

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, Resident; Brad Mesenburg, Commissioner Candidate; Patricia Didion, Resident; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment - Roger Hunker, Fair Building committee. He thanked the Board for attending the groundbreaking. They had a good turnout.

24-305

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 #388398 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 questioned if everyone feels the \$3,600 electric bill is high for the administration building. Mr. Wilde agreed. The water bill seems high also. The commissioners will ask Ms. Stebel for a yearly update report.

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, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-totals for Department: Commissioners, Department: Microfilming, Department: Data Processing, Department: Treasurer, and Department: Prosecutor.

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Services Carpet Removal and Installation Project as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

**Agreement on file*

24-307

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO THE ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC. OPERATING AGREEMENT – FOOD SERVICE

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and the Huron County Sheriff (“County”) and ARAMARK Correctional Services, LLC (“Aramark”) entered into an Operating Agreement on November 17, 2015, resolution 15-396, for the management of the food services operation at the Huron County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the County and Aramark now desire to amend the Operating Agreement to renew the term of the Operating Agreement and reflect the increase in food prices; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Agreement permits amendment by a written instrument signed by both the County and Aramark; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves Amendment No. 9 to the Aramark Operating Agreement 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

**Amendment on file*

24-308

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE FORERUNNER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners entered into a Master Service Agreement with Forerunner Technologies, Inc. on October 3, 2023, Resolution 23-300, for maintenance services for the phone systems located at the Huron County Commissioners’ Office, Courthouse, Office Building, and Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, Addendum No. 1 extends the term of the agreement until 9/20/2025 for an amount of \$5,904.90; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Addendum No. 1 to the Forerunner Technologies, Inc. Master Service Agreement 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

**Addendum 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

Alix Siemer, Amy Leibold, Stephanie Upton, Ashley Smith, Jacob Bruder, & Renee King, JFS to Lewis Center OH for the CFIS Conference on October 7, 2024 – October 8, 2024

Amber Stanley, JFS, to Toledo, OH for County Operations Info Training Session on October 3, 2024.

SIGNINGS - None

Administrator/Clerk report – None

Assistant Prosecutor report

Mr. Strickler sent everyone the updated version of the NCAT Lease. The Board to review for proper language for restroom paper products and the expense portion to make sure everything is correct. NCAT has already reviewed and is ready to sign. The commissioners need to approve and sign it. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Strickler because he is a Commissioner, however he also sits on the NCAT Board, should he abstain? Mr. Strickler confirmed he should abstain.

Commissioner Wilde report

EHOVE Levy meeting tomorrow night 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Norwalk Public Library.

Mr. Wilde stated he is continuing to work with the hospital to get a cap on the \$100 per hour portion of the contract, for the Sheriff's nursing contract. The September physician and August nursing has been paid, which leaves a balance of \$15,000. The new nurse is in training, so there will still be at least one high bill, then it should be by contract. He said an issue is the Sheriff does not have enough money to continue until the end of the year. There are a couple of high prescriptions with an unknown timeline. Mr. Wilde recommends moving \$150,000 to cover nursing and \$50,000 to cover prescriptions. Mr. Boose asked where the money would come from. Ms. Ziemba stated contingencies or 099 transfer out. Mr. Boose disagreed because this is jail money and he wants a letter sent to the Budget Commission who needs to appropriate unappropriated money because the sales tax always comes in way more than what the estimate is. He said ask the Budget Commission for an amended certificate since this is for the jail and move those funds into the lines. Mr. Wilde said Ms. Newton will need money in October or she cannot pay these bills. Mr. Boose said there will need to be an emergency meeting. Mr. Wilde will contact all parties and will attend the Budget Commission meeting. Ms. Ziemba said first Mr. Wilde needs to speak to the Sheriff who will need to send a request asking for the funds, to the Budget Commission. Mr. Wilde will see the Sheriff today. Mr. Boose suggested making a call to Mr. Tkach to let him know this is coming. Ms. Ziemba said once she gets a letter from the Sheriff, the Board will send a letter to the Budget Commission.

Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Ms. Ziemba to send a letter to the Budget Commission requesting an amended certificate. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Wilde if he understood what he would be asking for? Mr. Wilde stated he did. Ms. Ziemba asked if the Board would consider transferring the funds from 099 transfer out that was earmarked during the budget processed to be transferred into jail permanent improvement fund. Mr. Boose explained this was the amount that was remaining from 2023 jail tax, that was taken in, versus what the Budget Commission estimated. This money gets transferred in the last quarter of the year. Ms. Ziemba stated these

transfers will be on the commissioners' Thursday agenda. The Board liked this idea. Ms. Ziemba will prepare the resolutions transferring the funds as discussed, reducing the amount moved into the Jail Improvement Fund by \$200,000 and appropriating those into the jail nursing and prescription lines. *The Board decided to withdraw the motion.*

Attending EHOVE Levy meeting at the Norwalk Public Library, tomorrow night, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending the 9-1-1 TAC meeting Thursday, Oct. 3rd, All Commissioners will attend.

Family Dependency Court graduation on Thursday, 2:30 p.m. He said Judge Cardwell really appreciates when all three Commissioners attend.

Mr. Wilde will be attending an emergency Board of Revisions meeting next week, either Monday or Tuesday.

Commissioner Brady report

Mr. Brady attended the Fairgrounds groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday night. He said it is good to see it moving forward.

He attended the CEBCO Board meeting Friday. He explained in the switch-over last year from Healthworks to Anthem using Sydney for the wellness program. One thing he does not believe everyone saw coming was it takes up to fifty days for the claims to come through. People that waited until the last week to complete the program, may not show up for 50 days. So, they may not have all the numbers they need to have the rates before open enrollment. Mr. Brady said the CEBCO Board voted to do is to change the end date for the Wellness program to the end of June instead of middle of August. CEBCO can determine the neutral rate. They will need to discuss the HSA contribution rate. When open enrollment begins, they will give the neutral rate. If someone was in the wellness program, they will have a lower rate, and if someone did not participate, then they'll have a higher rate.

Mr. Brady said they cut the number of things you need to do to qualify, though they have given larger dollar amounts for completion of these things. They cut back on the things that are self-reported, so that one does not need to spend a lot of time entering data. He did say Biometric screenings done by a third-party representative and not the person's physician, will not count. They will have to go to their doctor. The purpose is to get the employees to go to their primary care physician. Statistics have shown this is less expensive. Discussed the easiness of the wellness program. Mr. Boose feels the wellness program is very difficult to understand and is very unhappy with this year's enrollment and feels someone should take responsibility for the fact when employees enroll this year, they will not have the exact rate they will be paying for the choices they need to make. He feels the Board needs to make healthcare as easy and simple as possible for the employees. Mr. Brady said previously an employee had to use a computer. This year the APP made sign-in and input easier. Mr. Strickler feels this year was much easier because the information from the EOB is automatically entered into the system.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba to get two things from Ms. Hozalski. One, how many people participated in the wellness program in the last three years. Second, the amount of money that was paid out to the employees total, due to participating in the program the last three years.

Ms. Ziemba told Mr. Brady typically a resolution stating the wellness rate vs. non-neutral rate. This is done ahead of enrollment. This is two-fold, one that the employee knows the rates and two, it is for budget. Mr. Brady said this year Ms. Ziemba will not get this resolution till the middle of November because she will not receive the numbers till after November 1st. The Board must have all the numbers before a resolution can be made. Ms. Ziemba said they are going to have to use estimates for budget.

Commissioner Boose report

Senior Center contractor's meeting today at 1:00 p.m. One of the discussions that came up at the last meeting was about the wiring of the sound system and having it wired with the latest technology. Mr. Riedy explained Mr. Beal would like to use the latest technology which was not available when the job went out to bid. Mr. Boose said the additional cost will be a little over \$14,000. They are almost ready to close up the walls. The Board agreed they should move forward with this update. He said where do they pay it from. Mr. Boose is going to try to speak with Mr. Baucher about the contingencies because there is confusion that needs to be cleared up. He said as he understands the Board still has a little over \$100,000 in contingencies. The bad thing about using contingencies is that they must pay the contractors percentage and the architect's percentage, when using ARPA money there is no other way to do this.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor to set a meeting for discussion of the maintenance at the Senior Enrichment Center. It must be decided who is mowing lawn, snow plowing, cleaning inside the building, etc. Mr. Beal must attend this meeting.

Mr. Boose said a complaint came to the commissioners that the Memorials need to be cleaned up. The Park District said they do not think this is their job. He said the Park District does nothing with this particular park. The commissioners mow the grass, cut the trees that are dead and clean out the ravine. Master Gardener's do the flowers. The memorials are taken care of by whoever's memorial it is. The commissioners may need to stop mowing the Memorial Park. The Park District may need to start mowing this park since it is theirs. He said he was asked if the Park District has money. Mr. Wilde confirmed they do get "X" number of dollars each year. However, Ms. Ziemba said that money is for very specific uses. These discussions need to be done soon because the commissioners are getting into budget time. Ms. Ziemba did call Veteran Services. They said DAV should take care of maintenance and gave her a couple phone numbers to call. She gave the phone numbers to Mr. Minor. Mr. Wilde said DAV stands for Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Boose said there needs to be further discussion with Park Board, Veteran Services and the Commissioners as to who is responsible for what.

He will attend Firelands Forward meeting tomorrow and CCAO board of directors meeting next Friday.

Mr. Boose received an email from Ms. Pfeiffer which needs to be explained further about Medicare medications.

Statehouse report. Mr. Boose told Ms. Ziemba after they spoke yesterday they stopped down at OSU Extension they just found out through CCAO and to the best of their knowledge they will be requesting an extra \$5,000 a year for the next two years. He told them to put this in writing so that the commissioners can get it in budget. He mentioned House Bill 666 which reads," *to require state and local authorities to cooperate with the Federal Government in the enforcement of immigration laws to prescribe funding reductions for non-compliance and to name this Act the Protecting Ohio Communities Act and to declare an emergency.*"

Mr. Wilde said he did receive an email announcing the Muck Crop meeting is next Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at the research station. He also received an email from Ms. Chieda, Chief Nursing Officer, he read, "*I did confirm the RN is progressing as planned. In October you can anticipate the return to the normal expense model.*" Mr. Brady asked how many years this contract is and wanted to confirm the year they are in. Mr. Strickler confirmed it is a three-year contract and they are in their first year. Mr. Boose asked if there was a way out. Mr. Strickler said yes. Mr. Boose feels the commissioners should ask the Sheriff to do a comparison study in reference to some jails that do their own nursing and some that hire nursing out.

At 10:42 a.m. Terry Boose 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 October 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 10:42 a.m.

Signatures on File