

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

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the July 2, 2024 and July 9, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 2, 2024 and July 9, 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

24-253

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Agricultural Society has informed the Board of County Commissioners that there are three buildings, the swine barn, rabbit barn, and poultry barn that are no longer needed for public use, obsolete, and/or are unfit for the use for which they were acquired; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to remove them from the premises of the fairgrounds and dispose of the same to make space for a new building to be built by the Huron County Agricultural Society, in cooperation with this Board; 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 authorizes the Huron County Agricultural Society to remove, discard, and/or salvage the following three farm buildings:

- 1. Swine Barn - A 40' x 200' wood structure (metal pens and fans not included)
- 2. Rabbit Barn - An approximately 40' x 88' pole barn (contents of pens not included)
- 3. Poultry Barn - An approximately 40' x 72' pole barn (contents of pens not included)

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - None

24-254

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEN'S CUSTOM PAINTING FOR THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING STAIRWELL RENOVATION, INTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA program appropriates funds to provide support to State, local, Tribal and Territory governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Huron County has applied for and received ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of ARPA as described in H.R. 1319, and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Commissioners’ request to utilize ARPA funds for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Interior Painting Project and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Interior Painting Project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve and enters into contract with Ben’s Custom Painting for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Interior Painting Project in the amount of \$18,750.00 as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

**Contract on file*

24-255

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEADERS INDUSTRIAL SURFACES FOR THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING STAIRWELL RENOVATION, FLOORING PROJECT

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA program appropriates funds to provide support to State, local, Tribal and Territory governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Huron County has applied for and received ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of

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

WHEREAS, all funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 603(c)(1) of ARPA as described in H.R. 1319, and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has engaged McDonald Hopkins LLC for assistance in determining the eligibility of projects for the use of ARPA funding pursuant to the regulations promulgated for ARPA; and

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Commissioners’ request to utilize ARPA funds for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Flooring Project and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Revenue Loss Category, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC’s opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Flooring Project; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve and enters into contract with Leaders Industrial Surfaces for the Huron County Administration Building Stairwell Renovation, Flooring Project in the amount of \$49,754.00 as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

**Contract on file*

24-256

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY PROBATE COURT ACCOUNT #016 AND JUVENILE COURT ACCOUNT #013

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment; 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 adjustment:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	016	00360	001	\$5,000.00		013	00360	001	\$5,000.00
		Probate Transcripts					Juvenile Transcript		

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba stated this is to increase juvenile transcript funds due to an increase in submissions and juvenile transcript bills.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

Lenora Minor & Mary Valentine, JFS, to Columbus, OH for the Child Summit on September 5, 2024.

SIGNINGS - None

At 9:15 a.m. County Project updates. Pete Welch, Director of Operations and Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. Also, in attendance, Joel Riedy, Network Administrator.

Joel Reidy, Network Administrator

Broadband

The towers located in Norwalk, Fitchville, South and East Willard are currently operational, Greenwich to be completed by Friday, Willard North possibly this week, North Central Huron County within two weeks.

NCW will start reaching out to the new service areas within a couple of weeks.

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

All vendors at the fairgrounds will have a secure and encrypted network as required by all credit card processors.

IT

IT has received another quote for the data storage expansion, at the data center, that was considerably lower.

Website

Final design is complete and site mapping has been completed. We are just double checking it for accuracy with all departments before data migration.

Mr. Reidy is working on setting up a meeting, which both Spectrum, First Energy and Fireland's will be present. He said this is a follow-up meeting after meeting with Ohio Broadband, who did an investigation. They did confirm there are outstanding permits. The poll permits are not with the whom we originally thought.

Steve Minor Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

Sarah's House. In the process of being cleaned out.

Bell tower windows. They have been painted. One window needs to be completed using a ladder.

Office Building door. Mr. Minor is moving forward with the purchase order. It has been ordered, no date scheduled at this time.

Treasurer's window. Mr. Minor reminded the commissioners they removed it from the schedule for this year.

Recorder project. Mr. Minor is waiting on electrical quote. He is still waiting on two other quotes. The contractor doing the drywall and skim coating has not shown for three weeks. Mr. Minor cannot start the painting until this is complete.

Mr. Brady reminded Mr. Minor the commissioner's truck will be in the Willard Parade Sunday afternoon.

Pete Welch, Director of Operations

Mr. Boose said the trees at Shady Lane Park have been marked. Mr. Welch said he is waiting for a proposal from Mr. Suhanic, who will also assist with putting together bid packets. There are some trees that need to be saved along the ditch line.

JFS carpet. Mr. Welch said the project is currently out to bid. He is preparing the addendum to extend the completion date. We don't have bidders that can complete the project in the initial timeline. He is extending the timeline six months. County staff will need to move the furniture. When the project is started they will complete one area at a time. Mr. Welch will also need to coordinate with JFS staff to complete the project during working hours.

EMA roof. Mr. Welch is in the process of getting three quotes. He has one and is waiting on the other two, which he should have by the end of next week. Ms. Ziemba questioned if this was an ARPA project. Mr. Welch and Mr. Boose confirmed it is an ARPA project.

South Norwalk Road. Mr. Welch said Wadsworth Service is currently putting in the chiller. He is meeting with an asbestos contractor today. There is asbestos in the boiler room which must be removed. Mr. Boose questioned if the ODOT grant money could be used for the asbestos removal. Mr. Strickler said the commissioners will need to read the grant documents to see if this is a permissible use of the grant.

Flue exhaust pipe downtown replacement. Air Force One and Wadsworth Service are working on submitting a quote to replace it. These quotes are only for the flue job, which will also involve masonry work.

Tuckpointing for Office Building & Courthouse. Mr. Welch is meeting with General Restoration Corporation from Columbus, OH. tomorrow morning.

Underground storage tank Shady Lane. Mr. Welch said Mr. Tansey put together the survey and legal description for the covenant which he will get to Mr. Strickler for review this week. Mr. Strickler said he had not received it yet. After Mr. Strickler reviews the legal description, Mr. Welch will pay BJAM \$1,900 to prepare the documents and submit the final paperwork to BUSTER. Mr. Boose asked if the split has been done yet. Mr. Welch did not know however, Mr. Wilde said the survey from Mr. Tansey should include this information. Mr. Welch will follow-up with Mr. Tansey to be sure.

Downtown basement project. Mr. Welch does not have a hard copy of the report from the structural engineer yet. However, in conversation, the structural engineer said it needs to be filled. They are working on the specifications and quote. Basically, they will need to rip out the sidewalk, build a wall and backfill and replace. He said they will need to move some utilities.

Brett Jones. TekSeal is starting to seal parking lots. They are crack sealing at JFS now. Mr. Welch spoke with TekSeal this morning and they will seal half the JFS parking lot this weekend. Mr. Minor will coordinate this with the JFS director.

Elevator project. Mr. Boose stated a meeting needs to be scheduled with the main contractor, elevator contractor, architect and commissioners at the commissioner's office. The commissioners need answers. Mr. Welch said he spoke briefly with Chris Monnin yesterday. Garmann-Miller has the pre-inspection report and according to them there are things that were written on it not required. Mr. Welch said he will coordinate a meeting with SONA and Garmann-Miller. Mr. Strickler will also attend the meeting.

Generator maintenance. Mr. Welch said Great Lakes Electric is coming out to quote on the generator at the landfill and the two at 180 Milan Ave. building. He said Mr. Ditz told him at the Sheriff's building they are using Buckeye Power.

Plumbing at JFS. Mr. Welch said Mr. Granneman, HVAC personnel has not looked into this yet. Currently he is working at landfill to remove freon in the disposed appliances. This project is on his list.

Senior Center planter boxes. Mr. Welch did call Ms. Holtzapple about the extremely high proposal request for the Senior Center planter boxes. He said Mr. Baucher came out yesterday. These would be built into the pillars to cover up some of the concrete and drainage. It's part of the structure of the building.

ODOT grant at 306 South Norwalk Road. Mr. Welch stated our stance was it's their grant and if they need help they would ask. His understanding was their grant was focusing on floor, ceiling, fencing, security, and lighting. Mr. Brady stated they should set up a meeting with Mary Habig and go over this. Mr. Brady, Mr. Welch, Mr. Minor and Ms. Habig will meet to come up with a plan.

Mr. Minor has quotes coming for fixing the overhead garage door for Firelands Local. He may have for next week.

Mr. Minor said there was an electrical issue with the garage openers at S. Norwalk Road. The lights were directly wired in so the lights had to be on before the garage openers would work. Mr. Granneman, new HVAC, was able to rewire it and fixed the issue.

Sign at BMV/Title Bureau. Mr. Minor said it is in contract to have the sign moved but no date has been set for the actual move. He will contact the company again today to get it scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilde report

Attended the Growth Partnership meeting. The binder hand-out will be on his desk if anyone wants to review it.

He attended the meeting for the Erove Tech credit grant.

Commissioner Brady report

He did receive a call from Governor's office regarding the letter the commissioners sent about the Roundabout at State Routes 18, 601 and Greenwich-Milan Townline Rd., Huron County, Ohio. ODOT Project PID116163 HUR-18-17.10, from Stephanie McCloud, who works directly with the Governor. She told Mr. Brady she instructed ODOT to go back to the Mahls to negotiate a price for the purchase of the property. Then ODOT will remove the house and the other structure. Then they would dispose of the property as they would normally do with excess property. Mr. Brady also spoke to Mr. Bader, the owner of Summit Motorsports Park, yesterday. Department of Administrative Services (DAS) came back and said they will not stop the project, nor change anything. According to Ms. McCloud the award for this project is to be next week, starting after Labor Day. Mr. Brady said they are working in conjunction with some of the schedule for Summit and did, in fact, listen to what the commissioners were asking about in reference to the constituents. The question Mr. Boose still has is do the commissioners need to sign-off. The commissioners need to know. Mr. Boose said how do the commissioners know they are not going to go ahead and do it and say here is the form to sign later. Mr. Brady said DAS in their ruling, when they released it, he did not see it as quoted to Mr. Bader. DAS said that ODOT does not need to take the Mahls house, they can move it. Mr. Brady said Ms. McCloud instructed ODOT in the best interest of the area they should purchase all the area. She instructed them to use state money to purchase the property and demo the house because they cannot use federal money. Mr. Brady is going to call and ask Ms. McCloud if there are any forms for the commissioners to be signing off on before breaking ground.

Commissioner Boose report

The Norwalk Cemetery Association is requesting funds to tailgate asphalt on the road in front and behind the Veterans plot and podium at the Woodlawn Cemetery. They sent an estimate in the amount of \$2,500.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize The Norwalk Cemetery Association to move forward with the proposed asphalt project at the Woodlawn Cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Mr. Boose asked if the email from Sheriff is for executive or open session. Ms. Ziemba stated that's a legal question and would need to speak with Mr. Strickler.

Mr. Boose attended the Stepping Up meeting with MHAS on Friday.

Reported on WIOA meeting he attended yesterday. Topics of discussion were whether they would require searching for a job, asking the state to increase public subsidy for child care, housing and transportation.

Mr. Boose is not sure if the 6-hour meeting for Region 19 on August 21st, 2024 is on or off. He said August 21st, 2024 is also the first day of Summer Symposium. He mentioned it was suggested in an email that the Chairman of Region 19 resigned though, no one has seen this in writing. Mr. Wilde said he is meeting with Ms. Cardone next Wednesday to continue going through all the applications to rate them.

At 10:32 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to Enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 11:44 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

Action taken from Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(1)

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the Executive Assistant job description and authorize the advertisement of the position at the pay range of \$20 to \$25 per hour. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Terry Boose

Aye – Harry Brady

Aye – Bruce Wilde

At 11:45 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 August 1, 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 10:49a.m.

Signatures on File