

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

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

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

24-129

**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 and Then and Now’s for Payment Batch # 377475 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Wilde noted that, for the second month in a row, there was a property damage surcharge for the prosecutor’s office copier. Mr. Strickler found out the copier company wants to see a copy of our liability insurance. He will get it to them.

On page 4, Mr. Boose asked how we get the money back for the repairs to the courthouse ramp due to the car damage. Ms. Ziemba said the CORSA check is deposited into the General Fund and we pay it out of the Insurance line. Mr. Boose asked if our insurance paid or if it was someone else’s. Ms. Ziemba said the other persons insurance did pay it. Mr. Strickler thought CORSA may have received the check and cut it back to us.

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

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

Huron County  
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for General Fund, Sheriff's Office, and various departments.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Electric, Gas Utility, and various departments.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Huron County  
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Sheriff's Office, Department of Corrections, and various departments.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Hiram County Job & Family Services, COMEP WGA, and various support services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for The James Hotel, United-Ohio Children Alliance-M, and various travel and utility expenses.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for US Imaging Inc, Department Records Technology, and various court and technology services.

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Fund: 177 - Emergency Management						
Department: Emergency Management						
04/02/2024	Chevrolet Communications Inc	37475	2024-004101	EOC Rials	\$5,302.29	
Account: 177.00260 (Equipment) Total:					\$5,302.29	
Department: Emergency Management Total:					\$5,302.29	
Fund: 177 - Emergency Management Total:						
Department: Landfill						
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Stamp	\$15.98	
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Paint	\$17.00	
04/02/2024	Safety-Alarm Systems Inc	37475	2024-000021	Alarm	\$33.02	
04/02/2024	Cable Corp	37475	2024-000021	Cables	\$28.08	
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Glues	\$28.08	
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Glens	\$28.08	
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Glens	\$28.08	
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-000021	Glens	\$28.08	
Account: 500.501.00260 (Contract Services) Total:					\$3,305.81	
Department: Landfill Total:					\$3,305.81	
Fund: 500 - Landfill Total:					\$3,305.81	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District						
Department: Solid Waste Management District						
04/02/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	37475	2024-00721	Other Calculations	\$18.10	
Account: 525.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$18.10	
Department: Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$18.10	
Fund: 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$18.10	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department: Commissary Trust						
04/02/2024	Comptech Maintenance King International	37475	2024-020951	cases of toilet paper with video	\$101.35	
04/02/2024	Comptech Maintenance King International	37475	2024-020951	Coffee for remote workers	\$61.38	
Account: 635.635.00260 (Expanditures) Total:					\$162.73	
Department: Commissary Trust Total:					\$162.73	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$162.73	

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ORIGINATOR: Valerie Stabile, Jennie Saunders

PAY TO NAME: AT Beck Protective Systems Inc, Alert Technologies Inc

TOTAL VALUE: 108.00 (Fire Alarm Monitoring-Family Use Oct-Dec2023), 285.00 (Liner), 484.00

DESCRIPTION: 108.00 (Fire Alarm Monitoring-Family Use Oct-Dec2023), 285.00 (Liner), 484.00

*Ben Welch*

*Toby Boose*

*Ally Brady*

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Grand Total:					\$121,870.43	

Sign 1: *Ben Welch*

Sign 2: *Toby Boose*

Sign 3: *Ally Brady*

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**At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - Pete Welch, Director of Operations.** Mr. Welch said this coming Monday, April 8, Rumpke is going to shut down their facility at 1:00 for the eclipse. Everything he sends out will have to be there by 1:00. Mr. Welch was recommending they shut down the transfer station as well. Mr. Boose suggested they close at noon. He thought it would be a good idea to get a sign up as soon as possible.

Mr. Welch asked if they planned to change how they were doing the floor in the Veterans area. He would have to change the bid specs if they do. Mr. Brady said he had been out there yesterday for the meeting. Because of the all the wheelchairs, service dogs, and other issues, they would like to have a hard surface in there. Mr. Brady mentioned this to Mr. Welch this morning and he suggested maybe something like the epoxy floor they put downstairs. That would last a lot longer than vinyl plank. Mr. Welch said he has done the bid specs and Mr. Strickler has reviewed them. Right now they have carpet going in there. He needs to know if they are going to change that. Mr. Boose was not in favor of doing anything other than carpet. Mr. Wilde did not know how many service dogs they get. But wheelchairs can roll on carpet. Mr. Boose said Job & Family Services has wheelchairs come in all the time. Mr. Welch noted that carpet was the most affordable. The whole building will be the same. This way in the future if things get moved around everything will match. Mr. Boose said Job & Family Services is always moving things around out there. Right now they are moving Ohio Means Jobs to the front. He said if he thought the carpet was going to get damaged he wouldn't do it. Mr. Wilde pointed out if there is a bad situation you can clean it or replace the

carpet squares. Mr. Boose thought the area would be a lot harder to pour. Mr. Welch agreed, saying they would have to empty the space out completely to pour it. Mr. Brady didn't think vinyl plank would hold up like carpet when you run wheelchairs over it. Mr. Welch was hoping they would be able to go out to bid for the carpet next week. Mr. Boose asked if they bid it per square foot, or for the total job. Mr. Welch says he has it set up for the total job. Mr. Boose noted it says approximately 36,000 square feet. Mr. Welch said he has to reduce that too. Mr. Boose asked, if we say approximately 36,000 and it comes up to be 36,500, who is responsible for the measurements? Mr. Welch said he has language in the bid documents that allows them to take their own measurements and figure out the quantities. Most carpet companies will do their own measurements because they have to figure out how much overstock they will need. Mr. Boose asked how we get extra squares in case we need to replace them. He asked if that was anywhere in the bid. Mr. Welch thought they bought additional boxes from the contractor after the job was finished when they did it before. The carpet they have used and the carpet they are going to use has always been available. It is a pretty common, standard carpet. Mr. Boose suggested he may want to discuss it with the contractor and ask them to order a certain amount over what is needed. That way we should get the best price. Mr. Tansey suggested just adding a line item in the contract. Mr. Boose was concerned that at some time in the future they would change the carpet. They don't keep the same carpet forever.

24-130

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE SAND HILL ROAD CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (HUR-CR 040-03.16; PID 117737)**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funding for the Sand Hill Road Concrete Superstructure Replacement project and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for said project; and

**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; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for Sand Hill Road Concrete Superstructure Replacement project; and further

**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](http://www.hccommissioners.com) by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

**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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this was not the same one everyone has been waiting for. This one is up by Route 20, just south of Route 4.

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENT**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, April 26, 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: Sand Hill Road Concrete Superstructure Replacement, HUR-C.R. 040-03.16; PID 117737. 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 **November 8, 2024**.

Only **prequalified contractors** are eligible to submit bids for this project. Bidders must be prequalified by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in accordance with ODOT’s Construction and Material Specifications Section 102.

Bidders shall comply with the prevailing wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

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 4, 2024  
April 11, 2024

24-131

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PAINT MARKING PROJECT 2024**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 24-082 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Paint Marking Project 2024; and

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

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, March 15, 2024 at 9:05 A.M from the following:

Oglesby Construction, Inc.	\$118,425.00
Griffin Pavement Striping	\$124,500.00
American Roadway Logistics	\$148,000.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Oglesby Construction, Inc., Norwalk, Ohio, for the Paint Marking Project 2024; and

**FURTHER IT 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.

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

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

24-132

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH R & I CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ZENOBIA ROAD CONCRETE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 24-104 the bid was awarded to R&I Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$311,618.00 for the Zenobia Road Concrete Superstructure Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with R&I 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 R&I Construction, Inc., Tiffin, Ohio for the Zenobia Road 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.

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

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

*\*On file*

24-133

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINE / SCRANTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; HUR C.R. 051-00.00 HUR, PID 116003**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer was successful in applying for Federal funds to improve the intersection of Greenwich Milan Townline Road and Scranton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Consultant Selection Procedure, the Engineer received proposals to assist the Engineer’s Office by providing Construction Inspection and Construction Administration for the Greenwich Milan Townline / Scranton Road Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals were received on or before 3:00 p.m. on February 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer has selected a firm based upon the information submitted from the acceptable and pre-qualified consultants for Construction Inspection and Construction Administration and Testing Services:

**TRC Companies, Inc.  
1382 West Nineth Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113**

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Board of Commissioners does hereby award the Construction Inspection and Construction Administration contract for the Greenwich Milan Townline / Scranton Road Intersection Improvements Project and enter into Agreement No. 40766 with TRC Companies, Inc. with such funds as are necessary under the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Engineer to be drawn from the Auto Tax Fund or as otherwise made available from State or Federal sources as may selected by the County Engineer; 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey explained the grant covers 80% of the cost of this through ODOT. So, they went ahead and hired somebody to free up his staff.

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

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

24-134

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERMISSIVE TAX FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF WILLARD, HOWARD ST. & MYRTLE AVE. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Willard has submitted a request for the use of Permissive Tax Funds for the Howard Street and Myrtle Avenue Improvement Project in the amount of \$200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has reviewed the proposed project plans and estimate and has determined the project is located on a principal arterial route in Huron County that is listed on the Huron County Permissive Tax Map adopted by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on August 20, 2019, Resolution 19-249, and amended on November 5, 2019 in Resolution 19-322; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer concurs that the proposed project meets the requirements set forth within the Ohio Revised Code and therefore recommends the release of the permissive taxes for the proposed project; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the release of Permissive Tax Funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the City of Willard for the Howard Street and Myrtle Avenue Improvement Project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher said funds to the City of Willard once invoiced; 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this met all the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Ziembra had Ms. Stebel print off their statement for funds available. They have \$212,795 available.

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

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

24-135

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD APRIL 2, 2024**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:





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

24-137

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA) AND HURON COUNTY SHERIFF (CONTRACTOR)**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 and rule 5101:12 -10-45.2 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the Huron County Child Support Enforcement Agency is authorized to enter into this contract with Huron County Sheriff hereinafter referred to as “Contractor” for the purchase of services on the first day of April 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract will be effective from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 unless terminated according to the terms of paragraph 23 of the attached contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Huron County CSEA desires to enter into agreement with the Contractor, and agrees to purchase for, and Contractor agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in attachment; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the above mentioned agreement as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

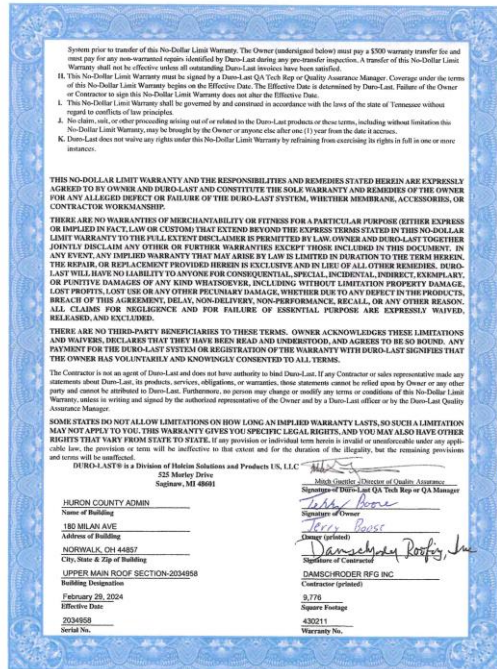
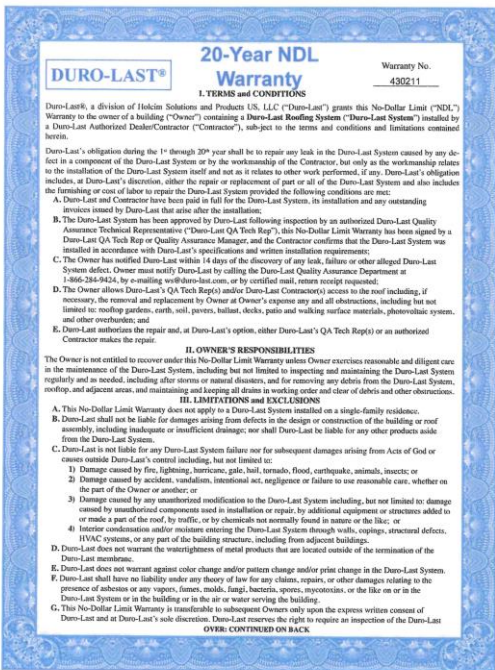
Aye – Terry Boose  
Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

*\*Agreement on file*

**SIGNINGS**

***Bruce Wilde moved to approve signing the Warranty for the roof at the Administration Building and the letter to the Auditor of State. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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



DURO-LAST / DURO-TUFF / DURO-FLEECE / DURO-FLEECE PLUS / DURO-LAST EVO 30 YEAR NDL 4/1/23



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
March 28, 2024  
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- All relevant matters are reflected in the measurement and/or evaluation of the assertions described above.
- We are responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements that could directly affect the census data and pensionable wages.
- There have been no events subsequent to December 31, 2023, that would have a material effect on the completeness and accuracy of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.
- We have disclosed to you all known matters that may contradict the assertions regarding the completeness and accuracy of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.
- Under the terms of the agreement, we have provided you with all records, relevant information, and access to information and personnel in connection with your examination of the completeness and accuracy of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.
- There are no deficiencies in internal control relevant to the engagement of which we are aware.
- We have no knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud or noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements affecting the completeness and accuracy of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.

Sincerely,

*Roland Tkach*  
Roland Tkach, County Auditor

*Terry Boose*  
Terry Boose  
Board of County Commissioners

March 28, 2024

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
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Jonathan A. Lawless, CFE, Chief Auditor  
One Government Center, Room 1420  
Toledo, Ohio 43624-2245

Regarding your examination of the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion that the assertions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the census data and pensionable wages reported to the retirement system, as described below, are fairly stated, in all material respects, we confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during the course of your examination.

- We are responsible for the following assertions:
  - The census data provided to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System as of December 31, 2023 is accurate and complete. Census data includes:
    - First and last name;
    - Last four digits of the social security number;
    - Gender;
    - Date of birth;
    - Contributions remitted to the plan; and
    - Pensionable compensation.
  - The census data provided to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System as of December 31, 2023 included all enrolled employees.
  - Census data changes occurring during the year ended December 31, 2023 to an enrolled employee's eligible compensation, were properly updated with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System.
  - All employees required to be enrolled in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System in accordance with statutory requirements were properly enrolled.
  - The total pensionable wages and employee contributions information reported to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2023 agrees with the payroll records of the employer.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Tansey and Mr. Strickler about a complaint he received last week regarding the use of commercial trucks on county and township roads. This person was okay with agricultural, and understood if you have a business and need to get trucks back and forth. Mr. Tansey stated that, unless the road was restricted due to weight restrictions, if it is a legal Ohio load they have the right to be on the road. You can't pick and choose who you want to use it. Mr. Boose asked if commercial drivers have the same authority as everyone else. Mr. Tansey said his office would prefer they stay on the state routes that are better equipped to handle it, but there is nothing that can be done to prevent it if it is a legal Ohio load. They get various complaints throughout the year but you can't tell someone they can't go down the road just because you don't like the size of their vehicle. Discussion followed regarding portable scales and the fact the locals are more likely to be overloaded than businesses.

Mr. Tansey stated he submitted his annual report. It summarized everything they had done last year and had a 2024 project list.

### IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Nicole Cross, JFS to Nationwide Children's Hospital for Triple P training on May 7 – 9, 2024.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Hunker if there was anything they needed for the building. Mr. Hunker requested a letter of support. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Hunker to send her the information they sent to the state in order to come up with a letter of support.

**Administrator's report**

Ms. Ziemba stated that a public hearing has been set for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for the first public hearing for the CDBG grant process. GLCAP will explain all the available grants, terms of use and the process to obtain. Later that day at 1:00 p.m. GLCAP will be in meeting room D for the PY2024 Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting (CDIS). Community members are invited to participate in a discussion to help identify and prioritize potential funding opportunities.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

**Assistant Prosecutor's report - none**

**Commissioner Wilde report**

Board of DD breakfast last week.

They attended Chris Mushett's retirement party last week.

Land Bank application has been sent in. Mr. Boose had been looking at aerial pictures of the area. He wondered if the area they thought was an orchard was where the ditch is that is full of trees. It's in the same area. Mr. Boose asked what the chance was that we would get demolition money this year. Mr. Wilde said none, it is for 2025. Mr. Boose asked what it depended on for 2025? Mr. Wilde said they sent in three projects for Brownfield. From what he understands we either get it or we don't. Mr. Boose asked if Brownfield included demolition. Mr. Brady said one fund is for remediation of underground issues, which is the Brownfield. However, he thought he said we could get demo money out of the Brownfield account. Mr. Wilde said they demoed E. Main Street with Brownfield. Mr. Boose would like to get something official from the Land Bank that yes, this money is going to be used by the commissioners. Mr. Brady said they really can't do much until they do the test. Mr. Boose thought it was hard to budget \$1 million not knowing if you were going to need it all. You can do a lot of projects with an extra \$500,000. Ms. Ziemba asked if they had reviewed the proposal sent by MakSolve. Everyone had read it. Mr. Strickler said it was fine.

Thursday at 3:00 is Family Dependency Court graduation.

Donate Life flag raising Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Norwalk City Hall.

Mr. Boose said there was going to be a presentation on Thursday. It is a significant project with significant dollars. It is called Mobile Crisis program. The money is going to have to come soon; it could be as high as over \$400,000. Mr. Wilde noted he had that presentation yesterday at Rotary. Mr. Boose said the question comes, where is the money going to come from, and who writes the checks. He was not sure the commissioners want to take on another project and write checks. But, on the other hand, if we don't come up with the money then it's not going to happen. Mr. Boose asked if that was portrayed yesterday at Rotary. Mr. Wilde said it was not. Mr. Boose explained they could cut it back to \$300,000+ by cutting back on hours of service. He said the other side of it is, the first year it is an extra \$90,000 – \$100,000 to get it up and going. After the first year the price goes down about \$90,000/year. So, this will be an annual thing.

**Commissioner Brady report**

WAEDC meeting tomorrow. Willard Area Economic Development Council.

Veterans meeting yesterday. Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Stephens also attended. Discussed concerns about compensation line item. Mr. Boose noted that Ms. Ziemba disagreed with some of those items. She indicated that is not how the rest of the county does it. Mr. Boose suggested the next meeting they have should include the auditor's office. Mr. Brady said Ms. Ziemba had to leave for another meeting, so he has not had a chance to talk to her. Mr. Stephens filled the Veterans in on the ORC requirements and how things work. They definitely want to work with the commissioners and do things how they are supposed to be done. Mr. Brady thought it was a good start and will discuss the meeting with Ms. Ziemba.

Yesterday Mr. Brady attended the interview Norwalk Ohio News did with Mr. Mead. They talked about the SCBA bottles we received. This is equipment for when firefighters go into hazardous areas that don't have enough oxygen. Four will be in the hazmat trailer up here; four will be in the hazmat trailer in Willard; one will be with Mr. Mead so he has one at all times. Mr. Gillmor was there with the drones. The sniffer

is very little and attaches to the drone. Mr. Gillmor sent Mr. Brady a lot of the pictures of the Senior Center. The clarity of the pictures was incredible. Mr. Gillmor had to get special permission because the jail is a “no fly” area. It is geofenced, so if you try to fly the drone over it, it just hits the “fence”.

Mr. Boose said that Ms. Ziemba mentioned yesterday that the airport has 26 or 27 planes coming in. He asked how many tie downs they have. Mr. Brady said if they aren't staying overnight they don't have to be tied down, they can just tarp. Mr. Boose asked if they were just coming in for the day. Ms. Ziemba said it doesn't say one way or the other; it just says “*just to confirm that we have 27 planes scheduled to come in for the next weekend*”. Mr. Brady said because of that they are regulating slots for takeoff to keep things orderly. He wasn't sure how many tie downs were out there, but he was pretty sure they didn't have 27.

Mr. Boose said he went down Laylin Road and saw a whole row of trees down by the airport. He asked if that was Storage Masters. Mr. Brady said it was. They cut down the scrub trees and are clearing it out before giving it to the county, if we take it. On the east side of the road there was a tree line that had a lot of trees on the airport side. Tom Shaffer owns the property, so he took down trees on his own. The airport may reimburse him some money for fuel. Mr. Brady was hoping this would leave enough grant money for the airport to take down the trees that had been taken down once but had regrown.

Mr. Brady will be at Family Children First Council tomorrow morning.

Friday is the annual meeting for CEBCO so Mr. Brady will be in Columbus.

#### **Commissioner Boose report**

Mr. Boose mentioned the Armstrong NASA event. He thought the speaker was very interesting.

Workforce Development meeting yesterday. Discussed Black & Decker layoffs; JFS set up a Job Fair right away.

Met with architect yesterday regarding Senior Center. Discussed the sign. Mr. Tkach had indicated that the state may be changing the logo. Mr. Boose said they need to get the sign ordered and installed. The old sign is going to be moved over to the east entrance. They need to know if the one on the west entrance is only going to be for Enrichment Services. Mr. Boose thought someone from the commissioners' office should send a note to the clerk and the auditor that we need to know. He noted they are both invited to these meetings but have not come to any. Mr. Boose thought a change order would be necessary to move the one over to the east side. That one is not illuminated, but the new one will be. He was pretty sure there was conduit all the way from the breaker box to the sign location. But there is no wire run. The electric company was part of the meeting yesterday, they were willing to figure it out and get it done ahead of placement. But there will be some additional charges. There is no base to where they are moving it. The architect is going to figure that out. Mr. Boose mentioned that there are two pieces of equipment Mr. Beal wanted to move from their kitchen to the new kitchen. But timing is everything. Once it is moved they can't use it; they will have to do cold meals or use Willard.

Tomorrow morning Mr. Boose has the meeting about the Mobile Crisis program.

Firelands Forward meeting at 8:30 a.m.

At 10:00 there is a RUMA meeting.

Mr. Boose said there is a letter they received from the state that explains how to apply for the money that is set aside. They note that there is only \$1 million. So what we get reimbursed for is not going to be 100%. He wanted to bet that Cuyahoga County could apply for \$1 million for themselves. But we need to encourage everybody to apply for as much as they can. Ms. Ziemba confirmed he was talking about the eclipse reimbursement.

CCAO bulletin lists information on a new bill being introduced that will allow Land Reutilization Corporations, also known as Land Banks, to be considered financial institutions from which townships could borrow funds. Mr. Brady said they had a presentation at the last meeting by a company, Blue Door Development. It consisted of three different entities - a developer, a builder, and a financier. They work with the Land Banks, and particularly have been working with the Richland County Land Bank. They acquire properties and then build duplexes and triplexes that they continue to own and rent out. Their rent is very reasonable; they keep it in line with Metro. They are interested in working with the Huron County Land Bank on properties that may be available where they can go in and build housing. Mr. Boose asked if anybody was going to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Land Bank Conference. Mr. Wilde said that Mr. Pickworth, Mr. Loughton, Ms. Lykins and Ms. Ross planned to attend.

Mr. Boose said there was a grant called Nature Works Grant program. This provides reimbursement assistance for local governments to acquire, develop or rehabilitate recreational areas. Funding available is \$150,000 per county. Mr. Boose had a lot of questions: Who was entitled to that money? Who decides where this money goes? Should the county park district be looking at this? When we get ready to clean out the ditch at Shady Lane, could this help pay for that? Ms. Ziemba looked up the information on the grant. She read “*Eligible applicants are city conservancy districts, county local governments, park recreational district, township, villages. Nature Works projects are funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resource Bond issue, which was approved by Ohio voters in November 1993. It is a 75% reimbursement assistance for local government subdivisions for the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of recreational areas*”. Mr. Boose asked who decides. Ms. Ziemba said Department of Natural Resources decides. Someone from Huron County has been awarded it every year. She listed: City of Norwalk for the Norwalk Reservoir playground replacement at Veterans Memorial Lake park; Willard received it to construct a dog park with two separate fenced areas; Wakeman received it for the Red Cap. In one year New London received money for improvements to the beach pavilion and City of Norwalk received it for the Family Parks paved perimeter trail. So more than one entity can receive at one time; granted neither one of these was very much. \$33,000 for the City of Norwalk; \$4,000 for New London. The other ones were \$12,000 each. Mr. Boose thought when Greg Telecky comes in we ask him to start with this project if we agree to go forward with them.

Mr. Boose said County Current asked us to make a call for advocacy to retain jail funding in the senate. If you read the article, as it currently stands if your county is within the ranks of 1-40 or a large county jail then you could get some of this money. We are not. Mr. Boose was not sure why this came out in Counties Current. At their last board meeting he was pretty sure they voted to opposed the way that the funding is going because they don't think that is a fair way to do it. There was an article yesterday regarding Cuyahoga County going for jail money. The land they want to buy is \$33 million. Their jail is going to be in the nine digits.

Mr. Boose does not understand another new bill that would create an exemption to the requirement that candidates must provide all names used in the past five years. Why would you do that exemption? If somebody is changing their name you want to know that.

Mr. Boose said this was National County Government month. For that, CCAO has put together a packet for us. One of them was two signs. He asked Mr. Minor to put those outside. Some of the items they provided were customizable. If you look at the information in the Ohio Counties Matter, there is a really good explanation of what county government does. Mr. Boose thought a lot of the information could be very helpful if someone were to teach a class. Ms. Ziemba said we had done a bunch of brochures last year. Mr. Wilde has Project Leadership on April 11. He would love to pass them out.

***At 11:15 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 and ORC 121.22 (G) (4) preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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

***At 11:43 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) & (4). Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:***

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

***\*No action taken***

**Commissioner Boose report continued**

Mr. Boose mentioned the Health Department gave a presentation at their annual meeting a couple weeks ago. They wanted to inform the committee that they have boxes that go outside of buildings to put Narcan in for the public. Anybody that needs Narcan can take it out of the boxes. Mr. Boose thought that might be a good idea for the county buildings. He asked Mr. Hollinger if he had given all the boxes away; we don't want to take them away from anybody that wants them. Mr. Hollinger indicated very few people have requested them. The county can probably have as many as they want. Mr. Hollinger asked that we let the

media know so the community knows they are available to private industry or anybody that wants them. Mr. Wilde said MHAS did a presentation at Rotary yesterday. He specifically had them talk about the boxes so there are some business owners who understand they are available. Mr. Boose said we need to let Mr. Hollinger know how many we want. His original thought was it would be nice to have one at the Administration Building, although he did not know where they would put it. The better place is the back of the building, but they said they prefer to have them covered and out of the sun. Mr. Boose thought one here, one at the Office Building, and maybe one at Job & Family Services. Ms. Minor originally said no, but that was when she thought we were talking about the vending machines. She asked for some time to think about it, but she thought it would probably be okay to put one there. Mr. Brady thought it was a good idea. He asked if they needed a motion or a resolution to do it. Mr. Boose suggested they think about it for a week. When they officially ask Mr. Hollinger he would love to do it by motion or resolution, something for the media. Mr. Strickler thought if they were going to do it on multiple buildings they were better off to do a resolution. Even though he was pretty sure it was not legally necessary. He just thought it might be better to do it that way. Mr. Boose thought Ms. Ziembra might want to get the official name of the project from the Health Department.

**At 11:51 a.m.** Terry Boose moved to adjourn. Bruce Wilde seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION**

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on April 2, 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 11:51 a.m.

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