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; Tom Dunlap, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Roger Hunker, Fairgrounds Building Committee/APEX; Shawn Pickworth, New London; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Nick Katsaros, First Energy; Art Mead, Director, Emergency Management Agency, Jess Spears, 911 Coordinator, Emergency Management Agency; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Mr. Wilde said he was not aware there was an extra \$6,000,000 surplus as an article stated. He was very frustrated that the budget commission gave the commissioners a number. If they had so much more why didn't they just give \$30,000,000 last year rather than \$24,000,000. In the first article it said there was enough carry-over to give everyone in the county \$300 each. He suggests cut everyone in the county a check which the Auditor can do. Another article said \$158. Then on Facebook they asked what should the commissioners do with the money. Mr. Wilde clarified we were a county, not a city. Someone commented they wanted a youth center were kids can go. Mr. Wilde assumed the commissioners would put it in Norwalk, he is just not sure how the kids are going to get there. Someone also mentioned they want something for Senior Citizens. Mr. Strickler said he thought the commissioners took care of this, Mr. Wilde said they did with a new \$5,000,000 new building. Someone had suggested school lunches. Mr. Wilde said school breakfast and lunch is served in Norwalk every day through the summer and through the school year. The Humane Society and the dog warden. Mr. Wilde did not know what the dog warden needed, but believes the commissioners are in the process of taking care of this. Mr. Wilde is not aware of any of this and he asked if Angela LaRosa contacted Mr. Boose or Mr. Brady because he was not contacted. Mr. Strickler believed she was from the Tiffin newspaper. Mr. Wilde thought if they used the \$6 million, next years' commissioners would suffer because then there would be no carryover. Mr. Boose blamed the Budget Commission for not giving them the correct number. The law says Budget Commission is supposed to tell them the true estimate, not make them come back and ask for more money. Secondly, Mr. Boose thought it was wrong to write an article about something that is under the control of the commissioner without ever talking to them. Mr. Strickler stated it is irresponsible journalism by not talking to the source.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – Roger Hunker, Fairgrounds Building Committee/APEX. Mr. Hunker said there is a bid opening today at 2:00 p.m. in the secretary's office at the fairgrounds. He asked where the commissioners are at with getting the buildings sold or removed. Mr. Strickler said Ms. Ziemba has prepared the resolution for him to review and edit. Mr. Boose thought they would have it next Tuesday. Mr. Hunker asked if, once they receive the bids do they need to come to the commissioners for approval. Mr. Strickler said yes, since the commissioners are the ones that will enter into the contract. Mr. Boose thought the commissioners should get a recommendation from the Fair Board. Mr. Hunker said the Fair Board meets on the 11<sup>th</sup> so they will get the recommendation to the commissioners right after that. Ms. Ziemba asked why they would enter into the contract if they did not let the bid. Mr. Strickler thought the commissioners should at least know since it was their property. If the commissioners didn't let the bid then it would be the Fair Board entering into the contract. Mr. Boose asked if they could enter into the contract at their next meeting. He pointed out they only meet once a month. Because of this, Mr. Strickler and Mr. Boose recommended that, before the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, an email be sent to the commissioners letting them know what the bids were. This way the commissioners can review the bids to be sure there is nothing wrong with them and not hold the Fair Board up.

Ms. Ziemba informed the board the Mr. Hunker had just asked her to put Apex on the agenda for an update. She has them on for July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Shawn Pickworth, New London Village Administrator. Flexible spending grant. Mr. Pickworth and Ms. Ziemba both said they had read through the information. Ms. Ziemba stated she did find a lot of good information. She said she had forwarded the email from the state. The state said there are many companies that do the full administration and she has asked for that list. If this company doesn't want to, she thought there should be something they can do, like a resolution or a sign off sheet, to make them certify that what they are doing is 100% in compliance before the commissioners approve it. Mr. Boose asked what the next step was. Ms. Ziemba suggested it might be to let New London know they could reach out to their business owners. Mr. Pickworth thought it sounded like the county needed to go out for RFQs if they were interested in someone handling the CDBG's. He noted there was more than one program and he was interested in more than just the one. But he wasn't sure what the county wanted to do. Did they want to handle it inhouse, did they want to go out for RFQs? Ms. Ziemba said she did not want to do it in-house. She explained we do not have the expertise to do it in-house, we have always had an administrator for our grants. Mr. Wilde thought the RFQ was potentially the next step. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Pickworth if that would take too long for him. Mr. Pickworth said no, he realizes it is part of the process. And once they do it, the county will have somebody that will handle it and hopefully be as successful as they have been previously. Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Pickworth if he knew at what point would they go out for the RFQ? Kleinfelder had been unable to answer that question for her. She questioned if it was after the pre-app, or before. Mr.

Brady stated we do it for architects, couldn't we just rank them and have a list of three? Ms. Ziemba said it has to be just one, specific to that grant. Mr. Pickworth said he had a list: do the procurement application, then project selection application preparation, OCD application review process. And then you do a procurement for administration. Ms. Ziemba noted it was after the application. Mr. Pickworth thought if they wanted them to handle everything, he didn't see why it would be a problem going out for RFQ's right off the bat so there will be somebody that will do the entire thing. Mr. Boose was all for this project. So far, they haven't heard too many red flags although it was going to cause us to do a little bit more work. Ms. Ziemba said there was a lot more work. But it was more of the not understanding the bid itself. That was why they need the administrator. She thought Kleinfelder has a track record. But it is a matter of getting a contract where they will actually do the full administration. Mr. Boose asked if they could move forward with Kleinfelder. He thought they could put together a contract for Kleinfelder to look at to continue the process. There are some things they told us they can't do because they are not a nonprofit. He asked Ms. Ziemba, when you say do all the administration, if there are certain things they can't do because they are a nonprofit? Mr. Strickler thought they should put that in the proposal. Ms. Ziemba said it was something their company chose not to do. If they choose not to do it, they just don't do it. But she said we can't have a contract with them yet. Mr. Boose suggested that Ms. Ziemba, Mr. Strickler and Mr. Pickworth sit down with Kleinfelder and let them know what they want in the contract. He did not want anybody to be blindsided and the process gets slowed down. Ms. Ziemba said they couldn't do a contract. She believed Kleinfelder said the contract would be with New London for the pre-app and the application. Then they have to go out for procurement specific to the grant. Mr. Boose thought she just said it depended upon the contract. Ms. Ziemba said once you get through the procurement process, yes. Mr. Boose thought this was way over their heads; the CHIP program works on its own and we just approve what comes in and make sure everything was right that way. Mr. Brady asked if, because New London was already interested in entering into a contract with Kleinfelder for this, do we have to do RFQs for this, or can they go straight to Kleinfelder? Mr. Pickworth explained they have been working with Kleinfelder up to this point, but they would still have to go through the RFQ process. Kleinfelder will send a proposal in for that, hoping they get it. But it depends on how many others are received. Mr. Brady said the RFQ would have to indicate exactly what we are looking for – we want somebody to do the entire process or if not let us know what you're not doing. Because we want the bids to be apples to apples. Ms. Ziemba agreed. She said they would work with Mr. Strickler. The lady at the state was very good at getting information to Ms. Ziemba. Mr. Boose just wanted to make sure we keep moving on this. Mr. Pickworth said he understands it's a process and it was new to the county. But he would love to see something done to where all these other opportunities become available. Not only to New London, but to everybody. Mr. Boose thought that might be something to take into consideration when they talk to Kleinfelder. He explained we are waiting on a proposal from them for some other things. We would like them to help us with some grants and to help with some programs. We have some plans, like the housing plan and the childcare plan, sitting on a shelf. Their suggestion was to come up with a plan as to how to solve those so when money comes available we are ready. Mr. Brady pointed out that the first time through it is always the hardest, but after that you have an idea of what is happening. Mr. Pickworth asked Ms. Ziemba if she would set up the meeting. She said she could, but it was not something she would be able to get to any time soon.

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register for Payment Batch #382655 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

\*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to check with Mr. Riedy to find out what it would cost for twenty Microsoft Office annual fees.

Mr. Boose thought the Spectrum bill for EMA seemed like a large number for such a small office. Mr. Wilde thought they could discuss it with Mr. Mead and Ms. Spears when they were in later.

Mr. Boose has never seen a charge out of the Dretac fund. This was for a PJR fee. Mr. Wilde noted it was paid to First American Title. Mr. Strickler said that is where they get their Preliminary Judicial Report when they file their tax foreclosures. He thought that might be what it was for. He explained it gets tacked on to the court costs at the end of the case, so it does get repaid.

Mr. Boose wanted to talk to Ms. Spears when she comes in. He would like her to go over some of the costs. Part of the discussion they had at their last committee meeting was about ongoing maintenance. In this case they are buying a rotary switch, an AC unit, and Willard tower site also has air conditioning issues. We are going to continue to have these types of issues come up, so we have to make sure we have enough money in the budget to pay for those.

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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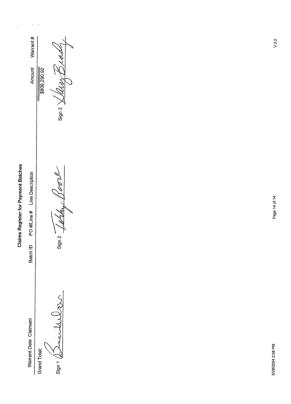
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REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY JULY 2, 2024



At 9:35 a.m. Niketas Katsaros, First Energy. Mr. Boose told Mr. Katsaros that Spectrum had said the electric companies were holding up the whole project. It has been years since they received the grant. Mr. Katsaros thought that was an interesting comment. First Energy has a joint use group. Their whole job is to work with the other utilities that attach to their poles. Any utility that attaches to their poles has to have a joint use agreement with them. First Energy has a lot of work going on with Spectrum for their whole service area. They have bi-weekly meetings with Spectrum to go over every single job that they have. Mr. Katsaros said he doesn't generally attend those, but he did yesterday just to see what was going on. They asked Spectrum's construction manager if there was anything First Energy was doing that was impeding their construction work. He told us no. There is nothing we are doing. First Energy is not scheduled to do any construction for them until the end of October. Through the whole process they have a spreadsheet. They have the stages set up as to when the application was sent to us, when their engineering group reviews the poles. He explained the engineering group has to review every single pole that they attach to. There are various reasons why. Some poles are very easy, others have other work that has to be done to make the poles safe. There is a certain distance between where their attachment is and where our attachment is. This is not only for their safety but for our safety as well. So, there is some make ready work that has to be done. He explained a lot of times a pole requires a lot of work – such as if there is an underground riser that goes on it, or if there is a transformer bank, or if it's a rear lot. They have some poles behind peoples' homes and which require rear lot trucks to get back there. They tend to go underground to avoid those and to speed up the process. But they have the spreadsheet that tracks every single job they have with us. We share that with them every other week to go through where they are: their engineering looked at these poles; we sent you this invoice' this invoice hasn't been paid. We have transparency with them. And according to their construction manager there is nothing we have done to impede them or slow them down. Every single job is tracked as to when our construction time is to meet their earliest construction time. The earliest date First Energy has is October 28. Our senior management has met with their senior management in a separate meeting. We told them if there are different jobs they need us to prioritize we will be happy to do that. He said they were just kind of confused as to where this was coming from. He knew they have been meeting every other week for quite a while. Mr. Boose thought this was very interesting and thanked Mr. Katsaros for checking on it. He thanked First Energy for meeting with them on a regular basis. He said their concern, as commissioners, was that Spectrum has had this for a long time; they received \$10 million. And we haven't seen anything physically happen. When they were in here they told us the next step was that they had applied and were waiting on pole permits. Not just from First Energy, but Firelands and other utilities. They asked Ms. Ziemba to set the meeting so they could hear what you have to say. Mr. Boose thought the grant money Spectrum has would be running out sometime. Mr. Brady said that when Mr. Young was in, he had indicated that if they need poles 1 through 10, they can't work if they only have permits for 6, 7 and 8. Mr. Brady thought what Mr. Katsaros was saying was that if there were certain sections Spectrum needed to prioritize, that could be addressed at the company meetings. Mr. Katsaros said he was on the call yesterday and they asked Spectrum's construction manager if there was anything First Energy was doing that was slowing them down, or if they should be prioritize other things. He said no. Mr. Katsaros said he called Mr. Young after the meeting. He told Mr. Young he had talked to the construction manager, who told him everything was going according to schedule. Mr. Katsaros explained he was just trying to understand if there were issues they needed to change, and what their concerns were.

But according to their construction manager, everything seems to be moving. Mr. Wilde said he took notes at the meeting when Spectrum was in. Mr. Young had said 12,690 pole permits had been submitted, only 10% of permits have been answered or okayed. Mr. Katsaros stated those are not all within the same job; they have different jobs for each one of those. They told Spectrum to prioritize which ones they want first and they are working off that top priority.

Mr. Katsaros explained how the process works. Typically, they request to attach to our poles. We have our engineers look at each pole to see what is safe and what is not safe. If there is any make ready work they have to pay for that, so we verbally tell them what that charge is going to be. If they agree to that we send them an invoice. They pay us, then we do the work. So, there is a process. But our closest construction date is not until the end of October. There is nothing for now that First Energy is late on. Mr. Wilde clarified that First Energy doesn't do anything until they get paid. Mr. Katsaros said everything was prepaid. Mr. Boose didn't think paying them should be a problem; Spectrum has \$10 million. Mr. Brady asked if he actually spoke to Mr. Young. Mr. Katsaros said he talked to him late yesterday afternoon. He just told Mr. Young he was confused; the county was telling him something different than Spectrum's construction manager. They asked the Spectrum construction manager if there were any issues that needed to be addressed. And again, they meet with them every other week to give them the opportunity to vocalize these things. The construction manager said there was nothing. They told him again, if there was anything they needed First Energy to do differently, or if something needed prioritized differently, they would be happy to do it. Mr. Brady said the way he looked at it, he wasn't trying to diminish Mr. Young, but Mr. Katsaros did his due diligence before he came in. He actually called and talked to his people, he talked to their people and had a clear-cut idea of what was happening. Mr. Tansey mentioned that Spectrum needs a permit from his office to work in the county right-of-way. He hasen't seen any permit requests. Mr. Brady thought maybe they had been getting a song and dance from Spectrum because they were behind on their project. They were blaming the utilities because that is convenient. Mr. Boose said the key is we have customers in our county that aren't being served with proper internet. If they weren't being serviced with electricity, he thought First Energy would hear about it and it would be a big deal. Mr. Katsaros agreed. Mr. Boose suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Riedy and Broadband Ohio. He thought Mr. Katsaros and a commissioner could possibly be in that meeting to discuss our concerns with Broadband Ohio. This grant was awarded quite a while ago and to the best of our knowledge no cable has been laid, nothing is being done. Mr. Wilde said he would love to be on that meeting.

Mr. Brady noted Spectrum hadn't even approached our engineer to work in the rights-of-way. He thought, if they were waiting on pole permits, they would want to try to get everything in order so when they came through they could dispatch crews to start. But once they get the pole permits, they still have to go to the county engineer and he still has to do the legwork. Mr. Tansey said the aerial stuff was easy but there was always the underground involved. Mr. Wilde asked if they could have gotten started without permits. Mr. Tansey said they are not allowed to and if they see them they will shut them down. Usually the engineer has some preliminary stuff to look at. Mr. Wilde thought they were behind the eight ball. Mr. Tansey agreed, saying usually they will send engineer drawings for them to go through. A lot of times they are simple, they just go through them to make sure there were no conflicts with a bridge or upcoming road project. They go over all that because they don't want to get into a relocation issue two years after they put it in. Mr. Boose said he did not know who better to go to than the people who handed out the money for the grant. They don't know the issues we are having and he though we need to sit down with them and say look, here is a \$10 million project and not one customer has been served yet.

At 10:00 a.m. the board recessed At 10:07 a.m. the board resumed regular session.

24-225

# IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE BUTLER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Butler Road Resurfacing project;

**WHEREAS,** notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Butler Road Resurfacing project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the

County's website <u>www.hccommissioners.com</u> by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, July 19, 2024 at 9:05 a.m.; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

\*Discussion: Mr. Tansey stated this is a resurfacing project between St. Rt. 303 and St. Rt. 20.

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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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, July 19, 2024 until 9:04 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner's Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Butler Road Resurfacing. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:05 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than October 25, 2024.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to http://www.hccommissioners.com and clicking on the "Legal Notices" link or http://www.huroncountyengineer.org and clicking on the "Bid Information" link.

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At 10:09 a.m. Jess Spears, 9-1-1 Coordinator and Art Mead, EMA Director. Mobile radio discussion. Also present, Matt Mattner, Fisher Titus; Lynn Kochheiser, Fisher Titus. Ms. Spears explained they discussed in a TAC meeting that the fire departments need mobile radios. There are not enough funds in the levy account to pay for all the mobile radios that are needed. She is waiting on an updated quote from CCI. She is also waiting for Wakeman to get her the information Mr. Boose requested on how much they spent on their mobile radios. Mr. Boose said we have a spreadsheet that says how many mobile radios are needed. The total dollar amount adds up to more than what we have in the account. One of the things that has been brought up over and over again was that Wakeman went out and bought their own mobile radios several years ago. Mr. Boose had asked Ms. Spears to find out how much they spent.

Because if the commissioners decide they are going to go out and spend money for mobile radios, then they probably need to reimburse Wakeman for what they have already spent so they are treating everybody equal. Mr. Mead explained that Wakeman was part of the AFG program when all the fire departments went with that. But, instead of going with the VHS radios that were proposed for AFG, Wakeman paid the difference of what those radios would have cost so they would have the multi-bands. So, they were able to come over to the 7/800 without any extra costs after that process was done. They didn't buy the radios totally, they just paid the difference. Mr. Wilde clarified that was what they were looking at, just that difference. Mr. Mead said it was. Ms. Spears said she sent Ms. Ziemba an email with the information, and as it stands, for the mobile radios they are looking at close to \$339,000. The 9-1-1 levy can withstand about \$200,000 of that without depleting their budget. They still have to pay for anything that breaks between now and the end of the year, anything additional that dispatch would need. Mr. Boose said they actually spoke about that this morning. There were three charges on the claims schedule that he said was a perfect example of other things they have to pay for. It was the perfect example of standard maintenance things that come up. Ms. Spears agreed, saying they had replaced two air conditioning units in two weeks. Mr. Mead explained two air conditioning units had to be replaced because of the heat. One actually quit working totally, on a tower. The other one is behind their building and basically controls the brain of the communications center. That one was starting to falter. It was working, but it was not working where it needed to be, so they were proactive and replaced it. Mr. Wilde confirmed \$339,000 was what they needed. They have approximately \$200,000 they can put towards it. The difference is \$139,000, plus whatever the Wakeman number is for the upgrade for them. Ms. Spears agreed, saying that would take care of the mobile radios. Mr. Boose said it might be a little more complicated. At the meeting there was discussion as to if we could get by with not buying all the mobiles, but buying maybe half of them. Mr. Boose assumed that the number Ms. Spears was talking about was for all the mobiles they were asking for. Ms. Ziemba wanted to make sure it was not the \$540,000. Ms. Spears said that was for mobiles and portables. Ms. Ziemba said her email stated "a minimum we would need to get the mobile radios, which is roughly \$540,000, and then portables is roughly \$260,000". Ms. Spears agreed Ms. Ziemba was correct, it was \$540,000. Mr. Boose wanted to be clear, they were not saying that they don't need all the mobiles they asked for. The question was, if we didn't have any money, is there somehow that we can give them something to keep going. It wasn't their number one preference, but they said a few radios are better than none. Mr. Boose thought the overall consensus from the committee was, if there is any way we can figure out how to get all the mobile radios, they would really prefer that. Mr. Boose asked law enforcement, who was also present at the meeting, if they were okay. They said yes. Their concern was to make sure all first responders would have all that law enforcement has. Matt Mattner, with Fisher Titus Health, said the concern was that all first responders would have these digital radios. If the commissioners were considering purchasing the radios for the fire departments, he would ask that they also consider the ambulance services in the county - North Central EMS, Citizens and Firelands Ambulance. They are also first responders that should be on the same communication system as fire.

Ms. Spears said she did speak to Alan Close, with Cleveland Communications. There was an option to lease-to-own on these radios. He is on vacation right now, so he will not have exact numbers of what that would look like until he comes back. But she thought that might be an option to get it taken care of all at once and spread it out over the next three to five years. Mr. Boose said there were pros and cons to that. The pro is, we get them right away. To Mr. Boose, the major con was, looking at forward budgets. He thought Ms. Spears had some concern in our meeting about how much money they were going to have; there were plenty of other things they need to buy. CAD system for one. We have no idea what NextGen is going to do to us. There are more costs than just radios to be paid for out of 9-1-1. He thanked her for working on that for them.

Mr. Brady said until we have contracts for the ARPA projects, we aren't going to have a completely clear picture. Mr. Boose said they had discussed that some of it could be paid with ARPA funds. He thought they currently have enough projects, except for maybe \$150,000, to use all the ARPA money. On the other hand, there is an opportunity to bump some of those projects, or just leave them in for insurance that if we have ARPA money left that we do those projects. Mr. Boose thought they need to prioritize our projects and decide. Mr. Brady said that was why he said he didn't know at this second. There is always an outside possibility. Mr. Boose said they had talked about possibly purchasing a truck with the ARPA money as well. But we have more projects than we have money, so he asked Mr. Mead to help prioritize how important he thinks it is. The purpose of the truck is for hazmat and responding to emergencies. Mr. Mead said he has tentative numbers because he was asked to do the research on the vehicle process. Right now they have been running about three incidents a week. The Suburban is a 2009, has 100,000 miles. He has no idea how many hours are on it. Saturday alone they were running the truck for about six hours doing a tornado assessment. Last week he was on a spill and again the truck was running six hours. So, there is over ten hours of run time just in one week. Mr. Mead had no idea what the Secret Service did with it, there is not an hour meter on the truck. He is starting to have things go out here and there that need to be fixed. He was looking at between \$100,000 and \$130,000, depending on what they allow him to do. Whether he goes with a 250 and a utility cab; or a 250 with a utility bed on the back. The utility bed is the way he would like to go, because there is a lot of equipment he cannot carry in the Suburban right now that

he wishes he could. However, they can discuss that down the road.

Mr. Mead said that Mr. Close was going to go back to Harris to see if he could get that number reduced if the county does a bulk purchase. So that number may come down a little bit. No promises were made but just so they know there are other options. Mr. Boose pointed out nothing is as easy as it sounds. There are actually four different options when it comes to mobile radios. As he understood it, some of those were better for the ambulances. Ms. Spears stated they were dual head mounts. This means they can have the same radio hooked up in the truck so there is one in front and one in the back. Whoever is in the back of the ambulance can call and report to the hospital. It makes their life a lot easier. Mr. Wilde asked if those were included in the whole cost. Ms. Spears said they were. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady confirmed for the ambulances. Ms. Spears said yes, in the \$540,000. Mr. Boose indicated there is a breakdown spreadsheet he can get to them. It listed the four different radios and the departments.

Mr. Boose said the question was, would somebody want the Cadillac model versus the other ones. The answer he got was some people need the Cadillac, others don't. Mr. Brady thought it made sense what Ms. Spears said about the ambulances. He thought that was more of a necessity than a want. Mr. Mead said they could go back and try to streamline a little bit. He was not sure what the cost difference was between the single and the dual head. Ms. Spears stated it was \$2,000. Mr. Wilde thought they still had a lot of questions that needed to be answered. Until then, they really can't make a decision. Mr. Boose said he would like to be working on it. He thought Ms. Spears could be working with Ms. Ziemba on the total amount. The spreadsheet shows the total amount if they provide all those radios. Once again, it is complicated because there is also a need for more portables. He asked why they need more portables. Mr. Mead explained when AFG was written, it was written based off riding positions of each truck on each department. Some of the chiefs were under the impression, like they may have a rescue truck that may seat 10 people in the back, they thought they were going to get 10 radios. That is not how AFG works. AFG provides for the driver, officer and maybe one or two other radios. So instead of getting the 10 radios, they may have only gotten 3 or 4. So now they have a certain amount of radios, but there aren't enough for everybody in the department. Their theory was if they had more portables, everybody could have a radio and it just helps the process along. When you are responding from home, sometimes it takes two or three tone outs before they can acknowledge to 9-1-1 that they are en route to the station. They thought they were going to get more portables, but AFG is very specific on riding positions for the radios itself. Mr. Boose thought what he heard Mr. Wilde say was, the commissioners need some updated figures to look at. Mr. Wilde said they have to know where they are at, what is available and what the options are. Mr. Brady thanked them for getting it this far and was glad Mr. Boose wanted to keep it moving.

Mr. Wilde asked about the Spectrum bill in the amount of \$248 under Disaster Services. Mr. Boose explained they thought that sounded high. Mr. Mead said they are looking because they have had problems with Spectrum to begin with. He reminded them he has three televisions in the EOC. He has cable on each one of the tv's because if there is a local event they have to keep up with what is going on. That is the reason they have the cable there to begin with. Internet keeps going up. They are looking at different options for that. And they are looking at getting rid of the cable and do a streaming service as long as they can still get the locals. They are trying to do that as well to save some money. Mr. Boose said that is what they need to know – that they are looking at it and aware of it.

Mr. Boose thanked everyone for coming in. Mr. Mattner said he just wanted to let them know they were not asking for 9-1-1 money. He did not know if it was outside the scope, but they haven't received any 9-1-1 money. The specific ask is if the commissioners are purchasing radios that they consider using the ARPA funds for the ambulance services as well as the fire departments.

24-226

# IN THE MATTER OFAPPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE HURON COUNTY/NORWALK ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, requires an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing by every County and City receiving Formula Small City Community Development Block Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the Huron County Commissioners entered into a contract with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) on March 7, 2024, Resolution 24-094, to complete the required Analysis of Impediments;

WHEREAS, GLCAP has completed the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, after consulting with

numerous organizations within the County, and has submitted a copy to the Board of Commissioners for review;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and authorizes GLCAP to submit it to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, as required; 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

24-227

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, requests for expenditures of over \$5,000.00 have been submitted for approval by the Board of Huron County Commissioners as follows:

#### Job & Family Services (Fund 115)

RJ Beck Crisis Center Access – Security System Upgrade \$12,474.00

**Building & Grounds** (022-00275)

SA Comunale Fire protection system repair (12 E Main) \$9,120.00

now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; 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

24-228

## IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE HEALTHY AGING GRANT FUND #153

Bruce Wilde moved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Healthy Aging Grant Fund #153 in the amount of \$3,469.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds to the Healthy Aging Grant Fund #153; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the appropriation as follows:

<sup>\*</sup>Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing On file

TO: 153-153-00201 Grant expenses \$3,469.00 and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting the appropriation; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED** 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

24-229

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO SUBGRANT AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE CHILD WELFARE FELLOWSHIP CONSORTIUM TO PARTICIPATE IN A CHILD WELFARE FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** Wood County has a subgrant in place with the counties of Hancock, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, Hardin, Seneca, Allen, Auglaize, Putnam, Huron, Crawford, Erie, and Ashland; and

**WHEREAS,** Addendum to the Subgrant Agreement changes the date until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and addresses language regarding reimbursements during this period; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties continue to establish and participate in a Child Welfare Fellowship Program, which is a pilot project that includes recruiting, hiring and training of college students to properly prepare them to be job ready in the child welfare field upon graduating;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the subgrant agreement is to establish Wood County as a "pass-through" entity and the Subgrantees as a "subrecipient" as those terms are used in OMB 2 CFR 200, promulgated by the United States Office of Management and Budget;

WHEREAS, Lenora Minor, Director of Huron County Department of Job and Family Services recommends the Board of Huron County Commissioners approve the Subgrant Agreement and Addendum with Wood County Department of Job and Family Services and the Child Welfare Fellowship Consortium;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves entering into the Subgrant Agreement and Addendum between Wood County Department of Job and Family Services and the Child Welfare Fellowship Consortium as attached hereto and incorporated herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

\*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Strickler has questions on the date. The dates listed were 2024; he thought, if the intent of the contract was for a full year, the date should be 2025. Ms. Ziemba stated Ms. Liebold with JFS had put this together. Mr. Strickler left the meeting to call Ms. Liebold. After he left, Ms. Ziemba found an email that read: "As discussed in an earlier email, here is an amendment to our subgrant. This changes the date to August 31 and it also addresses some of the language as to reimbursement during that period. We are unsure at the moment if the new dollar amounts will revert back to July 1, so we are just letting you know the salary benefits of Othello will be covered but it is up in the air on the other administration items." Ms. Ziemba thought that was from Wood County.

Bruce Wilde moved to table the resolution until Mr. Strickler contacts JFS to answer his questions.

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

24-230

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY AIR FORCE ONE FOR THE AIR HANDLER AND ROOFTOP CONDENSING UNIT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 180 MILAN AVE. NORWALK

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 under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

**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)(l) 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,** 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 to replace four (4) air handlers and two (2) rooftop condensing units at the County Administration Building, 180 Milan Ave. Norwalk, Ohio 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;

**WHEREAS,** Air Force One is a part of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Ohio Buys Program, State Contract Number CTR006257; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds to replace four (4) air handlers and two (2) rooftop condensing units at the County Administration Building, 180 Milan Ave. Norwalk, Ohio;

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Proposal submitted by Air Force One in the amount of \$101,072.00, 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

#### IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - None

#### **SIGNINGS**

Ms. Ziemba explained they received a letter asking that they authorize the CAC to submit for a grant. it stated "The Homeless Crisis Response program is their primary funding source to operate the Norwalk emergency shelter. Our shelter is a fully furnished duplex. Both units have three bedrooms, and can provide temporary shelter for up to 40 days per family. Our shelter is the only shelter in Huron County that provides shelter for families with adult men as long as there are minor children in the home. This is a requirement of the grant. The letter is required to us to be approved for continuing the funding". Ms. Ziemba thought they did this every couple of years. Mr. Boose clarified it was not a new facility. Ms. Ziemba said it was not.

Bruce Wilde moved to signed the letter authorizing CAC to apply for funding through the Homeless Crisis Response program. 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

July 2, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Huron County Commissioners duly authorized to act on behalf of Huron County, hereby approve the following Homeless Crisis Response Program activities proposed by Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron and Richland Counties, Inc., which are to be located in Huron County.

Sincerely,

#### **BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Bruce Wilde moved to take Resolution 24-229 off the table for discussion and vote. 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

After speaking with Ms. Liebold, Mr. Strickler confirmed this is just an extension of the contract until August 31st of 2024.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve Resolution 24-229. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:05 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the <u>appointment</u>, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady Aye – Bruce Wilde At 11:40 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). 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

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

#### Administrator/Clerk report

Ms. Ziemba had forwarded an email from the Health Department regarding naloxbox agreement. She asked if they had read through it. The email indicated they have to have somebody trained on them; somebody that checks them to make sure there was no tampering; check to make sure it is filled; maintain records on them at each location. Discussion followed on the issues involved with having to train an employee, maintaining the boxes, and possible liability to the county.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize the Health Department to use space on the County Administration Building and Office Building as long as the Health Department maintains the boxes. 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

Ms. Ziemba said last week they had a discussion regarding the steamer and convection oven at the new senior center. She found out there would be a 10% markup if it goes through the prime contractor, Classical. Mr. Boose stated Mr. Beal had talked to Ms. Holtzapple. She told him they have used very little of the contingency money. That way it can still be paid with ARPA money. Discussion regarding the options available.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize the architect to prepare a change order to utilize the contingencies portion of the senior center project to purchase the convection oven & steamer. 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

Mr. Boose stated that at the last construction meeting it was brought up that SafeBuilt had two things before them. One, they were waiting on a permit for fire suppression. Second, we had asked to eliminate a restroom and those plans needed to be run by SafeBuilt. Mr. Wilde said he spoke to Mr. Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz responded that "I did some checking into the Senior Center. This is what I found out: Rosie said the architect for this project called recently and they discussed submitting plans but to date we had not received any plans or application yet. If and when I hear more I will let you know." Mr. Wilde spoke to Mr. Welch this morning. It is up to Classical to work with SafeBuilt, it is not something for Garmann Miller to do. Mr. Boose agreed, but thought maybe Garmann Miller could remind Classical that SafeBuilt feels they have not put in any request, and they don't have anything, to the best of our knowledge, on those two issues.

Ms. Ziemba said the airport sent a Real Property Donation Agreement. She asked Mr. Strickler if he was reviewing it. Mr. Strickler said he had not had a chance to look at. Ms. Ziemba explained they would like to be present when it was approved. Mr. Brady thought time was of the essence if they were going to use ARPA money for the drainage issue. Mr. Boose thought if they were to use ARPA money for the 9-1-1 communications equipment he did not see where they would have any money left.

Ms. Ziemba had a letter from the Auditor indicating they had some repairs done. Mr. Tkach indicated "I have recently received this bill for \$2,489.27 to replace the hinges and rebuild the power door opener for the outside door at 305 Shady Lane. I have spoken with Gina Hartman and we both agree the bill should be paid from 320, the Shady Lane building account". Ms. Ziemba explained this was the remaining money from building that building. there is currently \$3,895.76 in that account, so that would cover it. The board agreed that is what should be done.

Ms. Ziemba confirmed that all the county offices would be open on Friday except the dog warden. They will be utilizing their time.

Mr. Boose said he keeps getting all kinds of emails about signing documents that he has. He is assuming

they want to go ahead. Mr. Strickler asked if he was talking about the opioid suits. Mr. Boose was. Mr. Strickler stated he was not able to open those documents when Mr. Boose forwards them to him. Mr. Strickler said if they were for payment, we should be signing them.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Terry Boose to sign the documents relative to the opioid lawsuits once they have been reviewed by Assistant Prosecutor Randy Strickler. 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

Mr. Boose had an email from ARPA saying they have updated the rules. He did not think they were new updates, he thought they meant the last update. Ms. Ziemba said she printed off some of them. Section 17 has to do with administrative costs and making sure all of the money is allocated by the end of December. It also has instructions on how to handle it if you need to change contractors. Ms. Ziemba has a call in to Ms. Gordon to discuss it more before she does her reporting.

Mr. Boose had received two emails from the Census Bureau wanting us to update the report for the amount of money spent on the Senior Center for last month. It is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month.

#### **Assistant Prosecutor report**

Mr. Strickler stated they received an email from the State Auditor's office. There is now a requirement that current employees and elected officials have to complete a training regarding Ohio's fraud reporting system. There is an eight-minute video that everybody has to watch. This has to be done every four years.

Ms. Ziemba stated she received an email from Dave Ditz indicating they would be receiving three vehicles on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Boose was not sure where things stood as far as vehicles. This included the transport van. He thought they put \$100,000 in the budget for this van and he had no idea where we were on that. Ms. Ziemba said he sent the information but they stopped it; she didn't remember why. Mr. Boose thought maybe they could relook at what was sent to them. Ms. Ziemba will try to find the information.

#### **Commissioner reports**

Mr. Wilde will attend the Youth grant tonight at 6 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran church.

Mr. Wilde stated the EHOVE Planning Group has a meeting next Tuesday, July 9 at Chef's Garden.

Land Bank at 1:00 this afternoon. Mr. Brady and Mr. Wilde will attend.

Mr. Brady said Huron County Growth Partnership has a breakfast on July 31. He thought it would be nice to go and hear about the TechCred grant.

Friday Mr. Brady was at the CEBCO board meeting. Renewals are coming out and everything was high. CEBCO has decided they are not going to cover GLP-1s for obesity starting January 1, 2025. They will continue to cover for diabetes. It cost them over \$6 million last year. Renewals will be higher than last year due to prescriptions.

Mr. Brady will be at the 1:00 and plans to be at the dinner tonight.

Mr. Boose noted they have a parade this week. All three commissioners will be in it.

We received a letter from Ms. Gordon saying we can use the top tier ARPA money for communications equipment.

At 12:36 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 2, 2024.

### IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Signatures on File