

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 on vacation.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

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

Commissioner Boose reported on the OneOhio Region 19 meeting that was held yesterday. It did not go as planned. The State Director for OneOhio was there, as well as two of her three employees. The application process for the state and the regions started on April 2 and goes through May 3. In the month of May the state will review the projects and get them back to the regions. Every region has their own way of doing it. We have worked over the last year and a half, two years to put together policies, procedures and bylaws. Region 19 has a Technical Advisory Committee, two members from each county, that were going to review the applications. There is a rubric to score the projects and then they forward that to the regular board. The board would make the decisions, probably after going through them for a month or so and asking questions and getting answers. We found out yesterday that last week the state came out with some new rules. One rule is that nobody on the ranking committee, or the Technical Advisory Committee, is allowed to apply for any of the money. Our bylaws stated that if you were on the TAC committee and you had a project, you would excuse yourself from scoring your project. Yesterday the state said no, you can't do that. The state's discussion was that there have to be plenty of people you can choose from who are willing to serve in this function. Mr. Strickler said they don't understand in small counties there aren't people beating the door down to serve. Mr. Boose said they have strongly asked everyone to apply for the money for any projects they have. Nobody would want to be on the Technical Advisory Committee if you can't apply for projects. Mr. Boose noted our advisors on the committee were Kristen Cardone and Dr. Burggraf. Our mental health and addiction people work very closely with each other. They are all intertwined, they all work together. Mr. Strickler thought there was nothing wrong with that, they were doing it for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Boose explained the other thing the state said was they don't have to be people in the field. They tried to explain to the state that if the board thought they could rate these, they would do it themselves. They told the state these projects are way above them, they are not going to understand them, so how will other people. The state said Dayton has their grant writers and applicators doing it. Mr. Boose told them that would be nice, but we don't have any of that. They said well, you have to apply for grants. Mr. Boose said everybody does it on their own. The state just responded, well that is our rule. Mr. Strickler said they have no concept of what happens in the smaller counties. They are only looking at what the big counties do. Mr. Boose said they discussed this for a full hour. There were people that let the state know they were not happy. How can they come in during the middle of the application process and change the rules? Ms. Ziemba asked if it was too late to replace the people on the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Boose said no, but who are you going to replace them with? Ms. Ziemba didn't know, she was trying to think who else could do it so it doesn't take the people who need the money away from applying. Mr. Boose said they would pretty much have to replace the whole advisory committee. There are two from every county and the majority of them are looking at a project. We picked those people because they are the ones that know what is going on. The only other option Mr. Boose could think of was maybe somebody from the Judge's office, possibly Family Dependency Court. Mr. Strickler asked whose idea this had been. Mr. Boose said the lawyer for OneOhio. Mr. Strickler asked if it was because they think it's a conflict of interest. Mr. Boose said yes. Mr. Strickler disagreed, unless the persons who are deciding on these projects, their company/firm/agency are going to be the ones who will benefit from it. Mr. Boose said in that case they could recuse themselves from it. But the state said there will be confidential information in these plans, including wage information. Mr. Strickler thought if they recuse themselves it shouldn't matter. Mr. Boose said they would only be recusing themselves from their projects. This would be other groups projects. Mr. Strickler still disagreed. Mr. Boose said they all did too but the state didn't care. The state said they will work with us, whatever that means.

The other problem is that the president/chairman of Region 19 is out of the country until May 5. He was on the meeting yesterday was very unhappy. He has been working closely with the state for the last six months and knew nothing about this.

Mr. Boose said then they dropped another bomb on us; they are not sure they like our rubric. The only reason the state was involved at all was because they were supposed to review our projects and make sure they abide by the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Strickler said every region was supposed to develop their own rubric according to the state. Now they are saying they don't like it. Our rubric is supposed to be specific to our region. Mr. Boose said the other part to him is, why are they telling us this now? This rubric has been done for a year. Why are they telling us in the middle of the application process? Mr. Strickler thought it was frustrating. Mr. Boose said the state got an earful for about an hour, but it didn't seem to phase them. Region 19 will be meeting when the president/chairman gets back from being out of

the country. Because the question the state couldn't answer for us was: May 3 is the closing of the applications. If somebody from our technical committee submitted an application, can we take them off of that for now. The state said they would have to think about it.

Mr. Boose said they also found out on Friday they are supposed to fill out a form about ethics and conflict of interest. That has to be on file by May 2. Mr. Strickler thought as elected officials they could just use their Ohio Ethics Commission. Mr. Boose said they have their own form. Mr. Boose said this was the reason we said from the very beginning, we didn't want to be part of the state thing. Dave Yost kind of forced us into it. Mr. Strickler noted he had been involved in the negotiations. He thought the deal itself was good from the standpoint the local governments in Ohio are getting more money than some of the other local governments in some of the other states. Mr. Boose said, don't forget that the states spent a year after all this trying to figure out how to set up OneOhio. And the other thing the state director said when we were talking about some of these things – she said we already have two lawsuits against us, we can't afford to keep having lawsuits. So that is why they were setting the rules the way they did. Mr. Boose asked if they remember how the state insisted on setting it up as a nonprofit and it took so long to figure all that out. Then they came back and told us our regions had to also be nonprofit even though most of us had already decided how we were going to do it. Mr. Strickler said we have government service contracts; that's what we are. Mr. Boose said we have been talking about this for literally years. Mr. Strickler noted that all the civil prosecutors talked about how do we do this. We all came up with this idea of the governmental service contract that we all entered into in order to do this. So that is where we are at. If there is any good news it is we were told that the region's money is the regions money. Meaning, if we don't spend it all in this round of grants, it all it carries over to the next application process. Which is decided by the state.

Mr. Boose hopes to talk to Ms. Cardone sometime soon. The good news is Ms. Cardone was on the phone call so she is aware of what is going on. This was right after she sent in their application. Ms. Ziemba clarified that the application was for our money, not the state money. Mr. Boose said one of the things he and Ms. Ziemba have been talking about is how do we respond to the people that have put in applications for our pot of money. We don't have a defined process at this point. Ms. Ziemba said they probably should have a defined process before they start spending the money. When there is a state audit they come in and ask what your rules are and they make sure you follow your rules before spending the dollars. Mr. Boose said to do that it would really help if we had somebody from the Technical Advisory Committee because our application is the same. But, since they put an application in we can't include MHAS in our discussion as to how we set up our process. Now, we would be able to change our process any time we want. Mr. Boose had asked Ms. Ziemba to call another county in our district and asked how are they were handling this. Their answer was they are not spending any of their own money until the state sets their rules. Ms. Ziemba said she would send an email to all the counties in our district to see if anybody was doing anything. Mr. Boose said he would talk to the commissioner from Medina County if he comes to the retreat.

**At 9:30 a.m. Pete Welch, Director of Operations & Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor**

**BJAAM report and Shady Lane cleanup/demolition.**

Mr. Boose asked if they should discuss the telephone meeting he and Mr. Welch participated in yesterday. The reason he wants to discuss it was because we may need to take some quick action. Mr. Welch made sure he was referencing the conversation with BJAAM. He was. Mr. Boose said MAKSSolve was here a couple weeks ago to discuss remediation out at Shady Lane so we could get the grant to demolish the building. Since then we have had some questions. MAKSSolve told us it was going to be dependent on the report BJAAM gave to the state regarding our underground storage tank issue. Mr. Welch said this was the analytical result of the last round of sampling. He thought it had been done at the end of March. All the levels out there dropped, except Benzene. The threshold is 1.15 and we are sitting at 1.42. Mr. Boose said the question is, how do we move forward to try to get the grant. BJAAM had offered three options.

Option one, because we know we are on a time frame and we need to get this done, would be a covenant. The covenant would go with the property and would say this particular area could not be used for anything to do with residential construction or use. Mr. Welch said to keep in mind this area, in reality, is 15' x 15'. It is not a huge area. They originally suggested doing a 50' x 50' area. He wasn't sure where they really sit on that. Mr. Boose's question was, what does that covenant mean? BJAAM said the con of it would be, if you sold that property to someone to develop, there would be a portion they could not use for residential. Mr. Boose had asked them to send us an example of this. The challenging part is BUSTR has to approve it. Mr. Welch said he did get a cost for BJAAM to prepare the covenant. As long as we do the surveying and prepare the legal description it would be about \$2,000.

Mr. Boose said the reason he even brought this up was the fact that our current consultant never told them about this remedy. He thought it was always good to have competition. Mr. Boose said Mr. Welch asked BJAAM about the orchards. They said yes, they have worked through those issues before. He was just throwing it out that they said they would love to sit down and talk to the Land Bank.

Option two would be to go in and remove the dirt. Mr. Welch said they would have to tear up a section of the roadway as well. Mr. Boose did not think it was as bad as it sounds. The only way it could become bad is if they get down there and find that the contamination has spread. Then it could get bigger and bigger. Mr. Boose noted they have a piece of property they hoped to demo soon. He didn't care if they put a hole in the ground. He thought they could send the dirt to the landfill. Mr. Welch said it would be petroleum contaminated waste, but they do accept that at their facility. Rumpke also accepts it. Mr. Boose thought he knew a couple places they could get dirt to fill the hole too. Mr. Welch said BJAAM's rough estimate for this was that it could be up to \$35,000. To Mr. Boose it sounded like it could be a quicker resolution, depending upon BUSTR.

Mr. Boose said we are going to need to know what Department of Development says. He thought they should throw this back to the Land Bank. Obviously, the county probably has to pay for this, but whatever action is needed, somebody is going to have to fight for us in this application process. The process of can they give us a break, can they give us a little more time to get the answers, can we work with BUSTR, all those things.

Mr. Boose said option three was they could go in and put more chemicals down and try to clean it up. Mr. Welch said then they would have to sit on it again for a year before they find out if it even worked. Mr. Boose thought it was important that they know this before Tuesday, when they go in and have these discussions. We need to listen to them, but he thought Land Bank needs to know what is going on, what we are doing. This was not a simple matter of applying for this money and we are going to get it. It sounded like there was going to be a lot of work involved.

Mr. Boose was concerned the county had a grant for \$1.5 million. This was \$500,000 of that. He asked if we don't get it, do we lose the rest of the grant? Mr. Wilde said you can put other projects in. There are always projects.

#### **COUNTY PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Administration Building.** Mr. Minor did get some estimated costs back for the stairwell renovations and the exterior painting at the Administration Building. The stairwell renovation is flooring and inside painting of the stairwells and the main hallway. This is almost the entire building. If this were to be done, the only floors that would not be done would be OSU and Board of Elections. Mr. Boose said but the hallways by Board of Elections would be done. Mr. Minor said they would. Also, the hallway on this floor, including North Point, would all be done. Because all the stairwells connect. Mr. Boose asked if this had changed the estimated cost of \$80,000. Mr. Minor said it had not. Mr. Welch the contractor had given a quote of \$78,000 for the floors and the interior painting.

Mr. Welch brought up the air handler replacement. They are getting two costs. They are waiting for Air Force One. Wadsworth is on the procurement schedule and has been out several times. They get everything they need and then they have to come back out for more information. We are getting closer to getting a hard cost on that.

Mr. Minor said the gentlemen were here regarding the elevator yesterday. Mr. Boose wanted to summarize the meeting yesterday. They don't think they can get the elevator car into the building. Mr. Welch said he has Garmann Miller talking to Sona Construction. Hopefully he will have some answers by the end of the day. They discussed possibly bringing it in using the outside elevator. Mr. Minor said the only other option was to blow a hole in the wall, then rebrick the wall outside.

**JFS.** Mr. Minor has not done anything on the bathroom. They looked into it a while ago and it went nowhere. It is a work in progress.

Mr. Minor did get a response for lighting the hallways. They have looked at different options. The latest company that came in, Great Lakes, was able to give them a second cost. Mr. Welch said they would be able to submit a request for over \$5,000. He wasn't sure where they were going to pay it out of, but it wasn't that much. He thought he could find it in 022.

Mr. Minor said for the carpet, they just have a raw estimate. Mr. Boose asked where they were on that. Mr. Welch said he had the bid specs done and Mr. Strickler reviewed them. He needs to put the Prevailing Wage packet together. He is hoping Ms. Stebel will be able to help him. As soon as he gets that done they will be able to go out to bid.

**Courthouse.** Mr. Minor has had three contractors look at the third-floor plumbing. These are newer contractors since the last round. He has been in contact with them repetitively but has not gotten an estimate from any of them. All of them seem pretty upbeat that it could be done, but none have gotten back to him. Mr. Boose asked if they understood the pressure problem. Mr. Minor said they did. Mr. Boose said then whatever they come back with will not only refurbish the bathroom, it will also increase the pressure in that

bathroom. Mr. Minor said that was correct. Mr. Welch said they don't want anything but that; it was not worth putting the money into it if they can't do that.

Parking lots are all included together.

They have an estimated cost on tuckpoint. Mr. Minor has had contractors out, but nothing back from two of the three. That price he has is aging and will probably need updated. Mr. Welch thought they could possibly call the restoration company out of Columbus to take a look at it.

Mr. Minor said they finally have one complete cost back on the catwalk removal, including the masonry repair. Mr. Welch said everything had been sent to Marett to start the job.

Basement windows. Mr. Minor said they were still waiting for costs from two different masonry companies to fill those in with something that matches as best it can. Mr. Minor thought Wozniak did a very good job matching the ramp.

Mr. Boose asked if they had more for the courthouse. Mr. Minor had one price back to paint the window wells around the entire courthouse, the front doors, upper, lower and the back doors. With that, he has Capital Aluminum and another company coming to see what it would cost to replace the front doors at the courthouse. It is almost the exact same setup as St. Paul and he noticed they just did theirs last week. It was done in a day. Mr. Boose said just to remember the paint on the front of the courthouse is high priority. Mr. Minor made the painter he talked to aware of this.

**306 S. Norwalk Road.** The sidewalks are complete. Now they just have to come fill in the grass on the side where it was dug out, clean up and get their barrels. But its functional and they are able to get in and out the doors. It is a lot nicer.

The boiler and HVAC are a work in progress. The boiler company had to go out again today to get a measurement for the sizing. Mr. Welch said this is one of the things you go through when you don't hire an architect. The architect will develop all those specs for you. The way we are doing it, with the state procurement, they have to develop those specs. That is why there are a lot of trips back and forth. Mr. Boose reminded them these were both ARPA projects that had to be contracted out by the end of the year. He was assuming they were two separate projects, meaning we get air conditioning up and running first, then we work on heating. Mr. Welch said they know the air is a priority. Mr. Boose asked him to remember, when he discusses the ODOT money with Ms. Habig, to make sure it doesn't conflict with the ARPA money they have already designated.

Mr. Minor said he had one cost and he was waiting on another cost for the flooring. This was for the exact same product and includes the removal and reinstallation - there are two layers.

Mr. Boose asked if there was a reason the parking lot sealing at 306 S. Norwalk was ODOT and for our other projects it was ARPA. Mr. Welch thought it had been discussed that they were paying it out of ODOT money. He asked if we had ever received the grant paperwork; he has not seen anything. Mr. Boose told him to work with Commissioner Brady until he gets all the answers he needs.

Ceiling replacement. Mr. Minor was waiting on the contractor, who is the same one he is waiting on for the third floor at the courthouse. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba that the child care people that toured the building were supposed to come back with a plan in the beginning of May. Ms. Ziemba said she had not heard from anybody and did not see that Ms. Crable had added anybody to the agenda. Mr. Boose said he would make a call to Firelands Forward to see where they were at.

**Office Building.** Mr. Minor had an estimated cost on the lighting for the recorder's office. To purchase the lights was one cost, the labor to put them in was a separate quote. Mr. Wilde noted this was from Great Lakes. Mr. Minor said they should also have another estimate coming in. Mr. Boose said they need to keep moving on that project. Ms. Ziemba wanted to confirm that was a 310/Permanent Improvement project. Everyone agreed it was. Mr. Minor said out of that, the interior painting of the lobby, the entire floor and the patch work/skim coating is estimated. Mr. Boose asked if they were painting the whole bottom floor. Mr. Minor said not the ceiling unless parts need touched up. He thought the columns were in good shape. It was basically the walls where they are getting repaired. Ms. Ziemba confirmed that was 310 as well, it was all one project.

Ms. Ziemba asked what was being done to the back entrance. Mr. Boose explained all the ceiling tiles are stained. Also, they need to replace the heating unit and/or controller so they can control the temperature in that back space. Mr. Minor said the tile is also breaking up in there. He has a cost for the floor. They are going to fix all these things after the roof has been redone.

**Performing Arts Center.** Mr. Minor has an estimated cost for the heat pump replacement. He did not know if they talked about converting those to gas instead of electric. Mr. Welch explained they will wait to do the newer unit, so they will get use out of it. Mr. Boose said once again, this is an ARPA project, it is big money and needs to be done by the end of the year. Not actually finished, but we have to be under contract by the end of the year. Mr. Welch said they will be fine with the state procurement jobs. He is expecting something back within a week or so right now.

For the rest of the downtown complex Mr. Minor said they have the roof replacement estimated cost. Mr. Boose asked if Garmann Miller was well into the process for everything on the list. Mr. Welch said he was waiting for a contract from them now. Mr. Boose said we may need to talk to Mr. Monnin and remind him this is an ARPA project, we have to have this under contract by the end of the year.

**Treasurer's office.** Mr. Minor has not been in contact with anyone regarding the treasurer's office front window. However, when Capital comes to look at the front door of the courthouse he plans to have them look at that. As well as the front of it – the old wood paneling that is past its time.

**EMA.** Roof replacement is still out there. It is not actively leaking, but it is close to end of life. Ms. Ziemba asked if that was included in the ARPA roof replacements. Mr. Boose thought it should be if it was okay with Ms. Gordon. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Gordon had given the okay for any building roofs. This led Mr. Boose to ask about the Transfer Station. Had Ms. Gordon approved that for ARPA? Ms. Ziemba said she would check. Mr. Welch thought they were paying it out of the general fund.

Mr. Boose said the reason he keeps asking these questions is because he does not think they have the total dollar amount of ARPA money spent. He does not want to give that money back. Mr. Welch asked how much was left? Mr. Boose said we don't know. If they could tell him exactly what all the projects are, what they are going to be bid at and what the contracts are, then he could tell you how much money we have left. Mr. Welch said he can just say "based on the estimates". Mr. Boose said that is the problem. We have money in 310. We have money in Transfer Out. As of today he was not convinced we have spent all the ARPA money. Mr. Wilde said the idea is to have some projects sitting on the shelf and if that goes over our ARPA funds, we have 310 or 099 to finish. Mr. Boose would have no problem having \$500,000 - \$1 million over the ARPA money spent on ARPA projects. Whatever we don't have ARPA money to cover we pull out of 310. He felt they were just throwing darts and did not see the number at the bottom of the list saying all the ARPA money had been spent. Mr. Welch explained that if they would waive the requirement to get two bids they could finish up a lot of these. And if he could use OCS - he thought this was the Ohio School Program - for the roof, then he could avoid having to go out to bid for that too. Mr. Boose asked which roof he was referring to. Mr. Welch said the downtown roof. Mr. Strickler said he did not think they could do that. The problem with ARPA is, under their procurement policy you at least have to have two or three estimates if it is under the threshold. Mr. Welch asked if Mr. Minor could tell the companies they have a deadline for their estimates. Ms. Ziemba said you have to document that you are trying to get quotes, and you have been waiting for quotes. Give the company a day you need the quote by. If they don't respond, your notation is "no response".

Mr. Boose said he was not bringing this up because he was blaming them. Mr. Welch said their problem is getting quotes. What Mr. Boose was saying was, they need to have a list of all the projects that ARPA money can be used on, some of them estimated, some of them actual, for him to feel comfortable that we have spent all the ARPA money. Ms. Ziemba thought that was the bottom number on the spreadsheet. It would be off a little bit because they approved things for the engineer that did not get included in the budget. What they had available as of February 9 was \$1.9 million unbudgeted. Mr. Boose asked if that included any of these projects. Ms. Ziemba said it did not. That was when Mr. Welch started putting together these projects. Mr. Wilde noted they were roughly \$300,000 over. Mr. Welch said the big project is the roof downtown. That is \$1.2 million. Mr. Boose said he would like to ask Garmann Miller, can we have that next week? Mr. Welch did talk to Mr. Monnin about it. He was preparing a contract. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Welch should let Mr. Monnin know that the commissioners are really antsy to get all those projects done and bid out. He wants to be on the list of people bugging them to get things done. Mr. Boose wanted to make it clear all the questions he was asking have nothing to do with whether he thought they were getting things done. He just knows the issues they were running into. And it is starting to worry him a little bit. Mr. Welch stated he would go through the list with Mr. Monnin and ask if they were going to be able to get us contracts this year for these projects. If they can't then he will jump to a different architect. Mr. Welch thought the key may be changing architects for some of the jobs. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba they need to keep a close eye on is how much money we allocated for the Senior Services building. Is it going to come in \$100,000 short so there will be another \$100,000 we are going to have? Ms. Ziemba had not seen any change orders. Mr. Welch noted it was early in the process. Mr. Boose said so far what they have had as been minimal. He forgets what the total cost of the project is, plus the architectural fees. All he wants to know is, what is the total cost of the project. There are also contingencies in that; he thought there was over \$100,000 in contingencies. Come November Mr. Boose doesn't want to get all the costs in for the Senior Center and we have \$200,000 left. November is too late to figure out a project for \$200,000, go

out to bid and get it under contract by the end of the year. Those are his concerns. Mr. Wilde agreed. He assumed every day they would get more accurate as bids come in. Mr. Boose would like to talk about these numbers every Thursday when Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor come in.

Mr. Boose asked if they had any projects that needed to be done that weren't on those two sheets. Mr. Minor stated there was just the bathrooms at Job & Family Services, as well as thirty light fixtures in the parking lot of JFS. Mr. Boose thought, unless we have extra ARPA money we need to spend, they have all the projects, and more, than they need on their plate. Unless it is an emergency he would like to put off any other projects. They have dumped a ton of stuff on them. The good news is, some of them don't need to be done for two years. The bad news is they all need to be under contract. Mr. Welch asked if they had to be under contract with the architect to complete the project to go out to bid, or if they have to be under contract with the contractor. Mr. Strickler and Ms. Ziemba both stated the contractor. Mr. Welch confirmed the architect fees were being paid out of ARPA.

Discussion regarding the new Senior Center. Mr. Boose was feeling pretty confident with the meetings they were having every two weeks. They not only discussed what they were doing today, but also what will happen in August, September, October. They have talked about how they are going to handle moving. Mr. Wilde likes the way Luke has everything laid out. It is easy to follow and gives you a good idea of what is going on. Mr. Welch said a good example is getting the kitchen moved. Mr. Boose said that Mr. Beal is really on top of it. He has changed plans a little bit. There were concerns about whether they could get their appliances out of the current senior center. It was recommended that it was probably time to replace some of them, so they will be buying a new convection oven. Mr. Beal also had some concerns after working with the new dishwasher system they planned to install. He went back to his staff, but they assured him it was the right system. Mr. Boose reiterated they were not just talking about the construction going on this week. He thought our architects were doing a fantastic job.

Ms. Ziemba stated that Ms. Gordon is on the agenda for a phone call during the Thursday, May 2 meeting at 10:30. Mr. Boose explained there were new rules that came out for ARPA and we want to make sure it doesn't affect anything we are doing.

#### **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

Vickie Ziemba & Cherise Crable, Commissioners, to Columbus, Ohio for CCC-EAPA Executive Board meeting on April 26, 2024.

Linda Border & Megan Doughty, Victim's Assistance, to Columbus, Ohio for Two Days in May conference on May 12 – 14, 2024.

#### **SIGNINGS – *None***

#### **OLD BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Administrator report**

Ms. Ziemba informed the board that the commissioners' office will be getting the car from the Engineer's office. They will contact Ms. Hartman to see if she wants the Escape for the Title office. Ms. Ziemba was hoping it could be a joint car in case the custodians or maintenance needed it.

Ms. Ziemba referenced the "open letter to Attorney General Yost and Ohio Elected Representatives on election integrity in anticipation of the 2024 general election" they had received. She talked to Ms. Blevins with Board of Elections about this. Ms. Blevins indicated they did receive it too. This is a group that is against all voting machines. They want everything done by hand. Ms. Blevins said they get these throughout the year and a lot during the presidential election. They want all hand voting and hand counting. Ms. Blevins said that is not a decision for them, it is a state thing.

Ms. Ziemba provided an update on the CDIS meeting – Community Development Implementation Strategy meeting for the CDBG programs. It was pretty well attended. There were people from North Fairfield, Huron County Growth Partnership, Willard, New London, and Greenwich. It does look like the commissioners will have some project to choose from.

##### **Commissioner reports**

Mr. Wilde and Mr. Boose both attended the Chamber banquet. It was very nice.

Mr. Boose said there had been some ES Consulting invoice questions from the last claims schedule. He would like to discuss this when there is a full board. We received one invoice, and he had some questions. He discussed the pricing on the other two with Mr. Riedy. Mr. Riedy thought they could have purchased the item for about a quarter of the price of what was paid. Mr. Boose thought a big issue was they were paying over \$2,000/month, maybe \$3,000/month between the two, for something to do with security. He asked Mr. Riedy what we do as a county. Mr. Riedy said what they were doing is through software and an application. We do it for the whole county with equipment. He thought we were paying \$4,000 a year for the equipment and nothing for the software. Mr. Boose would like to discuss the amount of money being spent next Tuesday.

Mr. Wilde had Board of Revision on Monday.

Mr. Boose will be down in Columbus this afternoon and tomorrow for CCAO retreat.

**At 10:45 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into 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 and ORC 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. 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*

**At 10:56 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) & (2). 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*

**\*Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1):**

**Bruce Wilde moved to authorized the payment of the balance of personal time off for Dave Homan. 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*

**At 10:58 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on April 18, 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 10:58 a.m.

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