

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

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Commissioner Elect; Tom Dunlap, Commissioner Elect; Megan Bursley, Treasurer; Eileen Stanic, Meeder Public Funds; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the November 5, 2024 and November 7, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 5, 2024 and November 7, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

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

24-356

**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 #391335 and #389757 (JPMorgan Chase Bank NA) 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.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if there was an explanation for the legal expenses, \$725 for the airport on page six. She was not sure and asked Mr. Strickler if Ms. Stebel sends these to him for review. Mr. Strickler said no, she usually sends the Humane Society legal bills to check if there is a court case to confirm the fee. Ms. Ziemba read from the invoice, which was from Mr. John Wirtz, "telephone conference with Mr. Scott Sparks in reference to lease review, lease preparation, final review and forward draft to Sparks." Mr. Strickler said Mr. John Wirtz is from Canton, and has represented the airport for a while now.

Mr. Wilde mentioned the commercial building department, SAFEbuilt, which is in the commissioners' building. The commissioners received payment to the general fund for \$1,057.50. The commissioners do get this back each month, which is 5% of the total. He said the office they are in really does not cost the commissioners anything, and it is a great service for our community. Mr. Wilde mentioned Willard is looking at hiring SAFEbuilt for their residential building department.

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

Aye – Terry Boose  
Absent – 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 various departments like Commissioners, Data Processing, Auditor, Prosecutor, and Adult Probation.

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002971	Synergy Hotel Rooms	\$600.72			Department: Clerk of Courts-Title	11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-003861	Pledge, Neosporn, Remote & Batteries	\$47.03
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002971	110-50475 Other	\$3,387.22			Account 132.132.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$47.03		
Department DD Cjvg Total:					\$3,471.96			Department Clerk of Courts-Title Total:				\$47.03		
Fund 110 - DD OPTG Total:					\$3,471.96			Fund 132 - Clerk of Courts-Title Total:				\$47.03		
Fund: 115 - Public Assistance														
Department: Public Assistance														
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002291	CCMEP-Youth-Carve Subscription 101724-101925	\$45.60			Department: Clerk of Courts Computer	11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-003911	Toner-Amazon	\$97.89
Account 115.115.00250 (CCMEP) Total:					\$45.60			11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-003911	INK Cartridges-Amazon	\$188.37	
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002341	10 Tumpke EZ Passes	\$123.00			11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-003911	Toner Cartridges-Amazon	\$251.32	
Account 115.115.00475 (Other Expense) Total:					\$123.00			Account 134.134.00250 (Expenditures) Total:				\$61.35		
Department Public Assistance Total:					\$169.20			Department Clerk of Courts Computer Total:				\$598.83		
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002401	APS 8th Certificate-D Dutcher	\$25.77			Fund 134 - Clerk of Court Computer				\$598.83		
Account 115.116.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$25.77			Fund 145 - Childrens Services						
Department Public Assistance Total:					\$25.77			Department: Children's Service	11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002541	IV-E Foster Care Child Expenditure-Shoes-B	\$65.95
Fund 115 - Public Assistance Total:					\$194.97			Account 145.145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:				\$65.95		
Fund: 123 - WIOA														
Department: WIOA														
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002481	CCMEP-Youth-Carve Subscription 101724-101925	\$74.40			Department Children's Service Total:				\$65.95		
Account 123.123.00230 (CCMEP WIOA Youth) Total:					\$74.40			Fund 145 - Childrens Services Total:				\$65.95		
Department WIOA Total:					\$74.40			Fund 177 - Emergency Management	11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-004101	Toilets + Zip Ties	\$20.97
Fund 123 - WIOA Total:					\$74.40			Account 177.177.00280 (Equipment) Total:				\$20.97		
Fund: 125 - Auto Tax														
Department: Auto Tax Road														
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-000271	Hydraulic Hose Fittings	\$256.93			11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-004131	Fire Shovel Sales Tax	\$3.39	
Account 125.126.00275 (Equipment Maintenance) Total:					\$256.93			Account 177.177.00300 (Travel) Total:				\$381.85		
Department Auto Tax Road Total:					\$256.93			Department Emergency Management Total:				\$402.82		
Fund 125 - Auto Tax Total:					\$256.93			Fund 177 - Emergency Management Total:				\$402.82		
Fund: 132 - Clerk of Courts-Title														
								Department: Harter Trust	11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002541	Harter-Fall Festival for Foster Families	\$200.00
								Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:				\$632.07		
								Department Harter Trust Total:				\$632.07		
								Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:				\$632.07		
Fund: 775 - BMV														
Department: BMV														
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002291	Notary-McLeod-8270966	\$166.00									
Account 775.775.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$166.00									
Department BMV Total:					\$166.00									
Fund 775 - BMV Total:					\$166.00									
Grand Total:					\$8,581.59									

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002541	Harter-Cedar Post Tickets-LR	\$342.07	
Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$632.07	
Department Harter Trust Total:					\$632.07	
Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$632.07	
Fund: 775 - BMV						
Department: BMV						
11/20/2024	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	389757	2024-002291	Notary-McLeod-8270966	\$166.00	
Account 775.775.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$166.00	
Department BMV Total:					\$166.00	
Fund 775 - BMV Total:					\$166.00	
Grand Total:					\$8,581.59	

Sign 1 Bruce Wilde Sign 2 Terry Boone Sign 3 Absent

24-357

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2025 COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) PLAN YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, this Board approved the CEBCO 2025 Renewal Rate and Plan options on September 19, 2024, Resolution 24-301; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to approve the employee contributions for the 2025 plan year commencing January 1, 2025, and in doing so will continue to offer two plans to the county staff; and

**WHEREAS**, employees who waive coverage under either of the two plans now being offered and can provide proof of health insurance coverage will be entitled to an annual stipend of \$1,300.00 to be paid monthly on a pro-rata basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the stipend cited above shall not be paid to any employee whose spouse is covered under any of the Huron County health plans; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following health insurance plans and rates for the calendar year of 2025:

**PPO Plan 2F:**

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness Monthly	Employee Non-Wellness Monthly	Neutral Employee Monthly
Single - EE	\$750.28	\$59.36	\$109.36	\$83.36
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,652.89	\$159.65	\$209.65	\$183.65
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,384.25	\$125.81	\$175.81	\$149.81
Family - FAM	\$2,250.86	\$226.10	\$276.10	\$250.10

**HSA Plan E1:**

	Employer Monthly	Employee Wellness	Employee Non-Wellness	Neutral Employee
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		<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
Single - EE	\$692.66	\$52.96	\$102.96	\$76.96
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1,525.84	\$145.54	\$195.54	\$169.54
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1,244.72	\$114.30	\$164.30	\$138.30
Family - FAM	\$2,078.01	\$206.89	\$256.89	\$230.89

Employer HSA Contributions:

	<b>One-Time Contribution for HSA renewal employees</b>	<b>One-Time Contributions for new HSA employees</b>	<b>Monthly Contribution for all HSA employees</b>
Single - EE	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$57.70
Employee/Spouse - ESP	\$1250.00	\$1250.00	\$131.31
Employee/Children - ECH	\$1250.00	\$1250.00	\$108.61
Family - FAM	\$1250.00	\$1250.00	\$177.55

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board will continue the annual incentive stipend of \$1,300, paid on a pro-rated monthly basis, to employees who choose not to participate in any of the County’s health plans, who are not covered under the plan of a spouse or other family member who is covered by one of the County’s health plans, and who present certification of coverage under another health insurance provider as required by ORC 305.171(G) and (H);

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
- Absent – Harry Brady
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

24-358

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MARETT SNOW REMOVAL, INC. FOR 2024-2025 SNOW REMOVAL**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pete Welch, Director of Operations, recommends contracting for snow removal at the Huron County Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Marett Snow Removal, Inc. has expressed interest in providing snow removal/plowing for the County; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Facilities Snow Removal Agreement with Marett Snow Removal, Inc. for the 2024-2025 winter season, 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
- Absent – Harry Brady
- Aye – Bruce Wilde

*\*Agreement on file*



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

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

24-361

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for an appropriation adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners finds the request to be reasonable; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the following appropriation adjustment:

FROM	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO	Dept	Account	Fund	Amount
	022	00125	001	\$60,000.00		022	00280	001	\$60,000.00
	B&G Salaries					B&G Service Contract			

and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is instructed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting said adjustment; 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  
Absent – Harry Brady  
Aye – Bruce Wilde

24-362

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX EMERGENCY AIR & DIRT SEPARATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AWARING THE PROJECT TO AIR FORCE ONE**

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 to replace the emergency air & dirt separator at the Huron County Downtown Office Complex 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Air Force One is a part of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Ohio Buys Program, State Contract Number CTR006257; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds to replace the emergency air & dirt separator at the Huron County Downtown Office Complex; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Proposal submitted by Air Force One in the amount of \$12,791.00, as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

24-363

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH WASINIAC CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING MASONRY REPAIRS PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

- (1) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;



- (2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (3) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency; or
- (4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. and

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds for the Huron County Downtown Office Building Masonry Repairs Project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve and enters into contract with Wasiniak Construction, Inc. for the Huron County Downtown Office Building Masonry Repairs Project in the amount of \$70,000.00 as attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein; and further

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

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

24-364

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #002 WITH SONA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE HURON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc., (Architect) recommends a change order for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Modernization Project as follows:

- 1) Additional work required to pass final elevator inspection by State of Ohio Inspector. The Contract Sum will be increased by \$25,842.38.
- 2) Assembly of Liquidated Damages that started on July 2, 2024 and ended October 9, 2024 at a rate of \$200.00 a day. This equates to 98 days. Deduct \$19,600.00

TOTAL CONTRACT CHANGE: \$6,242.38 now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #002 as submitted by Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc. for Contractor, Sona Construction, LLC for the Huron County Administration Building Elevator Modernization Project as listed 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:** Ms. Ziemba noted Ms. Stebel will process final payment this week. She said the commissioners will see, on the claims schedule, next week, \$38,713.18.

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

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

*\*Change order on file*

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

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

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

David Longo, Public Defender, to Dublin Ohio, on November 20 -22, 2024, for the Death Penalty Seminar.

Lara Hozalski and Michele Pfeiffer, to Columbus, Ohio on December 6, 2024, for the CLCCA Winter Conference.

**SIGNINGS - None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Administrator/Clerk report**

Ms. Ziemba stated she just received an email that there are draining issues at the Dog Warden's office. She asked Mr. Welch and Mr. Minor to assist Mr. Jasinski, but there may need to be an emergency approval to fix. She also reported all the numbers went to the Auditor's office for the interim budget. Ms. Smith is working on getting everything together.

##### **Assistant Prosecutor report**

Mr. Strickler has been working on the Shady Lane project. He spoke with BJAAM, the environmental covenant has been submitted to the Fire Marshal/BUSTR. The commissioners are waiting for their approval. He reminded everyone the lot split has been done. There is kind-of a wrinkle on this, the grant people wanted the commissioners to sign an affidavit stating the county is not responsible for the original contamination on the property. Mr. Strickler said it is his understanding that the petroleum tanks that were out there belonged to the county engineer at one time, no one knows how long ago, thus the commissioners could not sign the affidavit. He said to solve this they are going to have transfer Parcel 2, to the Land Bank, on a temporary basis, in order for the commissioners to get the grant, to tear the buildings down. However, the commissioners need to get the environmental covenant approved and recorded, before they can do this transfer, because the environmental covenant goes with the land.

Mr. Wilde asked who they are waiting on for this. Mr. Strickler said they are waiting for the Fire Marshal's office. He said the environmental covenant was submitted to the Fire Marshal/BUSTR on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Once the Fire Marshal/BUSTR signs off on it and gives it back to the commissioners, Mr. Strickler will need Mr. Boose to sign as President of the Board. He will run it to the Recorder's office and they will record it, because the environmental covenant relates back to the deed. The deed has already been filed. Mr. Strickler has the original deed, which has the new description. It refers back to this deed, so when the commissioners transfer Parcel 2 temporarily to the Land Bank that will go with it. He said they want to make sure they keep the claim and title clean on this property. It is one thing they have to transfer Parcel 2 to Land Bank as kind-of a holder, so the commissioners can get the grant. The Land Bank will transfer Parcel 2 back to the commissioners once the grant is spent and it is over. He is working with Ms. Lykins at Land Bank. They are having a meeting on Thursday and Mr. Strickler will be available by phone if there are questions. Mr. Boose commented this is a large grant, \$400,000, but what a ton of work for all the offices and consultants, all over a tank that was underground 75 years ago and a possible orchard, they do not even know for sure. Mr. Strickler reminded everyone the orchard problem is in Parcel 1. He said the grant people also wanted a letter stating what the commissioners intent was. He took the initiative, as the Board's legal counsel, to send the letter stating it is the Board's intent to transfer Parcel 2 to the Erie County Land Bank upon approval and recording of the environmental covenant. Mr. Wilde commented the grant people are on-board with this, because they have been very helpful. The grant people want to see this done.

Mr. Wilde stated he had a conversation with Sue Wilson, Family Life Counseling, and they have found two potential locations to relocate out of the Shady Lane property.

Mr. Strickler has started working on the Senior Enrichment Center lease. Mr. Boose updated the Board on the Senior Enrichment Center progress. At the meeting he brought up training for maintaining the building, such as electrical, HVAC, security etc. This training will be for Mr. Beal's staff and the county Building & Grounds staff. The first training is set-up for this Thursday, at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler if he has heard back on the Transportation lease. Mr. Strickler stated they have a verbal approval, but their Board will officially approve it in December. The County will receive a check for the full year once it is signed.

**Commissioner Wilde report**

Land Bank meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

OSU Extension lunch meeting today at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Boose reminded Mr. Wilde to RSVP for Township Association dinner which is on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**At 9:55 a.m.** the Board recessed.

**At 10:00 a.m.** the Board resumed regular session.

**At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Boose opened the Investment Board meeting with Megan Bursley, Treasurer in attendance.** Eileen Stanic, Meeder Public Funds in attendance.

***Megan Bursley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Terry Boose seconded the motion. All voting in favor.***

Ms. Bursley stated the current interest rate is 5.04%, as of the end of October. When everyone met in January it was 5.54%, in September it was 5.29%, thus the Star Ohio interest rate is dropping down. They are projected to make \$2.2 million on the investments for 2025. This includes both the Meeder investments and the Star Ohio interest as well. This is an increase from their projection, which was given in August, from \$685,000. Ms. Bursley said because the rate is dropping, she did move \$5 million from STAR Ohio to Meeder Investments. She is going to move another \$5 million from STAR Ohio to Meeder Investments, to hold a longer-term allocation, the fluctuation will even it out. Ms. Bursley also moved \$5.6 million from STAR Ohio into the general account, which was getting a bit lower, than where they like to keep it. Ms. Bursley did include the commissioners' list of the top fifty delinquents in the county. The first three pages show who has contracts. Not all on the list are certified delinquent, so they are not all eligible for foreclosure. She noted quite a few of them are under contract. She said this report is to give the commissioners an idea where they are at.

Ms. Bursley reviewed the finances for account balances as of October 31, 2024, checking account interest, recap of earned interest, and the landfill statement:

Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

The Huron County Investment Board held its quarterly meeting on August 27th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the County Commissioners at 180 Milan Avenue.

In attendance were Commissioners Terry Boose, Harry Brady and Skip Wilde. Also present: Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk to the Board, Randy Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor, members of the press from the Norwalk Reflector and Norwalk Ohio News, and Brad Mesenburg, and Tom Dunlap upcoming Commissioners running in the November 2024 election.

Commissioner Brady, the 2024 Investment Board Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Boose, Treasurer Bursley.

Commissioner Boose made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the April 16th, 2024, Investment Board Quarterly meeting and approve them as written. Commissioner Boose made the motion, seconded Treasurer Bursley. All voted yes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed second quarter reports from 2024.

STAR Ohio was 5.43% as of July 31st, 2024, and was 5.45% in April 2024.

Meeder's projected investment income for 2024 is \$685,000.00 which is an increase on the projection that was given in April from \$640,000.00. Our interest for second quarter is \$171,233.80 bringing the first half of 2024 total to \$307,445.47.

Second half real estate bills were mailed, and settlement has taken place. Past Due bills have been mailed out. The Premier Money Market account was used this year to hold collection amounts until settlement could be processed. Premier Money Market account matches STAR Ohio with their rates and only changes every 15 days. This helped our money market account as well as kept our funds available to a local bank.

A list of the top 50 delinquents in the County was provided. Treasurer Bursley noted that there were some who were already on payment contracts, and Treasurer Bursley had just met with Jacob Stephens from the Prosecutor's Office to begin working on foreclosure notices for certified delinquents. Not all on the list were certified delinquent.

The next meeting will be November 19th, 2024, at 180 Milan Avenue.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Bursley

Huron County Treasurer

Summary of Huron County Account Balances 2024

Civista Bank General Fund Account: \$ 7,449,390.10 as of Oct 31st, 2024
Premier Bank Money Market: \$ 2,898,778.20 as of Oct 31st, 2024
PNC Money Market: \$ 872,721.45 as of Oct 31st, 2024
STAR Ohio: \$ 23,156,416.86 as of Oct 31st, 2024
Meeder Investments: \$ 30,405,472.92 as of Oct 31st, 2024
Total: \$ 64,782,779.53

Summary of Huron County Account Balances as of September 30th, 2023

Civista Bank General Fund Account: \$12,349,249.69
Premier Bank Money Market: \$2,670,416.65
PNC Money Market: \$845,179.09
STAR Ohio: \$28,673,771.53
Meeder Investments: \$23,922,432.12
Total: \$ 68,461,049.08

Checking Account Interest 2024

Table with columns: PAID IN, BANK ACCOUNT, INTEREST, YTD TOTAL. Rows include months from January to December for CIVISTA LANDFILL, PNC MONEY MARKET, and PREMIER MONEY MKT.

RECAP OF EARNED INTEREST

Table showing recap of earned interest by year from 2016 to 2024. Includes sub-totals for 2016-2020 and 2021-2025, and a final total for 2024 as of 10/31/2024.

RECAP OF EARNED INTEREST			
	2000	2001	2002
Checking	28,564.95	46,931.72	87,199.25
CD's	593,301.22	749,150.36	1,150,000.00
STAR	368,128.57	353,430.36	479,150.00
Totals	979,994.36	843,036.05	877,579.25
	2003	2004	2005
Checking	80,004.15	111,805.22	136,689.44
CD's	32,534.00	194,737.47	167,900.00
STAR	32,534.00	224,800.00	392,538.54
Totals	405,838.40	320,662.69	529,368.44
	2006	2007	2008
Checking	15,500.00	6,734.62	5,373.27
CD's	15,500.00	5,502.16	10,365.60
STAR	15,500.00	3,262.22	13,229.20
Totals	47,500.00	32,799.47	945,163.10
	2009	2010	2011
Checking	20,105.95	59,110.80	18,251.11
CD's	207,194.00	207,194.00	281,792.55
STAR	401,274.68	449,463.30	177,006.94
Totals	845,046.06	449,463.30	220,255.74
	2012	2013	2014
Checking	75,879.67	48,990.33	3,290.19
CD's	15,500.00	6,924.62	1,176.65
STAR	15,500.00	506,362.41	221,472.39
Totals	833,753.14	8,421.28	13,717.17
	2015	2016	2017
Checking	18,251.11	9,421.28	74,246.06
Bonds	188,526.21	6,526.21	71,292.74
STAR Ohio	1,241.08	1,634.86	365.17
STAR Ohio Pre.	548.87	201.76	290.03
Totals	216,576.18	80,065.82	87,955.95

Huron County Landfill  
2024

Period in 2024	Huron County Landfill Report		Megan Bursley, Huron County Treasurer	
	Statement Date	Ending Balance	FUND 500	FUND 505
January	12/31/2023	28,010.02	271,368.22	L Equipment
February	1/31/2024	253,871.47	3,498.13	6,998.26
March	2/29/2024	235,824.43	3,885.68	7,771.35
April	3/31/2024	268,276.79	3,635.29	7,270.58
May	4/30/2024	246,527.47	3,335.05	7,571.10
June	6/30/2024	266,239.31	4,120.35	7,270.58
July	6/30/2024	283,313.31	3,440.56	6,981.12
August	7/31/2024	248,809.08	4,232.97	8,465.94
September	8/31/2024	278,846.77	3,971.04	7,842.08
October	10/31/2024	433,741.86	4,773.44	8,374.22
November	10/31/2024	143,758.39	4,537.11	6,074.22
December	11/30/2024		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		\$2,733,886.49	42,644.36	\$2,648,289.77
				86,288.72

Eileen Stanic, Meeder Public Funds reviewed the Meeder Report for the Huron County Operating Account. The report is on file.

At 10:40 a.m. Megan Bursley moved to adjourn the Investment Board meeting. Terry Boose seconded the motion. The Investment Board stood adjourned.

Mr. Bursley stated beginning of next year she is looking at new online payment systems for the tax payers. She would like to open it up to other departments if they so wish to choose. She would like to pick three for everyone to choose one. She is hoping Lexis is still interested, in case no one wants to move.

**Commissioner Boose report**

Mr. Boose reported he attended the CCAO Board meeting and Legislative reception last Tuesday. He shared an update with everyone. He stated he let them know he is not happy with how they handled the sales tax holiday, because no where in writing was it explained how they are doing the calculations. Mr. Boose stated he spoke with Mr. Adam Schwiebert and feels better that they have attempted to be fair to all the counties. Mr. Schwiebert said the money will be out soon from the Department of Taxation. Mr. Boose said there were not many legislators at the reception. The Senate was in committee meetings and the House was not back in session yet. The House won't meet again until December. Mr. Boose said there are four different bills that could be passed in lame duck. Their CCAO Board voiced that they should go through the full process, even if it goes over into the next year. These issues are just too big. He pointed out that the one bill that wasn't questioned was the 6% increase for the next four years, to elected official's salaries. Mr. Boose spoke to the Board and explained he understands there was a study done, which did a comparison to other states. However, no where in the study did they asked the different County Boards of Commissioners what their thoughts are. He asked can the county afford a 24%, and when compounding, it gets up to 30% in four years, increase for all elected officials? He asked if there was any discussion during the study with individual counties. The answer was no. He said the survey and study should have been a starting point. He commented passing these bills during lame duck is wrong. Mr. Wilde asked if this was also for the Representatives in Senate. Mr. Boose was not sure. Mr. Wilde said if it is state law then they were included, so they are giving themselves a raise also. Mr. Boose said there were many people in November, that were elected and start office in January, and if the raise is not approved before the end of this year, then the commissioners elected in November will not see the raise till 4 years from now. They would receive the 1.75%. Mr. Boose pointed out they are waiting on until next year on the lame duck bills, except salary increase one. Mr. Boose said there are two bills he feels are important. One being, MHAS (Mental Health & Addiction Services), in which the bill would say the commissioners can decide if they agree with the way MHAS is spending their money. If they do not agree, MHAS financials could be frozen and the commissioners would take over. The other bill states it would be illegal for any local government to pay ransom. It would need to go through the Department of Security. They should not take the power away from elected officials, who are close to the situation, which affects their budget, and give it to appointed officials. He mentioned Ms. Kellie Deeter, Ohio's Representative elect attended. Mr. Dunlap commented, she will be an asset for Huron County.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**TUESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**At 10:55 a.m.** Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Terry Boose 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 November 19, 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 10:55 a.m

Signature on File