

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

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the April 23, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

24-189

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 #380820 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Boose commented they spent \$93 to have a second hearing. Mr. Wilde assumed it was for the advertisement in the paper. Nursing services are back down. Mr. Wilde mentioned that we are helping a lot of people with the healthy aging grant. Mr. Boose explained that is almost gone. He said basically they used that money in various ways to save money in other ways. They were able to give away many services that unfortunately will be going away once the grant is used up.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Department of Corrections, Department of Microfiling, and Department of Juvenile.

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05/20/2024	Powertage LLC	300020	2024-020201	Receipts Received Printer	\$113.20	
Account 131.02000 (Equipment) Total:					\$113.20	
Department Records Technology Total:					\$2,719.14	
Fund 131 - Records Technology Total:					\$2,719.14	
Fund 133 - Juvenile Court Computer					\$142,827.75	
Grand Total:					\$145,646.89	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
05/20/2024	Healthcare LLC	300020	2024-020201	Receipts Received Printer	\$338.40	
Account 131.02000 (Equipment) Total:					\$603.40	
Department Records Technology Total:					\$603.40	
Fund 131 - Records Technology Total:					\$603.40	
Fund 133 - Juvenile Court Computer					\$6,387.00	
Grand Total:					\$6,990.40	

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At 9:30 a.m. Public comment – Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor, Huron County Prosecutor’s Office would like to wish his father a happy 90th birthday.

Mr. Brady asked Mr. Huncker to make a public comment for an update on the fair building. Mr. Strickler said he has the bid documents and is reviewing them.

24-190

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;

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
05/20/2024	Ohio Edison	300020	2024-020201	HAG-Hourly Assistance-Utilities-Coverage	\$355.54	
Account 153.153.02001 (Grant Expense) Total:					\$5,608.67	
Department Alternative Response Total:					\$5,608.67	
Fund 153 - Healthy Aging Grant Total:					\$5,608.67	
Fund 160 - Ditch Maintenance					\$199.98	
Department Ditch Maintenance					\$350.00	
Grand Total:					\$6,008.67	

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REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

MAY 28, 2024

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.

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

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

HURON COUNTY RECORDER
Jan M. Tkach
12 E Main Street Suite 100, Norwalk, OH 44857
419.668.1916

TO: HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RE: DISPOSAL OF BROKEN AND OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT
DATE: May 22, 2024

Dear Commissioners,

The Recorder's office requests to dispose the following equipment. The item listed is now old, obsolete, or broken.

Kyocera desktop printer P2040 – fuser broken. Item cannot be repaired. (ID# FO-54)

Sincerely,



Jan M. Tkach
Huron County Recorder

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose explained he had a discussion with Ms. Cardone on Friday. They decided it would be in the best interest of the county agencies that the commissioners remove her and Dr. Burggraf from the Advisory Committee for Region 19 based on the unfortunate battle the commissioners are having with the State of Ohio of who can be on the committee. The State of Ohio has not released the applications for Region 19 yet.

Ms. Ziemba said there will be another resolution to appropriate money for Mr. Welch so he can pay the bond payment for the landfill bonds. The money was transferred however Mr. Welch did not do a budget for that money.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Brady if he was on the call on Wednesday. Mr. Brady said yes. He said they discussed the issue that they have knocked the people out and taken them off the committees that have the experience and knowledge. So how can they know what they are doing is right? The state had said they couldn't vote on something directly for them, but they could vote if it wasn't for them. Mr. Boose stated they already had all that in the bylaws. Mr. Brady said they spent most of the time talking about who could vote and who couldn't vote and the fact that they still didn't have the applications. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to get a hold of Medina County and get a copy of the resolution they did last week for Region 19. He understands they took their two people off the TAC committee and appointed the commissioner that is on Region 19 and the alternate to the TAC committee because they had no one else to put on the TAC committee. Mr. Boose said they have 103 people waiting for the commissioners to look at their applications and the state will not give them to the commissioners.

Mr. Wilde said the bottom line is this money, \$3.5 million is supposed to go to help our counties. The state is screwing it up so the commissioners cannot get the money to where it needs to go. Mr. Boose commented the state gave no recommendations when the commissioners were setting up Region 19. They said they were leaving it up to the commissioners. The commissioners set it up and sent the state their bylaws and now all of the sudden the state will not approve the committees. The state said the only decision they would be making is whether or not to abide by the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or not. Mr. Strickler commented they have gotten zero cooperation or advice through-out the entire process. This has caused conflict in the region.

Mr. Boose thought they received something last week saying they had more money coming in. He will forward the email to Ms. Ziemba. OneOhio emails only go to Mr. Boose. It is for approximately \$40,000. He will also forward to Mr. Pickworth in New London. They will not get money because it is under \$500. Their money goes to the commissioners. Mr. Strickler said Monroeville is the same. The only ones getting the money are Norwalk, Willard and the commissioners.

Mr. Boose commented according to an article in the Norwalk Ohio News the Health Director applied for \$620,000 of the Region 19 money.

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

Rachel Sotora & Kara Vandersommen, JFS, to Westerville, Ohio for Empowering Child Support Professionals Training on June 4, 2024.

SIGNINGS – *None*

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilde report

Middle School Breakfast of Champions on Wednesday and Thursday. Many adults attended to be supportive.

Board of Revisions at 9:00a.m. which involved Edison School District with some hotels. No one showed up from the hotels. Attorneys from Akron showed to represent Edison. A decision was made which can be appealed by the people who did not show up.

Mr. Wilde has the Landbank application which shows everything the commissioners requested money for.

Friday, all three of the commissioners attended the Bellevue VFW Veteran's Memorial Day BBQ. It was very well attended. Mr. Boose commented there were many vendors present. Mr. Wilde was not sure that was done in the past.

All three of the commissioners were at the Memorial Day parade. At the ceremony Mr. Brady was the MC and Mr. Wilde accepted the flag.

Muck Crop Breakfast this Thursday, 9:00 a.m. which he will attend, he did not make the last one.

Mr. Brady mentioned WIOA. They have a meeting at 8:15am tomorrow. Mr. Boose said it is always the last Wednesday.

Mr. Wilde said he had a meeting with Firelands Local about some stuff. It's all taken care of.

Mr. Wilde spoke with Family Life Counseling about a couple of issues. He mentioned the building will be torn down. They had sent an email back wondering if there was any room in this Administration building for them. This is something the commissioners will be considering. Ms. Wilson was very thankful and glad Mr. Wilde is communicating far in advance. Mr. Boose spoke with Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor about the possibility they can use the basement in this building. Part of the issue besides remodeling is there are no phones or internet access in this area. Mr. Boose said he felt bad for Family Life because they put money into their existing building before they moved in. If they would come to the Administration Building basement, the commissioners would need to ask them to pay for the cost of installation. Mr. Wilde said

Ms. Wilson asked him if he knew of any place they could relocate to. Mr. Boose asked how much space they need. Mr. Wilde said they need five offices, due to five counselors and one common area. The common area is for family events they sponsor.

Mr. Boose asked where the commissioners stand with the environmental issues at Shady Lane. Mr. Wilde did not know. He said MakSolve was there to look at the buildings. Mr. Brady said he thought they were waiting to see if BUSTR is going to approve the covenant. The other issue is the lot split. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if there was anything they needed to do for that. Mr. Wilde thought Mr. Strickler was working on that.

On Thursday, June 6th Mr. Wilde will be out of town. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde if it was okay to do the ARPA and other project update discussion without him present. Mr. Wilde confirmed it is fine to go over updates without him present at the meeting.

Commissioner Brady report

He will attend the 4-H luncheon next Wednesday or next Thursday. He will be attending WIOA tomorrow. He commented the Veteran's event for Memorial Day was very nicely done.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose met Friday with Fireland's Forward. He had a good meeting with the Director. He is sure the Director understands the concerns now. Mr. Wilde confirmed he did. The meeting was an hour and half long.

Mr. Boose said ARPA needs to be finalized. He requested Mr. Riedy attend next Thursday's meeting. He said he has not seen him in a while. Ms. Ziemba confirmed he has been here. Mr. Boose would like to know if Mr. Riedy has the ability to connect the internet and phones in the basement of the Administration Building if Family Life Counseling or any business were to relocate there. He would like Mr. Reidy's perspective of the situation. He said last time he was downstairs Board of Elections was using much more space than was given to them. Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor are working with HVAC regarding the far stairway on the right side of the building because it is too cold in this area. The excuse given is that it was needed to cool down the computers in Board of Elections. Four to five years ago when the Board of Elections was looking to move the commissioners asked about this extra cool area and they said it was no longer needed. However, later Mr. Boose received an email back from them saying the area must be climate controlled. He is not sure what this email meant. Mr. Boose feels the commissioners are wasting a sum of money for a cold stairwell they are about to totally remodel.

At 9:37 a.m. the board recessed

At 10:04 a.m. the board resumed regular session with Greg Teleky and Jamie Grant, Kleinfelder to discuss New London CDBG project. Mr. Boose confirmed they are working with New London on a CDBG project. Ms. Ziemba confirmed for Mr. Boose that this is CDBG money, it is in the form of what used to be called "Targets of Opportunity." This program now has a new name. The reason the commissioners have not given permission yet is because they do not know the rules yet.

Mr. Boose mentioned they had talked previously about needing help with grant opportunities. He explained the OneOhio money and Region 19. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Boose welcomed Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant back to working with Huron County. He said a while back the commissioners talked about needing help with grant opportunities. Mr. Teleky commented the last time they were here was in February for an introductory overview. Grants are a very broad topic and Mr. Teleky would like to narrow down what the county wants. What is the county's focus, their priorities, where do they need help?

Mr. Boose explained over the last four or five years the commissioners have gone in a direction that may have been a direction they did not really want to go. One was they needed to research what grants are available, thus they hired a couple individuals who found *100 grants but* approximately ninety-nine of them that had nothing to do with what the commissioners would like to accomplish. Mr. Boose explained weekly they receive two newsletters from CCAO and one from National Association of Commissioners (NACO). They do list grants that are *available*. *The county does* not have the staff to apply, thus the official or the manager must do the paperwork to apply for the grant, sometimes it is a complicated process. Mr. Boose best example is jail money coming out of the State. He just attended a CCAO meeting two weeks ago that said the \$50 million dollars available, the Senate is saying they do not like this process so they will not distribute the \$50 million dollars, thus the jail money will be dropped out of the capital bill. Mr. Boose said at his CCAO meeting he was told the \$50 million dollars is just going to "go away."

Another example there is a \$150,000 grant for parks and nature. The commissioners have a park with an area attached to it which they need to bring in a professional arborist to look at all the trees to see what can

be kept and/or saved which they would have to pay for. The grant sounds like it is perfect application for this project. But, does the county apply for this grant or does the Park District? The commissioners need to learn how the grant application process works. Ms. Grant said Kleinfelder would need to work with the commissioners to see what applications are important for the county, departments and districts they work with and what are some of their priorities. What projects are going on short-term, mid-term or long-term and where the commissioners want to focus on, then figure out what funding will help with these projects. Then Kleinfelder would work with the commissioners to apply for the money. Parks district as an example, if Kleinfelder knows the county has a Park District and some of the priorities maybe be their trails, arborist tree project or renovations to the park, if Kleinfelder finds funding available for one of these projects that makes sense for the district to look at they will work with them to go after that money. As the Grant Writer for the county they could help the commissioners with their priorities. Also, with the commissioners support they could help others in the county, such as Ms. Ross in the new economic development partnership, become aware of available funding.

Mr. Teleky said their clients are successful by targeting their priorities, interest and directions they want to go. He said what the commissioners are competing against; people that have had park master plans and priorities in place who have been actively growing their parks and reaching out to the funding agencies in advance. Mr. Wilde asked how Kleinfelder is made aware of all the grants. Ms. Grant explained they have special teams in their office, such as, Storm Water Management or Roads and Transportation, that work in an area of expertise about new programs and grants.

Mr. Boose said the commissioners find out about grants many times at meetings however, no one knows the details on how to apply. He would like to see if elected officials or departments hear about a grant can Kleinfelder be a resource for the commissioners to ask them to research the grant, make phone calls and come back to the commissioners with answer as to whether of not they should apply for it. However, the officials or departments may, or may not, ask Kleinfelder to actually help apply for the grant.

Mr. Wilde wanted to use the park grant as an example. It is \$150,000 for each county. Mr. Teleky asked if it is the ODNR Nature Works grant. Mr. Boose confirmed yes. Mr. Wilde said the park does not have a lot of funds so he asked if Kleinfelder's cost can come out of the funds. Ms. Grant replied every grant is different. Mr. Teleky said Kleinfelder could easily help when the commissioners have a question about applying for a grant. They could review grants with the commissioners and explain what they are. They could make some inquiries on the commissioner's behalf, do some screening to research if the grant is applicable to the commissioners. Mr. Teleky said that is kind-of like "dipping your toe in the water." Mr. Boose thinks once they dip their toe, they are going to want to pursue. Mr. Teleky advised though when a grant is pursued, there must be a local match; 100% grants are not in existence. The department applying must have funds to match. Mr. Boose said for most departments to do this they must get permission from the commissioners because they do not have the extra money to do this. He said he sees the commissioners being involved. Mr. Teleky wanted to confirm the commissioners' area of interest at this point would be for the commissioners and departments and their areas of operation. Mr. Boose added also elected officials. Mr. Brady said it would be county-wide, thus the commissioners county-wide must create a master plan with short-term and long-term goals of what the county wants to accomplish with the master plan for example, the Park District, or another department. Then it is a little more plug-in-play especially for the competitive grants that must make your project more desirable than someone else that has applied for it. How you sell your plans matter. Mr. Teleky said the key word was "competitive". Mr. Boose agreed the competing part was the hard part. If they are dividing it out amongst everyone, we are at a competitive disadvantage and we want you to help with that.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant to help the commissioners by creating master plans that will help the commissioners' applications be more desirable. Example, if the Sheriff said they need help with mental health; could Kleinfelder help the Sheriff put a plan together. Ms. Grant said they do comprehensive plans and master plans for communities and counties. She though planning was a great place to bring all of the ideas and priorities together and create a roadmap of where the county sees itself going. Then the grant funds come behind to help with implementation. She thought that was a key element. The other thing that comes into play, they can be working on the planning and prioritization, but as funds open up we can say this funding is opening up, let's look at it. It should be a constant work in progress.

Mr. Teleky stated housing is a perfect topic. For example, every community Kleinfelder works for has a housing issue in Ohio. There is a committee at the Senate that has come out with a housing study. He asked if Mr. Boose had seen this study. Mr. Boose replied, "Yes" and they have come out with several recommendations. Mr. Teleky said one of the recommendations is the All Ohio Future Fund. The commissioners have applied for some of this money. Mr. Wilde said for infrastructure. The program started from the budget bill one year ago. Mr. Teleky said there was \$700 million dollars in this fund and it was recommended some of that money be moved to the housing fund. Kleinfelder is watching this to see what develops.

Mr. Teleky mentioned another example is the jail study for planning money for multi-county jails, Kleinfelder started in summer of 2022, they knew that program was coming, they applied for it and reached out to legislature to get support from them for the commissioners, finally it was awarded in April 2023. That was an example of how all that happens.

Mr. Boose said another example is day care. The commissioners purchased a building from Board of Developmental Disabilities that is only half being used right now. There are five bills coming out that will help with day care. A lot of times the bills come first and the grants come after. Mr. Boose thought the big cities probably have ten things they want to do for child care; we have zero. Mr. Teleky said most times those bills come to fruition because cities, counties, townships have put plans together and they get into the ears of the legislator asking for help with an issue like this. These local problems due to workforce development are housing, child care and transportation. He said Ohio right now needs workforce. Mr. Boose added rather than having a plan, the commissioners have been looking at what grants are available and that becomes the commissioners plan because they do not have a plan before this. So, when the commissioners see a grant for example, housing, they want to grab the money, yet they have no plan and by not having a plan there is no way it all fits together and also by not having a plan the commissioners are not competitive. Mr. Teleky explained there are people who have been planning, they recognized the need and have been advocating for it well in advance. When a study is done they will be advocating to legislature for funding.

Mr. Wilde said they did receive a quote for child care from a group for cost of \$850,000. Mr. Boose explained the commissioners have half of a building they need to renovate. Child Care Coalition has looked at the building with a construction company just to get a rough estimate of cost to renovate. Mr. Boose asked can Kleinfelder help the commissioners put a plan together for using this building for child care. He also wants Kleinfelder to help other officials and departments with obtaining knowledge on how to apply for grants so they have no ambiguity.

Mr. Brady asked if Mr. Teleky had a fee schedule. He would like Kleinfelder to sit down with the county and assess the needs they have to help put together a point of attack to pursue going after grants for their different areas.

Mr. Boose explained the commissioners want to tell their officials and departments they are going to put a plan together so that they are ready when a grant may become available. Such as, Juvenile Court who needs help with a plan as to how to do a program. The problem is planning takes time and money and the independent departments or elected officials do not have the money to do this. The commissioners will put money towards the planning. He feels they are falling behind because they have no plans. Ms. Grant suggested focusing first on housing, maybe, then the Park District and Juvenile Court. Mr. Boose thought they might do a workforce development plan that included all three of the big three – transportation, day care and housing. He explained the commissioners did have a very good housing study done by Fireland's Forward for Erie, Ottawa and Huron County last year. Mr. Wilde said the commissioners can give this 600-page study to Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant. Mr. Boose said if the commissioners wanted to apply for a grant there is plenty of data to pull from this study.

Mr. Teleky wanted to clarify the commissioners have a plan however they need a strategy to implement the plan. Part of implementing that plan is to chase grants. It would involve a retainer, but Kleinfelder can help by reviewing the regular mailings from CCAO and the Federal, this information can be directed to himself and Ms. Grant. They will explain if the grant pertains to a plan the commissioners have a need for. They will make some assessments as to what the opportunities are. If not a priority for Huron County then the commissioners will not go after the grant. The reality is it will probably be 3 – 5 issues; it is not going to be 25 issues. The commissioners will have to decide what they really want to focus on. Mr. Boose thought the hard part in this was how to fund it. He would love to do something with workforce development, but there may be another department that would like to have a plan put together for them. Mr. Boose agreed with what they were saying. They should not be running after grants. They should figure out what the plan is, then if opportunities arise, you start looking at those opportunities. Mr. Wilde said there should be a Return on Investment (ROI). Ms. Grant said absolutely, for if the priorities come to fruition, the money will follow.

Mr. Brady would like to see public/private partnerships where possible. He stated the commissioners have a local builder that is getting ready to build forty duplexes in Huron County. If the builder knew the commissioners had a housing plan and there was another housing project; the commissioners can get grant money to help the builder build it. This would make it more affordable for the citizens moving in for the next ten years.

Ms. Grant commented someone has already invested time and money into the Huron County portion of the Firelands Forward study, so the commissioners have all the data. She said the next step would be to decide where does single-housing and multi-family housing make sense to build in the communities, land use,

zoning and acreage available. How do the commissioners make it attractive for builders to build in Huron County? She said it is expensive to build and they must sell at a certain price point. If the legislation or the programming requirements for the All Ohio Future Fund were to shift that would be a pot of money the commissioners could look at. However, she said maybe the commissioners will need to have a community reinvestment area there to do tax abatement on a certain portion of the real property taxes to get the people in. The commissioners may need a public infrastructure so they can create a new community authority or a TIF project to help fund the infrastructure. That becomes your local match. The strategy starts to take shape.

Mr. Teleky said the commissioners need to prioritize what are the two, three things that are important to them. Mr. Wilde commented for housing they already have the study. Mr. Boose said but we do not have a plan. Mr. Teleky said the commissioners have a study but they do not have a plan and they need to implement the plan. Mr. Teleky said maybe another strategy is the commissioners want to provide funding opportunities to our county departments.

Mr. Brady brought up the fact that if they build more housing, this means more citizens, which means they will need more law enforcement and child care. The plan must include contingencies for what happens when those are being fulfilled. Ms. Grant said that is a perfect example, such as, if the sheriff needs "xyz" equipment, the commissioners can justify how they can pay for it because they are doing the work that is creating a need for something. Then the funding request would be based off of the need because of the housing project the commissioners just did.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Dunlap if he had any questions or ideas. Mr. Dunlap asked if Kleinfelder handles the more routine things such as in the Sheriff's department body cameras and new weapons. Ms. Grant said if there is a grant available they can help put the applications together. Ms. Grant said their technical expertise tells them the engineering, design and the cost of what it will take to bring an idea to fruition. Then Ms. Grant figures out how to put it into a grant application and try to get the money. She talks the grant language to the funding department. If they were going to work with for example the Sheriff's department, give Ms. Grant the technical information that you have on what their needs are, tell her why it is needed, then she will massage the funding request to help one do this. Mr. Teleky said Kleinfelder because the commissioners have no grant writers, they can work with the Sheriff's department to get technical information, then they could prepare the documents in a professional manner and get them submitted. Mr. Teleky said there would be a charge based on the details of the project. He reminded everyone helping the Sheriff get body cameras is completely different than housing development. Mr. Boose stated he would like the commissioners to start with one or two projects. He said many people come to him saying there are grants available they think they should apply for however they have no time and/or know how to apply for it. He would like to be able to make a phone call to Kleinfelder to see if it is something they can help with. He just wants to be able to help other communities without just being a grant chaser. Mr. Teleky wanted to confirm if Mr. Boose was talking about other communities or other county departments. Mr. Boose confirmed other county departments.

Mr. Brady brought up again does Kleinfelder have a fee structure because Mr. Teleky had mentioned a retainer. Mr. Teleky said they will do a proposal with three choices. One would be a grant retainer for screening and discussion dialog, they do have hourly rates and they would add structure to it. The other broader things such as initiatives and strategies, these items would come out of a master plan. He wants the commissioners to identify their priorities. They can go through a process to refine those. That would be another proposal. Once those priorities are identified then they need to have actual strategies to pursue all that. It is tough to give a one cost covers all. But they will not send a bill for something that was not previously authorized. They would take two or three steps and do another proposal to go forward in the direction the commissioners wish to go. They would identify their costs to help move them along in that direction.

Mr. Boose stated he and Mr. Wilde think there maybe some ARPA money that can be used towards the implementation plan for work force development. The contract must be signed by the end of the year 2024 however, they have until end 2026 to finish the project. Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant thought they could do a separate "general retainer" to be vigilant on grants and providing guidance and interpretation etc. He said then for the work force development county master plan which the objective would be to develop the three, four key priorities.

Mr. Brady feels the commissioners are at a point where they are ready to move forward with developing a county plan. Mr. Teleky suggested having a meeting with some of the county department staff. Everyone agreed Ms. Ross should be included in this meeting. Mr. Boose suggested Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant attend an elected official and department head luncheon to do a presentation with the work force development plan in mind, as well as discussing how Kleinfelder may be able to help with grants.

Mr. Boose asked for a couple weeks to discuss it amongst themselves and speak to the ARPA consultant about the use of the money. He will then ask Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant to return to discuss a more specific project. Mr. Brady asked if in the meantime they could put a proposal together. Mr. Teleky said they can do a template of what the proposal will look like because he needs more feedback at the next meeting then he can tweak it.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if she had any questions or concerns. She asked that a proposal be put together for the commissioners to review. Mr. Boose confirmed yes, first they must look at a contract from Kleinfelder. Mr. Teleky said there is a lot going on in the entire world about economic development in the State of Ohio. There are opportunities in Ohio. Mr. Boose explained by June we hope to have all of our economic development combined into one. Ms. Ross may be really busy. He would like to wait until after June to meet again.

Mr. Boose thanked Mr. Teleky and Ms. Grant for their help and time today. He said the luncheon meeting with elected official and department heads will take about a month to pull together.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE LANDFILL BONDS FUND #520

Bruce Wilde moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Landfill Bonds Fund #520 in the amount of \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds to the Landfill Bonds Fund #520; now therefore

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

TO: 520-00275-520 Bond & Note Payments \$30,000.00 and further

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

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

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

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

Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Crable did some research on OneOhio since Ms. Cardone was on vacation for a week. There was not a resolution they just had a discussion. On February 7th, 2023 in the minutes, Mr. Boose had reported that: *“Tom Stuber was elected chairman for Region 19 during the meeting yesterday. He suggested they give two names from every county of people who work in this type of business. Mr. Boose then called Ms. Cardone on his way home to ask if she would be interested in doing this and she accepted. He then asked her for Dr. Burggraf’s phone number and called him. Dr. Burggraf from Family Life Counseling said he would participate as well. Mr. Boose asked if Commissioner Brady and Wilde were agreeable to these two people and they were.”*

Mr. Boose said just to make sure if something happens so they can finally move forward, if he can make a motion to remove Ms. Cardone and Dr. Burggraf from that committee as representatives for Huron County and that the commissioners actively look to find two new people to replace them.

Bruce Wilde moved to remove Ms. Cardone & Dr. Burggraf from the One Ohio Region 19 grant review committee. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

****Discussion:*** Mr. Brady asked Mr. Boose to note for record why they were both removed. Mr. Boose said the reason they are being removed is because they nor anybody in that group they work with could apply for any of the OneOhio Region 19 money, and this is unfair to them. So, to make sure that they are not

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caught up in this and anyone they work with can apply for that money and there is no conflict of interest. This will allow us to get the grants to those that can help everyone in the county and not have people excluded because they were on the committee. Mr. Brady said this is not a negative for them, this is a positive so they are able to move forward and be able to apply for the grants. Mr. Boose will personally contact both Dr. Burggraf and Ms. Cardone and when she gets back from vacation. Mr. Boose & Ms. Cardone already discussed what is in the best interest for both of them.

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

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 11:25 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on May 28, 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 11:25 a.m.

Signatures on File