,365.05. That was a one-time fee. This would allow them to tie together law enforcement, fire departments and schools on one system. Mr. Wilde thought it sounded like a win/win. Mr. Boose reminded him they would have to figure out how to pay for it.

Mr. Boose said he had a discussion with Representative Stein, who was a little confused as to whether they needed to continue to have the meeting. Mr. Boose told him we absolutely want to have the meeting. It had kind of expanded from just a meeting with Frontier. There would also be a meeting with Ohio EMA to talk about our choices, or lack of choices. Ms. Bond thought that may be the more important angle. She reminded them of the problems they had had with Frontier, although things were starting to improve. Mr. Boose noted there had been some good things in her email to Representative Stein. But he told Mr. Stein that didn't mean they didn't need the meeting. There still needs to be a meeting. Ms. Bond agreed.

Next Ms. Bond provided an update on the sign project. She had more donations coming in and would be putting in another Over \$1,000 request to purchase more address signs. People were asking for them.

Finally, Ms. Bond wanted to provide an update on the potential vehicle purchase to replace the Trailblazer. They found out that April 7 was the cutoff date for pricing, so they submitted the paperwork. Discussion regarding whether the County was required to obtain State term pricing and how quickly they could approve the purchase. Mr. Boose thought if Ms. Bond could get everything to Ms. Ziembra by Monday they could put it on the agenda for Tuesday.

At 9:40 a.m. Joel Riedy, Network Administrator. Mr. Riedy explained the network redesign would include the Courthouse, the Office Building and Treasurer's office. They all share the same data network. Mr. Boose asked what this would give them that they didn't currently have. Mr. Reidy said that right now they have a flat network. This causes a lot of inefficiencies. The redesign will bring everybody to one standard and provide the newest prevention for hacking. It would be a difference of night and day. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziembra if she had the total dollar amount. \$25,255.31. Ms. Ziembra asked if the departments were expected to pay a portion. Mr. Riedy said no. Since this was part of a central service and the connections were all intertwined, he thought it was something I.T. should pay for. Ms. Ziembra confirmed he had that amount in his budget. He said he did.

OLD BUSINESS

Cook Road. Everything but one pallet has been moved inside the fence.

Land Bank. 140 Whittlesey Avenue was an empty lot that had been sold to Habitat for Humanity. A home has been built and there will be a ribbon cutting later today. Discussion regarding Habitat for Humanity and their need for properties, particularly in Norwalk.

Airport CARES Act grant. Mr. Hintz contacted Mr. Brady regarding the report that had incorrectly listed Mr. Wilde as airport manager. Mr. Brady suggested he talk to Mr. Silcox, who had offered to help transition things since there was a new Board. Mr. Hintz hadn't been able to reach him but will keep trying.

Pete Welch, Director of Operations. Mr. Welch had shared the Facility Dude requests from the Law Library. Mr. Boose would like the Director to come in and talk to them. The one request was to remodel the bathroom. Mr. Boose explained that they have never been able to get water pressure up there. That bathroom had been closed for as long as he could remember. In order to get the bathroom running they would have to remodel part of the building. Mr. Boose thought the other request might be legitimate. It was for carpeting for when you get off the elevator. It was buckled and a trip hazard. Ms. Ziembra said she had the Director scheduled to come in on Tuesday.

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Notice from CCAO regarding a Zoom meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. on the American Rescue Plan Informational State Briefing for elected officials.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Boose has a board meeting for Firelands Forward.

1:00 p.m. today is the meeting with the State Auditor.

Payment to NEDC. NEDC had asked who would represent the Commissioners on the board. Mr. Boose was already on an economic development board so did not think it should be him. Mr. Wilde offered to be the representative.

Indigent reimbursements. Mr. Boose wondered about the bills the County does not get reimbursed for. He thought both the Juvenile Judge and the Common Pleas Judge had a policy. The problem is the County has already paid the bill.

At 10:10 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Joe Hintz seconded the motion. Discussion: for buildings and grounds employee The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:07 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Joe Hintz seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Action taken

Pete Welch will be meeting with a member of his staff to discuss position. Also, they are continuing to work on clarifying the Board's expectations for their unclassified/exempt employees.

Mr. Boose updated the Board on MHAS. They have narrowed down a location for recovery housing.

Ms. Ziemba noted that MHAS had a resignation of a board member and asked how they would like to proceed. Mr. Boose would like to advertise. Mr. Wilde suggested also notifying those who they had interviewed previously.

The Board had received an email from the Board of Elections regarding another provider. Mr. Boose would like to make sure they keep moving, there was not a lot of time to make a decision. Mr. Boose would prefer to look at four year options.

At 11:30 a.m. With no further business to discuss, Joe Hintz moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde 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 April 1, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Signatures on File