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; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Tom Dunlap, Citizen; Gina Hartman, Clerk of Courts

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the March 21, 2024 and March 26, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 21, 2024 and March 26, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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

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# 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;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register for Payment Batch #378775 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.

\*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Wilde had a question about the February nursing under Jail Operations on page 3. He asked if anybody remembered what the bid was for the nursing for the year. If the amount for February were correct, it would be about \$480,000. Mr. Boose said we have a contract and he was sure it was by the contract. He was more concerned about the two payments to Firelands Radiology.

Mr. Boose would like to get the invoice for the signs for the dumpsters for the solar eclipse to Mr. Mead. He assumed Mr. Mead was sending in all the expenses for reimbursement.

2024/2025 CORSA program costs. They are due first week of May. Mr. Boose saw there were some individual departments paying for their cars and other things.

Mr. Boose was curious who was paying Brady Sign Company for Ohio Means Jobs rebranding signage. That sounds like some requirement from the state to him.

Another large foster care for child room and board for March – almost \$40,000.

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

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

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# IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO FY2022 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AGREEMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the EMA Director has reviewed and recommends the approval of the First Amendment to FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Supplement Grant Agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Amendment extends the grant award period to March 31, 2024 and increases award amount by \$14,949.00, for a total grant award of \$101,338.00; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the First Amendment to FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Supplemental Grant Agreement as 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.

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

24-163

# IN THE MATTER OF SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE HURON COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to ORC 5901.04, the Board of County Commissioners is charged with determining the compensation for the services of members of a veteran service board; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves yearly compensation for each member of the Huron County Veteran Services Board Members in the amount of \$10,400.00, paid in increments in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 4.02: Pay Periods/Pay Checks; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes travel expenses in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 6.01: Travel Expense Reimbursement; 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. Boose noted they had been in a couple weeks ago to explain what they were doing. There was discussion with Mr. Stephens that the commissioners need to approve this. Mr. Boose assumed this was the response to them being in and what Mr. Stephens wanted them to do. Ms. Ziemba said that was correct. Mr. Boose was not happy with the amount of the increase. They went from \$39,000 in Salary for the board members to \$52,000. He sees that as a huge raise. It wasn't that many years ago it was raised a similar percentage amount. There have been some huge raises to that board; he thought they were probably the highest paid board that we have in the county. Mr. Boose thought it was too big of a raise. But the commissioners set their dollar amount for the total budget, they set their individual accounts. Mr. Boose wanted to caution against giving such huge raises in the future.

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

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

24-164

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A COUNTY CREDIT CARD TO THE REQUESTING HURON COUNTY OFFICES PURSUANT TO THE MASTER COMMERCIAL CARD AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HURON COUNTY AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 301.27(F)(2).

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 301.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Huron County Commissioners are authorized to acquire a county credit card and to adopt the necessary policies for such county credit card usage;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 23-358, enacting the Huron County Credit Card Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 301.27(B) of the Ohio Revised Code relating to the acquisition and use of a county credit card account to be utilized for work related purchases that serve a public purpose;

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Huron County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 24-049, in which the Board of Huron County Commissioners entered into the Master Commercial Card Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. to acquire a credit card for Huron County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a request to receive a county credit card from the Huron County Veteran Service Office, accompanied with the completed acknowledgment of the Huron County Credit Card Policy for the same;

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, does hereby authorize the Huron County Veteran Service Office to receive a credit card as detailed in the Master Commercial Card Agreement;

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, does hereby authorize and direct the Huron County Treasurer to request the issuance of a new county credit card to the office stated above and as 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.

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

#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, children are Huron County's most precious and valuable resource;

and

WHEREAS, each child has the right as a human being, to live and grow in a safe and supportive environment;

**WHEREAS**, children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others, giving back to their own family, their community and their state the care that was bestowed upon them; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a complex community issue; Huron County Children Services received 1,874 reports regarding child and families in 2023; requiring 590 further assessments of children and families; although 64 children spent time in foster care, 9 of those children were successfully placed with family and/or non-relatives; 2 children reaching the age of majority and 7 children were adopted;

and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse/neglect is a community problem, and finding solutions will depend on involvement of people throughout Huron County;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse/neglect prevention programs will succeed because of partnerships among private sector agencies and the people of Huron County; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, that residents are encouraged to recognize and support the needs of abused and neglected children and take action to prevent child abuse and neglect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** We have hereunto subscribed our names this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

# **HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

#### 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

Cecilia Blevins & Ben Kline, Board of Elections, to Portland, Oregon for CERA Conference and classes on April 23 – 28, 2024.

#### **SIGNINGS - None**

At 9:30 a.m. Kristen Cardone, MHAS & David Olds, Connections Recovery Services/One Ohio. Also in attendance, Chief Deputy Dave Ditz. Ms. Cardone explained she had come in a few weeks ago to discuss their potential application for OneOhio funds for a local crisis response team. She submitted the application last week. Today she had David Olds from Connections Recovery Services with her. He is the executive director for that organization and would be the individual overseeing the crisis team. Mr. Brady asked where Connections Recovery Services was located. Ms. Cardone stated they were located in Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Olds introduced himself and explained they operate the Mobile Crisis Response team, as well as the Critical Incident Stress Management team. Currently they are located in Sandusky, Ottawa, Seneca and Wyandot counties. Hopefully this year they will start in Huron County. The Mobile Crisis Response team is basically three team members. There is a Resource Coordinator, who is an LSW-LPC or above -Licensed Social Worker/Licensed Professional Counselor. Then there is a Case Manager and a Safety Officer who are out in the field. They are the ones out in the community handling mental health and addiction related calls, with or without law enforcement. They have the ability to handle some of the calls on their own, but a lot of time they partner with public safety, law enforcement, or whoever they need to effectively handle that situation. The Resource Coordinator is usually at the office. The Resource Coordinators all work together - right now there are three. There will be a fourth added. When a call comes in they all work together to figure out the best thing to do for that person, where they need to be, what is appropriate for them. They then communicate that to the team and the team carries that out. The Resource Coordinators will work long term with individuals. They will work with someone from anywhere from two weeks to two years, depending on the severity of the situation and how acute they are. The role of the Resource Coordinator is to help them connect to the things they need in order to continue working towards stabilization.

Mr. Olds stated they have a number of goals within their Mobile Crisis Response team. First is to reduce the footprint of public safety in the handling of mental health calls. There are number of reasons for this. They want law enforcement to have the opportunity to do more law enforcement work. The mobile response unit is a very big help and they work hand in hand with public safety. Law enforcement has some training, and it is a good compliment to what they already do. Mr. Olds stated he is the CIT Coordinator, which is Crisis Intervention Team training. He is the one who trains law enforcement in six counties on how to handle and deescalate situations. So, the goal is to reduce the footprint and they can do that because they have the ability to handle some of the calls on our own. They connect with a lot of the mental health providers. They will do welfare checks for them instead of law enforcement having to go out and do them. One of the other goals is to reduce recidivism. That is what he explained a minute ago with the Resource Coordinator. They try to keep that person from going back into crisis. When Mr. Olds designed this program he wanted to make sure they could work with a person throughout the entire time. In Ohio you can't force them to get help in certain situations. They do the best they can, stick with them and try to keep working on them. One of their other goals is to increase connections to the different resources that are available within the communities. They try to keep them connected to those resources and keep them stable.

One of our last goals is to decrease the amount of hospitalizations in acute situations at local ERs. None of our local ERs, except Firelands, has a psychiatric hospital attached to them. If someone needs to be hospitalized they will transport them directly to a psychiatric hospital. They more or less take out the middle man. Typically, if they go to the hospital it can take anywhere from four hours and as long as ten days looking for placement. This can cause the individual to become frustrated and sometimes to walk away from the help that is there. They avoid that. Mr. Olds has worked out relationships with a lot of different providers, so they typically are in and out in less than a half hour.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Ditz if EMS, fire and law enforcement were on board. Mr. Ditz said as far as he knows, yes. He said the sheriff's office was 100% on board. Mr. Olds said part of the process is, in the next few months he will start to schedule and visit every police and fire department. Other individuals will go out and make contact with all of the mental health providers and get them on board. Mr. Boose stated there is an area at Job & Family Services that they could use for their office.

Mr. Boose wanted to discuss the grant application. He and Ms. Ziemba had been checking to see what other counties had for policies and procedures. They found there are not many counties that have used the OneOhio county money so far. Mr. Boose doesn't have a problem if we are one of the first counties to hand it out. It wasn't changing any lives by sitting in a bank account. He acknowledged that Ms. Cardone had filled out the application. He explained the application has a rating system. He would like the commissioners to rate the application. Next week they could come back and discuss the ratings and move forward on this. Mr. Boose asked when they could get the program up and running if they got this all accomplished. Ms. Cardone said the goal would be to have it up and running by July 1. Mr. Boose thought there was other money besides what was being asked from them. Ms. Cardone agreed that was correct, the sustainability plan was stapled at the end. She said they are in the process of submitting a grant application through the Huron County Sheriff's office. That is due on April 30. She met with Willard yesterday regarding their OneOhio funding. She will be meeting with Norwalk tomorrow rewarding their OneOhio funding. There are contributions from the DD Board, there is MHAS funding, and State Opioid Response funding. Mr. Boose hoped the commissioners would make a decision soon, and recognized it might be dependent upon all the other funding falling into place. So far there have been three meetings in the county regarding OneOhio money, how to apply for it, etc. At the last meeting they talked about this particular topic. We discussed that probably the majority of the amount of county money would be needed. Mr. Boose thought we currently have \$180,000 in the account. They are asking for \$150,000. Ms. Ziemba was working on trying to figure out what this year's payouts are going to be from the state. Mr. Strickler said those were kind of unknown because, with the different opioid settlements they are not a static number every year.

Mr. Boose said the bottom line, the ask in the application is \$150,000. He thought we have just under \$180,000 in the account as of today. It was discussed at their last meeting that, should they decide to go forward with this group, they would be taking the majority of the money. Mr. Boose thought it interesting that the reason some of the counties have not used their money is they are thinking of using it as a match for the regional grants that are out there. Each county is different; each region it different. He doesn't like seeing our money sitting in an account when we can use it on a program that is already proven. Mr. Boose thought there were some up-front costs for the program regarding training and setting up. Mr. Olds said that was correct. Mr. Olds has talked to Job & Family Services, they have some funding available as well; he is in the process of applying. Mr. Olds wanted to clarify. He told them the Resource Coordinator was in Fremont. There will be a team that is here permanently, full time. They will be out of the Job & Family Services office if they are permitted to use that. They will be there Monday through Friday, 9-5. We are also looking at potentially adding a second shift at some point. If that is the case then they would be covering the hours of 8 a.m. until 11 or 12 at night. Mr. Ditz wanted to let them know they support this opportunity. They talked yesterday. They have the CIT training which is very valuable, but they are not clinicians, counselors, social workers. They can only do so much. Having this resource available, with people with those skill sets, would be extremely valuable.

Mr. Brady said he liked the program. He asked, just roughly, how many calls do they see with the four counties? Mr. Olds stated that last year they had 1,006 calls. Some were repeats; about 800 were all new. The Ottawa team has just picked up, but over the winter they moved them around to handle the "hot" county. There was one day when they had three teams in Wyandot county, which is extremely strange. Wyandot County's population is around 18,000 so they typically only get 20 or 30 calls a year from there. Most of the calls are coming from the other three counties. For Huron County they are probably looking at 250 plus crisis calls per year. Mr. Olds said it will start off slow, but eventually once they start to show what they can do it picks up. When he initially designed this he thought it was going to be a 9-1-1 response only. They went and talked to all the police departments, sheriff departments, dispatch centers and said call us if you need us. It quickly morphed into everyone calls us. The mental health providers call us, the food banks call us, the shelters call us, the individuals call us, the families call us. And it doesn't matter who calls, we are coming. Job & Family Services calls us all the time. We are here to help anyone, any way. They have done a lot of work with homeless individuals trying to find housing and placement. Fremont had a large homeless population for a very long time. They took some people down there and they just started connecting people to different resources. Within about four weeks they had everybody moved out into some kind of either permanent or temporary housing. It has worked out very well.

Mr. Boose asked if they would cover the entire county. Mr. Olds said they would. A lot of villages and cities are in multiple counties. His team always asked, what do we do if it is in a different county? Mr. Olds doesn't care. If they call we go. And that will be the same with Huron County.

Mr. Brady asked if they needed a decision for next Tuesday. Mr. Boose said if possible, yes. Mr. Brady thought that would be doable. Ms. Cardone said she appreciates that because if the answer is no she does plan to apply for the regional funds. Which she knew brought up a whole other conversation. Mr. Boose noted that was due on May 3. Which leads into the discussion that Ms. Cardone may not be able to apply for our regional funds. Last week they had the discussion where anybody that is on the Technical Advisory Committee would not be able to apply for the money. And that is a huge problem. We asked the state to

take a look at it. Mr. Boose's suggestion was that if they don't get an answer on that Ms. Cardone may want to resign from the Technical Advisory Committee. We need to find some people to do that job, which is going to be tough. But we are not going to restrict people from being able to apply. Ms. Cardone said where they are at, if they receive the local funds, they won't apply for regional funds. The other thing her board had given her permission to apply for was funding for behavorial health transportation for individuals, primarily youth, who are in the hospital to cover that EMS piece. She worked with Ms. Cross at FCFC, who is willing to build that piece into her application because it is youth and it is mental health. Ms. Cardone's concern is that they contract with a lot of the agencies that are applying. Which then also makes it a conflict of interest. Mr. Wilde pointed out that everybody works together. Mr. Boose said the state works a lot with the bigger counties, they have more people to choose from. For instance, they told us to just get our grants person to be on the TAC. We don't have one, nor do we have a department. We will work that out. Mr. Boose wanted Ms. Cardone, if they are saying you can't apply for the money, to immediately resign from that committee and leave it up to them to figure it out.

## At 10:00 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:08 a.m. the board resumed regular session with John Bowen and Rebecca Sinopoli, MakSolve to discuss the Shady Lane Complex and the application the Land Bank submitted for demolition and Brownfield. Also in attendance: Mitch Loughten, Land Bank; Dave Weisenberger, Land Bank; Judy Lykins, Land Bank; Shawn Pickworth, Land Bank. Pete Welch, Buildings & Grounds, Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds.

Mr. Wilde introduced everybody. He asked Mr. Welch to provide an update from BJAAM. Mr. Welch said as everybody knows, we have an underground storage that was removed in 1992. The tank did leak and has continued to be an issue for a long time. Last year we contracted with BJAAM to do remediation. We are now in the testing phase after one year of doing remediation. We pulled two samples at the end of March. There was one sample, CS1, and the level of benzene was above the action level. It came in at 1.47 and the action level on the site is 1.15. Mr. Wilde asked him to explain the solutions BJAAM had suggested. Mr. Welch said what they suggested was: 1) do a nonresidential covenant in the area that is contaminated; 2) over excavate that area; and 3) continue with the remediation process, which will take at least another year. Mr. Wilde said we put the application in, now we have certain timeframes. He asked Mr. Bowen to provide an update.

Mr. Bowen stated they had put an application in to demolish the old building through the Brownfield grant funding program. Huron County had already used up their demo money to demolish several structures. Demolishing a building in the Brownfield is considered remediation. You are ineligible for remediation until you have satisfied any other environmental issue on the property through assessment. environmental issue that exists now is the tank situation. Getting a No Further Action from BUSTR would eliminate that as an impediment to getting the grant money. Beyond that you would also need some sort of Phase 1 Site Assessment, which would state there are no other environmental issues on this property. This lead Mr. Bowen to their last discussion, where he showed them the green dots that typically indicate an orchard. He wasn't saying there was one for sure, but they only have those historical documents to go on. This would likely get called out in a Phase 1 as an environmental issue. It would have to be addressed to wipe the slate clean to make the demolition project eligible for funding. That is where they left it. Phase 1, Phase 2, and the pre-demolition asbestos survey. After that meeting he prepared and delivered proposals for those three activities. But regardless of what happens, whether you get funding or not, if you want to demolish that building, the pre-demolition asbestos assessment will have to be done, with some abatement likely. That does not have an expiration date; it could be done now and the building demolished in two years because nothing will have changed. Mr. Bowen stated if they were not interested or did not want to go the route of the Brownfield funding, he was not trying to push it. Mr. Brady asked how much they applied for. Mr. Bowen thought it was around \$478,000 - whatever was left. Because they also did applications through the Land Bank for a site in Willard and a site in New London. Mr. Brady thought the proposal was in the \$41,000 range for the different phases. Mr. Bowen said it was \$6,500 for the Phase 1; Phase 2 - \$21,000 and the pre-demolition asbestos survey \$10,120. Mr. Welch asked if Brownfield would pay for asbestos abatement. Mr. Bowen said it would. In the application they had to give an estimate for asbestos abatement. We calculated and said we think it might be \$80,000 or \$90,000. If it is less than that, then that is not more money toward the demolition. Mr. Welch said you could take \$80,000 or \$90,000 off the \$470,000 is what you are going to be left with, assuming those numbers are all in place. Mr. Bowen said he had a hard number on the demo - \$375,000. Mr. Brady thought it was still a significant amount of money that they would have to put out for their services up front. The money comes in after for the abatement and the demo. We are basically front funding the paperwork. He asked, with the tank, what is the best way to deal with that? He did not think it would be a good idea to extend the remediation for another year. Mr. Wilde asked if Mr. Bowen was familiar with a covenant. Mr. Bowen said they do them all the time. BUSTR even provides the language. You can restrict many things. Once you do that it changes the action levels. So, the 1.15 for the benzene becomes 7. The concentrations that are there now, which to date are considered unacceptable, then become acceptable. There is a little bit of a back and forth with BUSTR. Once everything is agreed upon it gets recorded. That recorded document gets sent to BUSTR with a small report. Mr. Bowen thought that would then get the county the No Further Action. Mr. Boose thought that would be a decision made by BUSTR. Mr. Bowen said it wasn't really a decision made by them; they give you the paths to take. Mr. Boose thought Mr. Bowen was making the covenant sound a little easier than what they were told. We were told there may be some persuasion that needs to be done with BUSTR. Mr. Bowen said in his dealings with BUSTR, they want to close these sites. He will typically call the Site Coordinator and discuss the situation with them. Before you spend the money, they are going to tell you yes or no. Mr. Bowen thought it was 99% they would be okay with it.

Mr. Boose had some comments about the covenant. We are not exactly sure of the size, it could just be 15' x 15'. He had asked if that meant just concrete it and separate it and put a fence around it? The answer he got was no. You just can't build residential on it. Mr. Brady found it interesting that it was not safe for residential but it was safe for commercial. Mr. Welch thought the exposure time was less. Someone goes to work for eight hours a day versus someone who lives there twenty-four hours a day. Mr. Bowen stated it was based on risk calculations that are done. Mr. Welch said the only down side was that you could possibly restrict the sale of the property in the future. Mr. Brady did not think where that parcel was located would ever be residential development. Mr. Boose though if they were truly talking 15' x 15' or even 30' x 30', it is a very small part of that parcel that you couldn't be residential. Mr. Welch asked Mr. Bowen if he knew how they determine the size of something like that. Mr. Bowen said he has never parceled out something like that. He usually just puts the covenant on the entire existing parcel.

Mr. Wilde asked if that would take care of the alleged orchards. Mr. Bowen said it would not take care of that, this is just for BUSTR. The orchards are more of an EPA concern. Mr. Brady asked if doing the full assessment that he proposed would eliminate that if they didn't find anything. Mr. Bowen said that was correct. He suggested they could parcel out that area that does or did have the orchard. Mr. Boose said that was going to be his next question. Right now it is part of the Veteran's Memorial Park. That is not going to change. He would not have a problem parceling that piece out. His question was, why would we not just set up a certain area and do a lot split. Mr. Strickler said we could do that. We would have to go through the city to do the lot split because the property is located in the City of Norwalk.

Mr. Boose stressed to Mr. Strickler that time was of the essence as far as doing the two things they talked about – the covenant and the lot split. We have applied for a grant. Before we can do anything these things have to be remedied. Mr. Strickler said they would need a survey of the park to lot that off. And then we can apply for the lot split. Mr. Boose said they don't need to do the whole park. Mr. Strickler thought it might be smart to do the whole park, so it would be a separate parcel. He suggested having the engineer's office go out there to survey it and figure out how big we want to make it. As soon as we get a legal description we can apply for the lot split and get that done. He will need a legal description for the remainder parcel as well. And then if somebody could get him the language from BUSTR for the covenant, he can certainly prepare the deed. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Loughton if this would be a timely process with the city. Mr. Loughton said it would be a quick process. Mr. Brady asked how this would impact the cost for Mr. Bowen's proposals if they were not going to assess the orchard. Mr. Bowen said the proposal was already broken out into three proposals. A Phase 1 will still be needed. Mr. Welch asked if they should do the Phase 1 after they did the lot split. Mr. Bowen said for sure. Mr. Brady wanted to make sure we get a clarification on what our costs would be. Mr. Bowen said it would be the \$6,500 for the Phase 1 and the asbestos survey, which was \$10,120. Mr. Brady thought it would be about \$16,000 - \$17,000. That is a lot better than \$40,000.

Mr. Wilde wanted to go through the steps he thought were needed. Before the commissioners can say yes on the two proposals, the covenant and the lot split done need to be done. Mr. Boose did not think they had to be done before they could do their assessments. Mr. Wilde wanted to confirm that Mr. Bowen did not think there would be an issue with accepting a covenant. Mr. Bowen did not. Mr. Wilde thought they needed to go ahead and make a decision on the two proposals. In the meantime, we are going to work on the lot split and the covenant. Mr. Bowen did not want to step on BJAAM's toes. He suggested BJAAM should call BUSTR and run through this with them – if we subdivide this area, what's the buffer, how far do we have to go with it, is it even possible? Or do you just have to put it on the whole property. Make sure that is all in place first. Mr. Wilde thought they had plenty of time to get this done. Mr. Bowen said the application went in three or four weeks ago. Mr. Wilde asked when they had to have the lot split, Phase 1, etc., completed? Ms. Sinopoli said they never give you a firm date, but each project has the ability to go through a cure process. She thought it would be really nice to have everything done so we can just hand it to them. Mr. Bowen would say it would be July before they heard anything. Ms. Sinopoli believed they should have everything completed by July 1. Mr. Boose thought they should start this afternoon by calling the engineer. Mr. Strickler said they should also stake out how big they want the park. Short discussion on the park borders. Mr. Loughton showed Mr. Welch his suggestion on how it should be done. Mr. Welch said the only holdup in the process might be BUSTR, how long it takes them to review and approve. Mr. Boose wanted to start working on this this afternoon. Mr. Bowen asked what would be wrong with putting the covenant on the entire parcel. Mr. Boose wanted to make that as much unrestricted developable land as possible. Mr. Welch said you could argue that if you put it on the whole property, when you actually

sell it they could remediate that property at that time. Which could affect the sale. Mr. Strickler said the problem is, can you remove a restrictive covenant once you put it on the property? Mr. Welch thought if you remediated you should be able to. Mr. Bowen said you would have to go back to BUSTR. Once they are notified, BUSTR would revoke the No Further Action, and you would have to prove the soil is clean below those residential standards.

Mr. Boose asked who was going to make the phone calls that needed to be made. Mr. Welch said he would call BJAAM regarding the covenant. Mr. Boose's concern was the engineer's office. They have been super busy. Somebody would have to explain to them how important this is and how quickly we need this done. Mr. Strickler thought it should probably be a commissioner. Mr. Brady said he would handle it.

Mr. Bowen said he would get the asbestos and Phase 1 on their schedule. There will be two guys coming up to walk the whole building, collecting samples. Mr. Boose thought they also needed a definition of the building. There were many buildings out there and he was assuming we have to do an assessment on all of them. After discussion it was determined that every building except the Dog Warden's was going to be demoed. Mr. Bowen asked if he could revise his costs. Mr. Boose suggested he may need to stop out there today and look at everything except the Dog Warden. Mr. Brady thought Mr. Welch may want to meet them out there later today.

# At 10:43 a.m. Jeff Cook, VP Norwalk Arts Center and Lisa Bleile, Business Chairs Affairs, Norwalk

Arts Center. Ms. Ziemba read the email request: "We would like the commissioners to consider extending our lease through 2026 under the current terms. We are also requesting to finish the 1/2 bath that was started in the upstairs of 22 to allow for a place for our actors to be able to go to the bathroom without occupying the public restrooms on the main floor. We would also like to have a slop sink installed to allow for cleanup from show prep. We don't know who started it or where the drains and plumbing are routed to or from. We would welcome any opportunity to meet and discuss with the commissioners". Mr. Brady said his thought was, in January of 2025 they will have two new commissioners. He did not want to hogtie the next commissioner board. The lease is up at the end of December. He is not saying he is opposed to renewing it or extending it. His proposal was to extend the lease until the end of March 2025. That will give the new commissioner board three months to decide what they want to do, since they are the ones that are going to be holding on to that lease for the next two years. Mr. Brady stated he was in favor of what they were doing with the theater. He reiterated that he just did not want to hogtie the new board, that's why he wanted to just extend it to March 31, 2025.

Mr. Wilde wanted to talk about the upstairs bathroom. He asked if that was going to be done at Norwalk Arts Center's expense. Mr. Cook said they were hoping to discuss that with the board. They will try to get an estimate, maybe with the assistance of the county's staff, on what it would take to finish it and then discuss it with the board. Mr. Welch stated they would have to hire a contractor; it is not something they can do in house. Mr. Brady thought, depending on who is going to put the money up, they may want to wait and talk to the next board. He just didn't want them to put something in and feel like they got taken. Mr. Cook clarified it was the board's position that it would be best to wait and discuss that once March comes around. Mr. Brady said that was his position. Mr. Wilde said if there was one more commissioner going forward, it might make a difference. Mr. Cook asked when the commissioners would like to begin the negotiations. They don't want to wait until the end of March. Mr. Brady suggested January 4, after the new commissioners were sworn in. He thought this would have to be moved up to a priority because by February they will be in budget. Mr. Brady did not want to leave them hanging.

Mr. Wilde clarified Mr. Strickler could just do another addendum. Mr. Strickler said yes, he could do another addendum to the lease relative to the term. He will just revise that paragraph to reflect the lease is extended until March 31, 2025. Mr. Cook said they appreciate all the support the commissioners have shown this far. They will plan on discussing things further in January. In the meantime, they may try to get with some contractors they know to see if they can give them an estimate. Mr. Welch told them the water lines are run to that bathroom. We don't know where sewer goes; Mr. Armstrong is trying to find that to make sure it ties in somewhere.

At 10:54 a.m. the board recessed At 11:00 a.m. the board resumed regular session

# **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

## Administrator's report

Board of DD has decided not to go with CEBCO.

Ms. Ziemba has sent the request for the Naloxboxes to Nicole. She let her know they wanted it for the three buildings – Administration Building, Huron County Office Building and Job and Family Services. She did ask who maintains them. Nicole said the maintenance would be on us. They can help get the product when it needs to be refilled, but it becomes the county's responsibility to maintain it.

Ms. Ziemba forward an email to the board from Richland Engineering regarding the airport grant. She responded this morning to find out what the actual ask was. She also asked Mr. Sparks what the airport's official ask was and if they have the money for the match. Mr. Strickler said he had reviewed those agreements. He sent emails to everybody that the grant agreement has the usual "if you stop using the

airport within 20 years you owe the grant back" language. Also, there are two items that need to be changed in the agreement for the tree removal.

#### **Assistant Prosecutor's report**

Mr. Strickler has sent them the updated version of the NCAT lease. He has tried to include everything they talked about, like the paper products, the alarm system, etc. The board will need to review it and make sure they are okay with it. He used their lease with Seneca County for a template, so NCAT should not have any real issues with it. Ms. Ziemba will send it to NCAT if the board is okay with it.

Growth Partnership MOU. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler if he had sent it to Ms. Ross. Mr. Strickler has not gotten to that yet.

Since they had just talked about the Airport, Mr. Brady brought up Storage Masters. He reminded them they had wanted to donate land and had cleared scrub trees. Mr. Sparks has asked if the county wanted to accept the land and what the next step was. Mr. Boose thought there was an ask in that as well. Something about drainage. They will need to have a formal ask of the commissioners.

Mr. Boose wanted to go back to NCAT. In one of the minutes they had recently approved there was discussion that, at the end of the year how did everything balance out? Was there money left in the budget? Who got the money? What happened on December 31? He asked if they had gotten an answer on that. Mr. Brady asked if he was referring to the money that was in our account. Mr. Boose said Huron County Transit had their own budget. At the end of the year, were just the assets transferred to NCAT? Was there money from the budget? What happened with everything? He assumed Huron County Transit ended and NCAT started, so there should have been money and assets involved. Mr. Brady said the vans or buses are owned by ODOT and were transferred over. Although one was donated to Senior Express. The only assets other than the vehicles were prepaid ride vouchers. From his understanding all of that was turned over to NCAT. Mr. Boose asked if all the other account balances were zero? Mr. Brady said he did not know; that would be a question for Steve Beal. He will follow up with him.

Mr. Boose asked what needed to be done to approve the project for MHAS. Ms. Ziemba said she didn't know. Mr. Boose said when he was in Columbus last week he asked a lot of the counties what they were doing. He didn't find anybody that said they were giving the money out. Ms. Ziemba said she was not a part of any of the initial discussions. She asked Mr. Strickler if he had any idea what the process should be for them to utilize this OneOhio fund. They do have a grant application Ms. Cardone created. It is the same application that was used for OneOhio Region 19. The only thing that was changed was they put "Huron County" on top of it to identify what pot of money they were applying for. She asked if the board needed to adopt the application? Are there any policies or procedures? She was thinking about a State Audit – they want to see your policies to make sure you spent the money appropriately. Does any of that have to be put in place? Is there something already in place? Mr. Strickler said there was nothing in place, because they left it to each county to do it on their own. What he thought they should do was adopt that application as the county's application for the county's money. They would need to formally do it with a resolution. He thought if we were going to have any policies, procedures, rules we should adopt those. Like, are we going to give an annual date for when the applications are due? Mr. Boose asked if all that had to be done before the could award money? Mr. Strickler thought so. He suggested taking the Region 19 rubric and using that as their policies and procedures. Mr. Boose said that was part of the application. Mr. Wilde asked if they could put the application and the rubric in the same resolution. Mr. Strickler said absolutely. Once they decide what they want to use the money for, do a separate resolution saying we will use a certain dollar amount of our opioid monies for a certain project. You can even use that resolution to appropriate the money. Mr. Boose thought if they appropriate the money, its over, its done. He asked if they did it as a grant, would they have to report back to us? Mr. Strickler said that was up to them – do you want them to report back to you as to how they use the money? Mr. Boose said no. he wants this as effortless as possible. The only thing we need to make sure we say is that it abides by the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Strickler thought they could do one resolution saying we are going to provide funding for this project and indicate where we are appropriating it from. We are appropriating it from the opioid settlement money to whatever fund you are going to transfer it to. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba and Mr. Strickler to work on that. They want this project up and running by July 1. If we don't get up and running by July 1 we may have to wait until next year. Mr. Strickler said he prefers to do it by resolution in case anyone comes looking at how we spent it, what we did. A resolution is a formal act of the board; it is also a legislative act. Legally it is not something a court would be able to overturn unless they determine you did it arbitrarily.

## **Commissioner Wilde**

Board of Revision yesterday. They worked on seven different properties and about 40 different remissions of penalty. Next meeting will be on May 22.

Tomorrow is the Prevention walk at 9 a.m.

Muck crop on Thursday morning.

Friday JFS is meet the State Director.

CCAO Summer Symposium scheduled for August 21 - 23.

Mr. Boose said they had three possible dates for Winter Conference. One is during deer season, but that is the cheapest rate. The other options are the next week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. It has not been decided yet.

#### **Commissioner Brady**

Mr. Brady will attend the CEBCO retreat on Thursday and Friday.

#### **Commissioner Boose**

According to last week's sheet with the ARPA projects, Mr. Boose said they still have \$656,180 available under McDonald Hopkins payout, which is one of the most restrictive buckets they have. On the Senior Center project, there is \$295,152 still available. On South Norwalk Road there is still \$100,000 available to do improvements. When we purchased that property we set aside another \$100,000 for improvements to that property. These are non-ODOT related. Mr. Boose was concerned we are in April and all these are unallocated amounts. Unbudgeted Revenue Replacement funding, there is \$1,931,689.34 still unappropriated. However, we have a list of projects we went over with Mr. Welch. They will need a whole bunch of answers fairly soon. Mr. Boose noted Mr. Welch sent an email about the bid documents and going out to bid for the roof. His answer to Mr. Welch was he thinks we are cutting it way too close. Mr. Wilde said he had seen the schedule. Mr. Boose asked, what if we don't accept the first contract? His concern all along has been all this money has to be bid out and things are dragging. There are \$2 million worth of projects that have to be bid out by the end of the year, maybe \$3 million. They need to be aware of that money.

CCAO bulletin. A lot of the same information as previously.

Mr. Boose asked if Mr. Riedy was aware CCAO would be hosting a webinar tomorrow with Broadband Ohio concerning broadband funding available to counties. Ms. Ziemba said she had sent him the CCAO bulletin. Mr. Boose thought she should ask him.

There is a webinar on May 8 from 10:00 until 1:30, or on May 9, 1:00 until 2:30, regarding frequently asked questions about ARPA money.

They are considering renaming the Department of Development as the Ohio Department of Housing and Development.

CCAO is going to start a spreadsheet on all the bills that affect county government.

Correct Winter Conference dates: December 3-5, December 9-11, or December 8-10. It makes a difference of \$70/night for hotel rates.

Mr. Boose wanted to go over the list he started in January:

- Sheriff SRO contracts. He asked where they were. Mr. Brady told Mr. Strickler they would have to get together on now that they are both back.
- Sheriff cars. Mr. Wilde said he was almost there. They are two cars over the 24.
- Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if they ever finalized or reviewed the 2024 9-1-1 budget. Ms. Ziemba had said it had been approved with final budget.
- Mr. Boose asked if they had a discussion with Norwalk City Schools about no longer providing them with an SRO. Mr. Brady said he had not. Mr. Boose thought it would go along with the SRO contract, since that contract would be different than the other ones, if we did do it.
- Mr. Boose noted they were working on the RUMA. Mr. Strickler said they have not received anything back from them after the meeting they had a few weeks ago. We are waiting for them.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had anything else for them. she said the only thing that has happened since the last meeting was, they had hired an IT tech, who rescinded his acceptance.

At 12:00 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady 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 23, 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 12:00 p.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for Sand Hill Road Concrete Superstructure Replacement were opened on April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

		San						ucture Rep 024, 9:00 a.n		ement					
Ref.	Item	Description	Quant.	Unit	ι	Unit Cost		Total Cost		R&IC	onst	ruction	Great Lake	s Den	nolition Co.
1	103.05	Premium Contract Bond	1	LS	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	4,800.00	\$	4,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
2	201	Clearing & Grubbing	1	LS	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
3	202	Structure Removed, as per plan	1	LS	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	34,000.00	\$	34,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$	12,500.00
4	202	Guardrail Removed & Stored, as per plan	1	LS	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
5	203	Excavation, as per plan	50	CY	\$	50.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	10.00	\$	500.00	\$ 50.00	\$	2,500.00
6	203	Embankment	100	CY	\$	60.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	10.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 15.00	\$	1,500.00
7 8	204 254	Subgrade Compaction	110 50	SY SY	\$	5.00 50.00	\$	550.00	\$	1.00 28.00	\$	110.00	\$ 2.00 \$ 50.00	\$	220.00 2.500.00
		Pavement Planning			· ·		-	2,500.00	>		\$	1,400.00	,	\$	-,
9	301	Asphalt Concrete Base 6", as per plan	20	CY	\$	400.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	240.00	\$	4,800.00	\$ 240.00	\$	4,800.00
10	304	Aggregate Base 6", Limestone	25	CY	\$	80.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	60.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 75.00	\$	1,875.00
11	407	Tack Coat @ 0.1 Gal/SY	25	GAL	\$	5.00	\$	125.00	\$	10.00	\$	250.00	\$ 10.00	\$	250.00
12	407	Tack Coat @ 0.05 Gal/SY	20	GAL	\$	5.00	\$	100.00	\$	10.00	\$	200.00	\$ 10.00	\$	200.00
13	441	Asphalt Concrete, Intermediate Course, Type 2, PG62- 22, 1 3/4" Asphalt Concrete, Surface Course, Type 1,	35	CY	\$	400.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	250.00	\$	8,750.00	\$ 295.00	\$	10,325.00
14	441	PG64-22, 1 1/4"	30	CY	\$	450.00	\$	13,500.00	\$	275.00	\$	8,250.00	\$ 270.00	\$	8,100.00
15	503	Unclassfied Excavation, as per plan	1	LS	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$	8,500.00
16	509	Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Steel	10,727	LBS	\$	3.75	\$	40,226.25	\$	2.00	\$	21,454.00	\$ 1.60	\$	17,163.20
17	510	Dowel Holes	72	EA.	\$	50.00	\$	3,600.00	\$	20.00	\$	1,440.00	\$ 25.00	\$	1,800.00
18	511	QC2, Concrete (Bridge Deck)	55	CY	\$	1,500.00	\$	82,500.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	66,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$	57,750.00
19	511	QC1, Concrete (Abutments)	8	CY	\$	1,800.00	\$	14,400.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	12,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$	6,800.00
20	512	Water Proofing, Type 2	20	SY	\$	50.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	20.00	\$	400.00	\$ 40.00	\$	800.00
21	512	Water Proofing, Type 3	100	SY	\$	60.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	40.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$	5,000.00
22	512	Concrete Sealer, Epoxy Urethane, as per plan	50	SY	\$	40.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	30.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 20.00	\$	1,000.00
23	516	Sawing and Sealing Asphalt Joints	50	FT	\$	30.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	10.00	\$	500.00	\$ 30.00	\$	1,500.00
24	516	1" Preformed Expansion joint	1	LS	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
25	517	Twin Steel Tube Bridge Railing, Type TST	74.5	LF	\$	300.00	\$	22,350.00	\$	295.00	\$	21,977.50	\$ 300.00	\$	22,350.00
26	606	Bridge Terminal Assembly, MGS, Type 1	4	EA	\$	3,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	2,475.00	\$	9,900.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$	10,000.00
27	606	Guardrail, Type MGS, as per plan	37.5	FT	\$	50.00	\$	1,875.00	\$	28.00	\$	1,050.00	\$ 30.00	\$	1,125.00
28	606	Guardrail, Type MGS, 10' Radius Panel	12.5	FT	\$	50.00	\$	625.00	\$	31.00	\$	387.50	\$ 35.00	\$	437.50
29	606	Guardrail MGS, Type E	3	EA	\$	3,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	2,725.00	\$	8,175.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$	8,400.00
30	606	Guardrail MGS, Type T	1	EA	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
31 32	626 617	Barrier Reflector, Type A-2	20	EA CY	\$	10.00 75.00	\$	200.00 1,500.00	\$	11.00 60.00	\$	220.00 1,200.00	\$ 11.00 \$ 75.00	\$	220.00 1,500.00
33	614	Stabilized Crushed Aggregate, as per plan, Berm Maintenance of Traffic	1	LS	S	10,000.00	S	10,000.00	Ś	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$	1,500.00
34	623	Construction Layout Stakes & Surveying	1	LS	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	Ś	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$	4,500.00
35	624	Moblization	1	LS	S	24,648.75	Ś	24,648.75	Ś	10,000.00	Ś	10,000.00	\$ 55,500.00	Š	55,500.00
36	642	Centerline	1	LS	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
37	642	Edge Line	1	LS	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
38	653	Top Soil - Furnished and Placed, as per plan	10	CY	\$	100.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	10.00	\$	100.00	\$ 70.00	\$	700.00
39	659	Seeding & Mulching, Class 1	300	SY	\$	4.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	2.00	\$	600.00	\$ 5.00	\$	1,500.00
40	659	Commercial Fertilizer	0.1	TN	\$	2,000.00	\$	200.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$	100.00
41	Special	Stainless Steel Drip Strip	65	FT	\$	20.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	15.00	\$	975.00	\$ 15.00	\$	975.00
					TOT	AL =	\$	340,000.00			\$	242,489.00		\$	273,890.70