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

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Roger Hunker, APEX; Brad Mesenburg, Resident; Patricia Didion, Resident; Tom Dunlap, Resident; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Mindy Soisson-Calhoun, Commissioner, HCAVC; Jim Hager, Commissioner, Marine Corps League Representative; Jerry Huffman, Commissioner, Disabled American Veterans Representative; Thomas Price, Commissioner, Veterans of Foreign Wars Representative; Jessica Walsh, APEX; Amanda Gordon, McDonald Hopkins; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the October 3, 2024 and October 8, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Harry Brady made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 3, 2024 and October 8, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

Harry Brady moved to cancel the Tuesday, October 29, 2024 board meeting and authorize Ms. Ziemba to make the decisions for the claims schedule with no dollar amount limit. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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

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

Harry Brady 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 #389759 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose pointed out that there is still a high water bill at this administration building. Prosecutor's Office received money for IV-E. Mr. Strickler stated they bill and are paid quarterly.

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

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

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24-326

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE HURON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the term of Huron County Public Defender Commission members Paul Dolce and Gail Bartle will expire in November and December 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dolce and Ms. Bartle wish to be reappointed for another term; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby finds this request to be reasonable and approves the reappointments to the Huron County Public Defender Commission as follows:

Paul Dolce December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2028 Gail Bartle January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberations of the

and further

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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Mr. Boose said the Board appreciates both of them for their willingness to serve again on this Board.

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

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

24-327

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A RENEWAL CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN HURON COUNTY AND DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO, INC. TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Human Resource office recommends renewing the contract with Delta Dental Plan of Ohio, Inc. for supplemental dental plans for county employees; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract will be for a period of one year with the effective date being January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation and wishes to renew the contract with Delta Dental Plan of Ohio, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the contract with Delta Dental Plan of Ohio, Inc. as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

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.

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

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

*Contract on file

At 9:15 a.m. Jessica Walsh and Roger Hunker, APEX Clean Energy for the Windfarm update. Ms. Walsh last time she visited they were in the process of submitting a very minor amendment to the State. She said the commissioners should have received letters and seen articles in the newspapers. APEX is still waiting on feedback from the Power Siting Board staff. Mr. Boose asked if that was what is holding up RUMA. Ms. Walsh said no that is separate from the RUMA. She stated it was for resetting a few turbine locations. Her understanding with RUMA is there are two remaining comments the county had raised, proof rolling and a review period for extraordinary maintenance during operations, which APEX agreed to. She noted the draft itself should be complete with the exception of entering the name of the third-party inspector. It may be left blank and added in later, once they are on-board. APEX did agree with the county's recommendation in using TRC, which was the top choice. APEX did get a scope out to actually get TRC contracted to do that work when the time comes. She suggested maybe at this point it may be helpful to do an in-person meeting or a zoom call to walk through the next steps because to her knowledge the draft is done, and everyone needs to know what is next. Mr. Tansey said he did not see a reason to meet. The consultant has been hired, which was the stipulation in the April meeting. As soon as the consultant is onboard the engineering department will finalize it. Mr. Tansey said they are still kind-of waiting on this. Ms. Walsh thought the commissioners would be contracting TRC. Mr. Tansey said no and confirmed APEX will be contracting TRC. Ms. Walsh gave on update on RUMA. APEX did submit the preliminary route evaluation and road conditions report back in early August. She said they are working on updating this, as well as the civil plans for the actual work that will be conducted. Once APEX has this it will be submitted.

In the meantime, if the engineering office has any comments on the conditions of the roads based on what the report said. Mr. Tansey said APEX basically sent a conceptual drawing saying they are going to do something; however, APEX needs to tell them what they are going to do. Therefore, there is nothing for Engineering to look at until they receive the engineering reports and the drawings of what APEX's engineer is proposing. Mr. Tansey pointed out they have no idea what APEX is doing. He pointed out they say they are going to widen the pavement three feet and that is all they say. Mr. Tansey said there is nothing for them to review. Ms. Walsh said as far as the conditions report is there anything. Mr. Tansey cut in and said Engineering know the conditions of their roads, they do not know what kinds of loads APEX is wanting to take down them. He asked will they be taking 1,000 concrete trucks down them or 5. The APEX engineering report should tell them this. Also, the soil borings, Engineering still has not received a report for. He confirmed with Ms. Walsh APEX engineering reports need to be sent to his office for them to review. Mr. Tansey confirmed with Mr. Boose there is nothing for his office to review. Mr. Tansey said they have been asking for this information for four years, nothing has changed. Their engineer knows what he needs to submit to the Huron County Engineering Office. He said they just have not gotten anything. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Walsh in reference to permission from the Power Siting Board to move some of the turbines and still dealing with this. So, start of construction is still up in the air. Is the Power Siting Board, not them personally, by waiting for response on moving it, will that end up delaying the start? Ms. Walsh said it should not, they are planning on starting next summer as of now, with Power Siting Board timing should all jive. She said what they are approving is so minor it should not impact anything in the RUMA. Mr. Tansey said there is no way they are going to be able to turn that around. He said the soil borings were suppose to be done in March. He noted step one for the engineering board is the soil borings and that is usually six months to a year. They just did those in March of 2024. APEX engineering staff is going to be behind the eight ball to get it to them. Mr. Tansey said time is going to be an issue. He pointed out it is not Huron County Engineering office it is APEX engineering office. At this point they have nothing to review. Mr. Brady asked how tall the turbines will be. Ms. Walsh answered approximately 350' to 400' depending on which of the final models are chosen. Ms. Didion asked what will be the actually height including the tip. Ms. Walsh replied approximately 600' when the blade is at the tippy-top position.

24-328

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR 2025

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, application as per ORC 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2025;

WHEREAS, application as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.35 and ORC 2303.201 (D) has been received from the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, located in the county of Erie, Ohio, for funding Huron County victims of domestic violence for the calendar year 2025;

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the contents of the applications, and find the eligibility criteria has been fulfilled as per Ohio Revised Code 3113.36; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to certify to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, that depending upon good service and performance to Huron County victims, all funds collected from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 in the Special Marriage License and Divorce Fee Fund will be paid by July 15, 2025 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, and all funds collected from July 1, 2025 through the thirty-first day of December, 2025 shall be paid by January 15, 2026 with 50% being paid to The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, and 50% being paid to the Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Total amount for the year is estimated to be approximately \$12,000.00;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor, The Miriam House, Catholic Charities, Norwalk, Ohio and Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Sandusky, Ohio; 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Mr. Boose stated both do an excellent job for those that require their services.

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

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

24-329

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RESOURCE SOLUTIONS ASSOCIATES, LLC AND THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners are in need of professional consulting advice with regard to completion of hazard mitigation planning and updating the current Hazard Mitigation Plan for Huron County Emergency Management Agency;

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to contract with Resource Solutions Associates, LLC, 418 Zenobia Road, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 to provide services in the amount of twenty five thousand five hundred dollars (\$25,500.00); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Agreement with Resource Solutions Associates, LLC. 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.

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

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

24-330

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there are two vehicles that are no longer needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; a 2004 Chevy Cavalier VIN # 1G1JC12F647169304 and a 2015 Ford Fusion VIN# 1FA6P0G75F5113694; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that the motor vehicle is not needed for public use;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 307.12(I), the Board has the authority to discard or salvage such property; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby directs that the motor vehicles be salvaged; 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.

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

Aye – Terry Boose Aye – Harry Brady Absent – Bruce Wilde 24-331

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX REROOF PROJECT

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution #24-296, the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorized the advertisement and letting of bids for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Reroof Project, in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code;

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the Project; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on October 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. from the following:

COMPANY	BASE BID	ALTERNATE
5K Roofing	\$635,495.00	\$43,500.00
Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc.	\$478,047.00	\$30,750.00
JB Roofing	\$726,564.00	\$48,225.00
Meade Construction, Inc.	\$903,100.00	\$76,500.00

and

WHEREAS, these bids have been reviewed by the Architect as to their compliance with applicable terms, conditions and specifications of the bid with a recommendation that the County award the base bid and alternate to Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc.;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Reroof Project to Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$508,797.00 as stated 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*<u>Discussion</u>: The alternate is to replace all the roof insulation. The original bid was for a partial roof insulation. Mr. Boose said Damschroder has done several projects for Huron County Commissioners and have done an excellent job for everyone. Mr. Brady said Damschroder only does prevailing wage projects so they understand the forms needed and the quality of their work is outstanding.

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

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

24-332

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX STRUCTURAL WORK PROJECT

Harry Brady moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution #24-296, the Board of Huron County Commissioners authorized the advertisement and letting of bids for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Structural Work Project, in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be utilized for the Project;

and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on October 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. from the following:

COMPANY	BASE BID	ALTERNATE
Jason Ryan Branham	\$348,850.00	No Bid
Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc.	\$290,000.00	\$35,000.00

WHEREAS, these bids have been reviewed by the Architect as to their compliance with applicable terms, conditions and specifications of the bid with a recommendation that the County award the base bid and alternate to Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc.;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Structural Work Project to Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc.in the amount of \$325,000.00 as stated 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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*Discussion: Alternate is to replace the store front door and window system.

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

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

At 9:30 a.m. Veterans Board - Mindy Soisson-Calhoun, Commissioner/President, HCAVC/American Legion; Jim Hager, Commissioner, Marine Corps League Representative; Jerry Huffman, Commissioner, Disabled American Veterans Representative; Thomas Price, Commissioner, Veterans of Foreign Wars Representative

Ms. Soisson-Calhoun said one of their main office goals is to help with transportation under law 59.01. They are in a rural community, they travel all over the state and even into Michigan to take our Veterans to appointments. She said they have a couple vehicles that are down. They have designed a three-year plan to purchase a vehicle this year, next year and then in 2026 they are looking at purchasing a wheel-chair handicap accessible vehicle. They are hoping on an increase in 2026 in finances. Right now, they out source and pay for this type of vehicle for the Veterans. She said they were told, they must ask the commissioners if they can purchase a vehicle. Mr. Boose suggested they get a quote, though he will not be a commissioner making the decisions, however they can come back and the commissioners can look at the budget and if they cannot help next year, they can look at 2026 and start to plan. Ms. Soisson-Calhoun said obviously, they would like to purchase American made. They have looked at many vehicles and have decided on the Chevy Traverse. She stated they will purchase one this year and one next year. Ms. Soisson-Calhoun noted they are working with Mr. Stephens, the Prosecutor, following the procedure for disposing of the old vehicles. The vehicle that was in the accident, which it was not their driver's fault is going to be scrapped. She said there is a check that the Veterans should receive between \$7,000 and \$8,000. She knows the Veterans cannot receive the check. It will go to the county, but she asked the county return the money to them. They would like to put that money towards the purchase of the new vehicles.

Harry Brady moved to authorize the Veterans Office to purchase a vehicle to replace the one damaged in an accident. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

*Discussion: Ms. Soisson-Calhoun said she received a notice from the commissioners about cleaning at the Veteran's pavilion. She said the DAV has taken care of this for years. She said their Veteran's Services office pays for the electric for the fire, the police and the Veteran's Memorial. She would like to know if they can set up a meeting with all of these agencies to discuss they start paying for the mowing and the weed killing since the Veterans pay for all the electrical for all these monuments. She asked for a complete list of the point of contacts. Ms. Ziemba said she is just waiting on the police. Mr. Brady commented they should utilize Ms. Ziemba to help with this. She should be there so she knows who is doing what. Mr. Boose suggested including the Park District, because these are their parks as well. Mr. Boose said they are working on getting a quote to clean out the ravine were all the woodchucks are that tear up the Memorials. Ms. Soisson-Calhoun thought that will be wonderful.

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At 10:07 a.m. the Board resumed regular session with Amanda Gordon, McDonald Hopkins/ARPA **update**. Ms. Ziemba passed out a spread-sheet listing projects. It included all the projects that were approved by Ms. Gordon. The top page is the revenue replacement, what is remaining after today's approval is \$510,327.03 She said Mr. Welch has a list of projects he is working on. Mr. Boose requested a copy of Mr. Welch report for everyone. Ms. Ziemba once again explained on the spreadsheet are all the projects Ms. Gordon has approved under revenue replacement and the commissioners are in contract for except for the last two. They have awarded the bid and will be getting the contract signed which they should have those contracts by the commissioner's next meeting. She said so that puts the commissioners down to the \$510,327.03 to use for revenue replacement projects. Ms. Ziemba said the amount that was over and above the commissioner's \$10,000,000 revenue replacement was \$1,317,487.00. Of this, is Administration which the commissioners have a couple contracts, but they kind-of down-sized that amount that was needed. She asked if the commissioners were still good with \$250,000. Ms. Ziemba said this is intended for the next two years for complete close-out. She stated the broadband project is the other project that was in the overage bucket. This was \$899,947.58 plus the legal fees to advertise was \$138.60 so the remaining amount that is in the restricted funding bucket is \$153,690.42. She said Ms. Gordon has three projects that have been submitted to her that can be potentially approved in the restricted fund. One is the Airport water drainage management project. Mr. Strickler said the commissioners do not own the property yet. They are waiting for the surveyor to get the legal description done. He said he is supposed to get a phone call back from Mr. Henshaw on Friday. Mr. Boose questioned is this a dead project or a possible project? Mr. Strickler said it is possible of the surveyor gets the legal description done and they can get the deed prepared in a couple weeks. Ms. Ziemba explained to Ms. Gordon this is the project the Airport has received one quote from a vendor for \$73,000, so it is under the \$75,000 bid threshold, but what is their process? Do they need to have more than one quote? Ms. Gordon asked they have both ARPA bidding requirements and procurement and if they are different the commissioners must take the more restricted one. She said a \$73,000 figure on the federal side is going to be more restrictive. She said for a micro purchase under the federal law is up to \$50,000 even though on the state side they can go up to \$75,000. She said it is actually a simplified acquisition which is called a "small purchase." She said under a simplified acquisition the commissioners are supposed to get quotes from three qualified vendors, but that can include catalogs and online items. Ms. Gordon said for a drainage issue she does not know how many contractors are available to quote this project. The Airport should try and get a couple more quotes.

Ms. Gordon said one of the reasons she is at the meeting today is to get the commissioners obligated for a number of things. She said there are some other projects with development and things like this, that are lagging for a number of reasons, and out of necessity these things happen. She gave an example, in one of her communities they have a humongous HVAC project that is going to be their fall back for any money that's left over. They are already obligated for this HVAC project. She said they want the commissioners to be proactive, for if money is left, they want to be sure there are places to put it. Mr. Boose feels Huron County is in good shape because they have money in their permanent improvements. They have money set aside for other projects that need to be done. He said whether they get ARPA money or not get ARPA money the projects need to be done. Hopefully all the quotes will come in low so they can do more projects. He said the fact is they have needs, and they have some money set aside for improvements they can fall back on. These are all projects that the commissioners need to get done. Ms. Gordon confirmed the commissioners are set up very well. Mr. Brady asked Ms. Ziemba to send an email to Mr. Sparks at the airport to work on getting two more quotes. Ms. Ziemba asked Ms. Gordon if the airport need written quotes. In the past she has reached out to vendors who say they will not or cannot quote the project. They have documented it in an email or written letter, will this count as a quote. Ms. Gordon said this should work but hopefully they can get a couple more quotes. Ms. Gordon said to put a reasonable deadline. Everyone agreed the end of November was reasonable. She confirmed they want a contract before the end of the year. Ms. Ziemba said the next item that can be potentially approved in the restricted fund is an Emergency Management vehicle to replace the current one that is having many mechanical issues. Ms. Gordon noted this one would be under Public Health section. Ms. Ziemba said she does have the necessary memo from Ms. Gordon for this one. She asked Ms. Gordon what would be the process for purchasing a truck. Ms. Gordon said if they are under \$250,000, which they will be, the state would be between \$75,000 and \$125,000. She said they can just get informal estimates. The federal would be simplified acquisition, which is doing three quotes. Ms. Ziemba said she will work on getting quotes and she thinks Mr. Mead has two. Ms. Ziemba said the third one Ms. Gordon received a change order back in early Spring for when the commissioners were looking for projects for the restricted bucket. Northcoast Wireless, they had the Broadband project. They sent a quote for \$100,000. Ms. Ziemba read from information Mr. Riedy gave her for today, "As an update on the project in general most of the towers are at least 50% operational, several are at 100%. This is what the commissioners are currently in bid for. Several users have signed up and the service is getting excellent reviews. Northcoast Wireless is hoping to have all the tower work completed in the next few weeks. The last phase of the project will be the installation of all the boosters, the micro-pops around the county. The phase should be starting in approximately one month. The change order that they submitted would greatly increase the speed being offered to the Huron County residents by cutting the distance between the towers almost in half. The change order would also make the service easier to obtain for residents by increasing the signal strength and by offering more locations that are

broadcasting the service." Ms. Ziemba asked Ms. Gordon what the process would be for a \$100,000 change order. Is it just approving a change order to the current contract? Ms. Gordon confirmed yes, because they already have a contract and they already approved it. She said the only issue with this broadband change order is if the commissioners exceed \$1,000,000 on the project, they would have to do a written justification for it. Ms. Ziemba said they will stay under it. She is going to proceed forward with all three projects under the ARPA guidelines, and with other money as well. Ms. Ziemba will list both in the resolution. She thinks they may have a little bit more on the revenue replacement side.

Ms. Gordon asked Ms. Ziemba under the restrictive funding there is \$153,690.42, if the broadband ends up being \$100,000 this gives the commissioners \$53,690 left. If the Ford truck is \$100,000 to \$125,000, they could still pull from the restrictive funding like everyone just talked about. She said the truck would also qualify under the restrictive \$10,000,000 bucket too. Ms. Ziemba asked if they could split these two. Ms. Gordon confirmed yes, they can be split. They'll have to follow the more restrictive requirements, but she thinks they may have a little bit more on the revenue replacement side. Ms. Gordon confirmed the vehicle could qualify under either of the buckets. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba for a list of the three projects discussed today. She will print it out for the commissioners.

Mr. Boose asked if they could move now to discuss the \$10,000,000. He reminded Mr. Welch the commissioners have \$510,327.03 available for projects that have not already been approved. Mr. Welch started with the downtown office project, which he stated is a solid price at \$68,550. He is waiting for the second quote from Wadsworth. They have till Friday to get it to him. Ms. Gordon asked if they are going back to revenue replacement process. The HVAC companies are all being pulled off of the state term Ohio bylaws schedule, so this is where the costs comes from. He usually has two local companies that quote these. The third company is not around here. Ms. Gordon said if he is under \$75,000, he is back to the state law and he does not need to competitively bid. She said if they are between \$75,000 to \$125,000, he must due the cost price analysis and get informal estimates. As she looks at this first one Mr. Welch does not need to bid and does not need to follow federal process.

Mr. Welch said the second project is the Courthouse Tuckpoint, he has one quote on this and is waiting for another local quote and one out of Columbus. The \$73,193 is a hard number he did receive. The next project is the air-handlers at 306 South Norwalk Rd., which the quotes are due at the end of this week. He does have an estimated cost of \$250,000 on this. These companies are being pulled off of the state term Ohio bylaws schedule also.

Mr. Welch said the next one is the floor at the Transfer Station. He had these bid documents done this past Spring. The estimated cost did go up \$5,000, that cost is \$225,000 now. He received this hard number yesterday. Ms. Ziemba asked if that quote included the engineer. Mr. Welch said no. Mr. Boose asked why they did not procure the engineer. Mr. Welch said for many reasons. One, it is really difficult at a landfill when they must transfer all the data on the ground water wells, NTDS wells. This creates a mess with a new engineer, this is why they will remain with the current one. This is the third one the commissioners have had since Mr. Welch has been out there. Ms. Ziemba said Mr. Welch did use an engineer, however he did not go through the ARPA procurement process because it was not initially an ARPA project. The commissioners were initially going to pay for it with 310, permanent improvement. Ms. Ziemba said they did not go through the ARPA procurement process because Mr. Welch already had the engineer in contract. Ms. Ziemba confirmed the engineer will be separate. The bid for the project itself is eligible, but will need to be bid. Mr. Boose asked if they have time. Ms. Ziemba said yes, she has it ready for today, if this is a project the commissioners would like to do; she has the resolution prepared. Mr. Welch will get everything together and do the legal notice. Mr. Welch confirmed the bid opening would be December 3rd, 2024. Ms. Ziemba confirmed with Ms. Gordon this is an eligible project under revenue replacement.

Mr. Welch said the next project is for the downtown office controls at the Courthouse which controls all the heat for that whole block. The controls down there now are the originals from 2006 and they probably should be upgraded whether the commissioners do it now, or the incoming commissioners do it. This is HVAC related. The quotes for this project are due by the end of this week. Mr. Boose said this is a project that needed to be done twenty years ago. Mr. Welch said the HVAC cooling tower replacement quote he will have at the end of this week. The only cost not on the list is the asphalt sealing out at the BMV. He has one quote on this and it is \$10,000. He is waiting for a second quote.

Mr. Brady if they do the broadband, that is \$100,000. There is \$53,690.42, and if the truck is \$123,000, that is \$70,000 right there. The remainder of the truck if they went this route and that is not talking drainage at the Airport. There are so many moving parts on the Airport project because they still do not own it. He said downtown including HVAC and tuckpoint projects they are able to get a contract soon. He said for the Transfer Station if not enough money with ARPA, he is okay with going back to 310 fund.

Mr. Boose is for moving forward with all projects and Mr. Welch needs to work with Ms. Ziemba and Ms.

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Gordon in coordinating getting the proper process done on time. He does not recommend doing the BMV/Title parking lot sealing project. That should be the cost of BMV and Title. Ms. Ziemba asked Ms. Gordon when Mr. Welch is getting two quotes on some of the HVAC projects, does he need to try for a third quote? Ms. Gordon said it depends on the amount. She asked how it is normally done. Mr. Welch said state term. She said do it how they normally do it, however, if they can get a third quote, do it. She said she will owe Ms. Ziemba some memos. She said Ms. Gordon did do one on the HVAC, but owes her one for the Transfer Station.

Terry Boose moved to approve all the projects discussed today, except for the sealing of the BMV parking lot project, utilizing ARPA funds and any additional amounts to be paid with permanent improvement funds. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Arthur Mead and Kye Stevens to Wood County EMA for the EMAO Meeting on November 1, 2024.

SIGNINGS- No Signings

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Prosecutor Report

Mr. Boose asked if we are good on NCAT. Mr. Strickler explained that his corrections were accepted. He said they must not be meeting in November because Ms. Habig said she is going to take the lease to their board in December. Mr. Brady confirmed they are not meeting in November because there is a Transit Conference. Mr. Strickler said the commissioners could get a check for 2024 rent early January.

Mr. Boose asked Mr. Brady to mention to Ms. Habig the fact that the Veterans are looking to purchase a handicap van. He would like Mr. Brady to ask her if she has any ideas or connections regarding the purchase of the van.

Commissioner Brady report

Mr. Brady attended Collins Methodist Church and presented them their Proclamation regarding 185th Anniversary.

He did attend the Trauma Form Community on Friday morning. He said a gentleman, Mr. Swaisgood, Board of DD, gave an excellent presentation about how to interact with people who have disabilities.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose stated they received the minutes for the September 19th, LEPC meeting. There is a meeting Friday, November 1st, 2024, 8:30a.m. – 10:30a.m. which will discuss collaborative solutions for the Northeast Ohio housing future. Ms. Stebel asked if the commissioners would like it on the calendar. They confirmed yes. Mr. Boose said the location is the new center at Northeast Ohio Medical University, in Rootstown, OH, and registration must be by October 25, 2024.

The sixth round of remediation in Brownfield Demolition was awarded. The Board did not see they were included. Mr. Boose asked if anyone has contacted them to ask when they intend to award this, when will they move forward and will it happen this year or not? Mr. Brady said the State has given no information. He will check with Judy Lykins at Landbank. She may have more information.

Mr. Boose said there is an Ohio Grant Summit for November 19th and 20th, which the Office of Budget Management will be hosting. This is a virtual conference to be streamed on the Ohio channel. Mr. Boose said on Day 1 there are several topics included, people policies and systems and the foundation establishing sustainable grant capacity. He said Day 2 is obligating and closing out ARPA Fiscal Recovery. He thinks Ms. Ziemba is signed up for both days. Ms. Stebel said she will ask her because it is not on her calendar.

He stated he has a CCAO Board of Directors meeting on Friday.

24-333

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING BIDS FOR THE HURON COUNTY TRANSFER STATION FLOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Harry Brady 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)(l) 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.

WHEREAS, Huron County desires to seek bids for the Huron County Transfer Station Floor Replacement Project. The project will be funded with ARPA funds; 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;

WHEREAS, McDonald Hopkins LLC has reviewed the Huron County Transfer Station Floor Replacement Project request and the relevant ARPA regulations and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Revenue Loss Category because the use of such funds meets the "government services" requirement of the Rules, a copy of McDonald Hopkins LLC's opinion is attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a notice seeking bids for the aforementioned Project must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County for a minimum of two weeks and on the County's website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code;

now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the bid be let for the Huron County Transfer Station Floor Replacement Project. The project shall be financed with funds received through ARPA;

and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation within Huron County and posted on the County's website www.hccommissioners.com accessed by clicking on legal notices, until the bids are opened;

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.

Terry Boose seconded the motion.

*<u>Discussion</u>: Ms. Ziemba stated the project will be advertised on Nov. 1st and Nov. 8th. The bid will open on December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Boose requested the advertisement be placed in the Reflector and Norwalk Ohio News.

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

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

At 11:10 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 22, 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Signatures on File

The following bids for Downtown Office Complex Reroof Project were opened on October 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

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