

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; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Tom Dunlap, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the March 7, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 7, 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

24-138

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Ohio State University Extension in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Ohio State University Extension for the year 2024:

From Code 028-00557-001 OSU/4-H \$206,650.00 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

24-139

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Health Department in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Budget to the Huron County Health Department for the year 2024:

From 029-00475-001 Other Expenses \$ 12,000.00 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

24-140

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services (mandated share) for 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby authorizes their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund budget to the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services for the year 2024:

035-00580-001 Grants \$ 138,700.00 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

24-141

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Agricultural Society in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Huron County Agricultural Society for the year 2024:

From 038-00559-001 Agriculture/Agricultural Society \$3,400.00 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

24-142

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE HURON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Huron County Development Council for 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds, paid quarterly, is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid in quarterly increments from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Huron County Development Council for 2024:

From 025-00570-001 Huron County Development Council \$80,000.00 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

24-143

IN THE MATTER OF VOUCHERING FUNDS TO THE NORWALK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated from the Huron County General Fund for the Norwalk Economic Development Corporation, Platinum membership, for 2024; and

WHEREAS, a yearly P.O. for these funds is authorized to be issued by the Board of Huron County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize their Clerk to voucher the following sum to be paid from the Code listed in the General Fund Budget to the Norwalk Economic Development Corporation for 2024:

From: 025-00572-001 Norwalk Economic Development \$10,000.00 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

24-144

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, 127 S. FRONT STREET, FREMONT, OHIO AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 180 MILAN AVENUE, SUITE 7, NORWALK, OHIO

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership to administer the CDBG Grant Program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the Independent Contractor Agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, a copy of which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained this was for the CDBG grant. They have already started the process, we are just now entering into the contract with them to do that. They will get paid once the grant starts.

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

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

**Independent Contractor Agreement on file*

24-145

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CONTRACTS WITH TEK SEAL FOR ASPHALT SEALING, LINE STRIPING, AND CRACK FILLING OF COUNTY PARKING LOTS

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA program appropriates funds to provide support to State, local, Tribal and Territory governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Huron County has applied for and received ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of ARPA as described in H.R. 1319, and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Commissioners’ request to utilize ARPA funds for Asphalt Sealing, Line Striping, and Crack Filling of County Parking Lots and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds for Asphalt Sealing, Line Striping, and Crack Filling of County Parking Lots as follows:

Administration Building	\$ 13,850.00	
South Norwalk Road	\$ 7,500.00	
Job & Family Services	\$ 32,250.00	
Sheriff’s Office	\$ 15,500.00	
Downtown Complex	\$ 4,325.00;	and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve and enters into the Contracts with Tek Seal for Asphalt Sealing, Line Striping, and Crack Filling of County Parking Lots for the above locations for a total amount of \$73,425.00;

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 mentioned there was a new update on ARPA reporting, and there are some significant changes. He has asked Ms. Ziemba to have Ms. Gordon come in to go over all the dates for everything. The biggest concern Mr. Boose had was the administration of the grant, which has to be allocated by July 2024.

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

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

**Opinion on file*

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Harry Brady, Commissioner, to Columbus, Ohio for OPTA Conference on November 18 – 20, 2024.

SIGNINGS – None

At 9:28 a.m. COUNTY PROJECT UPDATES

Joel Riedy, Network Administrator IT updates.

Broadband

The weather has caused some delays, NCW is hopeful to have more equipment mounted soon.

IT

The fiber circuit between the Administration Building and Courthouse is nearly complete. One end has been placed inside the Administration Building. Weather and other construction has prevented completion of the circuit.

Enrichment Center

The majority of the IT equipment for the enrichment center has arrived.

Website

Feedback has been good on the initial design, we will continue to move to the subsites.

Phone System (Office Building)

The office building phone system has a failing part, we are currently sourcing the part. IT has a tentative plan to replace the failed part before hours on Friday.

Mr. Boose wanted to talk about the issue that came up last week regarding the testing that needs to be done at Shady Lane. Mr. Welch had made a call to Henry Timman. Mr. Timman said he remembered the orchard and provided some maps from the 1890s. But it is not where the park is. Mr. Boose went back and looked

at the picture that MakSolve provided. If you look at it, it looks like there are two orchards. Mr. Welch was trying to get a copy of that picture. He said a lot depended on what year the picture was from. The chemicals used originally were discontinued around 1943 when they introduced DDT. If the orchard was there after that, that would resolve the issue. Mr. Boose said the question is, when did the orchard start. Mr. Welch said Mr. Timman had Sanborg Insurance drawings or maps that go up to 1935. They don't show an orchard. He did not give those to Mr. Welch. Mr. Boose said he does remember an orchard in that area. Mr. Timman had thought it was where Gerken Center is, Mr. Boose thought it was closer to Benedict. The picture MakSolve provided was originally thought to be 1940s /1950s. But Mr. Boose noticed Fisher Titus is in that picture. He wasn't sure exactly when Fisher Titus was built. But the first ten kids in his family were all born at the hospital on West Main Street. His sister, who was born in 1961, was born at Fisher Titus. So, that picture has to be either late 50s or forward as opposed to earlier. Mr. Boose said he did some research at Firelands Historical Society. Both people that helped him said they remembered an orchard being out there. One of them said her aunt had lived out there. She remembers talking to her and there would be discussions about an orchard. The Historical Society is supposed to be looking for any pictures they may have. In the meantime, Mr. Boose said we received a quote of \$21,000 just to do the testing for the orchard. Mr. Boose said he was not willing to spend \$21,000 on an area that has nothing to do with the demolition of this project. Mr. Welch asked if they had completed a Phase 1. The Phase I is where they go out, do historical research and produce a report with their findings. Mr. Boose was pretty sure that was done. That was how they got the picture. Mr. Welch said he talked to Ms. Ross, she doesn't have anything. So, who has the report, if it does exist? Mr. Boose was also concerned because they don't have the application that was sent in for the grant. He thought they needed to know where they are, what stage they were in. It was unclear who was paying for what. They don't know what the application looks like. Mr. Welch asked if there was a deadline coming up. Mr. Boose said they already passed it. Mr. Brady said it was okay, as long as the original was sent in. Mr. Boose said they had been able to apply for it without everything being done. He hoped they did, but nobody has seen that application. He didn't know for how many dollars, he didn't know who was paying for what. We have the proposals for them to do the testing. But he wants to see it in writing that we have to test an area that is not part of the demolition. Mr. Welch said that didn't make sense to him at all, but he wasn't sure what the Brownfield rules were. He thought, if they were looking at the whole property, they could re-parcel that part off and eliminate it. Mr. Boose said they need some definite answers from Land Bank. He was not willing to pay for the testing of the orchard without more proof. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Brady if he knew if that was being paid for by Land Bank. Ms. Ziemba said she had talked to Ms. Lykins, who did not think the Land Bank was paying for it. Mr. Wilde suggested, before they sign anything or do anything, they should have MakSolve in to explain some things. Mr. Boose wanted to see the application; he wanted to know what was applied for. Mr. Brady said MakSolve would have all that. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she knew where she wanted to go with the three proposals they have right now. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Lykins told her to hold off on those until MakSolve got back with an explanation, either by email or in a meeting. Mr. Wilde would like them to come in. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch, as someone who had to do some soil testing out at the landfill, did \$21,000 seem like a reasonable cost? Mr. Welch thought the number they gave was worst case scenario. Mr. Wilde said it was a "Not To Exceed" number. Mr. Welch thought they needed to know what was found in the Phase 1. He doesn't know what they found in the Phase 1 because he has not seen the report yet. Mr. Wilde clarified we need the report for Phase 1, we need the application they sent in. Mr. Boose said we need to know why we have to test an area that we are not doing any demolition in. Ms. Ziemba thought she had a proposal for a Phase 1 for \$6,500. Mr. Welch thought, for them to recommend doing the Phase 2, they have to have some Phase 1 results back. Apparently, we just don't have those. Mr. Boose thought it sounded as if they were done with Phase 1. Mr. Welch agreed. But he has not seen the document yet. Ms. Ziemba read portions of the proposal: *"for the VAP Phase 1, MakSolve proposes to conduct the following tasks: (1) visit the subject property to conduct a visual inspection of significant features including pumps, sumps, structures, stainings, bilge, drainage patterns. . . . (2) research the historical uses of the property through area photographs, topical . . . (3) conduct a review of the environmental liens; (4) retain the services of a national environment database company to search federal and state environmental databases; (5) contact the local fire, health, building, zoning, water and sewer departments; and (6) attempt to interview past owners and operators of the property.* Mr. Boose said they have done at least part of that. Mr. Welch thought so too. Mr. Boose asked how they could do that without an agreement? He thought they want us to pay for something they have already done, that hasn't been approved. Mr. Wilde wasn't sure if the Land Bank paid for it. Mr. Boose said when they come in, Land Bank needs to be here too. We need answers from the Land Bank – did they contract with them to do this? He was going to guess yes. Ms. Ziemba asked if Mr. Wilde or Mr. Brady remembered if Land Bank had contracted with them. Mr. Brady said discussion was there, but he didn't remember what the final outcome had been. Which is why he thought having them and the Land Bank back in was a good idea. Mr. Welch noted MakSolve was three hours away; they were from Dayton. This made things more difficult. Mr. Wilde said the last group they had was pretty bad. MakSolve was highly recommended. Mr. Boose thought we were spending an unbelievable amount of money and time on something that has nothing to do with the demolition. Mr. Welch agreed. He thought we need to see it in the regs. Because to him the simple solution is to re-parcel the land. Take the park out and you don't have to pay the \$21,000 to do all that. Mr. Wilde said we need to figure out what we need to do. Mr. Boose said time was running out. Mr.

Wilde said if the board doesn't like it then we just won't put that in. Mr. Boose asked if they were wasting time doing an application if we take this out and can't do the application. Mr. Wilde said they have already done the application. There are two other properties on it: the glove factory in Willard and the sword building in New London. Mr. Boose said as soon as he sees the application and what they asked for he will have a better idea. Mr. Wilde said they will get this in as quick as they can; if we don't want to go through with it that's fine. If you don't want to pay the money we don't pay the money. Ms. Lykins has a call in to MakSolve. Mr. Boose said what makes this whole thing confusing is its not us, its Land Bank. And then when we talk to Land Bank, they don't have any answers. Mr. Wilde said it was very complicated but they will get the answers.

At 9:59 am the board recessed

At 10:05 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Kristen Cardone, MHAS, Sheriff Corbin, and Chief Deputy Ditz. Mr. Boose thought this was a very interesting, important program that has been brought forward to them. He asked Ms. Cardone to spend a few minutes talking about what it was and then they will talk about funding. Ms. Cardone had handed out a stack of papers. The top one detailed Huron County's crisis data over the last two years. They are discussing Mobile Crisis Response Team. They had a couple crisis meetings, one with the State Department and a local one. The State Department informed them this was a local problem and we need to figure it out locally. So, we all came together to discuss proposed solutions in regard to this data. There are a significant amount of overdose calls, substance use related calls and mental health calls that come through 9-1-1. In 2023 they started gathering emergency department data. There is a sharp increase half way through the year where that comes into play. In looking at proposed solutions, they look at how do we help these individuals? How do we reduce these numbers? How do we reduce the strain on our law enforcement and first responders who are serving primarily as the response team? How do we reduce the burden on our emergency departments? Some of the recommendations from the State Department are simply not feasible. Behavioral health urgent cares, crisis stabilization centers are brick and mortar; there is a lot of workforce and a lot of funding that goes into it. We just can't support that currently. One of the things that became feasible recently is a Mobile Crisis Response Team. There is currently a team operating out of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandotte counties. The organization's name is Corrections Recovery Services and has been operating for about two years. They recently formed this organization earlier this year. They have a board that is made up of the local sheriffs. Mr. Boose said that was why he asked if she could bring the sheriff with her. The four board members are the sheriffs of those four counties. Ms. Cardone noted that the executive director is a former chief of police. The goal of the team is to partner directly with first responders. They are typically activated through 9-1-1 calls. From there they work side by side with law enforcement to determine how to respond to an individual. Knowing that sometimes, with safety risks and things like that, law enforcement has to be involved and has to be the primary responder. But the goal of the team is to de-escalate the situation if at all possible. They hope to reduce the need for going to the emergency department or a potentially escalated situation at that time based on the response. If that doesn't work, then they will transport that individual to whatever level of care is warranted. It reduces that step of having to sit in the ED, get medically cleared and have the emergency department find placement for them. They are able to do that right in the field.

Ms. Cardone explained that the current system is built for people to come to us, instead of us going to them. Over the past couple years the community has responded very well to the Quick Response Team and the mobile response team for youth, MRSS program. They appreciate people coming to them, meeting them where they are at instead of making them come into an office. This would help alleviate the need for multiple steps. The team could just intervene in the home or in the community, wherever the individual is. Mr. Wilde asked if this would replace the QRT. Ms. Cardone said yes, the Quick Response Team would be completely replaced by this, because they would respond to both. MRSS currently does crisis for youth. They do more than the model wants them to do. But they do that stabilization piece for 42 days. So, it would be using the Mobile Response Team for the initial crisis. Mr. Wilde confirmed there was no duplication. Mr. Brady asked what MRSS stood for. Mobile Response and Stabilization Services. Mr. Boose wanted to be sure they were clear. This would help all ages. Job & Family Services has been part of these meetings and Ms. Minor is 100% for this. Ms. Cardone said it serves all ages, it serves all individuals. What they see a lot of times is a split between mental health or behavioral health and the DD population. This will not be that; this team will serve the DD population as well. It will serve literally anyone and everyone. The goal is for it to be no cost to any of the residents. Obviously if they have insurance the team is working to the point to be able to bill insurance. Their intent is to bill Medicaid only. Once you get into private insurance it gets a little messier. But everything else will be fully funded. Because obviously if you are in a crisis the last thing you need to worry about is getting a giant bill. So, reduced stress for the individuals we are responding to. Reduced strain on law enforcement. A lot of the calls first responders are getting are behavioral health related. The goal is to reduce recidivism and reduce utilization of the jail as a behavioral health facility. Which they are at this point – she thought it was about 80%. Mr. Ditz agreed. Ms. Cardone said hopefully that would reduce the utilization of the jail as a holding place essentially until we can get treatment. It ties directly in with the Stepping Up initiative of reducing the number of individuals in the jail with mental illness.

Ms. Cardone said she also would like to talk to them about a grant opportunity that focuses on diversion. And that is part of the goal of this. Mobile Crisis is considered a pre-arrest diversion technique. The goal of it is to reduce the amount of interactions with criminal justice, hopefully preventing them from going into the jail, the ED or somewhere else to get the services. The goal is to linked with them with services right away, get them the help they need and minimize interaction. Mr. Boose asked how this affects hospitals. He did not think 9-1-1 calls were the only way they received information. Ms. Cardone said 9-1-1 will be one of the primary ways they can direct calls. But they can get referrals from anywhere. Mr. Boose asked about the hospital. Ms. Cardone explained they will not go into the hospital to serve. Once someone enter the doors they become a patient of that hospital system. The goal will be to prevent them from going into the ED. Mr. Brady asked how set up most hospitals are to deal with behavioral mental health issues? He has never seen an emergency room staffed with psychiatrists. It would be costly; they would have to keep somebody on staff to do that. Mr. Boose thought they could carry that further. He asked how much training they have to continually do for the officers who are responding to mental health/drug addiction calls. Mr. Brady thought what Ms. Cardone was talking about made a lot of sense. Because if you have a particular need – my need is to get food, I don't go to the lumber yard. Unfortunately, by default we are sending people to institutions, whether it is the hospital or the correctional facility. And that is not where they need to be. If we can avoid that it frees up emergency rooms, and it frees up beds in the jail. Sheriff Corbin stated that if they had this program right now there would be three people that would be out of their facility. Mr. Brady thought this would help free up costs the jail is incurring. In the overall broad spectrum, we are paying for somebody to be housed in a facility where the officers don't have a degree to handle them. Why not pay for them to actually get the help they need, because they are going to cost us one way or another.

Before they got into the funding part, Mr. Boose wanted to point out that there were cost savings. He didn't care if it was the deputies, the jail, or Children's Services. Mr. Boose said when he starts talking about costs, Tom Stuber, from Lorain County, always reminds him that it is about the people, not the costs. This is about getting them the help they need, about reducing recidivism. There are so many places it could save money. But in this case we have to talk about how we would spend money to save money. That is the best way he can put it. Mr. Brady said even in business, there is goodwill. There is cost associated with goodwill. It is either negative or positive. In this case we have the cost of continually caring for somebody for the rest of their life, or they become a productive citizen in society in which they contribute instead of draw. Mr. Boose wanted to talk about funding. Ms. Cardone said the reason they had the most recent crisis meeting was to go over this data, but she also asked all of the organizations that were in attendance to help us fund it. Currently, they have allocated every penny they get for the year. It is going back out into the community, into services. They haven't seen an increase from the state in a very long time. They are coming up on their levy in the spring. Her board is discussing if they want to go for an increase. She had asked all the partners at the table to help get this off the ground and to buy them time to look for ongoing, sustainable funding. She has not heard back from some, specifically the hospitals. They are coming into their next fiscal year and running out of time to come up with funding. They know the OneOhio funds are there, and this aligns with the goals of that. This is a preventative measure. We are preventing recidivism, we are preventing ongoing services. And crisis services were identified by our region as being a priority. Ms. Cardone was hoping to apply for the OneOhio funds to at least get the program going, get it off the ground, buy time to apply for grants, to go through the levy process and to pull in that additional funding. She has requested permission from her board to apply for the regional funds. She thought they approved up to \$400,000. Mr. Boose wanted to look at the numbers. There were two different numbers for the program. Everybody would love to have this for more than one shift. But that's expensive. He thought, currently, the other four counties are just at one shift. Ms. Cardone said they are at one shift and will be again for this fiscal year. Mr. Boose said we would be the first one to do the second shift. He really thought we needed it. But the problem is the cost. Also, there are different numbers for 2025 and 2026. 2026 is considerably lower. This is because there are start-up costs and training included in the first year that hopefully we won't have after that. It's a little more if we do two shifts because there is more training to do. If we do the one shift it is about \$90,000 more in 2025 than 2026. Mr. Boose said when it comes to budget, he always looks at stability. We can't just pay for this one year and then it goes away. We have the OneOhio money sitting in an account; it is not benefitting anybody right now. Mr. Boose has talked to this board before about the three pots of money. The first pot of money we have is just under \$180,000 and is strictly the commissioners' decision. Then there are pots two and three. In pot two, there is a part for Huron County of \$153,000; and there is the regional money, which is over \$3 million. It becomes complicated as to which ones you would apply for and which direction you would go for. Mr. Boose thought, if they decided to put money in to this program, he would definitely want to make sure they pay the one time set up costs. If we do one shift we are talking around \$90,000. The next step is how to come up with the extra \$230,000 for two different years. He was looking at is a two-year thing. If you just look at the dollars side of it, there is a definite cost savings to the General Fund for this project. Mr. Brady stated something had come to mind. They were putting their first responders at risk. There is sometimes superhuman strength associated with drugs and other things that go on. Every time they bring somebody in - either the deputy, the police officer, the corrections officer, in the jail, or a mental health professional - there is always a risk of physical harm. He wanted to know, what is the ask. Mr. Boose addressed Sheriff

Corbin and Chief Deputy Ditz and said he wanted to make it clear. They were not talking about jail money, about sheriff's department money, even though it comes from the general fund. It is hard to pinpoint and say, this is going to save the sheriff an officer. It might, but they can't say the sheriff gets one less officer and they put that money into the program. Mr. Boose was not saying that at all. Chief Deputy Ditz said they were here in support of this program. They are invested and want to have this partnership. Mr. Boose thought that was critical. Sheriff Corbin said that they have been taking steps to try to get to this point. They have the training Ms. Cardone helped get for the officers. This is another step to try to get people the help they need immediately. He thought all the different organizations would save money in the long run. Ms. Cardone said there was also emotional and mental well-being of the officers who have to deal with that on a regular basis. Mr. Brady said he keeps asking the question and they keep backing it up. He is in total support of this. He asked Ms. Cardone what it was she needed from the Commissioners. Ms. Cardone said she had two requests. One, she put together a draft application for the OneOhio funds. She did it for the full \$180,000, because she wasn't sure how much to ask for and figured she would aim high. Ms. Cardone said she also create a draft sustainability plan to kind of show where they are planning to pull additional funds from. There are a wide variety of those, and a lot to be determined. They came across a grant yesterday they are going to apply for, assuming her board gives them permission. Also, there is a grant opportunity that was sent to Ms. Cardone over the weekend. It is COSSUP – Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant Substance Use Program. The state was just awarded \$4 million. The goal of this funding is to serve as a diversion program and reduce the strain on criminal justice. One of the things these funds could be used for would be the mobile crisis piece. However, the board is not permitted to apply. They are not one of the eligible applicants because they are not a local government that has legislative autonomy. But law enforcement agencies are able to apply for these funds. So, Ms. Cardone reached out to the Sheriff and Chief Deputy Ditz. She asked, if she wrote the grant, or helped write the grant, would they be willing to submit it. It is two years of funding, and doesn't have a cap on what can be requested. So again, we are going to aim high. But she also wanted to request, and have the sheriff's office here, to request permission to submit that. Because obviously the grants run through the commissioners. Mr. Boose said what he was hearing, as far as funding, was that they were looking at a lot of different opportunities.

Mr. Boose said he has talked to a couple of the other departments, including the Health Department, who is heavily involved in possibly applying for some of this money as well. Family Children First are looking at applying for some of this money. They have had two meetings already to talk about what to do with the OneOhio money. He doesn't want to take a huge portion of that without talking to them, because there are other people that are going to apply for this money. But Mr. Boose thought this program was so important it was going to override a lot of the other applications. He thought, as a courtesy, they need to bring it up to the group that works there. We have \$180,000. We are not sure how much more we are going to get this year. It is either going to be around \$30,000 or \$60,000. Mr. Boose would like to take at least \$150,000 of that pot of money. That's guaranteed; that is from the commissioners, nobody else has to approve it other than us. The rest could come through grants or through getting more OneOhio money through pot two or pot three. If that doesn't work out he thought Ms. Cardone may have to come back to this board saying they don't have enough right now, can the commissioners find money somewhere to do the rest of this project. Because if we don't it just puts the project off for another year, six months. Mr. Boose would love to see cities and villages put a little bit toward it. He would love to see us moving forward on this. But he wanted to make sure all three commissioners agreed. They didn't have to make that decision today. Mr. Wilde said he would like to see how many applications they receive. Mr. Boose said the problem is, there are two different application processes. The application for pots two and three have a deadline - May 2. There is no deadline with the commissioners' money. Any day anybody can put an application in. So, it is not like there is a cutoff date unless they say there is. Mr. Boose guessed they could say that. Sheriff Corbin stated he thought they were also asking for permission to apply for the grant now, to go along with that pot of money.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize the Sheriff to apply for the COSSUP grant. 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 10:50 a.m. Ali Redmond, CORSA & Andy Thomas, Assured Partners & Lara Hozalski, HR/Loss Prevention to discuss the 2024/2025 CORSA renewal. Mr. Thomas stated that overall CORSA was taking a little under a 10% rate renewal. An email should have been sent to them to let them know Huron County was at about a 14% rate increase. He thought they should look at why – what generates those numbers and where do they come from. Looking at where the county was last year to where they are this year, one of the big things he noticed was insured value, property values. When they say property, it is all real property - buildings, contents inside the buildings, equipment, voting machines, and things like the cargo the trucks are carrying. Huron County added a board this year, and added their buildings. They also purchased a building. That ended up being \$12 to \$13 million of real value that was added. When Mr. Thomas looks at what was done last year to this year, everything else was up. Voting machines were up, they almost

doubled in value from last year to this year. Another canine was added; canine costs went up. Just about everything across the board went up. So, there was about \$20 million worth of real property added. Mr. Boose asked if some of the increase was due to new equipment, or because of the fact that equipment value had gone up. Mr. Thomas said it was mostly due to the new equipment. The biggest equipment side was on the engineer's side. He did not think they generally update the values of equipment, there was just more equipment that was added. But, if you had skid steer from 2015 it cost you \$30,000, that skid steer today would cost you \$90,000. Mr. Boose said that was what he was thinking and asked if the county had replacement value? Mr. Thomas said on the equipment it would be actual cash value, which is cost new minus depreciation, wear and tear. Mr. Thomas said there was a lot of equipment that was added - the airport added some, the engineer added some, Building & Grounds added some. There was a decrease in autos when they removed Senior Transit, so that took off about 22 vehicles. But then adding the DD back on added about 12 vehicles. Through the course of the year there are vehicles that were deleted, vehicles that were added. The county is not charged for anything that is added throughout the year. Mr. Wilde questioned how they value vehicles. Mr. Thomas said basically, there is a per rate per vehicle, but it is not the same rate. What he meant was, a 2022 F150 would not have the same rate associated with it that a 2019 F150 would have. There is an algorithm that vehicle gets entered into by VIN number, year, make and model. From there it pulls out what it is going to cost. Liability is all going to be pretty close. So, a pickup is going to be a pickup, a big truck is going to be a big truck. Mr. Wilde asked if there was an average per vehicle, he thought it was \$300 - \$400 per vehicle. Ms. Redmond thought it was between \$300 and \$350. Mr. Boose thought the reason Mr. Wilde was asking had to do with school resource officers. School resource officers have a vehicle. We are trying to figure out what that cost is for the officer so that we can pass it on to the school. We are not trying to make money, we are just trying to get back what it costs us. Mr. Wilde said the other reason he asks is because we have employees who are going building to building with their own vehicle. If we had an extra vehicle for them to get around, he wondered what that real cost might be. But there is also gas and maintenance. Mr. Thomas thought \$350 was a good number. But he stated the county was not necessarily exposing itself by having an employee drive their own personal vehicle. They are exposing themselves a little bit, but the county is still protected. In the event an employee is driving from one building to another and they get into an accident, it has to be proven that the only reason they were on that particular road at that particular time was for county business. But, let's say everyone agrees they were there at that particular point because of county business. The county would be named in a lawsuit, the county is covered under CORSA. That individual might be named in the lawsuit, but would be protected as a county employee. There could be another suit against them personally, but that is where their own personal insurance comes in.

Mr. Thomas said the other big number they look at is payroll. Payroll is what generates your general liability. It generates the law enforcement liability because that payroll is included. When we think about liability costs, auto liability, general liability, those numbers affect your umbrella pricing and your umbrella cost. The county just added a good amount of payroll, about \$4 million, from last year. Mr. Thomas said he did verify those numbers. Ms. Hozalski pointed out Board of DD was part of it. Mr. Thomas said when they look at the amount of changes that the county had from 2023 to 2024 it was a pretty significant exposure change. If we amortize those out and we set 2023 the same as 2024, the county's insurance renewal actually came in under what CORSA was predicting their overall budget to be. Mr. Boose said he understands costs are up for reinsurance and all those other things and it is around 10%. He was a little shocked when he saw the county's increase at about 14.5%. He didn't think about the fact we added the building, we added probably well over \$1 million worth of equipment, and payroll. His first thought was, what are we doing wrong. But Mr. Thomas had just explained the situation. Mr. Brady noted there was going to be another brand new building next year. Mr. Thomas said there would be two, because DD was building a building too. Mr. Boose explained we were building a building, but we were also tearing buildings down. Mr. Thomas said there would be an offset.

Mr. Thomas could definitely say the county's credits had increased over the period of time he had been working with it. For the most part the county is doing everything they need to do to partner with CORSA. He thought Ms. Hozalski was doing a great job, there was a lot of communication between him, her and CORSA. Since he has been working with her he has definitely seen the loss credits go up, or the positive dollars. He pointed out that when you look at last year compared to this year, you are really looking at oranges and bananas. When we back out all of the change, or add all the changes in prior, the county is under what CORSA set as their bar. Mr. Brady asked what their bar was. Mr. Thomas said it was a 9.977% rate increase. Mr. Boose thought the presentation really laid it out. What was really hard to understand was the reinsurance. Ms. Redmond said as a pool in Ohio they were doing phenomenal. She thought their loss fund was up maybe 5%. Administrative fees were 2% so that is pretty flat. But our reinsurance was almost 18%. It is that reinsurance piece that everybody is getting hit with. She said they were glad it only came in at the 18% because they thought it was going to be as high as 25%. Mother nature has not been nice to us over the last couple years. So, on the reinsurance side they are really just tightening up, and it is coming down to us now.

Mr. Boose said one of the things in the renewal was there were two different options to change our plan. He did not think they needed to spend a lot of time on it, unless one of the other two commissioners wanted

to. But he asked Mr. Thomas to explain. Mr. Thomas said there was a deductible change so the county could accept more risk on property; then you can also reduce your liability limits. He is never a fan of reducing any liability limits. Deductible changes can make sense. What they look at for a deductible change is, basically they know what level you are at currently, and then they look at the next level above that. So, we have to save this differential for how many losses we have over the course of the year. Right now it doesn't make sense. When he does the math and looks at it, it was only about \$12,000 in savings for the county to accept another \$2,500 worth of risk and take it up to a \$5,000 deductible. The county would go through that \$12,000 savings really fast. Mr. Boose agreed.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Prosecutor report

Mr. Strickler said the RUMA meeting yesterday was very productive. Mr. Wilde also attended. Mr. Strickler thought the sit down, face to face, helped both parties understand why certain things were in the agreement and the rationale for them. There were still a couple points they needed to resolve, but they were very close to having a final agreement. One sticking points for Mr. Tansey was using the ODOT selection process for a consulting engineer. Once it was explained why he wanted it they were okay with it. Mr. Strickler thought they are well on their way to getting a good document put together. Two of the four townships also attended. Mr. Strickler mentioned that nobody thought of using the RUMA for the decommissioning of it. Mr. Tansey had put that on the agenda and they are going to put a new paragraph in that addresses that. The goal is to try to get it approved by everyone in July or August. Mr. Wilde thought July 1 was the deadline. Mr. Strickler said they all agreed that Mr. Tansey and the commissioners are going to approve it first, then it will be sent to the four townships for approval.

Mr. Boose wanted to state for the record, since it was the weekend of the eclipse, all three commissioners would be available if they were needed. Mr. Mead was aware of this.

Administrator/Clerk report

This morning they had asked Ms. Ziemba to schedule in MakSolve and the Land Bank to discuss the Shady Lane property. She asked if it was okay to schedule them beginning April 16th even though Mr. Brady will not be in attendance. Mr. Brady said he did not need to be here. It was time sensitive and if they could come in that week, do it. Mr. Boose reminded her that on April 18 he will have to leave the meeting by 11:30 to go to Columbus for the CCAO retreat.

Ms. Ziemba said that Mr. Boose has forwarded an email to her from the Health Department wanting a letter of support. This was in reference to the Creating Healthy Communities grant they are hoping to apply for. They need this by April 9, so it is not going to be possible.

At 11:45 a.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 4, 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 11:45 a.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for the Jim Esker Road Resurfacing Project/ARPA were opened on April 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

Jim Esker Road Resurfacing ARPA												
Bid Opening: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:00 a.m.												
Ref.	Item	Description	Quant.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Erie Blacktop, Inc.		Sarver Paving Co.		A.J. Riley, Inc.	
1	103.5	Premium Contract Bond	1	LS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2	253	Full Depth Pavement Repair, 4", as per plan	100	SY	\$ 80.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 6,500.00
3	304	Aggregate Base, as per plan	2	CY	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
4	407	Tack Coat @ 0.1 Gal/SY, non-tracking	600	GAL	\$ 4.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2.55	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 3.40	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2,400.00
5	441	Asphalt Concrete Surface Type 1, Variable, Scratch/Level, PG64-22, as per plan	30	CY	\$ 400.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 7,770.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 9,300.00
6	441	Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, Type 1, 1-1/2" (Avg.), PG64-22, as per plan	170	CY	\$ 275.00	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 259.00	\$ 44,030.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 43,520.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 52,700.00
7	611	CB, Adjust to Grade	1	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
8	614	Maintaining Traffic	1	LS	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
9	617	Stabilized Crushed Agg. (berm), As per plan	40	TN	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,800.00
10	624	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
11	642	Center Line	0.25	Mile	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,875.00
12	644	Stop Bar, 24"	25	FT	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 750.00
13	Spec.	Butt Joints	6	EA	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,400.00
23	Spec.	Contingencies	1	LS	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
						TOTAL =	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 80,752.50	\$ 82,805.00	\$ 89,825.00		

The following bids for the 2024 Chip and Seal Phase 2 Project were opened on April 5, 2024 at 9:05 a.m.:

2024 Chip and Seal Phase 2 (Township Roads)												
Bid Opening: Friday, April 5, 2024, 9:05 a.m.												
Ref.	Item	Description	Quant.	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Sarver Paving Co.		Melway Paving		Allied Construction	
1	103.5	Premium Contract Bond	1	LS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2	441	Seal Coat Bituminous Material, CRS-2 @ 0.38 avg. gal/SY, as per plan	127,000	GAL	\$ 3.10	\$ 393,700.00	\$ 2.79	\$ 354,330.00	\$ 2.68	\$ 340,360.00	\$ 3.55	\$ 450,850.00
3	422	Seal Coat Aggregate #8 Washed Limestone @ 22lbs/SY avg., as per plan	3,700	TN	\$ 40.00	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 166,500.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 181,300.00	\$ 53.27	\$ 197,099.00
4	614	Maintaining Traffic, as per plan	1	LS	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 34,067.00	\$ 34,067.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 23,750.00
5	624	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 7,175.00	\$ 7,175.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
8	Spec.	Contingencies	1	LS	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,300.00
						TOTAL =	\$ 615,000.00	\$ 570,781.00	\$ 577,660.00	\$ 684,499.00		

The following bids for the Supply of Structural Steel for Cook Road and Hanville Corners Road Superstructure Replacement were opened on April 5, 2024 at 9:10 a.m.:

Supply of Structural Steel for Cook Road and Hanville Corners Road Superstructure Replacements <i>Bid Opening : Friday, April 5, 2024 9:10 A.M.</i>						
Cook Road Superstructure NL-185-00.18					U.S. Bridge	
REF.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	103.5	All material as shown on Plan Sheets 2-6	1	LS	\$ 139,167.00	\$ 139,167.00
					Sub Total=	\$ 139,167.00
Hanville Corners Road Superstructure FA-100-00.66						
REF.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	103.5	All material as shown on Plan Sheets 7-11	1	LS	\$ 141,800.00	\$ 141,800.00
					Sub Total=	\$ 141,800.00
					Project Total=	\$ 280,967.00