

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

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Roger Hunker, Lyme Township Trustee/APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Tom Dunlap, Citizen; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the May 28, 2024, June 4, 2024 & June 6, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 28, 2024, June 4, 2024 & June 6, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

24-231

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register and Then and Now's for Payment Batch #383046 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Wilde commented nine pages and over \$320,000. In reference to 22 East Main Street, Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziembra if Ms. Stebel takes care of this billing. Ms. Ziembra said yes. Mr. Wilde said it is for air conditioning. Mr. Boose said it is interesting that the air conditioner for generator at Willard the sheriff paid for it and the commissioners paid part of it last month. He thinks the jail is ready for any problems, 2. 95 count for Byma Pepper projectiles. Mr. Wilde saw for meals it was almost \$21,000 for meals part of May and part of June. Mr. Boose said he sees they paid for the inspection for the asbestos and asked Mr. Wilde what is the next step. Mr. Wilde said he will see where they are on this. Mr. Boose thought it is their responsibility and it has nothing to do with the grant. Mr. Wilde wanted to clarify it was for the report on the asbestos. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziembra if she knew the next step. Ms. Ziembra said she did not. Mr. Strickler states he did not know. Mr. Boose asked if they had received a quote or maybe they are waiting on a quote. Ms. Ziembra said they received the bill with the report and she thought there was an estimate on it. Mr. Boose suggested they follow-up with Mr. Welch to see what is the next step. Mr. Boose said there was a \$300 leg injury at the dog kennel. He also stated they had an \$80,000 bill for the elevator in the Administration Building. Mr. Strickler asked if it was done. Mr. Boose stated not only is it not done, the commissioners still do not have a date as to when it will be completed. Mr. Wilde stated he did get a report from Mr. Baucher of Garman Miller. Mr. Boose said they went over it yesterday with him after Senior Enrichment Services meeting. Mr. Baucher is going to try to get a completion date out of Sona Company again. There is work that could be done. Sona Company did not work at the Administration Building yesterday, only the masons were there. Sona Company could be doing other work. Today, as of 8:30 a.m. this morning they were not here. Mr. Strickler stated \$400 per day is still clicking and he knows that is not a lot of money but the commissioners really need to enforce this. Mr. Boose said that Ms. Ziembra has already sent Sona Company a letter. Mr. Strickler stated for the next contract the rate should be bumped up to \$500 per day. Mr. Boose said nothing under \$1,000. Mr. Strickler agreed and said this will give them incentive to get the job done on time. Mr. Strickler said albeit all the extenuating circumstances that are always set forth in the contract and the commissioners haven't said there were any extenuating circumstances. The commissioners even extended an extra day because they wanted to work on Juneteenth, however, the commissioners said no because they did not want anyone in the building while it is closed, so they were given till July 1st, 2024 which he thought was very reasonable. Today July 9th, so they are into

eight days, 200 hours. Mr. Boose stated it has been two days in a row they have not worked on the elevator. In the meantime, the commissioners do not have any handicap accessibility. Mr. Wilde stated there are things that can be done, there is block laying on the floor. Mr. Boose reminded everyone North Point will be coming back soon and they will need the elevator to bring stuff up. He suggested a sit-down possibly or another letter. Mr. Strickler said the first letter sent notice of liquidated damages clause. Next should be a sit-down to say, "What is going on? This needs to be done." Mr. Boose said Mr. Baucher was at the Administration Building yesterday for the field inspection and no one was here. He commented back to better news underneath the elevator payment is a payment for Jim Esker Rd. Resurfacing-Airport which is complete. He drove down it the other day and it is very nice and looks good.

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

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

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Title: Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches. Includes sub-totals for various departments like Probation, Juvenile, and Adult Probation.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Children's Services, Department: Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Department: 911, Department: Landfill, Department: Health Insurance, Department: Harter Trust.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: Public Assistance, Department: Child Support Enforcement, Department: Child Support Enforcement, Department: Auto Tax Administrative.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department: B-1-1 & Countywide Communications, Department: Landfill, Department: Solid Waste Management District, Department: Health Insurance, Department: Harter Trust.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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 Grand Total:

| Batch ID | PO #/Line # | Line Description | Amount | Warrant # |
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| 385048 | 2024-002091 | Service dog collar, luminaire & food for Creed | \$172.87 | |
| 385048 | 2024-002091 | Food for Adam | \$114.86 | |
| 385048 | 2024-002091 | Food for Adam | \$372.84 | |
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| | | | \$260,413.87 | |

Sign 1: *Bruce Wilde*
 Sign 2: *Terry Boose*
 Sign 3: *Absent*

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| INVOICE NUMBER | INVOICE DATE | INVOICE AMOUNT | TOTAL VALUE | DEPARTMENT | CURRENT CHECK |
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| June 2024 Invt for Agency Vehicle | June 2024 Invt for Agency Vehicle | June 2024 Invt for Agency Vehicle | June 2024 Invt for Agency Vehicle | 4938107 Ohio Department of Youth Services | Commissioner's TAN Approval |

Sign 1: *Bruce Wilde*
 Sign 2: *Terry Boose*
 Sign 3: *Absent*

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – Roger Hunker. *He stated his comment is from the building committee.* They did open bids and had four bidders. J & F Construction, Bucyrus, OH was the low bid which Mr. Weaver recommended this company to the Fair Board. Mr. Hunker will look at it on Thursday. They came in much lower than the Fair Board thought. Mr. Hunker said financial this puts them in a good place. He asked the commissioners if they are good with the \$300,000 gift. If so the Fair Board will not need to take the loan. Mr. Boose confirmed all three commissioners are for this. Mr. Hunker asked permission from the commissioners for the Fair Board to enter into this contract Thursday evening. Mr. Boose said they can do it after Mr. Strickler reviews the contract. Ms. Ziemba stated the commissioners do not need to approve the contract because they did not bid it. Mr. Strickler confirmed to Mr. Hunker he delegated that authority to the Fair Board. Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Hunker for all his hard work and the Fair Board's also.

24-232

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are two open board seats on the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners wishes to fulfill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025 and a full term ending June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, David Whitt and Sandra Mesenburg have expressed interest in serving on the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints David Whitt to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2025; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Sandra Mesenburg to the Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services Board effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2028;

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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**Discussion:* Mr. Boose stated the commissioners interviewed them last week and both are great for this board and willing to step right in and make a difference. Mr. Wilde said they are a perfect fit and they both have experience. Mr. Dunlap asked if it is the Sandy Mesenburg that retired from the National Guard. Mr. Wilde confirmed it is. Mr. Boose said Mr. Witt is a past counselor and a current Pastor. The commissioners were very impressed with both of them.

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

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

24-233

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE BOUGHTONVILLE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT HUR TR 105-00.39, PID 118434

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funding for the Boughtonville Road Bridge Replacement Design/Build project and therefore has requested approval for seeking bids for said project; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for Boughtonville Road Bridge Design/Build project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website www.hccommissioners.com by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.; and further

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

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

**Discussion:* Mr. Tansey stated this will be construction in 2025, they are getting the bids out now and getting everything ready. They will begin early spring, completion date will be in October, 2025.

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

Aye – Terry Boose
Absent – 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, August 9, 2024 until 8:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Boughtonville Road Bridge Replacement Design/Build Project HUR-T.R. 105-00.39; FY 2025; PID 118434 FAN E240(678). Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 9:00 a.m.

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

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with

Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than November 7, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

Advertise:
July 11, 2024
July 18, 2024

24-234

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for appropriation adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustments:

| FROM: | Dept | Account | Fund | Amount | TO: | Dept. | Account | Fund | Amount |
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| | 099 | 00650 | 001 | \$25,859.22 | | 013 | 00125 | 001 | \$25,859.22 |
| | | Retirements | | | | | Juvenile Probation salaries | | |
| | | | | | | | | | and further |

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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.

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

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

24-235

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Recorder has various equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose stated maintenance will begin cleaning out the old Shady Lane starting with Sarah's House. Ms. Ziembra stated they should be making a list of items being thrown out for an official resolution. Mr. Strickler confirmed as Ms. Ziembra stated a list should be made of the items which will be disposed of and a resolution created with the list attached. Mr. Boose did recommend that Ms. Stebel visit the property and take pictures of the items the commissioners would like to list and sell on govdeals.com. Mr. Boose said in the same meeting Mr. Beal brought up the question of all the items in the Senior Enrichment Center. Mr. Boose said most of the good items are being taken to Willard. Willard has a large storage area. Mr. Beal stated in the meeting some will be donated to "When Pigs Fly." Mr. Beal also said in the veteran services area that has been gone for a few years, there is stuff in it. Mr. Boose offered him the dumpster while the commissioners have it out at the Senior Enrichment Center. He told Mr. Beal he does not want any items left in the building after the move is made. Ms. Ziembra asked who is paying for disposal of the Senior Center items. Mr. Boose said Mr. Beal said most of the items are not theirs. Ms. Ziembra asked do the items belong to the Veterans. If so, they need to remove them. Mr. Wilde said they better go look. Mr. Boose said that Mr. Beal thought it is nothing that can be saved. Mr. Boose wants someone to work with the veterans to get this resolved. Mr. Beal did assure him they will not be leaving any stuff in the building. Mr. Boose commented this is something like the old jail downtown, when the Sheriff moved out the commissioners did not clean it out and tear it down and now you know what to commissioners have 25 plus years later, going on 30. He would like to share with the commissioners coming in keep the process rolling on these buildings. He let Mr. Beal know his plan should be to get everything out of the existing building. Mr. Strickler suggested giving the pool table to the Senior Enrichment Center. Mr. Boose said he will ask Mr. Beal.

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

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

Senior Center construction review.

Mr. Boose said the owner of the construction company was at the meeting yesterday. He said things are just a tad behind schedule. The construction company owner would like to update the construction schedule however the commissioners kept putting it off because they wanted to get the electrical panel in. The commissioners spoke to the electrical sub-contractor who said there is no change and right now no change is a good answer because it could go the other way. Mr. Boose stated the commissioners need to have a good working relationship with the building inspectors because there are a lot of steps that need to happen after the commissioners get the electrical panel. This will decide how long the completion is going to take. The new rough estimate is mid-December to end of year. Mr. Boose said this could be a problem because they have no idea when they turn on the furnace this fall whether it will work or not. The construction company is well aware of the issue. They also said it is not to their benefit to prolong this building. It is to their benefit to get it done as soon as possible so that they can move on to other projects. Mr. Boose asked

Mr. Beal if there would be an issue if moving is over the holidays. Mr. Beal said as soon as they can move in they will. Mr. Wilde commented he has great rapport with Mr. Kurtz of SAFEbuilt and told Mr. Boose they have not received anything on the two issues. Mr. Boose said they did approve one of the issues. One employee restroom will be removed from the employee breakroom area. The change order will be coming. Mr. Boose anticipated that change order to be negative because it is saving all the items that were to be put into the restroom. He said all the construction company really needs to do is tear out a wall which is already there. The construction company said one problem is the door may have been ordered and they need to find out what they can do with it. Mr. Wilde said he will ask Mr. Kurtz because he had looked and there was no request for the door. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde to also ask Mr. Kurtz about the fire suppression permit. The commissioners were told it would be ready by June 28th, 2024 and they still have not heard anything. Mr. Wilde will work with Mr. Welch on this. Mr. Boose said right now nothing is holding up the building. He said they will be receiving a change order for the purchase of the convection oven and steamer. He also said the electrician verified yesterday he will have all the wires run to the box area in plenty of time.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - *None*

SIGNINGS – *None*

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk report

Fairgrounds building sale – Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler the status. Mr. Strickler said they are working on it. Mr. Hunker said they wanted to start the sale August 12th, 2024. Next meeting is less than thirty days from that date.

JFS carpet – The JFS carpet bid is ready and will be on Tuesday's agenda

Norwalk Arts Lease extension – Mr. Strickler replied he did send it to them however he does not think he received it back. Ms. Ziemba said she has not heard anything either.

Sheriff's transport van – Ms. Ziemba reached out to Mr. Ditz to start the process again. He did send her a quote this morning. It is under the amount that the commissioners budgeted. She will be reviewing the quote. However, Mr. Ditz still needs to get the cost of the radios and other items.

NCAT lease – Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler the status. Mr. Strickler said he sent the lease document off to them and has not heard back.

Airport loan – Ms. Ziemba said she still has on her list the airport loan. The commissioners confirmed it is no longer needed.

Airport property donation – Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler the status of this loan. Mr. Strickler replied it is on his list of things to do.

Fairgrounds loan – The commissioners confirmed it is no longer needed.

Mr. Boose stated we received an email from Mindy Birkholtz, Mobility Management Specialist, GLCAP. Part of the email states: "*Richland County Regional Planning will be leading a Regionalized Coordinated Public and Human Services Transportation Plan. Each county will still have their own individual quarterly TAC meetings or transportation coalitions to discuss and work towards local transportation initiatives. There will then be 3 representatives from each county that will participate in the larger quarterly regional TAC meetings to represent each local entities' needs.*" Mr. Boose stated he would recommend Commissioner Brady as one of the representatives, maybe JFS Director, Lenora Minor. Mr. Wilde suggested Mr. Beal. Mr. Boose is going to forward the email to Ms. Minor and Mr. Beal and ask if they would be willing to be on the TAC committee for the quarterly meetings.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if there have been any responses from the letter that was sent on the roundabout at State Routes 18, 601 and Greenwich – Milan Townline Road. Ms. Ziemba stated she has not received anything. She confirmed she sent each email requesting delivery receipts therefore they were delivered. She also requested a read request and has received none. Ms. Ziemba did state Mr. Bader and his group had a phone conversation with the DAS (Department of Administrative Services). They forwarded the letter as well and they discussed the letter while on the phone discussion. Mr. Boose would like Ms. Ziemba to send a follow-up email to all the parties that received the letter regarding the roundabout and the Bader and Mahl properties. He also wants the email to state that the board expects a response.

Commissioner Wilde report

The parade was very nice on Thursday.

Mr. Wilde will attend the EHOVE meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is for the planning group that the commissioners run for the new facilities buildings. He thinks it maybe a little thank you because it is going on the ballot.

On Thursday, 7/11/2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at 12 Benedict he has attended some of the Homeless Task Force meetings that are every other month. The more he looks around the more he sees there are problems. There are a bunch of different groups. He thinks Catholic Charities heads it up. He would like to stay involved.

Mr. Boose said there was a nice article in the Norwalk Ohio News about the new housing developments going in. Mr. Wilde said this will involve new homes and apartments that are really needed. He thanked Zadehs, Hipps and Legends for stepping out and building them.

Commissioner Boose report

For T-CAP the commissioners need to respond to the email the state sent to let them know whether or not the commissioners would like this grant. If he remembers correctly the Sheriff's office and the Judges can apply for the grant. In the past the Sheriff has given up this grant to the Judges. Mr. Wilde confirmed this would be Judge Conway. Ms. Ziemba said she will forward the email. She said if she is not mistaken the commissioners just signed the grant for them this year within the last month or two because it was combined. Mr. Boose said it is just very early in the process and the state just wants to know. They said the last time they had 60+ counties apply and they are curious. In the past they have used this grant for the program the commissioners had in the basement called the Oriana House. Mr. Wilde said this is in preparation of the upcoming state operating budget, which will run from July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2027. He quoted from County Current; "*The county provides an email response from one person authorized to respond by Wednesday, July 31, 2024 to the DRC.BCS Grant.*"

Mr. Boose noted the last day of session before recess the state passed over 50 bills in the House and the Senate. They did them all in one day so no one can look at them.

He said the commissioners in Lucas County approved a resolution for their area office of aging and it will bring in \$8 million a year. Mr. Wilde said it is a \$.75 million levy. Mr. Boose said Mahoning County announced launch of a new program that will aid people with disabilities in encounters with the police. This refers to citizens with an autistic disability who respond differently to some situations. Mr. Wilde said it is the "Blue Envelope Program." This program features critical communication guidelines, specifically tailored to assist law enforcement officers in recognizing and adapting their approach when interacting with individuals who have autism.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler to verify if the county offices including the commissioners' office must be in county seat. Mr. Strickler said he has not looked at the statute in a while however it used to be the county commissioners were supposed to meet in the county seat. However, Erie county for years met in Perkins Township in the old what they used to call the Taj Mahal. They met on the third floor of that building because his office was the second floor. They met there because that is where the Civil Division was in the late 80's before they renovated the LaSalle building downtown. Mr. Boose asked if they currently meet downtown. Mr. Strickler said yes and it used to be the Sheriff's office had to be in county seat also. That was never a problem till they built the new jail back in the late 80's. So, now it is his understanding however, do not quote him on this, because he does not know if it is true or not, there is like a broom closet somewhere in the courthouse that says Sheriff's office on it. However, his office as they know is right next to the Taj Mahal in Perkins Township next to the jail. Mr. Boose stated Hamilton County is moving some offices out of downtown to Bondhill. He does not know if Bondhill is a village or another section. He noted they are moving county Job and Family Services, Developmental Disabilities Services, Public Health, Environmental Services, The Office of Addiction Response and Veterans Service Commission to the building off the Northwood Lateral off Reading Rd. Mr. Wilde commented it effects 1400 employees however it is limited to 500 to 600 employees on any given day. He asked if that was because of sick and personal days. Mr. Dunlap asked what would that do to the city's income tax. Mr. Boose said that is why he thinks Cincinnati would be fighting this tooth and nail unless it is another part of the city. Mr. Dunlap commented maybe it is like Atlanta, where they have the Buckhorn District. Everyone agreed it may have something to do with employees working remotely.

At 10:05 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:10 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy. Mr. Boose introduced Mr. Dunlap who was once a Commissioner before and won the primary because no one ran against him and Brad Mesenburg who is Township Fiscal Officer for Townsend Township who also won the primary and has attended meetings with the commissioners for over a year. Ms. Hoffman explained

this is the Electric Aggregation Recertification which is a PUCO requirement every two years. Ms. Hoffman said the county is the aggregator for those who are in aggregation through the CCAL program. As your consultant Palmer Energy just makes sure to keep you certified. Mr. Strickler confirmed it is a requirement of the statute.

Mr. Boose said he received the letter saying he had been dropped as a customer at his residence. Ms. Hoffman explained the letter was sent out automatically because Dynegy had to make some internal upgrades and by doing so all the account numbers were changed, which triggered the drop letter. No one has been dropped, this is why Dynegy followed up by sending out the explanation letter.

Bruce Wilde moved to approve signing the PUCO recertification documents for the electric aggregation. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 10:24 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to Enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

At 11:00 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3). Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Boose stated he asked earlier for Ms. Ziembra to resend the email about the roundabout requesting an explanation of any action they taken. Next week when Mr. Brady returns he would like to discuss ODOT's response through Norwalk Ohio News. Discuss action that may need to be taken based on this information.

At 11:05 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 9, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Signatures on file