

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; Deb Martin, GLCAP; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News; Brad Messenburg, citizen; Tom Dunlap, citizen. Patricia Didion, citizen.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the July 18, 2024 and July 23, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 18, 2024 and July 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

24-261

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 Batches #385150 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 abstains from voting on the payment to APCO International due to the recipient of the training being a relative. Mr. Boose mentioned the Administration Building water bill high again, \$700. Mr. Wilde said it could be because they flushed the chiller and refilled it again.

Mr. Boose thought on the PRC payments the limit was \$1500, but there’s a person receiving over \$2000. Ms. Ziemba said Ms. Minor sent an email stating “*PRC depends on whether it is a children services case or not, but usually \$1500 per household.*” Mr. Boose would like the two payments on page seven, which total \$2,100, held until there’s a clearer explanation.

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 Norwalk Aco Hardware, Norwalk Aco Hardware, and various utility and repair services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Cleveland Communications Inc, ES Consulting Inc, and various repair and maintenance services.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Medical/Pharmacy, Equipment, and various utility bills.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Child Support, Public Assistance, and various utility bills.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Analysis of Impairments, Appointed Counsel Fees, and various utility bills.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Batch ID, PO #, Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Fuel, Public Assistance, and various utility bills.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Client	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Fund: 143 - National Webcheck				
08/15/2024	Department: National Webcheck				
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$295.00	
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$2,392.75	
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$2,677.75	
08/15/2024	Department: National Webcheck Total:			\$2,677.75	
08/15/2024	Fund: 143 - National Webcheck Total:			\$2,677.75	
08/15/2024	Fund: 143 - Children's Services				
08/15/2024	Department: Children's Services				
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$165.75	
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$2,862.28	
08/15/2024	Account 143.100175 (Disables) Total:			\$3,028.03	
08/15/2024	Department: National Webcheck Total:			\$3,028.03	
08/15/2024	Fund: 143 - National Webcheck Total:			\$3,028.03	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Client	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$470.76	
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$115.99	
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$1,886.92	
08/15/2024	Department: Auto Tax Road				
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$470.76	
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$1,886.92	
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$2,357.68	
08/15/2024	Department: Auto Tax Road				
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$470.76	
08/15/2024	Account 125.126.00215 (Office Expenses) Total:			\$1,886.92	
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08/15/2024	Department: Auto Tax Road				

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Warrant Date	Client	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Fund: 185 - 911				
08/15/2024	Department: 911				
08/15/2024	Account 185.185.00380 (Training) Total:			\$230.00	
08/15/2024	Account 185.185.00380 (Training) Total:			\$230.00	
08/15/2024	Account 185.185.00380 (Training) Total:			\$230.00	
08/15/2024	Department: 911 Total:			\$230.00	
08/15/2024	Fund: 185 - 911 Total:			\$230.00	
08/15/2024	Department: Senior Services Center				
08/15/2024	Account 189.189.00290 (Expensidaires) Total:			\$702.13	
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08/15/2024	Account 189.189.00290 (Expensidaires) Total:			\$702.13	
08/15/2024	Department: Senior Services Center Total:			\$702.13	
08/15/2024	Fund: 189 - Senior Services Center Total:			\$702.13	

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Warrant Date	Client	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Account 131.131.00200 (Equipment) Total:			\$2,282.29	
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08/15/2024	Account 131.131.00200 (Equipment) Total:			\$2,282.29	
08/15/2024	Department: Records Technology Total:			\$2,282.29	
08/15/2024	Fund: 131 - Records Technology Total:			\$2,282.29	
08/15/2024	Department: Concave Carried Weapons				
08/15/2024	Account 135.135.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:			\$726.00	
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08/15/2024	Department: Concave Carried Weapons Total:			\$726.00	
08/15/2024	Fund: 135 - Concave Carried Weapons Total:			\$726.00	
08/15/2024	Department: DYS Subsidy				
08/15/2024	Account 137.137.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:			\$55.62	
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08/15/2024	Account 137.137.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:			\$55.62	
08/15/2024	Department: DYS Subsidy Total:			\$55.62	
08/15/2024	Fund: 137 - DYS Subsidy Total:			\$55.62	

Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					
	Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications					
08/15/2024	Centelsquare Technologies LLC	381590	2024-004191	Annual Contract Fees	\$37,709.68	
08/15/2024	Chester Communications Inc	381590	2024-004211	Cellular Tower AC Issues	\$465.00	
08/15/2024	193 - 193 - 00200 (Equipment) Total:				\$38,174.68	
08/15/2024	193 - 193 - 00204 (Radio Equipment) Total:				\$1,971.75	
08/15/2024	193 - 193 - 00525 (Contract Services) Total:				\$34,127.43	
08/15/2024	Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:				\$74,273.86	
	Department: Landfill					
08/15/2024	Richard County Treasurer	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$255.16	
08/15/2024	Solid Waste Management District	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$77.83	
08/15/2024	City of Huron	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$19,686.16	
08/15/2024	Huron County Solid Waste Management District	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$21.89	
08/15/2024	Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative Inc	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$19,576.52	
08/15/2024	United Township	381590	2024-000411	July Fees	\$1,038.12	
08/15/2024	Account 500.001.00200 (District/Local Fees) Total:				\$40,018.71	
	Department: Public Works					
08/15/2024	Southeastern Equipment Co Inc	381590	2024-000621	Sensor	\$88.54	
08/15/2024	Wilhelm TLD LLC	381590	2024-000421	July Compst	\$229.00	
08/15/2024	Wrightsville Twp	381590	2024-000421	July Compst	\$110,964.34	
08/15/2024	O E Meyer Co	381590	2024-000421	July Debit Condr	\$25.00	
08/15/2024	Range of Ohio Inc	381590	2024-000421	July Receipts	\$2,371.36	
08/15/2024	Onyx Venter Insaling	381590	2024-000421	2023 of Value	\$85.00	
08/15/2024	Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc	381590	2024-000621	Electricity	\$979.78	
08/15/2024	WB Mason Co Inc	381590	2024-000421	Insulation of Crawl	\$203.02	
08/15/2024	Wrightsville Twp	381590	2024-000421	Draw, Trans, Insurt, Fil	\$260.80	
08/15/2024	Midwest Steel Co Inc	381590	2024-000621	Cogner	\$32.89	
08/15/2024	T & M Associates	381590	2024-000621	City Scale Calibration	\$60.00	
08/15/2024	Southwestern Equipment Co Inc	381590	2024-000421	Scale Replacement Work	\$3,286.00	
08/15/2024	Southwestern Equipment Co Inc	381590	2024-000421	Scale Replacement	\$270.56	
08/15/2024	French Village	381590	2024-000621	Films	\$462.27	
08/15/2024	Southwestern Equipment Co Inc	381590	2024-000621	Box, Screen	\$43.42	
08/15/2024	French Village	381590	2024-000621	(1) One meter	\$4.75	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
08/15/2024	Fund 635 - 00290 (Expenditures) Total:				\$58.00	
08/15/2024	Charter Communications	381590	2024-002901	Internet TV Service, new boxes	\$3,002.44	
08/15/2024	Department 635 - 00290 (Expenditures) Total:				\$3,060.44	
08/15/2024	Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:				\$3,060.44	
08/15/2024	Grand Total:				\$3,118.44	

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Sign 1 *Kathy Brady*

Sign 2 *Terry Boose*

Sign 3 *Bruce Wilde*

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At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – None
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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Holmer resigned from the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities leaving a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jill Eversole Nolan has expressed interest in serving on the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to appoint Mrs. Jill Eversole Nolan to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities to fulfill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mrs. Jill Eversole Nolan to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the term stated above; and further

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

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

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TUSING BUILDERS & ROOFING SERVICES FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND GARAGE BUILDING

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 roof replacement at the County Emergency Management Agency and Garage building 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 roof replacement at the County Emergency Management Agency and Garage building; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve and enters into the Contract with Tusing Builders & Roofing Services for the above Project in the amount of \$31,253.00; 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*

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$5,000.00
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AUGUST 13, 2024**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

Capital Improvement Account #021

ComDoc	HP Controller (data center)	\$40,598.08	now therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the requests for expenditure of over \$5,000.00 as listed above; and further

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

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

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

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

Kye Stevens, EMA, to Columbus on Sept 30, 2024 through October 2, 2024 for Ohio EMA course.
Lara Hozalski, (JFS/HR) Michele Pfeiffer (JFS/HR), and Vickie Ziemba (County Administrator/Clerk) to Westerville, OH on September 17, 2024 for Fishel Downey Seminar on Labor and Employment Law.

SIGNINGS - None

Administrator/Clerk report

Ms. Ziemba was contacted by APEX requesting Jessica Walsh & Roger Hunker are on the agenda for August 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Boose said the commissioners received an email yesterday from Ms. Ross, HC Growth Partnership regarding being part of a Port Authority with Erie County. Mr. Brady would like more information from one of them. Mr. Wilde said Ms. Ross will do this. He tried to get the meeting dates changed however, Ms. Ross already had today's scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Mr. Boose felt this was a pretty big deal to just all the sudden drop on the commissioners. Mr. Wilde said he does not know because it is confidential to even the people on the board. Mr. Wilde will meet with them today and make sure they contact Ms. Ziemba to be scheduled to come in and explain. Mr. Strickler said they are creating a new political sub-division when they do a Port Authority. The Port Authority would have a lot more power than a county or a township. Mr. Boose would like to know what the commissioner's responsibilities and authority would be. The commissioners have many questions. The Board would like Ms. Ross to first attend alone.

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde is meeting with HC Growth Partnership meeting today. He has asked that the meetings be changed to days that do not conflict with commissioner's meetings.

He attended the Fair yesterday. He said the main complaint is about the vendors secure internet access. Mr. Reidy will be going out after 10 a.m. to look into it. Mr. Boose mentioned maybe look at a temporary phone boosting system at the Fair. Mr. Wilde will be at the Fair most the week.

The FTMC meeting to discuss nursing contract is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th, 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 180 Milan Avenue., Meeting Room D. Ms. Ziemba confirmed she sent an email to all the individuals Mr. Wilde had on his list.

Mr. Boose asked for an update on the elevator meeting. Mr. Wilde said he will attend once Mr. Welch has the meeting scheduled. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Strickler if there are other legal avenues the commissioners can take. Mr. Strickler said certainly the commissioners can sue them for breach of contract. He does not know how successful this may be because they are pursuing their contractual remedy, which is the \$200 per day. Mr. Boose said if they cannot come to a meeting immediately, they should start down that path. Mr. Brady noted they said they would have the elevator done by the end of June. The commissioners gave them till July 2nd, 2024 and now it still is not done. Mr. Boose stated now they created a long punch list. Mr. Brady said the elevator is needed for ADA compliance and to also get machines and other equipment to meeting rooms. Mr. Boose told Mr. Strickler to send Garmann Miller an email requesting a meeting with all parties involved ASAP. He said the commissioners do not even have a plan any longer and they are hiding behind the inspection. Mr. Boose wants to know when the inspection will be.

At 9:30 a.m. Deb Martins, GLCAP, explained the Analysis of Impediments was submitted to the State and they received comments back. The State is requiring an action plan with who is going to be responsible and timetables. Ms. Martins said she was not comfortable submitting this on the Board's behalf, without them reviewing it. She has made the suggested corrections and would like the Board to review the draft plan based on the impediments that were identified. Ms. Martins stated everyone that receives CDBG dollars is required to complete the Analysis. It is a requirement for the city and the county thus, Norwalk will also be reviewing this Analysis. The State is asking to have it returned by the August 15th, Ms. Martins expressed her frustration with the State deadlines. Mr. Boose asked if GLCAP has expressed this to the State. Ms. Martins said yes. Mr. Boose stated they will have a decision on Thursday.

Summary of comments received from state on Huron County/Norwalk Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

Note: there were two types of comments received – action required and FYI comments. I have summarized them separately below.

Action Required

- 1) Page 11 – Please clarify which are considered impediments. Are they just the first three or are they all six (this is where I had classified them as primary and secondary)? Remember not to conflate remedying activities that you plan to take to address impediments with impediments themselves. Impediments are those issues/problems that your community has identified to overcome. Please make sure they are written that way
Response: I have listed all six issues as impediments and have changed the language to reflect them as issues rather than remedies, which are dealt with later in the action plan section.
- 2) Page 40 – It is not clear here what the identified impediments are. They should be clearly identified. Remember that impediments are problems/issues to be overcome. You must take remedying actions to seek to improve on them.
Response: As above, I have clarified what the impediments are.
- 3) Page 50 – Are these the impediments? Both primary and secondary? The primary issues could certainly be considered impediments.
Response: I have clarified what the impediments are.
- 4) Page 52 – Are these the impediments here and below? Make sure they are clearly identified.
Response: I have again clarified what the impediments are.
- 5) Page 55 – Once you have clearly identified your impediments you must include a timetable/action plan. This must include your identified impediments, the remedying action you plan to take to address them, and the time span in which you plan to complete them.
Response: This is the purpose of my visit today. I have put together a draft action plan, but feel that it needs to be reviewed by you to determine whether this is what you want to submit and whom the responsible parties should be, etc.

FYI Comments:

- 1) Page 13 - It can help your overall analysis to analyze demographic data further. Although the county and city have low minority populations, are there areas in which that population is higher than the county-wide average? If so, why might that be the case? Are there any ethnically concentrated areas of poverty?
Response: This actually was addressed further on in the analysis looking at populations by census tract (pages 16-17) and we did not see any major areas of concern.
- 2) Page 14 – What are the housing conditions in the county? How much of the housing stock is older? How much housing is substandard, etc.?
Response: Again, this was addressed in the initial analysis on pages ____.
- 3) Page 19 – Why might this be the case? Who lives in this census tract? What is the housing like there?
Response: I did not address this comment since I don't have the information available and it was not one in which action was required. However, it is something that the city might want to research further.
- 4) Does local zoning allow for granny flats/ADUs? This could help seniors to better age in place and in a safer environment than larger homes.
Response: This is again something that I do not have information about and something that the city could consider.
- 5) Page 47 – Great breakdown of zoning and land use policies!
Response: no response necessary.

Commissioner Brady report

Mr. Brady attended the Senior Citizen award banquet in Mansfield last week.

He will attend the Firelands Association of Realtors RPAC Island Cruise next week.

He will attend the General Government virtual meeting on Thursday.

He attended the Fair yesterday. Mr. Brady would like to see more elected officials, state & federal attend and be more accessible to the people they represent.

Mr. Brady called Ms. Spears, 9-1-1 Coordinator, regarding dispatching fees. He asked, with the permission from the Board, he would like to set-up a meeting with one person, who is a decision maker for the police dispatching, from the four entities, Ms. Spears, Sheriff's office, Mr. Strickler and possibly Ms. Ziemba, if she's available. Mr. Boose stated that as long as the commissioners are paying for stuff for dispatchers for Bellevue, Norwalk, Willard and Monroeville and subsidizing their PSAPs he does not think it would be fair to not pay what the villages want. He does not know why the Board would continue to pay stuff for the cities. Mr. Boose is strongly in favor with treating the rural part of Huron County as equal and as fair as what the cities are getting. This is the reason why the commissioners originally agreed to pay for some out

of there. His problem is not paying that out of the 9-1-1 levy, if they are paying for PSAPs stuff. Mr. Boose issue is with the contracts being made with those cities and villages that in his opinion are not all inclusive and forces money out of the general fund of Huron County. For instance, in this case, using Greenwich as an example, Greenwich is paying into the levy for stuff for the city of Norwalk, Willard and Bellevue. They are not receiving their fair share of portion paid; this is not right. With this being said, Mr. Boose officially asked Ms. Ziembra to send a public record request to the Sheriff, it is very sad that the Board must do this, for a copy of the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract with the schools. The schools will be opening in the next couple weeks and the commissioners have not seen them. They have no idea if cities like Willard, who pay for their school's SRO for their school, whether once again Huron County is going to be providing this to Norwalk city schools, thus Willard will be paying for two SROs. Mr. Boose said they need a copy of these as soon as possible. If the contracts do not include all the cost of a SRO, he is ready to go to the State Attorney General's office to ask if what they are doing as far as contracts is legal or not, because it is not fair to certain parts of the county. The Board did not see the contracts last year and they were promised a year ago this would not happen again. Mr. Boose said hopefully everything will be resolved and their questions are answered that all costs are being paid accordingly.

Bruce Wilde moved to send a public records request to the sheriff's office for copies of the school resource officers' contract. 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. Wilde stated he will be meeting with Kristen Cardone next Monday and will be attending the OneOhio Region 19 meeting in Wellington on Wednesday.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose stated he received a letter from Firelands EMS wanting to be included in radios. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware that they go into other counties as well. He is waiting on Ms. Spears to get the information as to what vehicles need radios. He has heard many responses from people about the radios and everybody needs to be treated fairly. Mr. Boose said it is all in the levy and he has said before and he repeated, "*there is nothing in the levy that requires the commissioners to pay for everything regarding radios and 9-1-1.*" That levy was put on based on a budget that was approved by the 9-1-1 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). They approved the budget. Based on that budget the commissioners set what the levy should be, so that there was no money sitting around in reserves for money that they reviewed as what needed to be done.

Now everyone is discussing many radios that need to be purchased. Mr. Boose explained, in his opinion, the levy is for the structural design and implementation of 9-1-1 in Huron County as well as the structure to make sure everyone can communicate with each other. Mr. Strickler confirmed is the 9-1-1/Countywide Public Safety Communications System Levy. It was never said, or the intention, of this Board to cover all local government costs of radios and 9-1-1. So now they only have \$200,000 in the levy to use towards radios. The commissioners kindly agreed that they might be able to use the money out of ARPA pot 1 if any is left-over. It was a little less than \$150,000. The commissioners may also be able to supplement that with general fund money. Mr. Boose said he has heard instead of thanking the commissioners for doing what they can, they are told they are not doing enough. The Board only has a certain amount of money and they have always said as the money comes in for the levy, they will pay what they can for CAD and 9-1-1 and the radios. They are not everyone's source of funding. They asked the TAC committee to come together with a plan as to how to use the money they have. They came back with using ARPA money and general fund money. Mr. Boose is very disappointed in how things are rolling out. The more requests they get, they still only have a limited amount of money.

Mr. Brady said in speaking with Ms. Spears some of the matters that came up were they need to have a tower. Bellevue said one of their water towers could be used. He said an antenna is needed somewhere on the westside of the county. He explained while the area is covered it is not as good a coverage as it should be or could be. There is cost involved in putting this up. He explained the state is going to require in the near future they must be enhanced 9-1-1 ready, which requires a different system than they have now. The cost could be between \$300,000 to \$500,000 for the CAD system to operate it.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziembra to ask Ms. Spears in reference to the mobile radios they are applying for, are the commissioners replacing mobile radios that the fire departments purchased three years ago with the grant money or did they only get handheld radios? Mr. Boose commented they should not be replacing something the fire departments should have never purchased.

Mr. Brady noted for public record in reference to the letter from Firelands EMS. He addresses this as the 9-1-1 radio levy, this is incorrect. It is the 9-1-1 levy, not a 9-1-1 radio levy. Mr. Wilde agreed that was a

huge mistake.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler to explain what kind of organization Firelands Ambulance Service is compared to say North Central Ambulance. Mr. Strickler said Firelands Ambulance is actually an ambulance district that is formed as a political sub-division of the state of Ohio. It is his understanding that there are four Townships in it, two in Huron County and two in Ashland County. They run ambulance service in these four townships. They are a government agency. They are the same as Vermilion River Ambulance district. Mr. Boose asked if they have an elected board. Mr. Strickler does not know how they are organized. He said the statutes usually say there is one representative from each Township that is a member of the group. It could be a Township Trustee or a citizen of the Township appointed by the board of trustees. Mr. Boose read from the letter, "*It was formed in 1974 joining Huron County Village of New London and two townships, New London Township and Fitchville Township. As well as, Ashland County, Troy and Ruggles Townships.*" Mr. Boose guessed there are two different radio systems. Mr. Brady confirmed there are two different radio systems. He said they use Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) down in Ashland. Mr. Brady thinks Mr. Boose is correct, they have to maintain two systems. He felt Mr. Scott, who wrote the letter was disparaging towards Huron County because they went off the state-wide radio system. Mr. Dunlap confirmed Firelands EMS has five trustees. Mr. Boose commented there is North Central EMS, which is privately owned however different Townships contract with them. This means Townships within Huron County are paying contracts with North Central EMS, which he would guess North Central EMS includes all their expenses when they create their contracts. The townships that are with North Central EMS are paying their own radios. Others are asking the commissioners to pay for radios, so once again, they are setting up a situation where people in the townships who are using North Central EMS will be paying for radios for both North Central EMS and the other entities as well. Mr. Boose said once again, this is not fair.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ziemba stated she received a follow up email from Ms. Minor on the Prevention Retention Contingency (PRC) payments held on the claims schedule. Ms. Minor states: "*Caretakers are different. It can be up to \$2500 every 3 months....it allows us to utilize other funding other than pulling from the Children Services cost pool*". *The payment in question is for an individual taking care of their grandchildren and is involved with Children Services. Someone died in the hurricane in Florida a little while back and the grandfather took custody.*" Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady would like to see a copy of the bylaws.

Ms. Ziemba received an email from Apex, Roger Hunker is unable to make the meeting on Aug. 27th. Callie Chaplain will attend in his place with Jessica Walsh.

Bruce Wilde moved to release the PRC payments held on the claims schedule. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

*No – Terry Boose
Aye – Harry Brady
Aye – Bruce Wilde*

At 10:14 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 13, 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 10:14 a.m.

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REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

AUGUST 13, 2024

*The following ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund bids were opened for JFS Carpet Removal and Installation on Thursday, August 15th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Huron County Commissioners
JFS Carpet Removal and Installation
Bid Tabulation

COMPANY	BASE BID	ALTERNATE
Balduff's Carpet	\$87,132.66	N/A
Hill's Interiors	\$91,993.00	\$15,000.00
Continental Flooring	\$93,966.00	\$11,415.00

BID DOCUMENT	BALDUFF'S	HILL'S	CONTINENTAL
Bid Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Performance Bond	Yes	Yes	Yes
Contractor's Form	No	Yes	Yes
Addendum #1	No	Yes	Yes
Addendum #2	No	Yes	Yes
Bid Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
List of Subcontractors	No	Yes	Yes
Non-Collusion Affidavit	No	Yes	Yes
Personal Property Tax Delinquency	No	Yes	Yes
Equal Employment Opportunity Regs.	No	Yes	Yes
Hold Harmless Agreement	No	Yes	Yes
Campaign Contribution Limitations Cert.	No	Yes	Yes
Unresolved Finding of Recovery	No	Yes	Yes
Drug Free Workplace	No	Yes	Yes