

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 Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Patricia Didion, Citizen; Brad Mesenburg, Citizen; Adam Gumpf, Treasurer of State's office; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

At 9:30 a.m. Public comment - None

24-209

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 #381892 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 moved the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Huron County
Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Fund #, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for General Fund, Police, and various departmental expenses.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Continuation of the claims register with detailed descriptions and amounts.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Catholic Charities, Norwalk Police Department, and various utility and repair services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Public Defender Commission, various mechanics, and utility services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for City of Norwalk, various utility companies, and maintenance services.

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Table with 5 columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes rows for Columbus Gas of Ohio, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Need, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Support, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Youth, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes rows for PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Youth, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Support, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Need, PrC-Congreg Program-Health-C Youth, etc.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Classical Construction LLC, Department Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and various administrative and legal services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for EMA Hazmat, Department Landfill, and various equipment and maintenance services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for GMS Energy Inc, Department Landfill, and various utility and maintenance services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches
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 Sign 1 *Harry Brady*
 Sign 2 *Terry Boose*
 Sign 3 *Bruce Wilde*
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24-210

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE SECTION LINE 30 ROAD BRIDGE DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT (HUR-CR 030-03.30; PID 113806)

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Engineer has received notification of the availability of Federal Funding for the Section Line 30 Road Bridge 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 Section Line 30 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, July 19, 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Tansey stated this is a project for next year. He expects it to start in spring, with completion in November 2025.

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

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

ADVERTISEMENT**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, July 19, 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: Section Line 30 Road Bridge Design/Build Project HUR-C.R. 030-03.30; FY 2025; PID 113806 FAN E230(849). 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:
June 20, 2024
June 27, 2024

Mr. Boose said Matt Roche with Norwalk Ohio News asked if they had ever thought about posting notice in the Norwalk Ohio News. It is only \$25 to do so. Mr. Tansey said they would still have to post in the Reflector per the Ohio Revised Code. He did not know if there was a benefit for ads like this. Mr. Boose thought it could be for any of their postings, he would like them to keep it in mind. Mr. Tansey stated they do use Norwalk Ohio News for job postings. Mr. Brady said there had been a move in the legislature to allow postings to be done online. Mr. Strickler informed them it could be done online, but the first posting still has to be in the newspaper. Subsequent postings can be on the newspaper's website and your own website. Mr. Strickler said it still has to be a newspaper of general circulation in the county. That is the problem. He did not know if Norwalk Ohio News is considered that; he would have to research it. Mr. Tansey said their contractors do not find out about it through the paper. They belong to a service that pulls them from the papers and notifies them. The service takes care of 90% of the contractors.

24-211

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING FOR THE POSITION OF RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, A FULL- TIME, CLASSIFIED POSITION FOR THE HURON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, AND COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AFSCME/OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 3764

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to hire a Recycling/Transfer Station Equipment Operator as a full- time, classified employee for the Huron County Transfer Station, Solid Waste District; and

WHEREAS, this position was posted in accordance with the Huron County Personnel Policies Manual and AFSCME/OHIO Council 8 Local 3764 union contract; and

WHEREAS, all applications were reviewed, interviews were conducted, and Matthew Brown was deemed to be the most qualified applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County Director of Operations recommends the hiring of Matthew Brown to the position of Recycling/Transfer Station Equipment Operator; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the hiring of Matthew Brown to the position of Recycling/Transfer Station Equipment Operator beginning June 24, 2024 at the rate of \$24.11 per hour contingent upon successful pre-employment physical, drug test and background check; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Brown shall serve a 120-day probationary period in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and after successful completion will receive a fifty cent (\$.50) increase per hour; 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

24-212

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
	099	00650	001	\$27,400.77		014	00125	001	\$27,400.77
		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.

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

24-213

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) BY AND BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (GRANTOR) AND THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (GRANTEE) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Grantor, through its Office of Community Infrastructure (“OCI”), administers the federal Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program for the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has been determined to be an eligible recipient of CDBG funds and Grantee has been awarded CDBG funds from the Grantor to finance eligible activities that may generate Program Income as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has permitted the establishment of Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds within local political subdivisions to meet the primary development goals of:

1. encouraging the expansion and stability of the economic base of the designated area of the Economic Development RLF; and
2. encouraging increased employment opportunities, particularly for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons in designated areas of the Economic Development RLF;
3. supporting community development initiatives with activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons and aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and

WHEREAS, Grantor desires to have Grantee administer an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund using the CDBG Program Income and Grantee desires to administer an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund using the CDBG Program Income for the purposes stated above; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves and agrees to execute the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the Ohio Department of Development for the period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba explained we did not think we were going to have to do this because it is actually last year’s grant and the elevator project will zero it out. But since the project is carrying over and there are still dollars in the fund, we have to have this two-year agreement, and report for two years.

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

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

**Agreement on file*

24-214

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES AND OCSEA/AFSCME LOCAL 11, AFL-CIO CHAPTER 3900

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Huron County Job & Family Services and OCSEA/AFSCME, Local 11, AFL-CIO Chapter 3900 met to negotiate the January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Job and Family Services has presented and recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt the OCSEA/AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the OCSEA/AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

**Agreement on file*

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Ashley Smith, Jacob Bruder & Kimberly Jenkins, JFS, to Fremont, Ohio for Workforce County Cohort meeting on June 26, 2024.

Mindy Calhoun & Thomas Price, Veteran's Services, to Columbus, Ohio for training on August 2-4, 2024.

Commissioner Boose asked Mr. Strickler about the smoking policy. A commissioner from another county had asked him if we allow smoking on county property. They were being told that with the new marijuana law that has been passed, if you allow any smoking of cigarettes on public property you have to allow vaping and marijuana smoking as well. Mr. Strickler disagreed. Just because recreational and medical marijuana are now legal in Ohio, marijuana is still a controlled substance under the federal statutes. We have it in our personnel policy manual that if you are using medical marijuana and you get tested, if you test positive for it you are subject to discipline, or even termination. Mr. Strickler stated we don't allow smoking on county property, although he thought some people do. But they are not doing it in their office, they are doing it outside. He disagreed with that county commissioner. Mr. Boose told him they were not so much talking about employees. One of the things they discussed was that at their fair there is a designated smoking area. They were worried that people attending the fair would be smoking marijuana in that area. Mr. Strickler thought that was a legitimate concern. But, how do you enforce it? Under Ohio law, you can do it. Mr. Boose said to the best of his knowledge we don't allow smoking at our fairgrounds. He did not think there was any smoking area at all. Mr. Strickler thought that solved the problem. Mr. Boose thought it was something to think about - if there is a place to smoke can they smoke marijuana there? Mr. Strickler thought the way to solve that was to not have a smoking area.

At 9:30 a.m. Scott Sparks, Airport Board and Patrick Schwan, Richland Engineering Limited. Mr. Schwan explained the project that started in March was for obstruction removal, more specifically trees, for each runway and approach. They had bid it with a base bid and an alternate to try to maximize the grant funds they were able to get. It is an ODOT grant, 95% funded, 5% local share. They had been able to

proceed with the base bid; they weren't able to accept the alternate bid. The base bid from A.J. Riley was \$120,567.50. The base bid from the other company, Mid Ohio Land Works from Mansfield, was \$123,726.90. Mr. Schwan said they came in today to ask for authorization to award to A.J. Riley in the base bid amount of \$120,567.50. Mr. Wilde wanted to make sure they emphasized this was airport property only. He thought there had been some confusion at some point. Mr. Schwan explained there had been a significant survey done prior to them being involved. All the trees they were designating for removal are on airport property. Mr. Brady clarified they were talking about trees for this particular project. Mr. Sparks confirmed they were. Mr. Schwan explained they were clearing on airport property, on each runway and approach. This was the first phase. There will be additional phases. Mr. Wilde asked when they would be able to start. Mr. Schwan said they would be unable to start until after October because of the Indiana bat restriction. The grant is in place, they just need to award it and sign the agreement. The contractor is aware they can't start until this fall. Mr. Brady asked if any of these were trees in the 40-acres to the west that had grown back up. Mr. Sparks explained that was part of the alternate bid that they couldn't get in. That area will be part of Phase 2. Mr. Brady questioned how many trees were going to be removed for \$120,000. Mr. Schwan explained they did it by acre of clearing, they did not do it by tree. Mr. Boose stated that when you do it by acres it starts to add up.

Mr. Boose informed them that the commissioners would be reviewing all of their ARPA projects in the next couple weeks. If there was money left over from the first pot of money, some of the things that it could be used for was drainage. Mr. Boose will keep them updated on whether there is or not. Mr. Sparks thought that would be great.

Mr. Brady asked Mr. Sparks to update the other two commissioners on where they were with the land the gentleman from Storage Masters wanted to donate. Mr. Sparks stated he talked to George Henshaw and let him know they needed to get moving on it. Mr. Henshaw sent him an email on Friday and said all the paperwork from the lawyers went to the owner. It is moving, just slowly. Mr. Brady said the ARPA money has to be in contract by the end of the year. Mr. Schwan thought the drainage relocation would already be on the current airport property, so it would not have to be part of the land donation. The land donation just complements the airport property that is already out there. The drainage will help the area Storage Masters will be developing. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Schwan if he had any drawings. Mr. Schwan said he does have a very crude budget estimate. If they were to contract it out it would be in the range of \$50,000 - \$100,000. He suggested the possibility of Soil & Water teaming up with the airport to potentially do some sort of pilot project. He was not sure if they would want to be involved. His other question was if they were using the \$50,000 or the \$75,000 threshold for bidding. Mr. Strickler stated it was \$75,000. Mr. Schwan said A.J. Riley would be able to do it for \$70,000. They had a quote from him and some other contractors that would expedite the process to be able to get it under contract. Mr. Brady asked if they had talked to Soil & Water. Mr. Sparks stated he had talked to Mr. Stang when the whole thing came up.

24-215

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID AND ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH A.J. RILEY, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT RUNWAY 10-28 OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 24-106 the Airport Authority Board requested authorization to seek bids for the Huron County Airport Runway 10-28 Obstruction Removal Project; and

WHEREAS, notices were given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, bids were received March 28, 2024 at 9:00 A.M from the following:

	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
A.J. Riley, Inc.	\$120,567.50	\$60,435.00	\$181,002.50	
Mid Ohio Land Work, LLC.	\$123,726.90	\$68,583.75	\$192,310.65	and

WHEREAS, Richland Engineering, Ltd., the Huron County Airport Board's project engineer, has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to A.J. Riley, Inc. in the amount of \$120,567.50; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby awards the bid and approves entering into a contract with A.J. Riley, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Seven and 50/100 dollars (\$120,567.50), for the Huron County Airport Runway 10-28 Obstruction Removal Project, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Project will be funded through the ODOT, Office of Aviation, Ohio Airport Improvement Program Grant and the Huron County Airport Authority; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Brady asked if they could notify the neighbors before they start cutting.

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

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

**Contract on file*

Mr. Sparks wanted to do an ask from the commissioners for some funds to cover their airfield lighting and electrical design. This is for the airfield lighting and design which involves moving an electrical bulb, upgrading the lights, moving the airport beacon. The total cost of the project is \$166,667. The FAA's 90% share of that is \$150,000. The state contributes 5%. The airport's 5% will be \$8,333.50. Mr. Sparks would like to ask the commissioners if they would provide the funds for that local share. He explained that this year the airport has funded \$13,000 in local share for the crack sealing and marking project and the obstruction removal Phase 1. They had a broken water line again; that was deep in the ground and cost them some money. Our ab gas sump well kept filling with water, so CW is working on it tomorrow to finish it up; that was a pretty expensive fix. The airport is not flush with money. They are trying to maintaining things that keep breaking. Water lines and electrical lines have been a big problem for them. Mr. Boose stated that, after thinking about it for a while, he realized they have done a lot of work out there and are really trying to stay within their budget. There is nothing they can do when a water pipe breaks. It has to be fixed. He doesn't have a problem doing this project. It has been a few years and the airport has done all the projects themselves. Mr. Wilde noted that, as long as we can find the funds, getting 95% for 5% is pretty good. Mr. Boose thought they could find the funds.

Mr. Sparks said he wanted to start the discussion and get it on their financial radar that next year's 5% ask is \$56,453. But those are million-dollar projects for lighting – the electrical bulb, the beacon, the PAPI and the AWOS design. Those are some major projects out there. Mr. Brady questioned that it was just design, not install? Mr. Sparks said design on AWOS. The FFA asked them to move the PAPI down. There are studies and flight tests that have to be done first. Mr. Brady thought it would be nice to have PAPIs out there. Mr. Schwan clarified that what they were discussing was the application to the FAA to do the design work fiscal year 2024.

Bruce Wilde made a motion to move forward with looking at the airport lighting and design project, with a local match of \$8,333.50. 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. Schwan wanted to elaborate on what Mr. Sparks had mentioned about the ask for next year for the construction of the lighting work. There will be some discretionary money that FAA has committed that they will also supplement to. They do have entitlement money and bipartisan infrastructure funds that are saved up. But with all that added up they will still need more. Mr. Boose explained there had been some discretionary money in the capital budget this year. He thought at least one airport had received money from this. They may want to keep this in mind for the future.

At 9:55 a.m. County Project updates

- **Joel Riedy, Network Administrator**
 - **Broadband**
NCW currently has multiple test users on the tower located west of Norwalk. The test users are averaging 450 MB/s.
 - They are working on an alternative solution for the firmware issue.

- **IT**
- IT migrated juvenile court and the public defenders office to the new fiber circuit. There is a noticed increase in performance for the data center applications.
- IT is planning on migrating the recorders circuit next.
- The supreme court technology grant still has \$2500 unencumbered because the fiber circuit was able to be completed under budget. IT requested with approval from common pleas to purchase a new fiber optic switch and was given approval from the grant administrator to move forward.

- **Website**
- Work on site mapping has resumed, IT is meeting with the vendor this Friday

Mr. Boose asked about the wi-fi at the fairgrounds in preparation for the fair. Mr. Riedy explained the biggest issue they have had was the captive portal. Sometimes some of the older devices don't seem to pull it up. That is used as a control for viruses because it guarantees there is a human on the other end. Over the winter they upgraded the bandwidth the fair has available. But for the most part bandwidth has been okay. Mr. Boose asked if you automatically have wifi when you walk into the fairgrounds. Mr. Riedy explained you have to select it. Mr. Boose suggested Mr. Riedy might want to talk to the Fair Board about putting signage at the entrance with instructions on how to access the wifi. Mr. Riedy said he would contact Mr. Morgan. Mr. Boose also thought they might want to add it to the announcements the fair does periodically.

Mr. Boose told Mr. Riedy they need to know all the money that has been spent for ARPA. He asked Mr. Riedy to work with Ms. Ziemba.

- ***Steve Minor & Pete Welch, Buildings and Grounds***

- Elevator. Mr. Boose asked when the elevator would be done. Mr. Welch said both he and Garmann Miller have contacted them and are waiting for a reply. Ms. Ziemba said they had replied that they were talking to the elevator subcontractor. The project is expected to be completed by the middle of next month. They wanted to know if it was possible to work tomorrow. Mr. Boose asked what that meant contract-wise. Mr. Strickler thought there was liquidated damage language in the contract, but he will look at it to be sure. Mr. Boose said in this case they have not kept us updated all along the process. With the Senior building we are constantly working, talking about dates, every two weeks they have a discussion. Maybe Mr. Welch had been doing it on this project, but Mr. Boose hasn't seen the communication and cooperation. He would like to try to hold them to the June contract and if not we take whatever stance we need to take. Mr. Boose said the other question they had, and he and Mr. Welch had discussed it, was whether they could work tomorrow, June 19. Based on some previous history of this project, Mr. Welch did not think it was a good idea to have them in the building alone, when nobody else is here. If that adds a day to the project, that adds a day to the project. Mr. Strickler thought if it was the difference between June 30 and July 1, so be it. Mr. Welch said he would contact the contractor to let them know they cannot work tomorrow and he has until July 1 to get the project done.

- Exterior painting of Administration Building. This is ready to go, but Mr. Minor asked them to hold off while there was still a hole in the wall for the elevator project. They said they could work around it, but Mr. Minor didn't think it was a good idea to have both going on at the same time. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure it got done this year. He did not want the delay in the elevator project to delay the painting of the building. Mr. Minor asked if they wanted to paint it the same color it was now. Everyone agreed they should.

- Mr. Minor will revisit the Administration Building stairwell renovation after the elevator project is finished.

- Job & Family Services building. Lighting for the hallways came in and it was damaged. They sent it back and are waiting for the re-ship.

- Mr. Boose asked about the carpet project at Job & Family Services. Mr. Welch thought they were waiting on Ms. Gordon. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Gordon had responded and said the bid packet looks good.

- Job & Family Services plumbing. They are still waiting on parts. There are quite a few mounting issues that keep happening out there so Mr. Minor has some plumbers coming in to look at it. Small problems, but a lot of small problems add up.

- Mr. Boose thought he might want to talk to the Director at Job & Family Services. There will be some new tenants moving in on July 1. They will be in the area where Ohio Means Jobs used to be. Mr. Minor thought something may have been mentioned about getting the carpets cleaned. Mr. Wilde explained this was the mobile crisis team.
- Courthouse. The paint is completed. There are some cleanup issues that need to be taken care of. The front doors were scraped, they were not sanded. Mr. Minor explained if we want them scraped and sanded it would probably triple the price of just painting. It is the only entrance in and out and they did what they could during business hours. Mr. Boose thought they should try to be reasonable. Mr. Minor noted there were two side windows that were not on the bid. He will have summer help take care of those.
- S. Norwalk Road. They treated the fence row with weed killer and he will have summer help continue to clear it. Damschroder came out and took care of a roof leak. Mr. Boose said they had two water bills for S. Norwalk Road. One was because they did some water work in the garage. There will be two meters out there – one for the garage and one for the building.
- Recorder's office lighting. Mr. Minor will have to rebid this because he was going through a supply house and a contractor. That will be revisited with the contractors that have already been here. They will now have to provide the lighting instead of getting it from the supply house.
- Interior painting. Still waiting on the second of three bids. Mr. Boose thought Counties Current mentioned several counties had received money for switching to more efficient lights. He thought Mr. Minor should keep that in mind. Mr. Minor thought that was a good idea and explained the Judge had asked him about the Magistrate's courtroom. They are running into the same problems they had with the Judge's – all the fixtures are dry, brittle and they break. They are losing lighting.
- Treasurer's office. Mr. Minor just met with Capital Aluminum, so he will have two prices on the front window. Both agreed it will be four panels to keep the curve. They came out and measured, brought their engineers, but have not sent any prices over yet. Mr. Boose asked if they had money budgeted for that project this year. Mr. Minor said they did, but there is a lot going on with HVAC.
- HVAC continues to be a problem. Mr. Boose asked where. Mr. Minor stated everywhere. He thought they really need to look at getting somebody hired for that position. There were blower motors that were stuck that if we had somebody on staff they could probably remedy it. That added up to other problems. The system is broken at the Dog Warden's. He has two contractors that are able to replace it tomorrow or Thursday. Mr. Boose thought there were a lot of little problems with HVAC. Mr. Welch said the problem was they were putting out small fires with contractors. It was costing a lot of money. Mr. Boose thought they had paid someone about \$50,000 for HVAC. Mr. Welch explained that was for preventative maintenance – coming out and changing filters, going over the units. It was not for replacing pieces and parts. If they look at it and its broken they will let us know and send a proposal of what it will cost to fix it. The PM is not for on call, it is strictly preventative maintenance. Belts, drains, etc. Mr. Boose said as far as preventative maintenance, they ought to let us know if it looks like a system can go at any time. Mr. Minor said they do have a meeting scheduled to discuss what needs to be worked out.
- Mr. Boose asked about 12 E. Main and what the structural engineer had determined. Mr. Minor stated they have not heard back from them yet. Mr. Welch thought they were working up a cost estimate. Mr. Minor said when Capital was up there today he did revisit the door at 22 E. Main. They thought it was definitely the lock set and is fixable. Mr. Boose said he has literally watched people take up to five minutes to try to lock and unlock the door. Mr. Minor stated it was an odd ram. If the door is not lined up it is not going to work. The lock barrel spins, too, that doesn't help.
- As far as the door they had the structural engineers look at, it is sticking because the heat is causing it to heave. Capital did recommend trimming a little off the bottom of the door like they did the other.
- S. Norwalk Road. Mr. Welch did a walk through with the contractor and their subs. They plan to start the replacement of the chiller and the boiler soon. They are trying to identify asbestos that needs to be removed. As soon as they get that taken care of they will be able to start getting into that project.

- 22 E. Main/Performing Arts. They awarded the contract last week to Air Force One. Mr. Welch does not have a schedule yet. He plans to meter that facility separately because he has to run a new gas line. They will be gas fueled. This will allow them to determine how much they actually spend for heating and air to a certain extent.
- Administration building. Mr. Welch was still reviewing the proposals for the air handlers. There are a lot of differences so he is trying to standardize the two proposals.
- Mr. Boose asked what the plan was for a deep clean in certain areas of this building after the elevator was finished. He hasn't gone below this floor, but he sees all the dust. Mr. Boose guessed they would expect that to be clean when they come back at the end of the summer. Mr. Welch explained the contractor will be coming through and cleaning. Then county staff will go back through and make sure it is done properly. Mr. Minor explained that a lot of the custodian's time was spent working on grass. That should slow up by the time the elevator is finished.
- Shady Lane. On June 13 BUSTR approved the remedial action plan. They were given permission to submit the environmental covenant. Mr. Welch signed the contract with BJAAM on June 14. All the information was sent to Mr. Tansey on the 14th for the survey.
- Mr. Brady asked about the carpet bid. Mr. Welch said if they approve it next Tuesday they can go out to bid. The dates will have to be readjusted. Ms. Ziemba said they would have to get the prevailing wage updated.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:45 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Toby Thomas, Mayor of New London; Shawn Pickworth, New London Administrator; Paulett Moug, New London; Lauren Falcone, Kleinfelder.

Mr. Boose explained they were here to talk about the grant, what needs to be done and make sure everything was okay. He asked Ms. Ziemba to lead the discussion. Ms. Ziemba said they had wanted to know what to expect. Everything on the contract is with the county. They would like to know what Kleinfelder's role was, and what New London's role was. Mr. Pickworth said they want to make it as easy on the county as possible. He thought Ms. Falcone could explain the program better than he could.

Ms. Falcone said they have done this for many years and it transforms downtowns. It used to be Targets of Opportunity, now it is called Flexible Grants. They have changed the parameters a little bit, but basically what they do is work with communities to identify building owners downtown within a target area that would be interested in doing façade or code improvements to their building. It has to be façade or code, it cannot be cosmetic. We can go up to three buildings and up to a \$250,000 request. There is no match required by the county or the village. We would like the property owner to have a match, but she has seen it done both ways. You can do it without a match; it does make your application more competitive. When we talk to the property owners we are going to tell them if they put a couple thousand in that would help. Right now she is doing one in McComb where there are three projects. One property owner is not putting a match in; her project is about \$43,000. The other two are putting between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in and their projects are closer to \$100,000. They are doing some roofs, some tuckpointing, some windows, some doors. You have two years to do it a project, but usually they can get it done in a year.

Ms. Falcone provided some information. It was up to a \$250,000 grant. Admin was a maximum of \$10,000 or 10% of the total CDBG request, whichever was lesser. There are soft costs available which would include program implementation, oversight, environmental review, audit and close out. They can do up to three buildings. There is no grant ceiling or floor. Depending on the project it could be \$50,000 for one building or \$30,000 for a building. They are allowed to be very flexible. The projects must meet a national objective. They tried to do one in Amherst and the Mayor was very concerned about signing off saying his community was slum and blight. But she pointed out that was just one corner of the downtown. When they are considering slum and blight it only means up to 50% of the infrastructure and buildings need to be rehabbed; it is not the whole thing. The county does not have to make that designation, that is the village's responsibility. Kleinfelder would send an engineer out to look at the buildings - the interior, exterior, water, sewer, roads. At least 51% needs to be approved, which is not hard to meet. But that is where people sometimes get stuck.

Ms. Falcone explained the program requires federal prevailing wage, which would be handled by the county prevailing wage officer. Ms. Ziemba stated GLCAP handled it for county projects. But they wouldn't on this project because they would not be our contact. Ms. Ziemba thought Kleinfelder would be handling it. Ms. Falcone said they usually don't go out and do the labor interviews, the state tells them the county should do it. Kleinfelder can do the payroll and check everything. She said they could negotiate that; it depends on what their legal says they can do. Mr. Pickworth asked if the village could do it. Ms. Falcone thought the village might be able to do it. Mr. Pickworth stated he had done them for Ms. McConnell and GLCAP

before. Ms. Falcone said they would figure that out. She noted that sometimes the business owners get stuck on prevailing wage because it can add 20%. But if you get 100% grant and it increases your costs 20% you are still winning, in her opinion. Also, the environmental review record takes time. There is a lot of time related to this project. Leipsic took four months for the pre-application and will probably take another couple months to do a full application. After that it will be another couple months for it to be awarded. It takes a lot of time. You have to wait for the state to review everything. Ms. Moug stated they cannot be emergency improvements. They look at the project and figure it out. But when people see federal funds, Davis Bacon and the environmental review sticks out.

It is a competitive bid quote process. Ms. Falcone explained the county doesn't enter into a contract with a contractor; it is the property owner. The county will have to enter into a couple contracts with the business owner. The business owner has to sign off on all the requirements. Any issues with the labor or materials is between the contractor and the building owner. Ms. Falcone clarified it was kind of like a third party removed. The county is getting the grant, the county is filtering it through to the contractor, but all the paperwork is going to go private bidding. It does not have to be publicized. Kleinfelder has documentation from the state telling us that is okay because it is kind of a hybrid program.

Ms. Falcone explained eligible project include any sort of code work, such as HVAC, roofs, ADA access, structural. That is something Kleinfelder will work on with the property owners and the village to make sure they are following the rules and the projects are correct. Façade work – windows, doors, awnings, painting, cleaning, tuckpointing, signage – are also eligible projects. They have to be very careful when they do the façade work. It has to go through Ohio Historic Preservation office. That is something Kleinfelder would do if they are hired to administer the grant. Projects that are not eligible include wallpaper, plaster, carpet, light fixtures. Residential improvements are not eligible. So if there is an apartment on the second floor, that would not be allowed. Mr. Boose wanted to know if that meant they can't do anything, even though there is retail below. She said they can do the retail portion. They could do the roof; they can do the building. But they can't go into the second floor and do code wiring or work specifically for the second floor.

Ms. Falcone outlined how the process worked. There is a two-page application that goes to the state. It is very straightforward and the county does not have to sign off on it. Kleinfelder does it at no cost to the village; they fill out a checklist and write a little bit of narrative. Then they give it to the county to review. If the county agrees with it the county would send it to the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Community Development. It will probably be four months before we hear back. If the state approves it an application will be opened in OCEANS. The county could give Kleinfelder the ability to work in OCEANS as a consultant. To do the application was going to cost money; Ms. Falcone assumed New London was going to pay. Kleinfelder's contract would be with the Village of New London, but they will need authorization from the County to go into OCEANS and fill out everything. But they are not able to submit it. The county would have to review it, make sure they are okay with it, and submit it. Kleinfelder can walk them through that portion. It would basically be the three buildings, the façade or code improvements, and all the attachments. Mr. Wilde asked if we had to be certified in OCEANS? Ms. Ziemba explained we do nothing in OCEAN right now. GLCAP handles all of that. We would have to find training or somebody that would walk us through how to do it. Ms. Falcone said they could do it for the county, they just have to be authorized. Mr. Pickworth thought they could go through GLCAP and get authorization through them. Ms. Ziemba said GLCAP has indicated they will not be involved in this at all. She clarified if New London does apply and is awarded the grant, the county has to go out and procure. It would not automatically be Kleinfelder that would do the grant. Ms. Falcone agreed. She explained how it would hopefully be structured: Mr. Pickworth would hire them to do the application. The pre-application is free; hopefully they would be invited to do the full application. They have never not been invited to do the full application and they have never not gotten the full application funded. Sometimes it takes two rounds, but it usually gets funded in the end. An email will go to the county indicating an application would be opened in OCEANS. Then a form would have to be filled out so Kleinfelder could work in OCEANS. She did not know what the county would have to set up, but Kleinfelder could help. Ms. Ziemba said she had no idea; she has never been in OCEANS. Ms. Falcone said right now they were working with Hancock County and the county sent them a form so we could get into the OCEAN system. She has her own login where she can put her information in. The county can review and submit it. Kleinfelder can't submit. She thought they could do a Teams call and walk Ms. Ziemba through whatever needed to be done. She guessed it would take about thirty minutes and then they would be authorized and could go in and do everything. Ms. Ziemba asked if they would do all the draw downs, etc. Ms. Falcone said the draw downs make her a little uncomfortable. They will have to talk about that.

Ms. Falcone continued. Kleinfelder gets the forms in the system. She had a list of all the forms; there were literally twenty things they have to put in. If they are successful, they would send a grant agreement to the county for review and signature. Kleinfelder recommends having someone look through it to make sure it's correct and matches the application. In the meantime, they would ask that the county go out and procure services for CDBG. Of course, Kleinfelder would respond. If anyone else responds that is fine. But they

would hope to be chosen to do the actual admin since they have the experience and have been working on this project. Ms. Falcone was not sure if Huron County went out every two years for CDBG anyway. Mr. Wilde said we do. Ms. Ziemba said we just did - Kleinfelder and GLCAP both responded, but the county chose GLCAP. Ms. Falcone asked if the Flexible Grant had been in there. Ms. Ziemba thought they were all in there. Ms. Falcone believed they were done then. If Kleinfelder responded the county could choose them for another program as long as all of those grants are listed. Ms. Ziemba said she would have to check and see. Ms. Falcone offered to take a look at it. Mr. Wilde confirmed that GLCAP has already said they will not administer this grant. Ms. Ziemba said they do not have time at the moment because they are in the middle of all their grant processes. Ms. Falcone continued. Going down to grant administration, they talked about the RFQ's. An Environmental Review would have to be done. Kleinfelder would do all of that, but they ask that the county publish it. Kleinfelder would send all the notices to the county to be put in the paper. The publication fee would come out of the grant administration, so there would be no cost to the county. Ms. Falcone thought Kleinfelder may be able to do the publication, but she thought the state recommends the county know it is going in or does it. She asked if GLCAP did the publications. Ms. Ziemba said they work through her. Ms. Falcone said the commissioners sign off on the Environmental Review Record and the release of funds. Kleinfelder would provide the request for release of funds. The county would sign it and send it to the state, wait the 15 days, the 30-day comment period and then it would come back. Some communities have trouble with that environmental review because it takes a long time, 60 to 90 days.

Ms. Falcone said that once the grant is funded there is a 14-step process that each property owner has to go through. Ms. Moag noted it was simple. Ms. Falcone agreed it was simple, and they have all the forms. Typically, when they worked with Hancock County, they sent everything over to the prosecuting attorney and had him review it. The county only has to sign off on two things: the agreement between the county and the property owner indicating the property owner must follow the 14 steps if the county gives them the funds. And the county would actually give the Notice to Proceed to the contractor. Everything is basically between the property owner and the contractor. Ms. Falcone noted that Ms. Ziemba had mentioned the draws. She confirmed the county does not handle any of the draws and stated they would have to figure it out. Ms. Ziemba explained we sign off on them, but GLCAP draws the money. Ms. Falcone said she would check on it. Her firm is not a nonprofit and they are uncomfortable doing that since the grant is not to them, it is to the county. They could prepare all the forms, and they would send it to the county for signature and submittal. She thought it was something they can talk about. If Kleinfelder says they can do it, we will do it. But usually they prefer to have the client draw the money. We will prepare everything, you just have to sign. Mr. Brady said we would like this to function similar to what happens with GLCAP. We do some things, but we don't want the staff to have to take on an exorbitant amount of extra work. Ms. Falcone agreed. She said they would never make the county prepare the forms; that is their job. But they don't feel comfortable doing the draws because they are not part of the county.

Mr. Boose said originally, he was a little worried about this but thought she did a good job explaining it. Unless our staffs sees any red flags, he would like to at least try this. It may not be something they stick with forever but he was willing to give it a shot. If for some reason it doesn't work out we won't do it in the future. Mr. Brady thought this might be a good opportunity to see how they work with Kleinfelder. Mr. Pickworth mentioned they were getting a grant for their sidewalks. It is really going to spruce up their downtown and the next step was to help the building owners fix their buildings up. He admitted it was a lot of work. But they have been working with Kleinfelder for 10+ years on different projects. They work well together and it is just another step to help our community. Ms. Falcone noted this was one of the few programs through CDBG that will directly benefit the building owner, but at the same time protect the integrities of downtowns. Ms. Ziemba said she would find out who the state contact was for the county. Both she and Ms. Stebel would need training. Mr. Boose asked if she was referring to training on OCEANS or something different. Ms. Ziemba said both. She stated they have never administered projects and it sounded like they would be doing a lot of the administering. They need to make sure they understand and know what is going on with this. Mr. Boose said from what he heard it did not sound like we were doing a lot of it. Ms. Ziemba stated it was a lot more than what we have ever done in this office.

Ms. Ziemba asked about the semi-annual reports. Ms. Falcone said they can do all of that, they just have to have access to OCEANS. But the county would have to submit. Kleinfelder can upload, review and add. But they don't like to let consultants submit. Mr. Pickworth thought the whole thing would be basically done. Ms. Falcone agreed – the county would just review and submit.

Ms. Ziemba said she would need to look at the paperwork Ms. Falcone had brought. Ms. Falcone said it did not list the semi-annual report and asked if it was all one? Ms. Ziemba said they never do the semi-annual reports; that is what the county pays the administrator to do. Ms. Falcone said they would add that to her list.

Mr. Brady asked about the administration fee. At this point, the county gets some of the administration fee even though GLCAP administers. He asked how that would work on this one. Ms. Falcone said they could definitely do that. They will sit down and figure out who is going to do what. There is \$10,000 for admin, or 10%. There are also soft costs. So, if we give \$80,000 to a building we could get \$8,000 in admin. They need to figure out what the county's responsibilities are.

Mr. Boose asked what the next step was. Ms. Falcone asked Mr. Pickworth if they had any buildings identified. Mr. Pickworth said they did not. They did not want to put anything out there until they got permission. They do have letters ready to go out to all the building owners. And then they have a scoring criteria made up so when the building owners bring back their pre-application they can sit down and score them. Mr. Boose asked what he needed from them. Mr. Pickworth said permission to do it. But he thought Ms. Ziemba might want to hold off a little bit. Mr. Boose suggested they discuss it next Tuesday. They did not have to come back to the meeting; they would just discuss it next week. If Ms. Ziemba sees some real red flags between now and then we will ask questions. If not, he would like to do something soon so they can move forward. Ms. Falcone said before they even came to the commissioners they held a general interest meeting with downtown building owners. There are a lot of building owners very interested. At any one time they can only do up to three buildings. So, the village will have to select who those three are.

Mr. Wilde asked, from start to finish, when would the business owners be able to start? Ms. Falcone thought they might not have a full application in until the end of the year. She would say so it would be next year. If the grant agreement were done in December we could go out to bid, once the environmental review cleared, it would probably be spring. Spring of 2025. Ms. Ziemba asked how many CDBG grants the county could have at one time. She thought it was only two open grants. But is it two outside of the allocation? Ms. Moag said it was generally two outside of the allocation. Discussion regarding Critical Infrastructure and whether they could be done at the same time. Ms. Falcone said she would talk to the state to find out. Mr. Wilde noted it was \$250,000 per community and asked if Willard would be able to do this. Ms. Ziemba said that was what they had to ask. Because there can only be two open at a time.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk report

Ms. Ziemba wanted to put it on record that the July 4 meeting would be canceled.

Mr. Boose asked about the schedule for the office for Friday, July 5. He thought if people want to use their personal or vacation time they could. He asked if the office would be open. Ms. Ziemba asked if they were okay with closing the office if everyone wanted to take it off. This would be the same with all the offices – EMA, Dog Warden. She asked if they wanted to use their time if the commissioners were okay with closing the offices. Mr. Brady was, but thought they should let the public know as soon as possible. Mr. Boose confirmed that was okay as long as the employees were using personal or vacation time. Mr. Brady said he was not opposed to, if an employee does not have time available, letting them take it off unpaid.

Mr. Boose said they had received an email from Board of Elections indicating that Medina County was still paying their employees their regular salary, but giving them the day off to work the election. Then they get paid by Board of Elections as well. Mr. Boose already felt government employees get way too many days off as it was. Mr. Strickler thought an employee could use personal or vacation time to work the polls. Mr. Boose thought that was already being done. After discussion the board decided to leave things the way they are.

Assistant Prosecutor report

Mr. Strickler had nothing to report. He was trying to get caught up after all the public records requests.

Mr. Boose said he had forwarded information to Mr. Strickler this morning regarding another payment of opioid money. Ms. Ziemba said she had received notification from the Treasurer that we have received it. Mr. Boose said it was \$34,000 from Jensen. Mr. Strickler wanted to confirm there was a separate line item for each settlement. Ms. Ziemba said she would check. Mr. Strickler noted the Mallinckrodt settlement required some reporting as to how the money was spent. He was not sure what the state auditor would do. He thought if we could track it we can show that that the money was spent in accordance with the OneOhio Memorandum.

Mr. Boose thought they should probably appoint Mr. Wilde as the representative, at least temporarily, to the Region 19 Technical Advisory Committee that reviews and ranks projects.

Harry Brady moved to appoint Commissioner Wilde to be the County's representative on the Region 19 Technical Advisory Committee. Terry Boose seconded the motion.

****Discussion: Mr. Boose said his concern was to get us through this group of applications. As of right now Region 19 cannot review the 102 applications.***

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Commissioner Boose report Mr. Boose had received a call from Bob Morgan from the Fair Board. Mr. Morgan informed Mr. Boose that he went back and looked at the minutes from when they reported to the Fair Board that the commissioners had agreed to pay up to \$300,000 and to loan the Fair Board up to \$300,000. It specifically stated in the minutes that if any grant money came in, that would be divided equally between the \$300,000 loan to the Fair Board and the \$300,000 donation to be provided by the commissioners. It is in the Fair Board minutes saying it will be divided by those two entities. Mr. Boose brought this up because, even though it hasn't been voted on yet, the state did approve \$250,000 more money to the Fair for the project. Mr. Boose was not sure who receives the money. It is for the Feichtner Building project. So, if that goes through then Mr. Boose thought the amount of money the commissioners give would go down to \$175,000 and the amount of the loan would be reduced to \$175,000. Mr. Wilde understood it to be that way as well. Mr. Strickler clarified he did not have to make it \$300,000, he should make it \$175,000. This was confirmed. Mr. Strickler suggested making it \$200,000 to give them a little breathing room. The board agreed.

Commissioner Brady report

Last Wednesday he and Mr. Boose attended the Firefighter's Association meeting.

4-H camp lunch. This was Mr. Brady's first time. He really enjoyed it.

Township Association dinner was held last Thursday.

Mr. Brady went to the DJFS run/walk event last weekend.

Mr. Brady had a lot of meeting cancelations this week. 5310 meeting was canceled because ODOT is coming out with some different language. Energy Committee was canceled because nothing got put out. Tomorrow's Transit Board meeting is canceled due to the Juneteenth holiday.

Commissioner Boose report continued

Mr. Boose found out from the Counties Current: Region 19, that has 102 applications for \$3.5 million – the amount requested is \$35 million. Mr. Wilde noted we were the third highest number of applicants out of all the regions.

Counties Current reported that the southeast district had received a grant to do a feasibility study on 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Operation Consolidation for Washington County, City of Marietta, and City of Belpre. This will include analysis of operating environments, organizational structure and staffing levels, equipment and technology, physical location and a cost benefit analysis. Washington County expects to receive a report on the feasibility study in about six months. Mr. Boose thought this was something to think about for Huron County.

Mr. Boose noted they had received an email from Ms. Minor wanting to make sure everything was good to go on the office space at DJFS that was discussed for the mobile crisis team. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if there was anything they needed to do. Ms. Ziemba did not think so. The agreement was between MHAS and the people running the crisis team. She asked Mr. Strickler if they needed a lease. Mr. Strickler said they should have a lease. Mr. Boose asked if it would be a lease with no charge; that was what the agreement had been. Mr. Strickler said he would give her a call.

Mr. Boose said that Mr. Welch had received a quote from BJAAM to finish the project for the covenant.

Erie Basin RC&D council meeting last Friday. Mr. Boose reported on the tour of Rutherford B Hayes Presidential Library and Museum.

SIGNINGS - None

At 12:01 p.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

JUNE 18, 2024

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 June 18, 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 12:01 p.m.

Signatures on File