

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the September 6, 2022 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the September 6, 2022 minutes of the meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

- Aye – Terry Boose
- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE) B-X-20-1BJ-1 (DRAW #2) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request for payment and status of funds report has been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board’s certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request for payment and status of funds report; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the request for payment and status of funds report as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payment is not in excess of current needs; 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:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was for the Critical Infrastructure Grant for the New London Water System Project in the amount of \$128,678.00.

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

- Aye – Terry Boose
- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

State of Ohio
Office of Community Development
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request

Submit to: OCDD 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Ave Norwalk, Ohio 44857		CDRG E.E. RLF Balance: CDRG Housing P.I. Balance: Home Program Income Balance:				
Contact Person Information: Name: Angie McConnell Phone number: (419) 312-2008 Email: amcmcconnell@hcap.org		Grant Number: B-X-20-1BJ-1 Draw Number: 2		State Use Only Date: Voucher#: Warrant#:				
Project NBR	Project Name	Activity NBR	Activity Name	Housing Site Address (if applicable)	Site Number	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Budget (\$)	Balance of Activity/Site Budget (\$)
	New London Water System		Water Facility Improvements	N/A	N/A	\$128,678	\$128,678	\$342,822
Total Amount of this Draw:						\$128,678	\$128,678	
Certification of Itemization of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures are Required								
I certify that this request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) cited and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawer's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and the amount of the request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.								
Date: 9/15/22		Signature: <i>Bruce Wilde</i> Bruce Wilde		Title: President				
Date: 9-15-22		Countersignature: <i>Harry Brady</i>		Title: PRESIDENT				
State Use Only: Date:								
Approved:								

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

PROCLAMATIONS – There are 5 Proclamations and a Certificate. The Certificate is for the 2022 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award and Mr. Brady will hand it out on Monday. Mr. Wilde said that the 5 Proclamations were for Norwalk Economic Development Council. They recognize 5 different things; Golden Maple Award, Business Achievement Award, Economic Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, Innovation Award and Pushing the Envelope Award.

Harry Brady moved to sign all five Proclamations and the Certificate. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde





Huron County Commissioners

Congratulations

from

The Board of Huron County Commissioners

Presented to

Ms. Allene Warner

on the occasion

2022 Outstanding Senior Citizens Award

Pres.

Bruce Wilde

Harry Brady

Terry Boose

Date

September 15, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Terry Boose 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 – Terry Boose
- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

- Harry Brady – Commissioner - Columbus, Ohio - OPTA Conference - October 3 – 5, 2022.

Ms. Ziamba told the Board she had Ms. Stebel checking the budget. Travel was getting low, so they may need to put additional funds in the account to cover Winter Conference. Mr. Wilde felt this conference would be helpful since we are working with transportation right now.

SIGNINGS – none

At 9:13 a.m. County Project updates, Joel Riedy, IT.

- Mr. Wilde asked about licensing. Mr. Riedy said there are 2 types of licenses, perpetual and annual, the biggest difference is annual allows you to upgrade to the latest version free of charge. Perpetual you would only get updates for the version you purchased and when support is done for that version you have to buy a newer version. Mr. Wilde thought it would be advantageous to purchase the annual license. Mr. Riedy told them that some of that was based on vendor requirements.
- Broadband/internet - The consultant, McDonald Hopkins, has not gotten back to us yet. They have the RFP. Mr. Boose said Seneca County is spending \$26M on internet infrastructure. Mr. Wilde said based on what they have seen, to fill in the missing coverage, it should only cost us approximately \$1/2M. Mr. Wilde went on to say that since this would not cost as much as they initially thought, they have some added things they would like to do. One of those things being to help with affordability. Mr. Boose thought that affordability would be a challenge. Mr. Brady told them he was at a meeting where they had data about homes being high risk because of not having an internet connection. Mr. Wilde did not think that the Commissioners should give money to individuals, but wanted to see if there was a way we can give money to another entity such as Job and Family Services and they could distribute it. Will need to check into the Federal Programs for this.
- Mr. Riedy said they now have a department operating on the EISC (aka... Data Center). They moved the Dog Warden over to it and they are operating 100% on the Data Center. Mr. Riedy explained how they accomplished the switchover and said that the server they were using was old and it would end up getting wiped and going to surplus. The Dog Warden was the department in the most need of a new server and it was fairly simple to convert.
- The rack for the EISC is stuck in customs according to UPS.
- Mr. Riedy discussed how the failover works. He also said the room that was chosen for the EISC is working out well.

- Mr. Riedy stated they were now working to move another department's server over to the EISC and were hoping to have the server located in the EISC by the next meeting. Mr. Boose liked his process for moving the servers over. Mr. Riedy said that you have to be very careful, especially since these are government offices and it affects people if they are down. Mr. Brady asked how many departments will be switching over to the EISC. Mr. Riedy told him 8. Mr. Wilde thought the Engineer wanted to be switched over. Mr. Riedy told Mr. Wilde the engineer was on the list and the Records office is also in need. The Recorder's office will be next and Mr. Riedy is currently working on those servers. The Recorder's office has ordered several new computers recently.
- The switches that have been backordered for a while finally came in. The manufactured date on them is July 29, 2022.
- The penetration test will hopefully take place the week of the 26th. Mr. Wilde asked if this was the test for CORSA and was told yes.
- Fiber install for downtown offices should happen the week of the 20th if the fiber comes in. The deposit was for them to have custom fiber cable made for the job. This way there will not be any splices.
- The PC at Victim's Assistance will be replaced using grant money.
- Mr. Boose asked what the text notification system was. Ms. Ziemba said this was so reminders could go out for jury duty.

Department	Project	Status	9/14/2022
Common Pleas	Install new switch, install new Wi-fi	complete	
Common Pleas	Install new wireless phones in courtrooms	Complete	
Juvenile Court	Install new network switches	Completed	
Juvenile Court	Server upgrades for courtview system	Complete	
JFS	Install new router, firewall and router	Complete	
Office Building	New Fiber Switch install	Complete	
MHAS	Server grant	Go live expected end of September.	
MHAS	Technology grant		
	Adult Probation	Complete	
	Public Defender	Complete	
Fairgrounds	Wi-Fi install	Complete	
Admin building	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Admin building	Wi-Fi upgrade	Complete	
Law Library	Switch upgrade	Parts have arrived, installing next week.	
IT	Configure Intrusion Prevention System	Complete	
IT	NTIA Broadband Grant	We were not selected	
Recorder	Staff PC Upgrades and repurpose computers	Complete	
IT	Syslog Server	Operational, this is an ongoing project	
IT	Electronic Information Storage center	Equipment is currently in customs.	
	Working on room prep	Complete	
	Connecting all sites.	in progress	
	Electrical	Complete	
	Department migration	1 Department moved	
Adult Probation	Network upgrades/recable	Complete	
Recorder	Switch upgrade	Complete	
Recorder	Fiber run	Complete	
Engineer Office	Firewall Replacement	Complete	
Admin building	Core upgrade	Completed	
Prosecutor Office	Switch upgrade/Replacement	Complete	
IT	Phone system 4 digit dial	in progress, system is operational	
Courthouse	Wi-Fi upgrade/replacement	Complete	
Title Office	Router, firewall upgrade	Complete	
Recorder	PC replacement	Complete	
IT	Internet speed upgrade	Complete	
veterans office	Router/firewall upgrade	on order	
Recorder	Wi-Fi upgrade	Complete	
IT	Penetration test	on order week of the 26th	
Common Pleas	Text notification system	Complete	
Adult Probation	new camera monitor	complete	
Prosecutor Office	2 new computers	complete	
Recorder	2 new computers	50% complete	
IT	Fiber install	week of 9/20	
Victims Assistance	New Computer	Equipment has arrived	

At 9:35 a.m. Budget Discussion.

Mr. Wilde said that Ms. Ziemba had forwarded the budget letter she had sent out last year. He responded, saying he would like the information to come back to us. Then the departments could let us know if they would like to come in to explain anything in their budgets.

Mr. Boose would like to offer them the opportunity to come in and discuss their budget. He would also like to tell them if they have any big asks, we strongly suggest they come in and will need their budget at least two days before they come in. Ms. Ziemba clarified they wanted the same questions asked as last year. Mr. Boose said they did.

Ms. Ziemba said she needs to get with Megan Bursley to see how soon she can get the budget sheets prepared. Ms. Ziemba was wondering if they should put a date to have it submitted by, then schedule people

to come in the next Tuesday or Thursday. Mr. Boose felt that some departments may need more time to get their budgets done than others, so it may not work to give all of them the same date to get them done. Mr. Brady thought we could tell them if they were not planning on coming in, they should get their budget to us by a certain date and if they are planning on coming in then they should have their budget to us 2 days before the scheduled discussion date. Ms. Ziemba said she would send something out that she thinks will work. Mr. Boose told her not to forget to mention if they have an ask, they should come in.

Mr. Boose said they received a sheet from Auditor Tkach which they would need some answers on. Ms. Ziemba said she was working on it. Mr. Tkach asked for the last meeting date of the year in his letter and the commissioners discussed this. Ms. Ziemba said she could be safe and tell him it was scheduled for December 27 however in past years, if there was no business during that time, it was canceled. Ms. Ziemba said the safe bet would be to plan on December 20th. Mr. Boose did not understand why he needed that date and said the answer to that is our last scheduled meeting is December 27.

Mr. Brady will not be here for the October 4th meeting due to being at the Transportation Conference in Columbus. Discussed 4H banquet on October 5th.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk updates:

- Ms. Ziemba spoke to Ms. Hoffman, with Palmer Energy, about having the company look at the Courthouse. Ms. Hoffman said she had mentioned it to someone at Palmer and they were going to mention it to their sister company. Ms. Hoffman will follow-up.
- Mr. Boose said he had received the spreadsheet from Ms. Stebel and it was a great spreadsheet, especially with budget coming up. Mr. Boose said he had asked her to prepare 2 more spreadsheets, which will be specific to a building. He wanted to compare our current purchases versus last year to see if it has gone up or it is just high. Ms. Ziemba said she had asked her to do it per building for all of the buildings. They discussed the weather factoring into the bills, but felt that did not account for all of the increases.
- Discussed the water bill for the administration building and will have Mr. Welch talk to Mr. Finney about a leak that was previously discussed. Mr. Boose thought we may have to talk with Ms. Ditz about when they transitioned to the new line. Ms. Ziemba said we had already received our first bill for the new line.

Assistant Prosecutor updates: none

Commissioner Brady updates:

- Mr. Brady thought the Food & Mood webinar on Tuesday was interesting.
- Yesterday was a busy day. He attended Healing Communities. They discussed factors that contributed to high risk homes. Some of these factors are: unemployment, Ohio is at 3.3% and Huron County was at 2.9% at the time of the report. 13.6 % of people were below the poverty level in the Ohio and 12.0 % in Huron County, Private Health Insurance 69% have it in Ohio and 71% in Huron County. Mr. Brady wanted to focus on the factors to determine if it was going to be a high-risk home and some other factors were Public Health Insurance, High School Diplomas, Veterans, disabilities, internet access and non-vehicle households.
- Yesterday afternoon Mr. Brady went to Willard for the Meet & Greet at the Senior Center. He had to leave right when the speakers started to go to Firefighter's Association meeting. At the Firefighter's Association meeting they discussed law enforcement subjects and there were quite a few law enforcement officials in attendance. They mentioned the dive training.
- CCAO General Operations and Government on Zoom today at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Brady will be at the NEDC Network After Work this evening, but will need to leave a little early to attend the EMA meeting.
- Mr. Brady will be in Mansfield on Monday to present the Outstanding Senior Citizen Certificate.

Commissioner Boose updates:

- Workforce Development meeting on Monday. Originally, they were supposed to have Joel Potts from the State Job and Family Services and John Trott from Greater Ohio Workforce Coalition as speakers, but neither of them could make it. They both said they would be at the WIOA meeting this month. There was a good turnout. Mr. Boose said they discussed an article on quiet quitting and also mentioned they had been talking about this topic for 2 years, but now had a name for it. Mr. Boose said one of the reasons we have a shortage of employees is that around 20 to 50 years ago a 40-hour work week is what you were scheduled for, but not necessarily what you worked. There has been a strong push in the last couple of generations to say I am working 40 hours and that is it. Mr. Boose has been with businesses that scheduled you for more than 40 hours in a week. They heard from several businesses that are trying to do new things to appease employees. Besides the great resignation that happened a year or 2 ago; now the phenomena of quiet quitting is hitting and

making a huge difference. Mr. Boose said they discussed one of the reasons people can get away with only working 40 hours is that salaries have gone up so much. Mr. Brady told them that the time and a half overtime rules were put in place to discourage employers from working people excessive hours and to encourage them to hire more people. Discussed the work ethics of different generations and how to adapt.

- Wednesday morning Mr. Boose had a Firelands Forward meeting. It was held in Catawba, but he did not go there in person so he would be able to make it to his next meeting. This Saturday Firelands Forward is having a Wellness meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christie Lane. On September 21, Firelands Forward will have a meeting on 2-1-1. Mr. Wilde said he was at the Meet & Greet last night and asked them if they are all caught up on 2-1-1. Mr. Beal said they were ready to push it out and had flyers. Ms. Ziemba said she received an e-mail from Dave White and was told Firelands Forward will need the additional \$5,000 to meet their goal. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. White to send us an invoice, but has not received it yet. Mr. Boose said that he had seen on the claim schedule this week that JFS had paid their portion of the fee.
- Mr. Boose had a JEDI Committee (Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure) meeting. He said they have so many meetings going on because they are trying to update their plan for next year and were putting together their policies for next year's legislature. There were not a lot of policy changes for JEDI. They discussed that legislature needs to understand rural communities better and HB 635. There is something in that bill that is keeping some committee members from supporting it. This is the bill which supports getting better gas pressure to areas with low gas pressure. They voted to be an "interested party" – not for and not against the bill.
- Went to Firefighters Association meeting last night.
- Mr. Boose had a unique request from a Sandusky County Commissioner who left Mr. Boose a voicemail. Ottawa and Sandusky County met last week to discuss how to get state money for jails. They want to expand to a regional jail discussion and have a meeting scheduled next Tuesday, September 20 at the old jail in Fremont. They would like one of our commissioners to attend the meeting. The Sheriff's from each county are supposed to be there as well. Mr. Boose said he would call the commissioner back.
- Mr. Brady mentioned transportation to Kyle Petty at CCAO. Mr. Petty used to be a lobbyist for OPTA. Mr. Petty will reach put to the ODOT person who deals with transportation to get some dates when they can meet about transportation.
- Mr. Boose received information regarding bond payments and what was left to make for bond payments. He thought it came from the Auditor's office.

Commissioner Wilde update

- Board of Revision meeting yesterday. They got quite a bit done, but they still have another meeting scheduled.
- Mr. Wilde attended the Meet & Greet at the Senior Center in Willard. Mr. Wilde said the Senior Center is getting a new sound system and a new system for Webinars. They will then be able to watch events in 9 other counties. This is not in Norwalk yet, but is available in Willard. Mr. Wilde said the new system, with everything included, cost \$20,000. Mr. Brady said that Mr. Beal reassured the people in Willard that they would not shut the center in Willard down if they build a new center in Norwalk. Mr. Boose asked if the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Meet and Greet or was it the senior center. Mr. Brady said he had originally heard about it from the Willard Chamber of Commerce.
- Mr. Wilde will attend the LEPC at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Brady and Mr. Boose will attend EMA at 7:00 p.m.
- CORSA Training from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. next Wednesday in Meeting Room A. Ms. Ziemba told the Commissioners that she would be sending out an e-mail to all of the Directors and Supervisors stating this is a mandatory training.
- CEBCO. Ms. Ziemba said new plans had been requested and came in at 4:25 p.m. last night. Because it was last minute, they had extended the deadline. One Digital will be in next week to give a presentation and provide their recommendation. Ms. Ziemba will discuss with Ms. Hozalski, then send the commissioners the correct information. Mr. Brady had received an e-mail with the plans. The commissioners discussed the deductibles on some of the plans and that private industry had to go with the higher deductibles because of the pricing. They also felt we were lucky with the pricing we are able to get.

At 10:50 a.m. the board recessed.

At 11:06 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

At 11:06 a.m. Harry Brady 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. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

At 12:05 p.m. Harry Brady moved to end executive session ORC 121.22 G (1). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*Aye – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**No action taken*

At 12:06 p.m. Harry Brady 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 September 15, 2022.

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 12:06 p.m.

Signatures on file.