

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; Brad Mesenburg, Commissioner Elect; Tom Dunlap, Commissioner Elect; Patricia Didion, Resident; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the November 12, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

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

At 9:05 a.m. Public comment – None

24-365

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FORD SUPER DUTY F-350 FOR THE HURON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)

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 purchase of an Emergency Management Vehicle and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under both the Revenue Loss Category and the Public Health Emergency 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 purchase of an Emergency Management Vehicle utilizing the Public Health Emergency category, which is urgently necessary to provide for the equipment necessary to meet the emergency needs of the citizens of the County imposed by the pandemic and other causes and thereby address the real and present emergency and need in the County therefor; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Super Duty F-350 from Don Tester Ford for the Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$113,143.70; and further

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

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

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

**On file*

24-366

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND #099 TO THE COUNTY BOND RETIREMENT FUND #205

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County Bond Retirement Fund payments are coming due; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 099-00600-001/transfer out in the amount of \$397,254.25 to the County Bond Retirement fund #205; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Treasurer, Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor’s office will make the journal entry to the #205 account; 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 stated other than bonds there is no outstanding debt at this point. The remaining outstanding bonds are: Energy bond, which started in 2007 has two years remaining. The Vestibule Project County Courthouse last payment will be in 2030. The 2018 bonds have four years left. The BMV/Title, ten years left. The Landfill last payment will be in 2030. The last one is Soil & Water, which the last payment is in 2026. Mr. Boose stated the BMV, Title, Landfill and Soil & Water all pay their bonds through their funds. None of the bonds can be paid off early.

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

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

24-367

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE LANDFILL FUND #500 TO THE LANDFILL BONDS FUND #520

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a transfer of moneys from 500-00550-500 needs to be made to the fund #520 for landfill bond; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of \$23,565.00 be transferred from Account 500-00550-500 (Transfer Out) to #520 Landfill Bonds Fund; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Auditor’s office will provide the Huron County Treasurer with a journal entry and the Huron County Treasurer will wire said money to the proper agency; and further

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

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

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

24-368

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND #110 AND HOME VISITING FUND #144

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
	11A	00425	110	\$1,000.00		11A	00500	110	\$1,000.00
		Workers Comp					Hospitalization		
	144	00425	144	\$750.00		144	00500	144	\$750.00
		Workers Comp					Hospitalization		

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Department requesting transfer, and the Huron County Auditor, and the Auditor is authorized and instructed to record said appropriation adjustment as approved; and further

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

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

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

24-369

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Title Office has plastic chair mats that are cracked and broken; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that they are not needed for public use; and

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 list of obsolete county property as attached hereto and incorporated herein be disposed of; and further

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

Board of Commissioners of the County of Huron, Ohio, relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

**On file*

SIGNINGS

Bruce Wilde moved to support and authorize signing the letter of support for CLI’s grant application. Harry Brady seconded the motion.

***Discussion:** Mr. Brady pointed out 5311 Funds are for public transportation, such as NCAT. The 5310 Funding is for Senior’s specialized needs, such as handicap wheel-chairs and Medicaid. The commissioners are working on getting additional 5310 funding for individuals who are handicapped and, for example, need transportation, but cross over county lines. Mr. Brady said this was discussed at the Public Transit Conference he just attended.

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

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

November 21, 2024

Kierra Branch
Section 5310 Program Coordinator, Office of Transit
1980 West Broad Street, Mail Stop 3110
Columbus, Ohio 43223

RE: CLI Incorporated's ODOT Application for 5310 funding

Dear Ms. Branch:

The Huron County Commissioners support CLI Incorporated’s request for 5310 funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to purchase 3 full size wheelchair vans.

CLI Incorporated is a 501(c)3, headquartered in Norwalk, Ohio, that provides comprehensive services to local residents with developmental disabilities. Most of the services provided require that CLI transport its clients throughout the Firelands region. As a significant portion of this clientele uses wheelchairs, specialized, expensive vehicles are required.

CLI’s requested vehicles will be utilized to expand community access and transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities. They will also be used to provide intermittent transportation to HCJFS clientele and otherwise fill gaps and needs in our area.

The use of these vehicles will not duplicate any services provided by our local 5311 grantee (North Central Area Transit).

The Huron County Commissioners support CLI Incorporated’s request for 5310 funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to purchase 3 full size wheelchair vans.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Terry Boose, Harry Brady, Bruce Wilde

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

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

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

Thomas Price and Mindy Soisson-Calhoun, Veteran Service, for various 2025 meetings.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Administrator/Clerk report – *None*

Assistant Prosecutor report – *None*

At 9:15 a.m. County Project updates. Steve Minor, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and Pete Welch, Director of Operations.

Steve Minor report.

The Recorder's lights were delivered in the wrong color and they are waiting for the correct lights to come in. No update on a delivery date.

The Magistrate lights still have a lead time of at least five weeks. They will be installed when they are received.

Administration Building floor project will be completed between Christmas and the New Year.

Clerk of Courts, Ms. Hartman, has taken the lead on the door project at the BMV/Title Office. She has been copying the communication to Mr. Minor and Mr. Tkach in her emails to the contractor. Still, they have not nailed down a date. The contractor needs approximately ten hours to complete the project. Ms. Hartman recommended a start time of 1:00 p.m., which will not work. Mr. Tkach thought they had decided to shut down for the day. Mr. Minor will speak to Ms. Hartman to confirm this.

Mr. Boose said he received a call, about the downtown office building, the outside door needs an adjustment. Mr. Minor will see if Mr. Armstrong is able to adjust it, if not, then they will need to call Stanley in to make the adjustment.

Pete Welch report. Mr. Welch said they had the pre-construction meeting for the pre-structural project downtown. There's an estimated start time in March. They also had the reroof meeting, with Damschroder. They are seeing a few things the commissioners may be paying extra for, which is why Mr. Welch has the contingency built in. The architect will send his recommendation. If they include extra work there will need to be a change order. Mr. Brady said before moving further, he would like to go back to the front entrance where there is underground work that requires cement. He said at some point it will require work, in front of the building, can any advance work be done to get the area prepped, so they do not need to shut the area down? Mr. Welch replied, no. Mr. Minor said they are going to cut an access so they can go through the lid and do all they can before ripping out the sidewalk. Mr. Welch said this is only if the architects approve a certain type of material called LSM, instead of gravel. Mr. Welch said LSM might give more support, will compact better and there should be less pressure on the outside walls. The architect is researching the product, before submitting a recommendation. Mr. Welch will contact the City of Norwalk to let them know when this work will be done, because it will involve three or four parking spots out front and closing the sidewalk. He will get a permit from them, before beginning the work. Mr. Boose said there will need to be an alternate public entrance during the project. Mr. Welch said they will make sure all employees and offices are aware of when the project will start. He stated when they have a firm project start date he will handle the notification and change in public entrance. The pre-bid meeting for the Transfer Station flooring was Monday. There were three companies that picked up bid packets, but only one company showed up for the mandatory pre-bid meeting. The bid opening is Dec. 3rd, 2024. Mr. Welch stated this was bid as an ARPA project, but they have overspent the ARPA funds, because of including contingency amounts in the contracts. However, the Board had originally planned to pay for this project from the permanent improvement fund #310. Also, the Landfill has funds available in their equipment reserve account, if needed. The Board agreed the intention is to pay from available ARPA funds and either of the other funds to complete the project. The carpet at JFS will be done between Christmas and New Year's.

Mr. Boose updated Mr. Welch on the Senior Enrichment Center meeting. They are having electrical training today at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Minor and his staff will be attending the training. Mr. Boose said this is a county building and he feels the county employees need to be familiar with the controls for the HVAC, lighting, etc.

Mr. Boose asked everyone how soon all the buildings at Shady Lane can be emptied. Mr. Minor questioned, if they are being torn down, why must they be completely emptied? Mr. Boose said he does not know how the buildings will be taken down. Mr. Welch pointed out knowing is important, because if the commissioners demo the buildings and there is office waste, such as paper, cardboard etc., these materials are solid waste and not a demo material. If there is solid waste it will cost the commissioners more to dispose of this at a landfill. Mr. Welch stated to save money the buildings need to be emptied. Mr. Welch

said if the building is cleaned out from normal trash it may save the county money on the demo. The cost in trash versus demolition/construction debris is different. Mr. Boose confirmed Mr. Beal, from the Senior Enrichment Center said he will get all their stuff out if the commissioners supply the dumpster. Mr. Welch said Mr. Beal has not contacted him, about a dumpster. Mr. Boose said there are some county owned items and Veteran's stuff in there that the staff could be working on cleaning out ahead of time. Mr. Minor said they would start with getting rid of everything metal first. Next, they would take out scraps and the trash last. Mr. Boose said the tonnage they are talking about is at \$30 a ton. He feels it is worth emptying the buildings. He stated he would like to have the buildings prepped to be demolished as soon as possible. Mr. Boose said he thought all the buildings were going except the Dog Warden's building/barn. Mr. Minor commented he will need a place to put the mowing equipment, if that building is torn down. Mr. Welch said when the commissioners apply for the Brownfield grant money, they will tell the commissioners which buildings need to go. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Welch to get with Mr. Beal and get the ball rolling for ordering the dumpster. Mr. Welch was not sure if he had one available. It may need to be hired out.

Commissioner Wilde report

Mr. Wilde stated there is a Land Bank meeting this afternoon. Ducks Unlimited this evening.

Commissioner Brady report

Mr. Brady reported on the Transit conference he attended. He felt they had good breakout sessions and was interested in hearing about the changes in the technology around transportation. He said the people in Transit would like to see their division taken from under ODOT. They would like their own separate department, so they are no longer under ODOT and getting their funding from ODOT. The fact is ODOT controls the building of roads and what drives on the roads.

Mr. Brady is planning to attend the CEBCO Board meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Brady stated NCAT has been in the county for almost a year now. They just hired three more drivers for Huron County. The lease will be approved at their December meeting.

Commissioner Boose report

Mr. Boose reported on the OSU Extension annual meeting. They have a quality program. He noted Huron County produces more vegetables dollar-wise than any other county, not just any other county but probably more than the rest of the State added together.

Mr. Boose stated they received the September sales tax report and it's down 5.5% from last year. Also, automobile sales were down 5% in.

At 10:10 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to adjourn. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk to the Board does hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct record of all actions taken by the Board of Huron County Commissioners on November 21, 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 10:10 a.m.

Signatures on File