

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; Brad Mesenburg, commissioner candidate; Tom Dunlop, commissioner candidate; Patricia Didion, citizen; Chris Simmons, citizen; Megan Bursley, Deputy Auditor; Roland Tkach, Auditor; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – *Roger Hunker*, Fairgrounds building ground breaking is this Thursday.

Mr. Wilde referred to an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer this morning, where the overdose deaths are down nearly 31% in Ohio. Mr. Wilde would like to thank MHAS for their part in this. Mr. Boose and Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Boose commented he attended the “Recovery Walk.” He said there was great attendance, great weather. It was a perfect event.

24-302

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

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Claim Register and Then and Now’s for Payment Batch #387954 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 pointed out that the Sheriff has paid for a replacement radio, \$4,846, out of his account. Mr. Boose also pointed out on page four under Sheriffs Policing the commissioners made a payment of \$33,510 to Black Creek Integrated Systems. He explained this is the mental health system they have been talking about which they received grant money for in the policing fund.

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

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

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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PAY TO NAME Amazon Capital Services	PURCHASE ORDER 2024-00448	DESCRIPTION AED Battery Replacement	TOTAL VALUE 238.64 177 Emergency Management Agency \$238.64	DEPARTMENT 238.64 177 Emergency Management Agency	CURRENT QUEUE Commissioners TAN Approval
<i>Bruce Wilde</i>		<i>Teri Lynn Brock</i>			<i>Kristy Brock</i>

24-303

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A COUNTY CREDIT CARD TO THE REQUESTING HURON COUNTY OFFICE PURSUANT TO THE MASTER COMMERCIAL CARD AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HURON COUNTY AND JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 301.27(F)(2).

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 301.27 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Huron County Commissioners are authorized to acquire a county credit card and to adopt the necessary policies for such county credit card usage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 23-358, enacting the Huron County Credit Card Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 301.27(B) of the Ohio Revised Code relating to the acquisition and use of a county credit card account to be utilized for work related purchases that serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 24-049, in which the Board of Huron County Commissioners entered into the Master Commercial Card Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. to acquire a credit card for Huron County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners is in receipt of a request to receive a county credit card from the Huron County Public Defender, accompanied with the completed acknowledgment of the

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Huron County Credit Card Policy for the same;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, does hereby authorize the Huron County Public Defender to receive a credit card as detailed in the Master Commercial Card Agreement; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners, does hereby authorize and direct the Huron County Treasurer to request the issuance of a new county credit card in the name of the Huron County Public Defender; and further

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

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

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

24-304

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-301

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, resolution 24-301, **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) RENEWAL RATE ACCEPTANCE FOR PLAN YEAR 2025** needs to be amended to correct an error in the Plan Rates; and

WHEREAS, the original rate acceptance document identified the Family Rate for the HSAE1 Plan as \$2,208.90 and needs to be amended to the correct rate of \$2,308.90; and

WHEREAS, the Huron County 2025 Rate Renewal Acceptance/Corrected document updates the rates as follows:

2025 Medical Renewal Rates	Medical 2F	Rx PPO	Total Medical/RX 2F
EE Only	\$683.52	\$150.12	\$833.64
EE + Spouse	\$1,505.80	\$330.74	\$1,836.54
EE + Child(ren)	\$1,228.28	\$269.78	\$1,498.06
Family	\$2,050.54	\$450.42	\$2,500.96

2025 HSA Renewal Rates	Total HSA Plan
EE Only	\$769.62
EE + Spouse	\$1,695.38
EE + Child(ren)	\$1,383.02

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Family	\$2,308.90
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now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves amending Resolution 24-301 and the CEBCO Huron County 2025 Rate Renewal Acceptance/Corrected form as indicated above and 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

*On file

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Lenora Minor & Mary Valentine, JFS, to Columbus, OH for the Ohio Children’s Alliance Conference on Oct. 15th – Oct. 16th.

Megan Bursley, Treasurer, to Ontario, OH for the NEO Regional County Treasurer’s Meeting on September 25, 2024.

Megan Bursley, Treasurer, to Columbus, OH for the 2024 Annual CPIM Conference on October 24, 2024

SIGNINGS – None

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk’s report

Ms. Ziembra received an email from Mr. Telecky, Kleinfelder, asking if the Board is still considering their proposal? Mr. Boose stated he is impressed with their proposal and believes it would bring a lot of opportunity to the County. He would like to discuss setting aside money in next year’s budget for Kleinfelder to help with grants. However, he would like the decision to be made by the next Board. If anything pressing comes up the commissioners will reach out, but will not address a permanent program this year. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady agreed. Mr. Brady stated they will address it in the final budget.

Ms. Ziembra received an email from Ms. Spears, 9-1-1 and Art Mead, EMA asking if the Board will allow Wellington Fire Department and Florence Fire Department access to the county radio system for when they have mutual aid with Wakeman and New London. Mr. Boose stated he is okay with this as long as the Sheriff has no issue, they understand the County is not financially supporting them, and as long as the County can remove them if the need arises. Mr. Wilde and Mr. Brady agreed as long as the county is not

supplying the equipment or have any financial responsibility.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Wellington Fire Department and Florence Fire Department access to the County radio system as long as the Sheriff is okay with it, there is no financial responsibility for the County, and if the County reserves the right to remove them. 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 read an email from Dale Daniels asking for help on two issues they are having that affects Wakeman Township, *“Every year we pick up a dozen or so tires that are discarded into the road side ditches. Would it be possible that the county could sponsor a tire collection day? This might give people a chance to do the right thing instead of discarding tires into the road side.”*

Mr. Boose stated in the past SWMD has received grants for a tire recycling program. Mr. Boose would like Mr. Welch and Mr. Livengood to look for any grant opportunities. He said they may also want to consider taking the townships tires for free. Mr. Boose clarified that this would only be for the tires they clean up from the ditches alongside the roads.

Ms. Ziemba read from the email the second issue, *“The second issue is the storm warning siren on the Wakeman water tower is not in working order. It was found during the county test recently. We have been told that the electronics are bad. There are people looking to see if there are parts available to repair it. If it is not repairable is this something that we can talk to you about possibly getting some help to replace?”*

Mr. Boose said *“some help to replace it”* is very broad. Mr. Wilde stated the first step is finding out if parts are available. Mr. Boose said he hopes there will always be an open communication amongst EMA, the commissioners and their local governments about these issues and how to get funds to help communities replace them. Mr. Boose stated the County cannot buy tornado sirens across the county. He said he remembers when they did not have any, the previous EMA Director, Mr. Bill Ommert, assisted the local governments with getting local government grants for their area when these systems were initially purchased. Mr. Boose stated these grants were not county grants. Mr. Brady stated he believes this Board has discussed this before and determined it was the municipalities who are responsible for repairs or replacements. Mr. Boose agreed and clarified that the grant was with local governments. Mr. Boose stated before replacing the tornado sirens he would think the municipalities would like to investigate how effective they are. He would be interested in any studies done as to how effective and how many communities are still using them. Is there a better way? Mr. Boose stated there should be a discussion either at a TAC or EMA meeting. Mr. Boose noted Mr. Stevens, Assistant EMA Director, reported at one of the last EMA meetings that he has done a lot of work on finding where all the sirens are and what local governments the sirens tie in to. He is still collecting more information. Mr. Boose thanked him for taking the lead on this.

Ms. Ziemba will relay the Board’s decisions to Mr. Daniels.

Ms. Ziemba asked if the Board has reviewed the letter from the Auditor asking for a review of the county funds to help the Budget Commission determine an interim budget estimate. The Board would like Ms. Ziemba to prepare a response based on what she knows has been committed and what will be needed to finish out the year. Mr. Boose cautioned not to underestimate what may be needed since most of the accounts in question are emergency based accounts. Mr. Boose offered his assistance, if needed.

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Discussion was had as to Mr. Tkach's question on the last meeting day of the year. It was decided not to cancel any meetings, but December 17th will be the last Tuesday the Board will definitely be in session. The remaining Tuesdays are Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. They also have a regular session on Thursday, December 19th. Ms. Ziemba has the authority to approve the small emergency claim schedule if need should arise.

Assistant Prosecutor's report

Carpet contract will be done by Wednesday.

Commissioner Wilde's report

Mr. Wilde will attend the Chamber golf outing tomorrow. Commissioners can attend breakfast or lunch if they don't want to golf.

Mr. Wilde will be attending a meeting on Wednesday evening in Monroeville for the EHOVE levy from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There is a WIOA meeting Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m..

Mr. Wilde will be attending a meeting on October 2nd at the Norwalk library for the EHOVE levy from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday is the Muck Crop meeting – Mr. Boose stated he is not sure if there is one because they have their final in October. Mr. Wilde will check with Mr. Gastier.

Landbank meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday.

He will be attending a Family Dependency Court graduation at 2:30 p.m. this Thursday and one next Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

Fairgrounds barn groundbreaking is this Thursday at 6:45p.m.

Mr. Wilde will cover the Monday morning Senior Center construction meeting for Mr. Boose.

Mr. Boose stated there is a JEDI meeting today at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brady's report

There is a 9-1-1 TAC meeting next Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Brady was able to attend the last five minutes of the LEPC meeting last week.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Brady to forward the email he received from Chief Scott to EMA / 9-1-1 regarding buying refurbished radios versus new radios as a cost saver. Mr. Brady stated Chief Reiderman is not in favor of refurbished radios. Mr. Boose stated Chief Reiderman may not be in favor, but other communities may only have money for refurbished. Mr. Boose stated that's the local governments decision.

He does plan on attending the WIOA meeting tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m. and the Fairgrounds barn groundbreaking this Thursday at 6:45p.m.

He will be attending the CEBCO board meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Boose's report

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde to see if he could get an update from the Landbank on the Shady Lane property. Mr. Wilde read the agenda for Thursday's meeting, "*2024 Demo and Brownfield Grant Update for Shady Lane – "No Further Action" for underground tanks and re-plat by county needs completed before MAK Solve can perform the environmental assessment needed for a brownfield award.*" Discussed the need for Mr. Strickler to record the plat map. Mr. Wilde recommends Mr. Strickler reach out to Ms. Lykins (Landbank) to find out what is needed to move the project along.

Mr. Boose stated the commissioners received an email regarding a complaint about the state of the memorial bricks at the Shady Lane Park. Mr. Boose researched the past meeting minutes to see how the memorials came about and how they would be maintained. His understanding was that Veterans Services would be maintaining the veteran memorials. Mr. Boose said he spoke to Mr. Welch and he understood there is an informal agreement that the commissioners agreed with the park district that the park is theirs, however since they did not have the equipment to mow the commissioners said they would mow the memorial for the park district and Master Gardeners takes care of the flowers. Since that time there have been police and fire memorials added. They need to maintain theirs. The park board is responsible for the park, but since they don't have the equipment to mow, they have asked the county to mow the area for them. Mr. Boose stated there needs to be an understanding that if you have a memorial at the park then you need to maintain it regularly. Mr. Boose asks that a friendly reminder letter be prepared and sent to the entities that have memorials reminding them of their responsibilities and duties to maintain them. Ms. Ziemba will send out the letter.

At 10:04 a.m. Roland Tkach, Auditor and Megan Bursley, Treasurer. Mr. Boose said this will be a very generic discussion. He explained back in the summer everyone started getting notices about the property tax reevaluation. CCAO has had articles on it. The taxpayers think that the commissioners are going to get rich on the reevaluation. The answer to this is; it depends. CCAO chapter on property taxes is 31 pages. He read it and he is still confused. The question is if this will bring in more money. Mr. Boose asked if there's something the commissioners could do to off-set the amount of money coming in.

Mr. Boose said just for an easy example, let's just say \$1 million dollars were to come in, is there an opportunity or a way that they could cut back somehow on the property taxes they receive. Instead of collecting the million they would off-set that million so there really is no change. Mr. Tkach said he does not know about "*really no change,*" but one thing the commissioners could do is write the Budget Commission a letter telling them not to collect the 9-1-1 Levy and that the general fund would fund them fully. Mr. Boose said but there still will be bills to pay, would the commissioners move money to be sure the money gets into the 9-1-1 account, so that bills can be paid. Mr. Boose asked if this would need to be a specific decision that the commissioners would make for one year. Mr. Tkach said this decision can be for one year or partially. He said they have done it for Townships. He said this year the Auditor is going to stop collecting the school district 2.65mills because they refinanced their bond in 2015 and cut two years off. The 2.65mills is coming off in the Norwalk School District. Mr. Tkach said on voted levies the Auditor can take them off and/or put them back on or lower them. He said they deal with dollars. He gave an example of a Township that wanted to collect \$10,000 less, he did the calculation and the Auditor lowered that rate and made that on the tax rate abstract to the tax commissioner. Another Township they stopped collecting it totally, essentially the tri-community fire district had put on a \$2.5 mill levy and they let the old levy stay on for one year and then asked the Budget Commission to no longer collect that levy, period. He reiterated on voted levies it is a 2-way street. Mr. Boose said it almost makes it a bit easier to give an

amount, not a percentage so that they know how much they want to collect. He said he thinks, in their case, since they have a lot of the local communities out there supporting the levy, that if they, or the future commissioners did something like this it is a guarantee that they will take this money from the general fund and move it to the 9-1-1 fund, not just stop collecting and cut back on expenses. Mr. Tkach said at that point, in the 9-1-1 fund the commissioners are taking general fund money and putting it in there as to what they want. However, as far as coming up with a dollar figure, remember these are only estimates, it depends on people writing the check. He said one case and points is the NEXUS pipeline, it is not going to be litigated any more. Mr. Tkach said he does not have a figure on this, at this point. However, if it were to be collected at 45% of the original value (he will not know this number specifically until the Tax Commissioner gives it to him) the assessed value was \$17 million at 45% it would be \$7 million assessed, until he has the number that calculation was in the estimates, which now will be lower and the tender paid on basically the figure that they believe they should have been paying on. He said so any entity of the school, some people think they are going to have a large settlement. Mr. Tkach does not think so, there is no windfall for the schools, of course, the thing about when they look at their tax rates, they are paying the full tax rate. He thinks it was \$57.955 mills. He said this tax bill is going to go from over \$1 million to right around \$400,000. Mr. Tkach said they have not factored that in to the value of the county as a whole. Mr. Boose asked sometime in the future there is also going to be a P.I.L.O.T (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) that comes in for the wind turbines. He said this has nothing to do with property tax because it is a set amount. Mr. Tkach said a real-time example the evaluation is going to go up, but on the evaluation the commissioners are going to have to give the veterans more money. He said this next year is \$688,000, his estimate for the following year will be \$800,060. Mr. Boose said their Veterans have done a fantastic job in the last few years because they give the commissioners money back at the end of the year, which they are not required to do. He asked Mr. Tkach how does this go up automatically. Mr. Tkach explained the evaluation in the county is currently \$1.3 billion, it is based on a half a mill, based on the assessed value. He sends the commissioners a letter every May. Mr. Boose asked if the estimated amount they were given in May is going to change. Mr. Tkach said in May he will be writing the letter and his estimate will be \$800,060, for the 2026 budget. Mr. Tkach said another example is they have approximately 200 full-time employees in the general fund. If the commissioners were to give everyone a raise of \$1.00, when you look at PERS, Medicare and BWC that dollar works out to about \$2,500 additional times 200 employees equals half million dollars in one year. Mr. Brady mentioned EHOVE has a \$2.2 mill Levy on for 37 years, which will be multi-county, multi-school district. Norwalk's bond is dropping off but they are putting a \$5.4 mill on for 37 years. He said he called the Board of Elections asking how many levies or bond issues are on the ballot this November. He thinks it is like nineteen, which is crazy high. There are townships, villages, multiple school districts, some are like income tax percentages and bond issues. He is hoping the citizens are educating themselves before voting. He asked Mr. Tkach if the commissioners did not collect the 9-1-1 levy for one year and funded it from the general fund, can this be done at any time during that year? Mr. Tkach said they would actually have to do this before October 1st of this year to not collect it next year, because the commissioners would have already passed a resolution accepting rates, which has to be to the Auditor's office by October 1st. The reason this must be done by October 1st is because at this point they are starting to do revenue estimates which comes back to budget. Mr. Tkach explained if there is too much money in a fund and they want to collect less, they let the Budget Commission know how much they want to collect. Mr. Tkach wanted to give an explanation about the bond levies. He said everything is based on an estimate and the estimate for the Norwalk levy is based on a formula that the Auditor uses to come up with the average payment because one is actually voting for debt service. They are using the certified value now, an estimate of what the interest rate would be now, so the offering will not probably take place until March and they would have already had to have certified based on what that average payment is on that interest rate that was given to them by Bond Council. Mr. Brady asked why bonds have jumped to 37 years. Mr. Strickler said he is guessing because the General Assembly raised the cap. Mr. Brady said he highly recommends people that are in any school district in this county who are voters and/or tax payers attend

one of the EHOVE's meetings. He feels they need to be informed as to what they are voting for.

Mr. Tkach addressed what Mr. Brady said and pointed out to everyone that all four of EHOVE's levies are continuous. He said Lorain County Joint Vocational levies are continuous, the Pioneer Joint Vocational school are all continuous. Mr. Boose noted that is longer than 37 years. Mr. Strickler said that is the difference between a levy and a bond issue. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Strickler with a continuous levy is there any particular time the voters could come back in and say, no we are done paying this levy. Mr. Tkach said yes it would be a referendum. Mr. Strickler agreed. Mr. Wilde thanked Mr. Tkach for explaining their options for the future Board, however they are forever changing. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Tkach what percentage of counties have levies being voted on. Mr. Tkach said he could name off several levies that counties have voted levies, they have voted levies for 4-H, landfill closure, county-wide ambulance, JFS etc. Mr. Brady said when constituents read something in the paper, they see a number and it sticks in their mind and they may, or may not finish the article, or understand it. The picture was of Mr. Tkach and the article was the increase of potential value of 28%. He said the article did say this is not a firm percentage yet. Mr. Brady asked the Auditor when the tax guide determines the percentage. Second, how does that equate to what an actual increase might be for someone in taxes. Mr. Tkach stated early November the final abstract will be approved. As far as the discussion as to what is it going to cost people, if House Bill 920 does its job and lower the tax rates on all the voted levies, with all things being equal, the rise will take place in that inside millage, in the 20.4 mill He said the county gets 2.1 and for example he is using Willard Schools so their inside millage is 4.6, but it is a part of the 20 mill that never changes and the City of Willard will get 3.3 mill He also explained there is a thing called tax equalization, so for the Willard School the 4.6 in that 10 mill inside must be the same for everywhere in the district, such as Richmond Township or Norwich Township. It all has to be the same and the county always gets 2.1 no matter where it is. There is a little variation in that, but to really bring it down to where the rubber meets the road, the 2.1 mill that generated for every \$1,000 of market value, you pay \$0.65, to the schools it is \$6.15, and the City of Willard receives \$1.00 on every \$1,000. It is \$8.00 on the value that the rates never change. He said an example, your market value goes up \$20.00, you are going to pay \$160.00 more. It does not matter if you are on Homestead or not, because Homestead in the current Bill is already calculated in there. Mr. Tkach also explained when one looks at the average C.A.U.V. value is going to go up \$1,200, that the \$8.00 applies to this. That will be \$9.60 an acre. This is if House Bill 920 does its job and the rates kick-in the way they are supposed to and there are no more new taxes. Mr. Wilde asked what if a resident's property goes up over 74%, how do they get this reviewed? Currently, this week the Auditor's office is doing informal hearings, so the residents can come in and speak with the contract appraisers about their property and make sure everything is correct on the property record card. He explained Agricultural and Residential are one class and have their own tax rate. Next is Industrial, Commercial and Mineral (only 233,980 in mineral). There is Pubic Utility and Real, which is electric lines, transformers and pipelines.

Mr. Strickler asked Mr. Tkach when there will be an update on the NEXUS settlement as to when these monies will be flowing into the counties. Mr. Strickler's understanding is that the Supreme Court said Lorain County is on their own however, the other counties can settle with NEXUS. Mr. Tkach said basically what the Tax Commissioner in each county is going to have to do is calculate what the value should have been in those contested years, once the Auditor gets these they can do calculations. Mr. Strickler said so you are saying we are at the mercy of the Tax Commissioners at this point. Mr. Tkach confirmed yes that is correct. He also said the sad part in these settlements, it is on the current tax rates, thus Western Reserve had a bond levy during this period and they will not get a dime for the bond levy.

Mr. Tkach asked for follow-up to a letter he sent recently, what will be the last date the commissioners will pay bills this year. Ms. Ziemba confirmed the Commissioners will at least be meeting until Thursday, December 19th, 2024. Mr. Boose said she will send an email confirming this.

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At 10:56 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 September 24, 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 10:56 a.m.

Signatures on File