

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. Harry Brady absent

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the March 19, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - Roger Hunker, Apex. Mr. Hunker invited the board to the solar project in Erie County on the 15th. This would give them a chance to see the project from the inside, do a quick drive through, stop at the job trailers and ask the construction crew questions. He wanted to give them a chance to see it from the inside. Mr. Boose asked if they have already started it. Mr. Hunker said they have, they are assembling panels. They started last fall and have about 40,000 posts put in. They are starting to put panels up. The project should be complete by the end of the year and ready to go online by the first of next year.

24-150

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

Bruce Wilde 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 Batch #378263 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** On page 4, under Sheriff/Equipment is stated "breeze indoor wall mount outdoor equipment - Norwalk Heating". Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had any idea what that was. She did not.

On page 6, under Sheriff, Mr. Boose asked if they could find out why they were paying \$5,000/month to ES Consulting. Ms. Ziemba will send a message. Mr. Boose would also like to get a copy of the invoice for the hard drive. He would like Mr. Riedy look at it to see if we could have saved some money if they had gone through our IT department.

On page 10, Mr. Boose would like to check on the mediation fees for Common Pleas Court. He thought they were usually paid once a month. Last week they paid for January, February and March. This week they were paying for February, March and March. Also, they always paid the mediator directly; now they have a payment to Sandusky County Commissioners. Mr. Boose would like to find out what has changed.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Sheriff, Police, and Public Defender.

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
04/18/2024	Hudson North Shore Stone Quarry	378263	2024-000291	#4 Limestone	\$1,652.96	
04/18/2024	Account 500.001.00250 (Materials) Total:				\$1,652.96	
04/18/2024	Orange Water Heating	378263	2024-000621	2000 gal Water	\$86.00	
04/18/2024	Zeigler Tire & Supply Co	378263	2024-000421	12 cases of gloves for inmate use	\$1,086.71	
04/18/2024	Therapy Point Control LLC	378263	2024-000071	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Business Cooperative Co, Inc	378263	2024-000421	12 cases of gloves for inmate use	\$1,086.71	
04/18/2024	City of Environmental Consultants Inc	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	ACE PRO	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Frederick Electric Cooperative Inc	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Clear Lake Communications	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	City of Environmental Consultants Inc	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	WPA Sundry	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	John Deere Financial	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Industrial TLU LLC	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Shorewest Equipment Co Inc	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Philly LLC DBA Ohio Tire Terminal	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Philly Trucking LLC	378263	2024-000421	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Account 500.001.00280 (Contract Service) Total:				\$2,726.22	
	Department Landfill Total:				\$2,726.22	
	Fund 500 - Landfill Total:				\$2,726.22	
	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District					
04/18/2024	Department Solid Waste Management District	378263	2024-001711	Compost Recyclables	\$5,664.74	
04/18/2024	Huron County Transfer Station	378263	2024-001711	ADR	\$1,240.00	
04/18/2024	ET Environmental Inc	378263	2024-001891	Isaac Pines-April	\$8,324.24	
04/18/2024	Account 525.025.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:				\$15,229.98	
04/18/2024	Department Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$15,229.98	
04/18/2024	Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:				\$15,229.98	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
04/18/2024	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust					
04/18/2024	Department Commissary Trust	378263	2024-002051	Isaac Pines-April	\$309.73	
04/18/2024	Charles Communications	378263	2024-002051	12 cases of gloves for inmate use	\$1,086.71	
04/18/2024	Lakhouse Inc	378263	2024-002051	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Signature & Service Inc	378263	2024-002051	Turn towel, along with permatool blades, trim s	\$939.77	
04/18/2024	Account 635.635.00260 (Expenses) Total:				\$2,326.21	
04/18/2024	Department Commissary Trust Total:				\$2,326.21	
04/18/2024	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$2,326.21	
04/18/2024	Grand Total:				\$426,847.92	

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IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE WELLS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Wells Road Resurfacing project;

WHEREAS, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Wells Road Resurfacing project;

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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:** Mr. Tansey said all their bids have come in really good this year so they have some extra money. This project was sitting on the back burner so they were able to move it forward to this year. They will do the whole road from 61 to Hartland Center.

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, May 3, 2024 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Wells Road Resurfacing. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than October 25, 2024.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and clicking on the “Legal Notices” link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the “Bid Information” link.

Advertise:
April 18, 2024

24-152

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2024 CHIP AND SEAL PHASE 2 PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-109 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the 2024 Chip and Seal Phase 2 project; and

WHEREAS, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:05 A.M from the following:

Sarver Paving Company	\$570,781.00	
Melway Paving	\$577,660.00	
Allied Construction	\$684,499.00	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Company, Ashland, Ohio, for the 2024 Chip and Seal Phase 2 project; and further

BE RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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:** Mr. Tansey stated this is Phase 2, and there are nine townships throughout the county involved.

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

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

24-153

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE JIM ESKER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AT THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-101 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Jim Esker Road Resurfacing project; and

WHEREAS, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:00 A.M from the following:

Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$80,752.50	
Sarver Paving Company	\$82,805.00	
AJ Riley	\$89,825.00	now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Erie Blacktop, Inc., Sandusky, Ohio, for the Jim Esker Road Resurfacing Project; and further

BE RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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:** Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Tansey for helping them on this project. Mr. Tansey thanked them for paying for the project. This allowed him to pay for another paving project, such as Wells Road.

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

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

24-154

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE COOK RD. & HANVILLE CORNERS RD. SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-110 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Cook Rd. & Hanville Corners Rd Concrete Superstructure Replacements; and

WHEREAS, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, bids were received Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:10 A.M from the following:

U. S. Bridge division of The Ohio Bridge Corp. \$280,967.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to U.S. Bridge division of The Ohio Bridge Corp., Cambridge, Ohio, for the Cook Rd. & Hanville Corners Rd. Concrete Superstructure Replacements; and further

BE RESOLVED, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer's Office; 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: Mr. Tansey said this was a fabrication of structural steel. It will be delivered to us and we will set up a future project for installation. This came in under the engineer's estimate. Steel prices seem to have flattened out.

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

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

24-155

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH DENES CONCRETE, INC. FOR THE SECTION LINE ROAD 21 CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-099 the bid was awarded to Denes Concrete, Inc. for the amount of \$254,003.50 for the Section Line Road 21 Concrete Superstructure Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Denes Concrete, Inc., for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Denes Concrete, Inc., Wellington, Ohio for the Section Line Road 21 Concrete Superstructure Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer as attached hereto and expressly incorporate 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Tansey explained this was a project near New London. Actual construction would probably be in late summer.

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

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

*Contract on file

24-156

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PAINT MARKING PROJECT - 2024 FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-131 the bid was awarded to Oglesby Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$118,425.00 for the Paint Marking Project - 2024 for the Huron County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desire to enter into contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc., for such goods and services: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc., Norwalk, Ohio for the Paint Marking Project - 2024 for the Huron County Engineer as attached hereto and expressly incorporate 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey said this was various roads throughout the county. They will probably start mid to late summer.

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

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

**Contract on file*

24-157

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024

Bruce Wilde moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer’s Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Political Subdivision”) hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon of award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT’s signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party’s own errors, actions, and failures to act; and
- d. The Political Subdivision’s electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract’s effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and

g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 3rd, **by 5:00 p.m.** The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

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:** Mr. Tansey explained they have to take what they order, whether they use it or not. They have leftover from last year, and are at capacity now. They have about 2,500 tons on hand right now, but only used about 1,500 last year. However, they can use over 5,000 in a bad winter. He also can't order over 110% of his contract. He will have to try to figure out how much to order.

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

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

24-158

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING A COMPUTER AND NETWORK TECHNICIAN FOR HURON COUNTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Computer and Network Technician for Huron County; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted and advertised in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Ayden Slone was deemed to be the most qualified applicant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slone has accepted the employment offer for the position; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves hiring Ayden Slone to the position of Computer and Network Technician for Huron County, as a full-time, classified, FLSA non-exempt employee beginning April 29, 2024 at the rate of \$26.00 per hour, contingent upon successful pre-employment physical, drug test and background check. Hourly rate will increase to \$27.00 per hour after successful completion of the 180-calendar day probation. A copy of the employment agreement is 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.

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

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

24-159

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	00650	001	\$46,141.90		014	00125	001	\$46,141.90
		Retirements					Juvenile Probation salaries		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.

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

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

24-160

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 16, 2024

Bruce Wilde 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:

<u>Permanent Improvement Fund #310</u>		
Marett Excavating Inc.	Removal of catwalk from old jail and courthouse	\$24,000
		now therefore

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.

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

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

SIGNINGS

Bruce Wilde moved to approve signing a letter of support for the Huron County Ag Society. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

April 16, 2024

Senator Nathan H. Manning
District 13
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square - Ground Floor 039
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Manning,

We would like to offer our full support for the request being submitted by the Huron County Ag Society on behalf of the Feichtner Memorial Building Committee. The Huron County Ag Society is requesting a total of \$750,000 FY25-26 Ohio Capital Bill – One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (H.B. 33) to construct the Feichtner Family Memorial Barn at the Huron County Fairgrounds. This 200ft x 100ft barn will replace three existing barns in need of repair.

The Feichtner family is well-known in the Huron County Agricultural community. Owen Feichtner and his brother Nash originally started this project when they dedicated their winnings from a premium auction to start a building fund in memory of their grandpa. John Feichtner passed away in March 2021. Sadly, in October of 2021, both Owen (age 16) and his grandmother, Donna, passed away on the same day.

The Board of Huron County Commissioners fully support this endeavor, and have pledged \$300,000 towards the project. The Huron County Fair is a highly anticipated event in our area. The Feichtner Family Memorial barn will be an outstanding addition to the fairgrounds. It will be used to house market swine and goats during the fair, and will also have a large show ring. The addition of this facility will not only pay tribute to a family that was actively involved in its success, but will increase the enjoyment of all members of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose and 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 – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Megan Bursley, Treasurer, to Columbus, Ohio for County Treasurer’s Association of Ohio Spring Conference on May 13 – 16, 2024.

SIGNINGS - continued

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the Property Use Request from Oasis Church for the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd at 5:15 – 7:15, including electricity. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Absent – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

OLD BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS**Assistant Prosecutor's report**

Mr. Strickler had sent them the updated NCAT lease agreement. Mr. Boose asked if he had seen the changes Mr. Welch requested. Mr. Strickler had not. Mr. Strickler said the other thing he thought they should add was an exhibit highlighting the area NCAT was occupying. He also included the fact they plan to turn one of the offices into a bathroom and added they are responsible for the flooring and ceiling. It had been discussed that they are responsible for those renovations. Mr. Wilde noted that Mr. Welch had asked that, under Article 7, they put in that all alterations should be approved by the Lessor. Also, he thought they should include who the responsible party was for the security and fire system. Mr. Wilde assumed we were, but it should be in the agreement because we have had issues. Mr. Strickler asked that they forward Mr. Welch's email to him and he will make those changes. Ms. Ziemba said last week there was some discussion over who was supplying the cleaning products. There had been a question about paper supplies and cleaning products for the shared areas at 306B between Firelands Local and NCAT. Mr. Boose said we will supply the products for the common space only. They need to provide the service. We have said from day one we are not sending any of our people there. Ms. Ziemba said she had told Mr. Minor to make sure they have toilet paper and paper towels until a decision was made. Mr. Minor said their paper towel dispensers are not the same as what we have. We can either order new stock for them or we have to change out the dispenser itself. Mr. Boose said to change out the dispenser so everyone has the same and we all have the same supplies. And he would like Mr. Minor and/or Mr. Welch to sit down with Firelands Local and let them know we are not supplying all their cleaning needs. Just the supplies for the bathroom/common areas. Mr. Strickler will put some language in the NCAT lease.

Mr. Wilde had a question for Mr. Strickler regarding the wind turbine project. They don't exactly have addresses - what happens when 9-1-1 is called? Mr. Strickler thought the turbines would be on pieces of property that did have addresses. Mr. Hunker said they work with emergency management and the fire departments. They have had multiple discussions with Mr. Mead just in case. But if there is a catastrophe, their safety team will be the ones taking care of it. Mr. Strickler said that under the PILOT they are required to provide the fire departments with the proper training. He also thought the PILOT required them to have team of people that can help our fire departments and EMA people in case there is some sort of catastrophe.

At 9:55 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:07 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Angie McConnell, GLCAP for the Huron County PY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 1st Public Hearing. Ms. McConnell explained this was to announce what Huron County was potentially eligible for. The programs available are:

Allocation Program. The base level is \$150,000 but in past years Huron County has received \$162,000. This is designed to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development and fair housing.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program. This is up to \$750,000 designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas through public infrastructure projects.

Residential Public Infrastructure Program. Provides up to \$750,000 designed to create safe and reliable drinking water and sanitary waste.

Critical Infrastructure Program. Up to \$500,000. That is to help public infrastructure improvements with significant community impact.

Economic Development Program up to \$500,000. This is grants and loans to improve infrastructure directly or creating, expanding or retaining businesses within the community.

Flexible Grant Program. This used to be called the Flex Spending Account, which is there for any projects that may not fit in the other programs. Years ago the Downtown and the Neighborhood were within that program. The Neighborhood was separated. The downtown is within this, so there is \$250,000 potentially for downtown help.

Ms. McConnell stated that this year the applications are due June 12. Ben Martens sent out pre-applications to every village, city, and township within the county. Those are due back to him on May 1. Every project under the CDBG program has to meet low income eligibility. This can be done through the census tract block group, so the project can be located in an area that is low to moderate income – it has to be 51% or more. One of the issues they are having this year is that HUD will be releasing new LMI numbers. The state has told them they have to abide by those numbers. But they have no idea when HUD will be releasing them. This makes it a little bit difficult. However, if a community is currently 60% or more LMI they are probably safe. The two other ways are distressed area and ADA accessibility. Forms can be filled out to designate an area a distressed area. Anything with ADA accessibility is automatically eligible. Also, if you have a group that is basically deemed LMI, such as nursing homes or any projects with seniors, or homeless shelters, they would be eligible.

Ms. McConnell said that GLCAP will be helping Huron County with the Allocation Program. This is specific money that is allocated and the commissioners choose the projects. They just allot the money - Huron County is on even years. The other programs are all competitive. Back in Program Year 20 New London did do a critical infrastructure project, their waterline project. Ms. McConnell knew that Mr. Pickworth had been in contact with them. Other communities could also be in contact if there is funding they would like to apply for. She reminded them to keep in mind that they are liable because the grant agreement with Ohio Department of Development was with them.

Mr. Wilde asked Ms. McConnell if she had ever heard of the Huron County Growth Partnership. She had not. Mr. Wilde explained it was HCDC, NEDC and the Chamber coming together to become one. He asked if she did a presentation for them. Ms. McConnell said basically, how they do it is they send out the pre-applications. These go to every city, village and township, but they also send them to anybody that may have received funding in the past. Mr. Wilde said like Catholic Charities. Ms. McConnell agreed. But if somebody wanted to be added, they definitely could do that. Mr. Boose noted there was a hearing this afternoon. He asked who was supposed to be at that hearing. Ms. McConnell said the 1:00 was not a hearing, it was just a required meeting. Mr. Boose asked if it was regarding this. Ms. McConnell said it was. They would go through the different programs a little bit deeper. The other thing, it is a requirement of the allocation application to hear from anybody that attends, their concerns and needs for their community. It is an open meeting. Mr. Boose suggested to Mr. Wilde if he thinks it is important for the Growth Partnership to be there then he should give them a call later this morning.

Ms. Ziembra said Ms. McConnell had stated to her that there would be a charge for some of the highly competitive grants. Ms. McConnell said in the past, GLCAP has been the CDBG administrator. With the Allocation Program they do not charge an application fee up front - they know they will get paid since a portion of that is set aside specifically for administration fees. When New London wanted to apply for the critical infrastructure, GLCAP didn't bill or charge an application fee. They do get administrative dollars out of the grant. But, they had to apply three times because it is highly competitive. There is not enough money for that number of applications. So, if there are competitives, they are going to bill up front. It doesn't matter if it is funded or not.

Mr. Wilde wanted to clarify that some of these were grants and some were loans, like the Economic Development loan. Ms. McConnell said that used to be the Revolving Loan Fund. It was a grant from the state. The funds could be lent to businesses for start-up, existing, expansion. Then that money was paid back. And then you would do it again. The state is wanting that to go away. Ms. McConnell said she had a business in Allen County that ended up getting a \$113,000 grant from the state through the Economic Development program. So, they can get a grant or it can be a loan, depending on some of the criteria of what the business is doing and what they need the funding for.

Ms. McConnell said a requirement of receiving any CDBG funding is that you have to have a Fair Housing Awareness Program. Fair Housing gives the right for all persons to live wherever they can afford to live. Ohio prohibits the discrimination against protected classes: race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability – this is both physical and mental disability, family status in which one or more children are under the age of 18, pregnant women and people in the process of adoption. This also includes sex and military status. Based solely on these protected classes, it is illegal to refuse to sell or rent housing and it is illegal to set different terms and conditions, like rent or security deposits. There are exemptions in the State of Ohio. There are bona fide private organizations that are allowed to only have their members live in their facilities. But ultimately their membership needs to abide by the Fair Housing Laws. Also, senior facilities can prohibit younger people from living in their facilities. With Fair Housing there is also a component for the disabled. This would be for something that would make day to day living easier for a disabled person. Generally speaking, they tell people to talk to the landlord first. Depending on what it is, the landlord shouldn't deny it, but they also don't have to pay for it. In addition, there are laws regarding service animals and emotional support animals. There is a difference. Usually the service animals are trained for a couple years for a specific disability. However, people do take advantage, so landlords do have protection. It cannot be an illegal exotic animal. A landlord can even go as far as calling the doctor saying, in a court of

law, does this person need an emotional support animal. But they can't ask for extra security deposit, extra monthly rent. What they can do is bill the tenant for damages when the tenant leaves. Mr. Boose asked if cleaning could be included in damages. Ms. McConnell said it could. A landlord has to protect their other tenants also. If an animal is a threat to other tenants the landlord can go back to them and say they realize you need this, but you are going to have to find another animal. And if there is a financial hardship because of a certain animal. Ms. McConnell used the example of the landlord losing their homeowners insurance, or having it skyrocket, due to a particular breed of dog. If that's the case, the landlord can say we understand, but we are going to have to work together to come up with a different type of animal. Landlords can still screen when they are trying to find tenants but they have to use the same criteria across the board - credit check, police report - they have to do the same with everybody. They are there to determine if a complaint is actually a fair housing complaint versus a landlord/tenant complain. 99% of the calls they get are usually landlord/tenant complaints. In those cases they will help them contact Legal Aid or the Fair Housing. They are available to file a complaint with the Fair Housing or the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, but in 26 years Ms. McConnell has never had to do that. The Fair Housing Centers are regional, we have one in Lucas County.

Mr. Boose, President called for testimony in favor of the CDBG Grant Program, hearing none, Mr. Boose called twice for testimony, hearing none called thrice, hearing none called once for testimony against, hearing none called twice, hearing none called thrice the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wilde report

CAC will have an event to celebrate 60 years on May 16 at the Eagles Club.

National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 2 at the Presbyterian Church. John Soisson will be the speaker.

Tomorrow night he and Mr. Boose will be going to the Chamber Banquet.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose attended the Senior Center contractor's meeting yesterday. They have been delayed quite a bit in the month of April due to weather: 4/2, 4/4, 4/5, 4/8, 4/11, 4/12. They hope to get the slab poured this week, if not then next week. It is 100% dependent upon the weather. Even if it is just a slight rain they probably will not pour it. They are going to get a delivery of steel and wood framing coming in. Another item of discussion was the sign. Mr. Boose had received an email from Mr. Tkach saying that the state hasn't made up their mind, and he doesn't know when they will. Mr. Boose sent an email back saying we needed to know for yesterday's meeting. Mr. Boose had also received an email from Ms. Hartman saying she would prefer that both signs have their name on it. He understands that, but the state hasn't made a decision and we have to move forward. So, we are going to move forward with putting a new sign on the west end strictly for Enrichment Services. We will move the sign for Title/BMV from the west end to the east end. Of course, nothing is simple. There was discussion that electricity will need to be run. Currently the sign at the west end does not have electricity, so we do not have to add electricity to the east side, we just move the sign. The contractor was trying to talk to the sign company because moving the sign was not in the bid. Their person doing the work for the sign said they do not want to move the old sign. They do not want to take the liability. Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor are talking with the sign company we use to see if they will move it. There will also have to be some kind of foundation to put it on. It is still up in the air whether the foundation of the old sign can be used for the new sign. They don't think it can be. Everything for the new sign should be part of the bid. The moving of the old sign is not. The new sign will be lit. There are questions as to how that will be done. Mr. Boose noted that there are currently three PRs. He did not know what "PR" was, but he knew each one cost money. None of them have been finalized as far as dollar amount. PR-1 is for the roof edge in the back where the patio is going to be. There was a discrepancy between drawings, but they have worked that all out. That might cost an extra \$900. PR-2 is the sign. PR-3 had to do with electrical plates and some of the operational walls - some will be removed and some added. The initial estimate is \$650. Right now all of these could easily be paid in contingencies. At some time they will need to come before the Board for approval. They are not ready yet, they do not have the final dollar amount.

At 10:45 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. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Absent – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Huron County Landfill 2024		Megan Bursley, Huron County Treasurer	
		FUND 000	FUND 505
		L. Equipment	L. Equipment
Statement Date:	Ending Balance	Tomnage (IC)	
1/31/2024	231,008.22	3,489.13	246,875.21
February	233,871.47	3,885.68	228,053.07
March	235,824.43	3,835.29	281,008.21
April	289,276.79		0.00
May			0.00
June			0.00
July			0.00
August			0.00
September			0.00
October			0.00
November			0.00
December			0.00
TOTAL	\$1,035,891.71	14,329.50	\$1,007,332.71
			28,689.00

Ms. Bursley turned the meeting over to Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments. Ms. Stanic said a lot had changed since she was in last year. She reviewed the economic conditions driving the market today. Discussion regarding the economy and the effect of the stimulus dollars.

Ms. Stanic reviewed the county’s investment portfolio. Currently there is a little over \$25 million invested in securities. The cash piece is a little high at \$32.7 million. She and Ms. Bursley have discussed this. The question is can some of this cash be reallocated and spread across longer term. At this point they have 41% of the \$25 million maturing beyond three years. The objective has been to maintain that at 40-42%. The offset is always making sure 20% of the investment portfolio maturing within a year. That provides opportunities to adjust strategies, but also provides backup liquidity.

Megan Bursley presented the Investment Policy. Ms. Bursley explained that Assistant Prosecutor, Jacob Stephens, said the Commissioners could pass a resolution but it was not needed. It is a policy of the Investment Board.

Megan Bursley moved to approve the Investment Policy. Terry Boose seconded the motion. All voted ayes.

**INVESTMENT POLICY
for
HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

I. Governing Authority

This document, in conjunction with the Ohio Revised Code (“O.R.C.”), as amended, will govern the investments and the investment activities of Huron County, Ohio (“County”).

II. Purpose

The purpose of the investment policy is to ensure that the County’s investment objectives, in order of priority, of safety, liquidity and return are adhered to while conforming to all applicable rules and statutes governing the investment of public funds by an Ohio county.

III. Investment Advisory Committee

The President of the Board of County Commissioners for Huron County, Ohio, one other member of the Board of County Commissioners for Huron County, Ohio, to be appointed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners for Huron County, Ohio, and the County Treasurer for Huron County, Ohio, (“Committee”) shall meet periodically as required under the O.R.C. The Committee will review this investment policy annually to assure the flexibility necessary to effectively manage the investment portfolio.

IV. Investing Authority

Pursuant to O.R.C. 135.31, the Huron County Treasurer is the investment authority of the County, except as provided in O.R.C. section 135.34.

V. Objectives

The primary objectives, in order of priority, of the County’s investment activities shall be:

1. **Safety:** The safety of the principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. The County’s investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of the principal in the overall portfolio.
2. **Liquidity:** The portfolio should be managed in such a manner to assure that funds are available to meet reasonably expected, immediate and future cash needs of the County.
3. **Return:** The portfolio shall be managed in such a fashion as to earn a market rate of return throughout any budgetary and economic cycles, within the context and parameters set forth by objectives 1 and 2 above.

VI. Prudence

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, in a manner that which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of the capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

The standard of prudence to be used by the Huron County Treasurer, and others involved in the

management of the investment portfolio, shall be the aforementioned “prudent person” standard, and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall investment portfolio. Acting in accordance with this Investment Policy, and in exercising due diligence, shall relieve the Huron County Treasurer and others involved in the management of the portfolio from any personal responsibility, or liability, for the individual security’s credit risk or market price changes, provided for any deviations from the expectations are reported to the Investment Advisory Committee in a timely fashion so that appropriate action may be taken to control adverse developments.

VII. Crediting of Interest

All interest earned on monies included within the county treasury shall be credited to the General Fund of Huron County, Ohio, except as provided in O.R.C. section 135.352 and 1545.22, pursuant to O.R.C. 135.351(A).

Interest earnings on Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax funds shall accrue to and be expended for the purposes of the special fund which contains the principal, pursuant to Ohio Constitution Article XII, Section 5a. (*Paulding Cty. Bd. of Cty. Commrs. v. State*, 3d Dist. Paulding CASE NO. 11-91-14, 1992 Ohio App. LEXIS 4696 (Sep. 9, 1992)).

All revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose, shall be paid into a special fund for such purpose. All revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax, for which the law does not prescribe use for a particular purpose, including interest earned on the principal of any special fund, regardless of the source or purpose of the principal, shall be paid into the general funds. O.R.C. 5705.10(D)

VIII. Service Providers, Safekeeping and Custody

The Investment Advisory Committee may engage the services of an investment advisor to assist in the management of the investment portfolio in a manner consistent with this investment policy. Such investment advisor may be granted discretion to purchase and sell investment securities in accordance with this investment policy. The investment advisor must be licensed by the division of securities under O.R.C. Section 1707.141, or registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and possess experience in public funds investment management, specifically in state and local government investment portfolios, or the investment advisor is an eligible institution as mentioned in O.R.C. Section 135.03. The investment advisor must enter into a written investment advisory agreement with the County. In addition, the investment advisor must supply a copy of their Form ADV Part 2, or make a copy available, on an annual basis.

Should the Investment Advisory Committee choose not to engage the services of an investment advisor, then a list will be maintained of financial institutions and broker/dealers who provide investment services. All financial institutions and broker/dealers with which the County conducts business must supply proof of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) registration and State of Ohio registration, as appropriate. The investment authority is responsible for evaluating and reviewing on an annual basis the regulatory status of such financial institutions and broker/dealers.

The County shall also arrange to have any investment securities held in safekeeping by an independent third-party custodian. Any advisor or broker/dealer doing business with the County cannot serve as a custodian or safekeeping agent. Investment securities should be settled to the custody account on a

delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis, as previously noted. The custodian must enter into a written custodial agreement with the County.

In accordance with the O.R.C., a copy of this policy will be forwarded to each investment advisor, financial institution, and broker/dealer doing investment business directly with the County. Their signature will be required indicating that they have received, read, comprehend, and will abide by this policy's contents when managing assets or recommending or selling any investment security to the County. Any third-party custodian providing services is excluded from this requirement if they will not be managing assets, recommending, or selling any investment security to the County.

VIII. Authorized Investments

The County is permitted to invest in any security authorized by O.R.C. Section 135.01 et seq. and any other relevant sections, as amended. Those securities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. United States treasury bills, notes, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States, or any book entry, zero-coupon United States treasury security that is a direct obligation of the United States.
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality. All federal government agency or instrumentality securities must be direct issuances of the federal government agency or instrumentality.
3. Time certificates of deposit, or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts, in any eligible institution mentioned in O.R.C. section 135.32. All deposits shall be collateralized, or FDIC insured pursuant to O.R.C. Section 135.37, as amended.
4. Bonds and other obligations of this state or the political subdivisions of this state, provided the bonds or other obligations of political subdivisions mature within ten (10) years from the date of settlement.
5. Up to forty percent (40%) of the county's total average portfolio in either of the following:
a) Commercial Paper notes issued by an entity that is defined in O.R.C. Section 1705.01(D) and that has assets exceeding five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000.00), to which notes all the following apply:
i. The notes are rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two (2) nationally recognized standard rating services.
ii. The aggregate value of the notes does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the aggregate value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation.
iii. The notes mature no later than two hundred and seventy (270) days after purchase.

iv. The investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the County's inactive funds at time of purchase.

b) Bankers Acceptances of banks that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the obligations mature no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days after purchase.

No investment shall be made under this section unless the Huron County Treasurer has completed the necessary training as approved by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio.

- 6. Up to fifteen percent (15%) of the County's total average portfolio in notes issued by corporations that are incorporated under the laws of the United States, and that are operating within the United States, or by depository institutions that are doing business under authority granted by the United States or any state and that are operating within the United States, provided both of the following apply:
a) The notes are rated in the three highest categories by at least two (2) nationally recognized standard rating services at the time of purchase.
b) The notes mature not later than three (3) years after purchase.
7. No-load money market mutual funds rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one (1) nationally recognized standard rating service, or consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (A)(1), (2), or (6) of O.R.C. section 135.143 and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions mentioned in O.R.C. section 135.32.
8. Written repurchase agreement with any eligible institution mentioned in O.R.C. section 135.32 or any eligible securities dealer pursuant to division (J) of O.R.C. section 135.35, under the terms of which agreement the investing authority purchases, and the eligible institution or dealer agrees unconditionally to repurchase any of the securities listed in divisions (D)(1) to (5), except letters of credit described in division (D)(2), of section 135.18 of the Revised Code. The market value of securities subject to an overnight written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the overnight written repurchase agreement by at least two (2%) percent. A written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the overnight written repurchase agreement, by at least two (2%) percent. A written repurchase agreement shall not exceed thirty (30) days, and the market value of securities subject to a written repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the written repurchase agreement by at least two (2%) percent and be marked to market daily. All securities purchased pursuant to this division shall be delivered into the custody of the investing authority or the qualified custodian of the investing authority or an agent designated by the investing authority. A written repurchase agreement with an eligible securities dealer shall be transacted on a delivery versus payment basis.
9. A current unpaid or delinquent tax line of credit authorized under division (G) of O.R.C. section 135.341, provided that all of the conditions for entering into such a line of credit under that division are satisfied, or bonds and other obligations of a county land reutilization corporation organized under Chapter 1724, of the Revised Code, if the county land reutilization corporation is located wholly or partly within the same county as the investing authority.

10. The Ohio Subdivision's Fund (STAR Ohio) and the Government Insured Deposit Program account.

IX. Maximum Maturities

The maximum maturity for any investment, excluding municipal securities as described above, shall be no longer than five (5) years from the date of purchase unless, as per the O.R.C., the investment is matched to a longer-term liability of the County. Investments shall be made with the reasonable expectation they can be held to maturity. Securities may be redeemed or sold prior to maturity to meet additional liquidity needs, to enhance the yield of the portfolio, to re-structure the portfolio or to realize any capital gains.

X. Reporting

The Huron County Treasurer shall maintain an inventory of all obligations and securities acquired. The inventory shall include a description of each obligation or security, including type, cost, par value, maturity date, settlement date, and any coupon rate. The Huron County Treasurer shall also keep a complete record of all purchases and sales of the obligations and securities made pursuant to this section.

The Huron County Treasurer shall maintain a monthly portfolio report and issue a copy of the monthly portfolio report describing such investments to the Investment Advisory Committee, detailing the current inventory of all obligations and securities, all transactions during the month that affected the inventory, any income received from the obligations and securities, and any investment expenses paid.

XI. Prohibited Investment Practices

The County is prohibited by state law from investment in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse purchase agreements and derivatives. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, as well as the use of leverage and short-term selling is also prohibited.

XII. Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Persons involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Employees and investment consultants shall disclose to the County any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business within the County and any material personal financial or investment positions that could be related to, or affected by, the performance of the County's portfolio. All employees, officers and investment consultants to the County shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of the County, particularly regarding the timing of purchases and sales.

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XIII. Investment Policy Adoption

This Investment Policy adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024, and shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio.

Signed: [Signatures of Harry Brady, Terry Boose, and Megan Bursley]
Huron County Commissioner, Harry Brady, President
Huron County Commissioner, Terry Boose, Vice President
Huron County Treasurer, Megan Bursley

STATE OF OHIO }
COUNTY OF HURON } ss:

On this 16th day of April, 2024, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared Terry Boose and Megan Bursley, known to me to be the Huron County Investment Board, Huron County, Ohio, and state that they each executed the within instrument in their official capacity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Notary Seal and Signature of Cheri M Crable]
CHERIE M CRABLE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires December, 6th 2025

The next Investment Board meeting will be August 20, 2024.

Megan Bursley moved to adjourn the Investment Board meeting. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The Investment Board meeting stood adjourned.

Commissioner Boose report - continued

Counties Current mentioned some things being done regarding cybersecurity. Mr. Boose assumed Mr. Riedy and Ms. Hozalski were working on everything that needs to be done. Ms. Ziemba said they were. Mr. Boose said we had even received a notice from the Secretary of State regarding cybersecurity. He read "failure to follow the guidance from the Ohio. . . ." basically the Secretary of State, ". . . if a loss occurs the employee is considered liable as a result of negligence or performing duties without reasonable care". Ms. Ziemba knew as of last year the county met all of the requirements for cybersecurity. Ms. Hozalski keeps stressing they are going to be adding requirements and we need to stay on top of those. Ms. Ziemba has discussed this with Mr. Riedy. She told him to make sure we meet the requirements of CORSA. Mr. Riedy will reach out to CORSA. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to let Mr. Riedy know the commissioners asked about it and want to make sure he is doing everything he needs to do with CORSA. The thing that concerns Mr. Boose about cybersecurity is there are a lot of things the auditor needs to do and the auditor doesn't use our IT department. That is one of the major concerns he has with the sheriff's office and the auditor's office not using our IT. He questioned how we know the departments not using our IT are abiding by cybersecurity requirements. Ms. Ziemba will see if Ms. Hozalski knows the answer to that.

Mr. Boose noted there is a Brownfield conference in May. Mr. Wilde said he sent the information to Mr. Pickworth. Mr. Boose thought that, since the county was so involved with Brownfield right now, Mr. Wilde or Mr. Brady should be attending. He said there were four groups of meetings to go to, one specifically about remediation. With all the remediation we are talking about, and having the EPA and the Greater Ohio Policy Center there, Mr. Boose thought it might be beneficial for one of them to attend.

Retreat on Thursday and Friday.

HCDC meeting. Mr. Boose thought this was a good meeting. They discussed the grant Team NEO was doing. He also thought this may have been the last meeting of HCDC. Mr. Wilde wasn't sure, but he did know they moved the office over the weekend.

At some time Mr. Boose would like to start talking about the demolition of Shady Lane and what buildings are going to be included. If a certain building is going to be included the board will have to notify them that the space will no longer be available. Mr. Boose said they would have to decide if they were going to try to help them find space or see if we have other space for them. This needs to be decided soon.

Mr. Boose said Mark Suhanic, the forester the county has worked with in the past, called him last week. He was at the neighbor to the landfill looking at wind damage and saw some damage on the landfill property. Mr. Boose gave him permission to go onto the landfill property to look at it and asked him to report back to Mr. Welch. Mr. Boose then called Mr. Welch so he was aware of what was going on. Mr. Boose had talked to Mr. Suhanic a couple months ago about taking a look at Shady Lane. Mr. Suhanic had some projects he had to finish first. Mr. Boose would really like to get that area looked at soon so we can get it cleaned up.

Petition request from Chillicothe. Mr. Boose said this person thought "*there are serious cybersecurity issues as identified by experts and whistleblowers, as well as certification compliance issues in relation to electronic election systems which are being used in this county*". She says "*being used in this county*", Mr. Boose guessed she was talking about all counties. Everyone agreed the letter was not clear. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to give his copy to the Board of Elections.

At 12:13 p.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 April 16, 2024.

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 12:13 p.m.

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