

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; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Heath Feichtner, Citizen; Joey Feichtner, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the June 11, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 11, 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** – *Heath Feichtner, Willard, Ohio.* Mr. Feichtner wanted to come and thank them. Thank you, they are very grateful for what they have done. It has been a long journey and he really wanted to thank them. Mr. Boose acknowledged it had been a long haul and thanked them for the work they had put in as well.

24-236

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, as per Ohio Revised Code 305.10, a resolution must be made by the Board of Huron County Commissioners to accompany the Claims Schedule to the Huron County Auditor’s Office for payment; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register for Payment Batches #383329 and #381887 (JPMorgan Chase Bank NA) 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for various departments like Commission, Microfiling, and Treasurer.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, Warrant #, Amount. Includes entries for Harris County Transfer Station, Department Jail Operations Total, Department Miscellaneous, and various utility and maintenance accounts.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Cooper Hydrate, Fisher Auto Parts, and various fuel filters.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for ESAA Northcreek Youth Fund, Zoom Meetings, and various court fees.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Owens Local, Bailey Farm, and various court clerk services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Owens Tutors, Hiram County Family & Children First, and various grant responses.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for General Fund, Michigan Chase Bank NA, and various departmental accounts.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Contract Services, Countywide Communications, and County Capital Projects.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Sheriff, Disaster Service, Veterans Services, and Jail Operations.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Landfill, Solid Waste Management, and various contractors.

Sign 3: [Signature]

Sign 2: [Signature]

Sign 1: [Signature]

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
241887	2024-00137	Ohio Turnpike 3.0a	\$307.75	
Department Emergency Management Total:			\$307.75	
Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:			\$307.75	
Grand Total:			\$6,293.69	

Warrant Date: 07/16/2024  
 Claimant: #Megan Cross Bank NA  
 Account: 177.00000 (Travel) Total:  
 Department Emergency Management Total:  
 Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:  
 Grand Total:

Sign 1: *Bruce Wilde*  
 Sign 2: *Terry Boose*  
 Sign 3: *Harry Brady*

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-23-1BJ-1 (DRAW #4) AND B-C-23-1BJ-2 (DRAW #3) SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD JULY 16, 2024**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for payment and status of funds requests have been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for the Board’s certification;

**WHEREAS** the Board has reviewed the requests for payment and status of funds reports; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for payment and status of funds request as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payments is not in excess of current needs; 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 stated one draw down was for Repair Assistance for a home in Norwalk in the amount of \$3,937 and the other was for General Administration in the amount of \$5,012.

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

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

State of Ohio
Office of Community Development
Request for Payment and Status of Funds request

Request for Payment form with fields for Submit to, Name and Address of Grantee, CDDB E.E. RLF Balance, Contact Person Information, Project NBR, Activity Name, Amount Requested, and Signature fields.

Huron County FY'23 - CDDB (B-C-23-1BJ-1) table with columns: Name, Address, Phase 1 Soft Costs, Contractor Payment, Phase 2 Soft Costs, Job Total.



INVOICE

127 S. Front Street
PO Box 590
Fremont, OH 43420
1-800-775-9767

INVOICE #: INV05574
DATE: 06/30/2024
DUE DATE: 07/31/2024

BILL TO: Huron Co Commissioners
180 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, OH 44857

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$3,937.00
TOTAL DUE: \$3,937.00

Table with columns: DESCRIPTION / MEMO, AMOUNT. Includes CDDB B-C-23-1BJ-1 Home Repair and 180 Flitzinger 205 Williams Ave, Norwalk.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Nuter at (419)333-6021.

Remittance Stub

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
127 S. Front Street
PO Box 590
Fremont, OH 43420
1-800-775-9767

TOTAL DUE: \$3,937.00
AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Customer ID - Name: C00579 - Huron Co Commissioners - CDDB
Invoice #: INV05574

SEND TO: Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
127 S. Front Street
PO Box 590
Fremont, OH 43420

Request for Payment form for Project 2, Administration/Fair Housing, with signature fields and a detailed table of expenses.





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 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.

**WHEREAS**, Huron County desires to seek bids for the JFS Carpet Removal and Installation Project; 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 JFS Carpet Removal and Installation Project request and the relevant ARPA regulations 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice seeking bids for the aforementioned JFS Carpet Removal and Installation Project must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the JFS Carpet Removal and Installation Project. The project shall be financed with funds received through ARPA; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bid is opened on August 15, 2024, until 10:00 a.m.; 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

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

JULY 16, 2024

**INVITATION TO BID  
JFS CARPET REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION 2024**

Board of Huron County Commissioners  
180 Milan Avenue  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

July 16, 2024

The Board of Huron County Commissioners are seeking proposals for qualified contractors to furnish all tools, labor, materials and equipment necessary to provide, deliver and install carpet for Job and Family Services building located at 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio in accordance with the enclosed general terms, conditions and specifications.

Sealed bids in accordance with the conditions, specifications, and instructions below and on the attached sheets or drawings hereto, if any, will be received no later than **10:00 am.**, local prevailing time, **August 15, 2024** and will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The Contractor will deliver two copies (2), one (1) original and one (1) copy to the following address;

Huron County Administrative Building  
Board of Huron County Commissioners  
180 Milan Avenue  
Suite 7  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

**A pre-bid meeting will be held on August 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Job and Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. The purpose of the conference is to review the scope of work and clarify any aspect of the work that may be in question. Attendance to this conference is not mandatory but strongly recommended.**

Time is of the essence, and all bids received after the appointed hour for submission, whether by mail or otherwise, will be returned unopened. Bidders are responsible for ensuring that Huron County Commissioner's personnel stamp their bids by the deadline indicated.

Envelopes containing bids shall be sealed and marked "JFS Carpet Installation Project BID – DO NOT OPEN."

All Bidders shall use the enclosed Bid Form in submitting their bid prices. The Operations Director, County Administrator, and County Commissioners will evaluate all bids submitted to determine the lowest and best bid. The Huron County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids in response to this Invitation to Bid (ITB), and to waive any irregularities, nonconformities, or noncompliance with the terms of this ITB.

The Huron County Board of Commissioners is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Bidders are required to certify equal employment opportunity and drug-free workplace, among other certifications required in the bid documents.

This is a State Prevailing Wage Project.

Publication Date: July 19, 2024 and July 26, 2024

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FINAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 128.08 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 128.06, Huron County is required to and did establish a 9-1-1 Review Committee composed of specific members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County 911 Program Review Committee and the 911 Coordinator has established and maintains a final plan for implementing and operating a countywide 9-1-1 system, the "Huron County 9-1-1 Final Plan". A copy of which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to R.C. 128.08, the board of county commissioners of the county and each township whose territory is proposed to be included in a countywide 9-1-1 system shall act by resolution to approve or disapprove the plan; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Huron County 9-1-1 Final Plan, 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.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained Ms. Spears had asked her to have this approved, even though she had not had a response from three entities: Willard, Bellevue, or the Board of Township Trustees. According to the ORC it is considered not approved by them.

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

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

*\*On file*

24-241

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #001 WITH SONA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc., (Architect) recommends a change order for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Modernization Project as follows:

- 1) Change to install additional buffer in the pit as noted in RFI #3 / Proposal Letter dated 06/25/24.  
The Contract Sum will be increased by \$8,283.00. now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #001 as submitted by Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc. for Contractor, Sona Construction, LLC for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Modernization Project as listed 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

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Change Order

Table with contract information including Project Name (Elevator Modernization), Contract Information (Contract For: General Construction), Change Order Information (Change Order Number: 001), and Owner/Architect/Contractor details.

THE CONTRACT IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: (Insert a detailed description of the change and, if applicable, attach or reference specific exhibits. Also include agreed upon adjustments attributable to associated Construction Change Directives.)
1.) Change to install additional buffer in the pit as noted in RFI #3 / Proposal Letter dated 6/22/2024. Add \$7,530.00
TOTAL CONTRACT CHANGE: \$8,283.00

NOTE: This Change Order does not include adjustments to the Contract Sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, or the Contract Time, that have been authorized by Construction Change Directive until the cost and time have been agreed upon by both the Owner and Contractor, in which case a Change Order is executed to supersede the Construction Change Directive.

Table with signatures and printed names/titles for Architect (Gammann Miller & Associates, Inc.), Contractor (Sona Construction, LLC), and Owner (Huron County Commissioners).

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June 27, 2024
Huron County Commissioners
180 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Attn: Mr. Pete Welch
REF: Huron County Administrative Building Elevator Modernization (RFI # 3-Additional Buffer Proposal Letter)

Dear Mr. O'Hara:
SONA Construction is hereby submitting our request for all labor, materials & equipment to install one additional buffer in the pit due to existing sump croc interfering with the new elevator equipment at the above referenced project. Our cost also includes elevator mechanic required for electrician to work in the hoistway. Our total cost for these additional works is \$ 8,283.00 as shown below for your review & consideration. We will need additional two weeks added to our contract completion time for these additional works.

Table showing costs: As per attached letter & back up documents from TK Elevator \$ 7,530.00, 10% SONA CH & P \$ 753.00, Total \$ 8,283.00

Trusting this meets with your approval. Please issue a change order if you want us to proceed with these works. Thanks. If you should have any question/concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
SONA Construction, LLC.

Sunil M. Desai
Project Manager

CC: Luke Baucher, Gammann Miller



Subcontract Change Order Request

Date: 06/25/2024

Table with project details: PROJECT NUMBER: 222551, CONTRACT DATE: 8/17/2023, CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: 1, PROJECT NAME: HURON COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING, PROJECT ADDRESS: 180 MILAN AVE, NORWALK, OH, 44857-1168, CONTRACTOR NAME: Sona Construction, 7122 Harvard Ave, Cleveland, OH, 44105, SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, 5169 Northland Dr, NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525

This request for a formal Change Order is made for the above-referenced Contractor and specifically intends to modify and amend the work, price and/or terms set forth in above-referenced Subcontract as follows:

Material Changes: Due to sump crock location interfering with Elevator equipment - specifically buffer in pit - TKE will provide an additional buffer so one is present on each side of sump. Additionally, this CO covers labor for 1 mechanic on 6/27/24 to provide access to hoistway for electricians and fire alarm.

Material: \$2,400
Labor to install + welding: \$2,650
Standby labor on 6/27: \$2,480

Additional buffer requires welding of additional strike plates on bottom of car as existing will not work.

SONA Construction agrees to issue a formal change order to TK Elevator for the described work before any associated material will be ordered.

Total Amount of this Change Order to be added to the contract price: \$7,530.00

In the event of any conflict between the work, price and/or terms and conditions of the above-referenced Subcontract or prior change orders thereto and this Change Order, this Change Order shall be final. Please sign two (2) copies of this Change Order and return two (2) copies to TK Elevator. A fully executed copy of this Change Order will be returned to you for your files.

Signed Acceptance:

By signing this Change Order where indicated below, the Contractor's signatory hereby acknowledges (a) that the Contractor agrees to all of the terms and conditions contained herein, (b) that the signatory has the authorization necessary to bind the Contractor to agreements of this nature, and (c) that this form is valid and binding notwithstanding any conflicts with procedures and/or forms required by the original Subcontract referenced above which are deemed to have been waived.

This change order/notice scope of work requires the anticipated or current project schedule, and associated time frames, to be adjusted commensurate with the time necessary for the engineering, material procurement and additional labor. TK Elevator will provide a revised project schedule on expedited schedule change upon receipt of this change order.

Subcontractor: TK Elevator Corporation

By: Andrew Monticello
Title: Project Manager

Date: 06/25/2024

Contractor: Sona Construction

By: Sunil Desai
Title: PM



SONA Construction, LLC  
 7122 Harvard Avenue  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44105  
 Phone: 216-883-9955  
 Fax: 216-883-0471

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
 No. 003

Project: Huron County Administration Bldg. Elevator Mod Date: 6/14/2023  
 Huron County  
 180 Milan Avenue  
 Norwalk, Ohio 44857

TO: Garmann Miller  
 438 South Lincoln Drive  
 Minster, Ohio 45885  
 PH: 419-628-4240 email: lbaucher@creatum.com

Attn: Mr. Luke Baucher

Ref: Existing Sump Pump

**Question:**

Please note that existing sump crock will clash with where pit channel, buffer, etc. is located. The location circled in yellow is where the buffer is scheduled to be installed. Obviously we cannot install on sump cover as it must support weight of car. Also, as these are twin post jacks, oil line will run in between over top of sump crock. Please see attached pictures

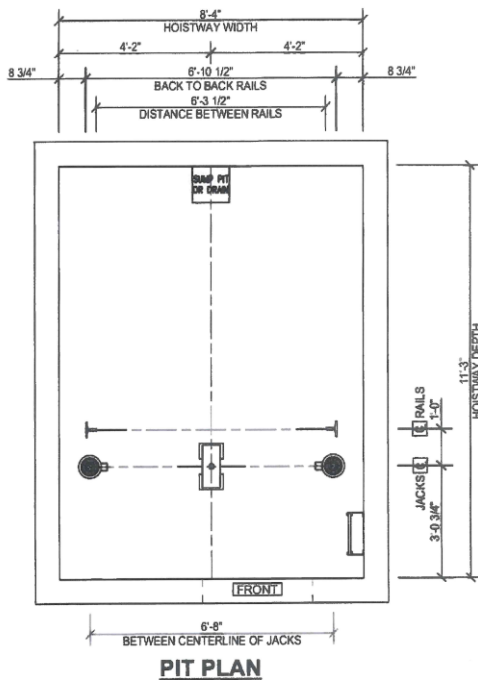
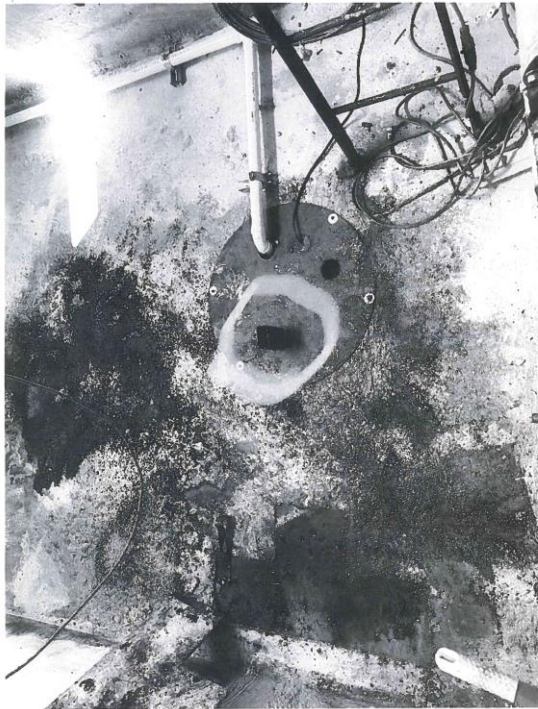
Please advise.

**Answer:**

Requested By: SONA Construction, LLC.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunil M. Desai  
 CC: Mr. Jason Flemming, GM  
 Mr. Pete Welch, Huron County

Date: 6/14/2024



**Fair Building project.** Mr. Boose wanted to discuss the process of auctioning off the three buildings at the fairgrounds that are going to be torn down. This would be to see if anybody would be willing to pay for them to get materials out of them. Last week they had hoped to pass it, and that didn't happen. He thought this week they were going to get an update as to what the process is. Mr. Strickler stated he prepared a resolution to sell them on GovDeals. The fair board is a political subdivision, similar to the commissioners. They can't just hire somebody, they have to do RFQ's. The quickest way to do it would be for us to sell it either on GovDeals, or we can change the resolution and just take sealed bids. Mr. Boose said the fair board just met last Thursday. Mr. Strickler said he understood that and he read the minutes. Mr. Wilde noted those were two of the options. Mr. Strickler said he was just trying to get it done the quickest way he could. From what Mr. Wilde understood, there were four possibilities. Mr. Strickler mentioned two. Another one was to have them auctioned off, and that would have to go out for procurement. The fourth option would be to demo them. Mr. Strickler agreed. He said they could just do a resolution saying they could be destroyed and disposed of and declare they have no value. Mr. Wilde saw four things on the table. Ms. Ziemba said she did receive a response from Mr. Morgan last night. He said they meet on Thursday and suggested waiting to see if the board wanted to go by sealed bid. Mr. Hunker said they had looked at the option of just bringing dumpsters in and getting rid of it. Mr. Boose thought, for the amount of money they would get out of it, going through all that work, the dumpsters may be a good idea. Mr. Hunker just thought they could try to bring some money in. He did not understand not

being able to use another auction company when townships, every year, simply send stuff over to the county sale that Don Sweeting does. Mr. Strickler said that was not right either, but that was beside the point. Mr. Wilde explained it was not a county sale. They call it a county sale. The county quit that long ago for those reasons. Mr. Wilde stated if we are going to do this we are going to do it the right way. Mr. Boose was disappointed that they were finding out today that they had to go a different route. Mr. Hunker said they were to the point of lets just demo them, we can move faster, we don't have to worry about delays. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba what it meant if they go that way. Mr. Strickler said they could alter Ms. Ziemba's original resolution because it had the correct ORC sections about demoing and disposing of them. They would just have to add the language he has in his that talks about they are obsolete and no longer needed for public use.

Mr. Brady wanted to ask, if we were going to do the online auction, and it was going to run from this day to this day, why not, if the fair board so decided, just do the sealed bids. Mr. Strickler said the commissioners should do the sealed bids. They are our buildings, on our property. Mr. Boose asked why the fair board signs stuff for a new building but the commissioners sign stuff to demolish. That didn't make sense. Mr. Strickler guessed they could do it that way, but they would have to do it through sealed bids. Mr. Brady said his point was, what difference does it make if the sealed bids were to be opened on the same day the auction were to be over. Mr. Strickler said it would be no different. Mr. Boose noted this was all proposed a month ago. And they wanted this all done before the fair. Mr. Brady said the auction was going to be after the fair. Mr. Hunker clarified the auction was going to close the Monday after the fair. Mr. Brady thought they could put out for sealed bids and just say the sealed bids will be opened the same day the auction would have been closed. Mr. Hunker asked if they had to have 30-day notice. Mr. Strickler said they did not. Mr. Hunker asked how much notice they would had to have. Mr. Strickler thought it was similar to when a project is done, he thought it was once a week for two consecutive weeks.

Mr. Boose clarified that Bob Morgan had told Ms. Ziemba there was a meeting on Thursday night. Ms. Ziemba said that was the email he sent her last night. Mr. Boose strongly recommended that the prosecutor's office attend that meeting. If they have any of these questions they get them answered that night. Mr. Boose said another question that came up at the meeting was the bid did not include site work. Everybody knew the site work had to be done. It sounds to him like the site work total was between \$130,000 - \$150,000. Mr. Hunker said they were thinking max \$150,000. Mr. Boose said they have also been working on many different contracts – somebody doing the water line installation, somebody doing the electrical installation, it was broken down into a whole bunch of different subcontractors. Mr. Morgan brought up to Mr. Boose that the whole thing was going to cost \$125,000 over the bid amount. They are all different people doing different things. It was discussed with Mr. Strickler about being able to do it this. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure that was the case. Mr. Strickler said the reason he said it was okay was because that work was going to be donated. It wasn't something public monies were going to be spent on, people were going to donate that. As long as no money exchanged hands when this work was done it was fine. Mr. Boose once again strongly recommended that Mr. Strickler attend Thursday's meeting to get questions answered so we can move forward on this building. Mr. Brady said typically when you bid a site work package, sometimes the bid is separate from the building package, but it is always bid as one package. If you start paying it out, breaking up the contract, you are going to have a problem. Mr. Strickler explained they would have a problem with the auditor. That was why he said the caveat was this work had to be donated and there had to be no money changing hands. Mr. Boose asked how you can do that when you know there is cost of materials and all kinds of other things as part of it. Mr. Strickler stated he was told it was all going to be donated. If that is wrong, somebody mislead him. Mr. Boose again strongly recommended that they get these things solved. Mr. Wilde agreed they need to get this done.

**Broadband Ohio meeting.** Mr. Boose said he saw there was a 2:30 meeting yesterday. He asked for a report. To him, this was the number one issue they have going on and he wanted to know what happened as far as broadband. Mr. Riedy said yesterday they met with Peter Voderberg and Amy Elbaor with Ohio Broadband. According to Broadband Ohio, 85% of the permits have been satisfied for that project. Mr. Boose asked what that meant. Mr. Riedy explained that the project, for the most part, was not being held up by permits. Mr. Boose wanted to know what permits. Mr. Riedy said it was the pole permits. There are some permit problems with AEP in the southern part of the county. Mr. Boose said he didn't mention First Energy. Mr. Wilde stated they did not say anything about First Energy. They talked about AEP and the State of Ohio, they had 140,000 ask for permits. 70,000 have been approved. Mr. Wilde said his feeling was Broadband Ohio was saying that put Spectrum a little behind, but that doesn't have anything to do with us. Mr. Boose said that sounded like a lot of numbers. AEP is a huge, billion-dollar company. Mr. Wilde said they were a year and a half behind. Mr. Boose didn't think there was any excuse for not having 140,000 done. Mr. Wilde explained that Spectrum has only received one payment. They will not receive another payment until they reach a certain criteria. Mr. Riedy said they have to have all their engineering done, all the permitting has to be done, before they are eligible to receive a second payment. Mr. Boose asked if there was a chance they were going to lose payments. Mr. Riedy said yes. They have to meet their next milestone by the end of 2025. Mr. Boose asked if Ohio Broadband had talked to Spectrum. Mr. Riedy stated they were going to reach out to investigate specifically what was going on. Mr. Wilde said Ohio Broadband had

just received a report from Spectrum. Mr. Riedy said, per Ohio Broadband, if they are not satisfied with the metrics that are being met they can send the project out to bid to another ISP. Mr. Boose asked if it was just us, or if it went back to the whole state. Mr. Riedy stated it was just our territory, because it was awarded as a territory. Mr. Brady confirmed we do not know how many poles in Huron County, we know 70,000 of the 140,000 are still waiting. Mr. Boose clarified that was AEP. Mr. Brady thought the rest of them seem to be fairly well along. Mr. Wilde believed the bottom line was, Ohio Broadband was going to contact Spectrum and have a heart to heart with them. They know Brian Young. Mr. Riedy explained they communicated with Ohio Broadband what we were told and what First Energy told us as far as the status of the permits. Mr. Boose stated we were told two totally different stories. He wanted to be sure Ohio Broadband was aware of that, and that they don't just accept Spectrum's claim that they were not getting any help. Mr. Wilde said they made that perfectly clear. Mr. Riedy agreed they were very well aware of what was going on. Mr. Wilde noted they were concerned. They are going to meet and get back to us. Mr. Riedy thought we should have some follow up information within about two weeks. They will give him an update and he will be able to report on what their conversation was with Spectrum. Mr. Wilde thought they really embraced what we were telling them; they hadn't heard that. But there were some things going on state-wide. Mr. Boose said he doesn't care about the rest of the state. His next question was going to be, were they aware of this problem before we brought it to them. Mr. Riedy said they were aware of the issue with AEP. They were not aware of our specific area. According to Ohio Broadband, it looks like the majority of the poles in the county have been approved, with the exception of the southern area of the county where AEP is the provider. Mr. Boose said that was not what was indicated to us by Spectrum. Mr. Riedy said they did communicate that to Ohio Broadband. Mr. Wilde said the head of Ohio Broadband was there and he understood what was going on, and he was going to take action. They are going to get on it right away. Mr. Boose said we have had that relationship with them all along. Whenever we want to talk to them Mr. Voderberg himself has always been part of the discussion. Mr. Wilde said it didn't take very long to get a zoom meeting scheduled with them; Mr. Riedy noted they were very responsive. Mr. Brady thought, regardless of how big you are, and Spectrum is a big company, \$10 million is still a lot of money. And when they don't get the money because they are not providing what they are supposed to be providing, they might get off of it and get it done. Mr. Boose thought that was wishful thinking; he thought \$10 million to Spectrum was a drop in the bucket. His ultimate worry was that it was not going to get done. Mr. Wilde remarked that all of the constituents matter; each one of those count. Mr. Riedy stated that Mr. Voderberg did state that they have the ability to recoup the payment that was made, and fine them if they do not complete the project. Mr. Boose noted Spectrum was a billion-dollar company. These companies give away more money per year to peoples' campaigns than \$10 million. He did not think \$10 million meant that much to Spectrum. And they said they have to put their money in as well. He was more worried about getting the project done. Mr. Brady said hopefully Spectrum will listen to Broadband Ohio. If they pull the funding, at least then they send it out to another ISP. Mr. Wilde wanted to mention that Ms. Elbaor had told them North Coast has completed their project. Mr. Boose said Huron County was not going to make or break Spectrum. We just need to get the service done, whoever is going to do it. Mr. Wilde reiterated that every single one of our constituents matter.

#### **At 9:40 a.m. County project & ARPA updates**

##### **Joel Reidy, Network Administrator update:**

- **Broadband**

The issue regarding firmware with the radios has been resolved.

NCW has made significant progress on the tower sites and is optimistic that several more towers will be online August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Note that the boosters are not in place yet, so there will be some coverage gaps until all equipment is placed.

- **IT**

IT migrated the recorder's office to the new fiber circuit.

IT is researching phone system replacements, we have received two very different quotes regarding the cost of the project.

IT is looking at upgrading the storage controller for the data center, we have received one quote, it looked high, we are reaching out to other vendors to see if we can improve on that figure.

- **Website**

Work on site mapping is nearly complete, and work on final design is under way.

**Pete Welch, Director of Operations & Steve Minor, B&G Supervisor.**

2024 ARPA COUNTY PROJECTS

LOCATIONS	PROJECTS	EST. COST	FUNDING	ARCHITECT/ENG	ACTUAL COST	CONTRACTOR	OUTSTANDING
Ad BLDG	Sealing Parking Lot	\$13,850	ARAP	In House	\$13,850	SealTek	
	Air Handler Replacement	\$125,000	ARPA	In House	\$101,072	AF1	
	Painting Exterior	\$14,500	ARPA	In House	\$14,500	Q1 Painting	
	Stairwell Renovation	\$80,000	ARPA	In House			\$80,000
	Elevator	\$300,319	ARPA	Garmin Miller	\$300,319	Sona	
JFS	Sealing Parking Lot	\$32,250	ARPA	In House	\$32,250	SealTek	
	Bathroom Plumbing Carpet	\$125,000	ARPA	In House			??? \$125,000
COURTHOUSE	3rd Floor Bathroom Plumbing		???				
	Sealing Parking Lot Tuck Point	\$4,325 \$30,000	ARPA ARPA	In House	\$4,325	SealTek	\$30,000
S. NORWALK RD	Sidewalks	\$30,000	ARAP	In House	\$24,931	Smith Paving	
	Boiler/Chiller Replacement	\$330,000	ARPA	In House	\$329,331	Wadsworth	
PERFORMING ARTS	Heat Pump Replacement	\$220,000	ARPA	In House	\$98,732	AF1	
DOWNTOWN COMPLEX	Roof Replacement	\$1,250,000	ARPA	Garminn Miller			\$1,250,000
	Tuck Point	\$60,000	ARPA	Garminn Miller			\$60,000
	Flume Replacement	\$100,000	ARPA	Garminn Miller			\$100,000
	Basement Phase I-Assessment Phase II-Construction	\$8,500	ARAP ARAP	Garminn Miller Garminn Miller	\$8,500	GM	???
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Front Window	\$10,000	ARPA	In House	\$10,900	Capital	
JAIL	Sealing Parking Lot	\$15,500	ARAP	In House	\$15,500	SealTek	
EMA	Roof Replacement	\$35,000	ARAP	In House			\$35,000
Senior Center	New Build	\$5,311,151	ARPA	Garmin Miller	\$5,311,151	Classical	
TOTAL					\$6,265,361		\$1,680,000

OUTSTANDING ARPA PROJECTS

16 July 2024

- 1) Ad Building Stairwell/Floor Renovation – Submitting paperwork this week for approval.
- 2) JFS Carpet – Waiting for approval on the bid package. The Board should be approving it today.
- 3) JFS Plumbing – New HVAC Technician will be reviewing the project once he starts work on the 22 July 2024. He is an experience plumber.
- 4) Courthouse Tuck Point – Contacted two masonry companies to bid the project.
- 5) Downtown Office Building Roof Replacement – Garmin Miller is preparing bid specs and are expected to be completed in August.
- 6) Downtown Office Building Tuck Point – Contacted two masonry companies to submit proposals.
- 7) Downtown Office Building Flume Replacement – Air Force One and Wadsworths have reviewed the project and are waiting on costs from their subcontractors.
- 8) EMA Roof Replacement – Waiting for subcontractors' to update their costs.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed.

At 10:40 a.m. the board resumed regular session. *Bruce Wilde moved to Entered into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public*



*interest. 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. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (2). 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*

**ARPA discussion continued**

Mr. Boose wanted to verify with Ms. Ziemba, all the projects Mr. Welch had talked about have been approved by Ms. Gordon. Ms. Ziemba said she would have to check on some of the them. She had no idea they were on the list.

Ms. Ziemba said the only thing she had that was outside of what had been discussed earlier, she knows they are going to be getting a change order for the steamer/convection oven for the senior center. But that will not change the dollar amount just yet - as of right now it is within the contingencies amount. The other thing she had was the emergency management response vehicle. That total was \$124,827 if they went one route, a little less if they go a different route. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Boose had brought a request in for radios for 9-1-1/county wide communication. Those were the only recent requests.

Mr. Boose wanted to talk about the vehicle. Based on what Ms. Ziemba had just given them, they had more requests than they have money. Ms. Ziemba stated the EMA vehicle could come from the over \$10 million, or within the \$10 million. The radios, depending on who they were buying them for, could be the over \$10 million or within the \$10 million. What they had talked about doing was potentially having a couple projects that were over the \$10 million, but that qualify for both. That way, if something falls through in 2025 there are projects that can absorb that money. Mr. Boose asked if they had an amount of money for the smaller bucket – how much do we have spent and how much is left. Ms. Ziemba said what they have left is \$147,400. Mr. Wilde thought that sounded like it would work for the vehicle. Mr. Boose was going to rough guess that they were at approximately a break-even point for the projects they discussed with Mr. Welch and the amount of money in that account. Ms. Ziemba said, of the \$10 million, after today's change order for the elevator, the amount available is \$1,397,642.03. Mr. Boose was a little confused; this did not match any of the numbers he had. Ms. Ziemba clarified, the number she gave them is the amount they have available of the \$10 million that is not tied to a contract. Everything on her list that takes up that \$10 million are in contract. She came up with this number from the resolutions and contracts. Mr. Boose was going to have to look at his numbers; this did not match anything he had. He stated that, according to Mr. Welch, there was \$1,680,000 in projects that he was not in contract with. With that being said, using ARPA money for the vehicle and the radios, we only have \$147,000 left. He thought the discussion they need to have is, what is more important, the vehicles or the radios. Mr. Welch asked what was a need and what was a want. Mr. Boose thought they were both needs, just which one was a higher priority need than the other. Mr. Wilde thought the radios were, because they affect more people. He knew Mr. Mead needed a new vehicle, but he did not think it was an emergency. Mr. Boose agreed. He thought there was a better chance of getting a grant for the vehicle than the radios. Mr. Wilde thought that would be great. Mr. Brady was on the same page. He agreed both of them were needs. At some point we are going to have to look at it or maybe it is in next year's budget for the vehicle if we can't get a grant. At some point we have to deal with it, but the radios are an absolute necessity. Mr. Boose thought that was the simple answer. The complicated answer, should they choose to go with radios, there are various things that are included in that: we could make payments, we could pay for all of them. And then the question is, what do we mean by all of them? Because the confusing part he heard from Ms. Spears, and in the meeting they had, is it is not always easy to differentiate between fire department radios and EMS radios. Because some fire departments do some EMS. The majority of the EMS are kind of separate from fire according to Ms. Gordon's letter. She is not so sure we can do EMS. Ms. Ziemba clarified if it is something covered under a levy, it is an eligible project. But not all of those are covered under the levy. Mr. Boose said the other thing is, we are nowhere close to having the money we need to do all the radios that are being asked for. He was including the portables, the whole works. Mr. Wilde asked what that number was. Mr. Boose thought they needed a breakout of numbers from Ms. Spears as to what fit Ms. Gordon's definition of what we can use ARPA money for, and separate out the ones we can't. Ms. Ziemba thought the last number she had sent was without the EMS. Mr. Boose hoped that was true, but he thought some of the fire and EMS were included in that number. He was pretty sure, for instance the City of Norwalk, has some radios that were possibly going to be used for EMS. He did not know if Willard does too. The total amount for all radios was \$849,358. Mr. Boose thought some decisions needed to be made. One, if we buy radios over the truck.

Two, if we do buy radios, what radios can we afford to buy, or are willing to buy? And three, is there going to be any stipulations we want to put on to say who maintains all the radios, who pays for additional radios if they add people or vehicles, etc. Mr. Wilde said he wanted the radios over the vehicle. He asked if everybody agreed. Mr. Brady said he did.

Ms. Ziemba wanted to remind them of the reasons Mr. Mead was looking for a truck. She wanted them to keep in mind that he does use it all over the county, he is having issues with it, some of which are the electrical issues, and they have been using the fund he would have used to purchase a truck for the dive team. That amount has been reduced to where he does not have money to purchase a truck. To her knowledge, she did not think they had used General Fund money to purchase vehicles for EMA, but they may ultimately end up having to do that if that truck goes down. Mr. Boose specified that they don't have to replace it with the truck he had the quote on. Ms. Ziemba agreed. Mr. Boose said the one he had quoted out is way above a truck that needs to respond to an emergency. He likes the forward thinking, he likes the thought he could put more in this truck, but we have to work with the money we have. He wanted to make it clear, if the Suburban goes down we don't have to pay \$125,000 - \$140,000 for a vehicle to respond. We can, but it is not like the absolute minimum needed to respond to an emergency. Mr. Wilde asked how much was in the account. Ms. Ziemba did not know the exact number. She just knew that there was not enough to pay for the truck because they have been using it to pay for the dive team for the last two years. Mr. Boose wanted to make it clear that the money they used for dive team was nowhere close to what he was talking about for this truck. Ms. Ziemba agreed, but said they just keep using it.

Mr. Boose said the bottom line is, there is a limited amount of money. He knows everybody wants things. A year ago they looked at a budget that the 9-1-1 committee provided and then we made a decision as to how much to go out for on the levy. He still stands behind that. The reason was, according to that budget, we were going to have \$1 million left in that account. Now, because all of sudden the needs are so much more than what we had a year ago, this issue has come up. We have to figure it out, we can't buy everything. We need to make a decision as to how we are going to move forward. In Mr. Boose's opinion, if we use ARPA money and/or our own money, then we need to put stipulations on it. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Boose said if they don't sign off, we give the money to somebody else because there are more needs. Mr. Brady said they only have \$147,000 out of however many hundreds of thousands it is going to take. Mr. Wilde pointed out that Mr. Welch had said he thought the roof estimate might be high. They won't know until the middle of September or October. Mr. Welch thought it might come in a little under a million. Mr. Brady thought that might get them to the break even point. Mr. Boose said there were other projects they could be doing. Everyone agreed. Mr. Wilde stated it was a moving target, and would continue to be. At some point, December 31, its over. He would like to pursue the radios. Mr. Brady asked if he was looking to commit whatever was left of the ARPA funds to the radios. From both buckets. Mr. Wilde thought they should. Mr. Boose wanted to clarify since Ms. Ziemba had them concerned about what Ms. Gordon said. We have to make sure that amount does not include any radios for EMS. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Boose said they were asking Ms. Ziemba to go back to Ms. Spears to get a dollar amount that does not include any radios used in EMS or EMS type vehicles. Mr. Wilde said yes, so we know what we have. Mr. Strickler stated they should have the ability to be able to communicate with EMS type vehicles. Remember, those radios are part of the county wide public safety communication system and the whole point of that is so everybody can talk to each other. Mr. Boose reminded him they are not government entities for the most part. Some of them are by choice. Mr. Strickler said there were at least two local EMS's that were governments. VRAD and Fireland's Ambulance Service were both ambulance districts. North Central was private, not for profit. The county can't spend money for them, but the other two they can because they are political subdivisions. Mr. Boose said not ARPA money. Mr. Strickler agreed, saying he was talking about levy money. If Ms. Gordon says no, that is fine. Mr. Wilde thought the next step was to get the number. It appeared they could use either bucket of money according to Ms. Gordon. And then we really need to keep an eye on the target. The other question Mr. Boose had, if we are short ARPA dollars, is the county going to pick up the rest from the General Fund. Mr. Wilde asked if it was going to be \$800,000 or \$500,000. Mr. Boose thought it was \$500,000, of which they said they were going to use the \$147,000. Then there is \$200,000 in the levy account. So that puts them down closer to \$200,000. In that case, Mr. Wilde thought they could pay the balance with General Fund. Mr. Boose asked if they would do it with or without stipulations. Mr. Wilde did not have a problem doing it with stipulations, so people understand and know where they are. He thought it was a great idea to use the ARPA money. Mr. Brady agreed. They have been talking about radios for years. He felt we need to make sure to equip them as best we can with what money we have so they can get the job done.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she was clear on how they wanted to move forward. She said somewhat. She would have Ms. Spears reach out to them if there were any questions. Mr. Boose thought if Ms. Spears had questions she should come into a meeting and talk to all three of them. Mr. Brady said meanwhile, he thought Ms. Ziemba could look at the General Fund to see where they could pull money from. Ms. Ziemba said she would talk to Ms. Spears. When she has everything together Ms. Ziemba will schedule her into a meeting.

Mr. Boose said while they were talking about looking for money, he needs to know how much money we set aside for phones. Mr. Riedy was talking about several different options and we need to know how much we have set aside in the budget. Ms. Ziemba stated they had \$105,000 for a phone system. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to remind Ms. Spears that they were counting on that \$200,000 she mentioned when she came in. Ms. Ziemba said she would.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

Bruce Wilde moved to approve the following travel request this day. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose wondered if they wanted to include in 2025 in approving travel since they would no longer be commissioners, and just do 2024. Mr. Wilde said it didn't matter. They want them ahead of time, but if he didn't want to go into 2025, Mr. Wilde understood. Mr. Brady said it didn't matter to him. Mr. Wilde said they were meetings, he was okay with it.

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

No – Terry Boose  
Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

Kara Vandersommen, Rachel Sotora, Cheyenne Haymond, JFS, to Westerville, Ohio for Quarterly Attorney Networking on August 16, 2024.

Nikki Cross, JFS, to Bowling Green, Ohio for Ohio Children Trust Fund meeting on July 24, 2024, October 23, 2024, January 22, 2025, April 23, 2025 and July 23, 2025.

**SIGNINGS – None**

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

#### **Administrator/Clerk report**

CDBG BF18 monitoring has been completed and the county received a clean audit. Ms. Ziemba thanked GLCAP for their work on the grant and handling the monitoring.

Mr. Boose stated they discussed who our three representatives should be for regional transportation. He sent an email to Mr. Beal, Mr. Brady and Ms. Minor. Ms. Ziemba stated everybody responded and she sent it off to Ms. Burkholtz with their contact information.

**Assistant Prosecutor report - None**

#### **Commissioner Wilde report**

Region 19 meeting tomorrow at 4:00. He is going to try to find the email. Mr. Boose said it could be several emails. Mr. Boose said he is the power something for the whole region. He can't vote on any of the projects, but he can look at them. The rest of the region can't look at them. The only people who can look at them are the ones who can vote. Until last Thursday, Mr. Wilde was the one ranking them for Huron County. He thought at the previous meeting they told them it would be Ms. Cardone, with Mr. Wilde being the alternate. For some reason, the state said last week that Mr. Wilde was our person. They didn't even have Ms. Cardone as an alternate. Mr. Boose told them that Ms. Cardone is our person and Mr. Wilde is the alternate. The reason he has questions, there are several emails he received that he was surprised Mr. Wilde didn't get because Mr. Wilde was supposed to be ranking them. He reminded Mr. Wilde they will not go to his commissioner email. Mr. Wilde said he knew they went to his private emails. He was positive he did not miss three or four emails. He will search.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if he had received the email about a new contact person for the opioid settlement money. Mr. Strickler had not. He is trying to reach the paralegal and will follow up with a phone call if she does not get back to him today. He said they need to authorize him to amend the complaint to add more people. Mr. Boose said they want him to be able to do whatever needs to be done.

#### **Commissioner Brady report**

Mr. Brady talked to Senator Gavarone about the roundabout situation. She did call ODOT. She was going to be part of a meeting. But Senate legal said, because there was so much litigation, she could set up a meeting but she could not be at that meeting. Bob Weaver was willing to sit down with them, but they really couldn't talk about the roundabout, so there was no point in them meeting. Mr. Brady thought the Mahl's had a lawsuit; ODOT filed a lawsuit against Summit Motorsports; Summit Motorsports filed a lawsuit against ODOT. At this point we have to wait to see how it shakes out. Mr. Boose said there are two people that have a legal problem, they are constituents of the senator, and Mr. Brady was saying that

the senator cannot respond to our request? Mr. Brady clarified that he said the senator could not sit down in a meeting with him, ODOT, Summit and the Mahl family. The legal representative for the Ohio Senate said she could not be involved the meeting, but she could get it set up. The litigants are not going to be involved either, because they are litigating against ODOT. It would have ended up being Mr. Brady sitting down with Bob Weaver and not saying much about the roundabout because it was in litigation. Mr. Brady did not see the point in sitting down with Bob Weaver. Mr. Boose said the original intent was, things were happening fast, we want to slow them down. We sent it to all those people, and he wants to know is that going to happen or not going to happen. Mr. Brady said Dick Stein called him the other day. Mr. Brady knew Mr. Stein had called some of the other people involved. They had a lengthy discussion about it. The consensus between Representative Stein and Mr. Brady was ODOT was going to go ahead with whatever they wanted to do. ODOT pretty much said we are doing it and that is all there is to it. Mr. Wilde asked how they find out what was going on. Who is allowed to talk? Mr. Brady said right now it is very confusing because of all the litigation going on. The people who are suing can't be there because they are suing. But ODOT has a lawsuit against Summit. He didn't know if there was anything against the Mahls. ODOT can't sit down with anybody that is involved in litigation and talk about it. Mr. Wilde asked if things were going to be stopped because of the lawsuit. Mr. Brady said he has no idea. Mr. Boose thought the litigation was the problem. What he believed they were telling him is we have nobody to help us with the litigation as far as the state is concerned. Mr. Brady said that was pretty much the truth. What Mr. Brady was being told by everybody is they can't be involved because it is in court. Mr. Brady was reading the article that was in the Norwalk Ohio News, about the lawsuit Bill Bader filed on behalf of Summit Motorsports Park. The intent of that was to try to put a pause on this. It wasn't necessarily to stop it, but everybody said moving it to the southeast made more sense than where they wanted to put it. They didn't want to listen. They said it didn't work that way. There doesn't seem to be a willingness on the part of ODOT to sit down and have a meaningful conversation. But none of the other parties can be there because they are already in court. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Strickler if it made sense. Mr. Strickler agreed it did make sense that you shouldn't talk about ongoing litigation. But he thought you can try to talk around it and try to talk about some kind of resolution.

What Mr. Boose was hearing was the constituents have a problem and ODOT is not working with them. ODOT files a lawsuit, or the constituents file a lawsuit, and nobody can do anything to help the people out or to slow the process down. We are not allowed to talk to anybody. That did not ring right with him. When he was a state representative they had issues with ODOT that came up all the time. Mr. Strickler clarified there was no litigation involved in those situations. The problem is, in this case there is litigation involved. Mr. Boose thought ODOT would be filing litigation right away so nobody could talk. Mr. Strickler agreed. Mr. Boose did not think that helped the constituents. Mr. Brady did not think ODOT was interested in helping the constituents. Mr. Wilde stated ODOT was a big ugly monster from what he has seen. And the only person they answer to is the governor. Mr. Boose stated evidently we can't talk to the governor. Mr. Brady said according to Dick Stein, his office tried to have or did have communication with somebody in the governor's office and it didn't do anything either.

Mr. Boose noted they sent an email out from the commissioners' office. He believed the proper response was a response to the commissioners' office. Something in writing, so we know what happened and we have it in writing as to how to go forward. We don't even have that. Mr. Strickler agreed. He stated that was ODOT's fault, it was not our fault. Mr. Boose thought our senators, our governor, or lieutenant governor, our representatives, could either respond and say it's in litigation and they can't talk. That is what DAS said. But we have received nothing. Mr. Wilde thought if there was litigation, nobody could move. Mr. Boose didn't think so. Mr. Wilde questioned what good the litigation was going to do. Mr. Boose said final decision. Mr. Brady explained the state has not acquired the property they need to put in the roundabout. He thought that was what the litigation was about. Mr. Strickler said they can take the property, and all that is left to argue about is money. He thought that was what this was. They can move forward because under the statute, it is a quick take eminent domain. Mr. Brady said the lawsuit filed by Summit was to stop that. Mr. Strickler agreed, but they filed a motion to dismiss and he thought they filed a counterclaim against Summit. Mr. Brady said it was a muddled picture and they really don't have a clear explanation. Mr. Boose thought the sad part was our constituents were not be represented in this matter. And the only the ones he knew that could do it have not formally done anything that he knew of. The sad part is, our constituents, or any constituents in the state of Ohio, that are dealing with these types of issues, have nowhere to go. That's not how government was set up. Mr. Wilde agreed. Mr. Brady has said that all along, this is supposed to be government of the people, by the people, for the people, and right now it is not. Mr. Wilde thought they somehow just shut everybody off. Mr. Brady has never received an answer as to what form it was that Bob Weaver mentioned. He mentioned it specifically when they asked him, if the commissioners don't sign off, can they do the project. Mr. Boose reminded him that was a different project. Mr. Brady said that was for roundabouts, or work by ODOT, that involved county roads or county rights-of-way. And there is county right-of-way on this one on Greenwich Milan. That is where the bulk of this roundabout is going to go – down in county right-of-way. Mr. Boose said we have a copy of an agreement from the engineer's office. It has a place for the commissioners to sign for this roundabout that hasn't been signed yet. Mr. Strickler said it was not going to be signed. Mr. Brady said he would not sign

it. Mr. Boose asked what they need an agreement for if they can move forward without the commissioner signatures. That was what Mr. Brady was trying to figure out. When Mr. Tansey had asked the question, Mr. Weaver had stated ODOT can't move forward with the project unless the county signs off. Mr. Strickler did not know if he meant the maintenance agreement or if there was something else. Mr. Brady said he indicated they couldn't do work in the county right-of-way without the commissioners signing off on it. The 20 and 601 was all state. But this one isn't. If there is a form the commissioners are supposed to sign, ODOT hasn't been very forthcoming with that. Mr. Strickler confirmed they haven't given it to us.

Mr. Boose said the other part is, our state reps and our state senators are our contacts with the state government. We have questions. And they have not responded to us formally, in an email or letter, other than Theresa Gavarone. Mr. Boose thought she responded the best she could. But no one is representing, at the state level, our constituents on this matter. Mr. Wilde asked if it would be appropriate for him to call Mr. Bader to see if there was something new that we don't know. Mr. Boose said to just ask him to please keep us updated. Mr. Wilde was going to do that. Mr. Boose felt they have done what they can. He feels we have not been properly responded to, the whole issue has not been properly addressed. Ms. Ziemba said they did have a response from Rep54 on Friday. Mr. Boose said he had not seen that; that was Dick Stein. Ms. Ziemba will forward it to them, but she read it for the record: *"We received your letter and have been involved in this issue for well over a year. Our office can certainly foster communication between agencies and constituents and provide support or lack thereof as the case may be. We have had multiple meetings in the district, in our Columbus office, and even larger ones in the conference room in the Riffe Center. We have been working with all parties involved to be sure that their voices have been heard. We are in constant contact with the lobbyist, legal counsel, and residents who are affected by this project. Rep. Stein has been very bold in being an advocate for his constituents. We have additionally actively engaged the Governor's office as requested. At this point in time, we do not believe there is any more that we, as an office, have the ability to do within the confines of our legal and ethical parameters. The constituent's lobbyist and legal counsel concur with our assessment. Thank you for reaching out to our office as many others have. Unfortunately, at this time, our hands are tied. Regards, Bob Reed"*. Mr. Boose said Bob Reed was his aid. He thought that changes the whole discussion we just had. We have had somebody respond to us, we have had somebody that told us what they are doing. He greatly appreciated what Representative Stein has done. Ms. Ziemba explained the email came to her, she had tried three times to forward it to the board and it hadn't worked. Mr. Boose took back what he said about them not responding and doing their job; it sounded like they did do their job exactly as they were supposed to. Mr. Boose's question then, is the system wrong that nobody can challenge ODOT. Mr. Wilde thought ODOT had too much power. Mr. Boose noted Representative Stein did everything and then some. He went well out of his way to try to get it resolved and it sounds like he just ran into roadblocks. Mr. Brady will say a comment that was made to him, and it came from an ODOT person. The governor, after his grandson was killed in a car accident, told ODOT he wanted them to find 150 intersections in Ohio that were bad and build a roundabout at every one of them; if the people fight we will take them to court. Mr. Boose asked if that came directly from the governor. Mr. Brady said it did not, he got it directly from an ODOT official. Mr. Boose wanted to be careful who they were quoting.

Ms. Ziemba said they should have also received a copy of an email from Senator Manning's office. It said: *"Thank you for reaching out to our office and I apologize for the delay in our response. We did not receive a physical letter in the mail so I appreciate you attaching it here. Senator Manning has reviewed the letter and we have sent it on to our internal contacts at ODOT. We are looking to get to the bottom of the issue and find a solution to the concerns presented in the letter"*. Mr. Boose said he had not received these communications. He feels bad saying what he said when they did all this work. Ms. Ziemba asked if he received the one from DAS. Mr. Boose said he had. Mr. Wilde stated the first time they sent things out they received nothing. Ms. Ziemba agreed. Mr. Wilde confirmed it had taken two times before they had received any response. He appreciates the response, but. . . Mr. Boose felt good about what Representative Stein has done. Mr. Wilde noted Representative Stein had gone to the governor. Mr. Boose did not have enough information on what the other two have done, other than at least now they know they are looking into it. Mr. Wilde thought he would still ask Mr. Bader for an update.

Ms. Ziemba said somebody indicated they could forward information. Mr. Boose said that was DAS. They had indicated it was in litigation and there was nothing they could do at this time. He had also received something from Senator Gavarone's office and maybe Senator Manning's office. But what Ms. Ziemba was telling him was they did get responses. They did not get a response from the governor's office or the Lt. governor's office. Ms. Ziemba agreed that was correct. They also did not receive anything from Representative Swearingen. Mr. Boose did not know, because of the redistricting, whose area this was - Representative Stein's or Representative Swearingen's. Mr. Brady said it was Stein's; he has Norwalk and the three townships - Norwalk, Wakeman and Townsend. Mr. Boose did not know what more Representative Stein could do. Mr. Wilde thought at this point a few of them were as frustrated as the commissioners. Mr. Boose said he was frustrated with the process. He can already hear the response from ODOT. They will say, we had meetings before, you had the opportunity to comment on them. But at that time we didn't know what they were doing with our constituent's land and how they were taking it. We

hadn't heard anything until Mr. Bader and the Mahls came in. How could we respond that they weren't being treated fairly if we weren't part of the process? And to think we have another one possibly happening right down the road.

Mr. Brady attended the Energy Committee meeting last Thursday. This was to discuss the changing of the electric aggregation to make it similar to the gas aggregation. Right now, the electric is purchased on separate contracts. A few years ago they merged the gas so they can buy it as one. This allows them to have better buying power. Unfortunately, they didn't have a quorum so they couldn't get it done.

#### **Commissioner Boose report**

Last week Mr. Boose had a Region 19, along with OneOhio staff. They have a plan to keep in touch with the people that can review the projects to see if they have any questions about the process.

Fairgrounds board meeting on Thursday night. Mr. Boose stated it was a long meeting and a lot was discussed. There are some concerning things going on, but Mr. Boose did not want to elaborate on that. They really want to move forward with the building. The discussion they had was, what money do they have available for the building. Earlier in the week Mr. Boose told Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hunker both, in different discussions, that they had \$375,000 available from the state. Both of them told him they didn't think so. They thought they only had \$250,000. Mr. Boose went back to the old Counties Current that showed who got what, he printed that off and took it with him. The fair board received \$250,000 from the one-time money and \$125,000 from capital money. They were getting over \$100,000 that was set aside for all the fairs in the state. Mr. Morgan wanted to know the total amount of money the committee had raised. There was some confusion, because they have so much money, they have promises for so much money, and then they have promises that, once the building is bid out and accepted, then money will come in. So, it is hard to determine exactly how much they have. But what was made clear to Mr. Boose after that meeting, and everybody seemed to be in agreement, was they have: \$450,000 from before; they have \$375,000 from the current; they have over \$200,000 they expect to get from the committee. Then, if they still need more money, we start first with the \$300,000 the commissioners said they put forward towards the project.

The question came up, where they aware the bid is not the total amount needed for the building. They also need the money for the site. Mr. Boose assured them, to the best of his knowledge, that the site money needed to be included in the total amount if they needed the commissioners' money. If, for some reason, and we could think of none, that they would need to go to the amount, then the loan would be the next process. Mr. Boose did not think they were anywhere close to that. But the question immediately came up, can we still get the loan and use it for other projects. Mr. Morgan did not even want to discuss that. He wanted to talk about this building, this building only. How do we get it built, where exactly is the money coming from, what the priority is for the money they use. Mr. Morgan indicated there was going to be a point very soon where they need control of the money the committee has. After they have that money they can come to the commissioners to find out exactly what is needed. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba that would be the time we need to go through whatever process we need to do, whether we hold onto the money until there are invoices that come in for that money, or whether we give it to them and they can put it in their account. Ms. Ziemba said she would work with Mr. Strickler to determine the best way to handle it. Mr. Brady confirmed the \$300,000 was the tail end. Mr. Boose agreed, saying it was the last money to be spent. Mr. Brady was okay with that, we said we would do that. Mr. Boose said it looked like it would be nowhere near that. He made it clear that we didn't say you could keep adding to the building until you hit the \$300,000. They didn't argue that. Mr. Brady said it certainly would involve covering the site work. He has seen it a lot of times – they will bid the site package, and then they bid the general package. That is not an unusual thing. But when you bid the site package it is all one, you don't start separating out the water line, etc. Obviously, you add the two amounts together. Mr. Boose tried to interpret what they were saying; he thought they were going to do some of it in-house. Some of it they can't do. They can't run the electric lines. They went out to see if they could get a quote on what it would cost to run the electric lines, what it would cost to run the water lines. Mr. Strickler did not think that was a problem, because they were utilities. The problem he sees is, and he said this from the beginning, when they bid this out originally, they should have bid out the site work. But he was told they had somebody that was going to donate it all. They were going to donate the materials, the labor and the time. He said that before; he has been very consistent. If they have somebody to donate it, with no exchange of money, then we don't need to worry about it. Mr. Boose said people want to get moving on this building. Fair is a month away. They want to get this done by next year. Everybody needs all the answers so everybody can move forward to get this building done, whatever that is. He doesn't know what that is, but we need to get it so we can move forward on this building after the fair. Mr. Brady totally agreed. He just hoped, in the course of that they were up front and straight forward about what was getting done and how. The site work, if they are going to do the pad prep and that kind of stuff, and that's all being donated, that's great. If they need the money to pay for the water lines and the electric lines, paying for that is fine too. But he personally doesn't want to get into, well we are going to pay for this, we are going to pay for that, but you didn't bid it out. You can split some things up, but if you split up a site package and start paying out a little here, a little there, you are going to

run into trouble. Mr. Boose stated Mr. Morgan made it clear that the fair board doesn't have money for all those little bills, whatever they may be. It seems like every time they have a building project a lot of money falls back to the fair board that people didn't talk about. That's why he wanted to know where the money was coming from up front. Mr. Boose also wanted to make it clear that the people at that meeting were very gracious that we were willing to put up money, and that we are willing to work with them on this. There was none of the those that, in the past, we may have felt some different feelings. Mr. Brady said he would rather have whoever is doing the site package be honest about what it is really going to take. Because if it is really going to take a certain amount, and it fits within the total project the commissioners have for the \$300,000, he would rather they just bid it out and do it than start into something and end up with all kinds of problems. Mr. Boose said there was a little bit of disagreement among the fair board as to whether the site work should have been included. But the final thing he heard from everybody is, we have a plan, lets get it done, lets get the building. Mr. Boose thought agreeing with the recommendation from the architect to accept that bid was going to help the committee start get the rest of the money.

Mr. Boose wasn't sure if it was in Counties Current or the Statehouse Report, but there were two grants that multiple counties received that we didn't. Forty-two counties received money for fingerprint scanning machines.

Mr. Brady stated he appreciates the MHAS reports.

Mr. Boose said there has been a bill introduced to help counties with large sales tax refunds.

Sales tax. Motor vehicle down 7% for our county for April. Regular sales tax down 0.9%.

Kleinfelder's proposal to put plans together for grants. The board will review and discuss at a later meeting.

The sheriff has requested to have the \$22,000 from the 9-1-1 contracts with the entities for dispatching. Mr. Brady called the auditor and left a message. He asked for all the pay from both the sheriff's general fund budget and any of the special funds that paid for the dispatchers last year. Mr. Brady also left a message for the sheriff, but has not received a call back. He said it is not that they don't want the sheriff to be made whole. But he would like to have the numbers of how many hours the dispatchers worked last year, how were they paid, and also where did they come up with \$22,000? He would like a breakdown of where that number came from. Is it an arbitrary number? It is \$22,000 every year. Mr. Wilde asked if Mr. Brady, Mr. Tkach and Sheriff Corbin were going to sit down and work it out. Mr. Brady said he will talk to Mr. Tkach this afternoon. Mr. Strickler said he had a number – it was \$1,700/day for all three shifts. That included fringes and wages. Mr. Brady said he wanted to know what the total paid out last year from all the funds. Mr. Strickler said he and Mr. Sitterly had talked to the sheriff this morning about another issue. The sheriff asked them to tell Mr. Brady the number was \$1,700/day for all shifts. Mr. Brady said he wants to know how many hours they worked, where did all the pay come from, and did it require the additional money from the levy. If it takes more money from the levy then it takes more money from the levy. But he can't, with a clear conscience, hand out an abstract amount of money without understanding why. If this is not required to make his payroll whole for the dispatchers, then why are we giving it to him. When he gets the numbers he will give a copy to Mr. Boose and Mr. Wilde so they can review them. Then they can discuss it either this Thursday or next Tuesday.

Mr. Boose noted school starts in a month. He has not seen any contracts for school resource officers to know what they might include, what they don't include, who is paying what. Mr. Wilde had an update. From what he understands from talking to the safety services director and the mayor of Norwalk, Police Chief Dahlgren would be interested in this. Chief Dahlgren has talked to the Superintendent of Norwalk City Schools. His next step was to talk to the sheriff. Mr. Wilde will talk to him. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde to remind them that school is a month away and contracts take time. He appreciates Mr. Wilde talking to them and them looking into it. One concern Mr. Boose has, he is not sure about previous contracts because we didn't sign them. But he was wondering if they could just extend those contracts instead of doing contracts they need to sign. He is not okay with continuing a contract that have not been approved by the commissioners. They don't know whether it covers all expenses. If they come back with that he will ask for proof they have covered all expenses or he will fight the contract. Mr. Brady said he had the conversation with the sheriff about getting reimbursement for everything, including vehicles. The sheriff indicated he didn't know how that could be done. Mr. Brady and Mr. Strickler sat down with him and gave him a formula to use. The sheriff wanted to debate whether he could use the formula or not. Mr. Brady stated he also had a conversation with the prosecutor and the assistant prosecutor about SROs. He asked, could the commissioners be held liable for anything if the General Fund was not made whole, or the SRO fund made whole, by reimbursements from the school. The consensus from the prosecutor's office, verbally, was no. Mr. Brady asked what their options were. The two options put forth were: either put in a request of the State Auditor to look into this matter to make sure it is being done properly; or figure out how much money is being spent on SROs and take it out of the sheriff's budget next year and tell him he needs to collect it and put it in the 114 fund.

Mr. Boose said he thought some of the dispatch money was being paid out of the special funds. His question was, did the budget request include 100% of the dispatchers' salaries. If so, then we are talking about extra money in the budget that wasn't needed. It was just a way to add money to the salary line item. Mr. Brady said that was why he wanted to know the number of total hours worked by the dispatchers last year, how much the total amount of pay was, and how it was it broke down. Mr. Boose understood, he just wants to try to get a hold of what they budgeted so he can give that to Mr. Brady so he has a number to compare it with. Mr. Brady didn't think \$22,000 was a massive amount in the face of the budget, but it was still a chunk of change that could be used somewhere else if it wasn't necessary to give it to the sheriff for the dispatch fees. He will stop and get those numbers today. He is hoping to have a discussion next week.

**At 12:47 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 July 16, 2024.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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