

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 Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Brad Mesenburg, Resident; Jon White, Resident; Patricia Didion, Resident; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News; Kayla Cross, Huron County Growth Partnership; Jason Hamman, Hamman Consulting Group; Jan Tkach, Recorder.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the October 15, 2024 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 15, 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

24-334

**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 #390537 and authorize the Huron County Auditor to make the necessary warrant; and further

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

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches				Claims Register for Payment Batches										
Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	
Payment Type: All				Warrant Dates: 11/7/2024 to 11/7/2024					Account 001.010.00200 (Equipment) Total:					
Warrant Numbers: All				Payment Batches: 390537 to 390537					390537 2024-00231/1 Equipment Rental					
Funds: 001 to 951									11/07/2024 Shelby County TASC 390537 2024-00224/1 Drug Test Confirmations					
									Account 001.010.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					
									390537 2024-00224/1 Drug Test Confirmations					
									Department Adult Probation Total:					
									390537 2024-00281/1 Annual Compliance Fee 2025					
									Department Human Resources Total:					
									11/07/2024 HumanEasly 390537 2024-00281/1 Annual Compliance Fee 2025					
									Account 001.012.00525 (Contract Services) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Huron County Commissioners 390537 2024-00101/1 10 Cases of Copy Paper					
									11/07/2024 Shelby Printing LLC 390537 2024-00101/1 Booked Deposit Tickets					
									Account 001.013.00175 (Supplies) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Shelby Printing LLC 390537 2024-00101/1 Booked Deposit Tickets					
									11/07/2024 Shelby Printing LLC 390537 2024-00101/1 Marriage Envelopes					
									Account 001.015.00175 (Supplies) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Fresh Associates Inc 390537 2024-00114/1 2 Ink Pads					
									11/07/2024 Shelby Printing LLC 390537 2024-00114/1 Marriage Abstract					
									11/07/2024 Shelby Printing LLC 390537 2024-00114/1 Marriage License					
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									Account 001.015.00175 (Supplies) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Automation Mailing & Shipping Solutions Inc 390537 2024-00382/1 Pinwheel Labels					
									11/07/2024 Huron County Commissioners 390537 2024-00382/1 8 Cases of Paper					
									Account 001.017.00175 (Supplies) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Eric Hamman 390537 2024-00384/1 Reimburse for District Meeting					
									Account 001.017.00300 (Travel) Total:					
									11/07/2024 Norwalk Reflector 390537 2024-00385/1 Newspaper Subscription					
									Account 001.017.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					
									11/07/2024 City of Norwalk 390537 2024-00289/1 Legal Services- 3rd Quarter					
									Department Clerk of Courts Total:					
									11/07/2024 City of Norwalk 390537 2024-00289/1 Legal Services- 3rd Quarter					
									Department Police Muni Court					
									11/07/2024 City of Norwalk 390537 2024-00289/1 Legal Services- 3rd Quarter					

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11/07/2024	Capital One	390537	2024-00291Y	ES&A Reunification Home Needs A Lien	\$47.36		11/07/2024	Frontier	390537	2024-004181	911 Frontier SR	\$498.26	
Account 145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$4,274.50		Account 193.193.00525 (Contract Services) Total:					\$681.45	
Department Children's Service Total:					\$4,274.50		Department 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$681.45	
Fund 145 - Children's Services Total:					\$4,274.50		Fund 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications Total:					\$681.45	
Fund: 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund							Fund: 197 - EMA Hazmat						
Department: Local Fiscal Recovery Fund							Department: EMA Hazmat						
11/07/2024	Colman Software PBC	390537	2024-00331Y	Legal Notice for Transfer Station Floor Replacement	\$211.30		11/07/2024	Atlantic Coatings Solutions	390537	2024-004081	SC24 Mask Bags	\$151.00	
11/07/2024	Leadex Industrial Surfaces	390537	2024-00331Y	Stairs 180 Milan	\$22,826.70		Account 197.197.00175 (Supplies) Total:					\$151.00	
Account 163.163.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$22,826.70		Department EMA Hazmat Total:					\$151.00	
Department Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:					\$22,826.70		Fund 197 - EMA Hazmat Total:					\$151.00	
Fund 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:					\$22,826.70		Fund: 500 - Landfill						
Fund: 185 - 911							Department: Landfill						
Department: 911							11/07/2024						
11/07/2024	APCO International	390537	2024-00405Y	EMD Books	\$1,167.01		11/07/2024	CDW Government	390537	2024-00042Y	New Computer, USB Adapter	\$794.86	
Account 185.185.00380 (Training) Total:					\$1,167.01		11/07/2024	Circle Energy Inc	390537	2024-00042Y	Ceol Fuel	\$91.26	
Department 911 Total:					\$1,167.01		11/07/2024	Rumple of Ohio Inc	390537	2024-00042Y	Outdoor Recycle	\$3,396.54	
Fund 185 - 911 Total:					\$1,167.01		11/07/2024	180 Mason Co Inc	390537	2024-00042Y	Towers, Chuch, Calendars, Ink Pad	\$151.58	
Fund: 190 - Comprehensive Housing							Account 500.501.00280 (Contract Services) Total:					\$3,763.25	
Department: Comprehensive Housing							Department Landfill Total:					\$3,763.25	
11/07/2024	Great Lakes Community Action	390537	2024-00346Y	General Admin	\$5,012.00		Fund 500 - Landfill Total:					\$3,763.25	
Account 190.190.00525 (Contract Services/Ad) Total:					\$5,012.00		Fund: 620 - Harter Trust						
11/07/2024	Eric P Pons	390537	2024-00349Y	CHPDraw#6	\$15,500.00		Department: Harter Trust						
Account 190.190.00610 (Home Repair) Total:					\$20,512.00		11/07/2024	Frederick Federal Credit Union	390537	2024-00254Y	Harter Foster Care GR Cards Christmas 2024	\$10,000.00	
Department Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$20,512.00		11/07/2024	Frederick Federal Credit Union	390537	2024-00254Y	Harter GR Cards for Foster Care Children	\$80.00	
Fund 190 - Comprehensive Housing Total:					\$20,512.00		Account 620.620.00250 (Activities) Total:					\$11,060.00	
Fund: 193 - 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications							Department Harter Trust Total:					\$11,060.00	
Department: 9-1-1 & Countywide Communications							Fund 620 - Harter Trust Total:					\$11,060.00	
11/07/2024	American Electric Power	390537	2024-00401Y	ADP SR	\$212.19		Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Account 935.935.00290 (Expenditures) Total:					\$8,408.98		Department: Commissary Trust						
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,408.98		11/07/2024	Access Connections	390537	2024-00059Y	Sept. Secure deposit fees	\$66.00	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,408.98		11/07/2024	Remix Calling Solutions	390537	2024-00059Y	Sept Phone use	\$4,396.26	
Grand Total:					\$186,345.82		11/07/2024	Keefe Commissary Network	390537	2024-00059Y	Sept commissary stock	\$4,163.26	

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
11/07/2024	Capital One	390537	2024-00309Y	Coffee for inmate workers	\$93.46	
Account 635.635.00290 (Expenditures) Total:					\$8,408.98	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,408.98	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$8,408.98	
Grand Total:					\$186,345.82	

Sign 1 *Toby Booz* Sign 2 *Dean Wilde* Sign 3 *Harry Buechly*

24-335

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOME VISITING FUND #144, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND #110, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND #177**

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
	144	00500	144	\$34,201.92		144	00125	144	\$29,201.92
		Hospitalization					Salaries Employees		
						144	00400	144	\$5,000.00
							OPERS		
	110	00200	110	\$280,951.00		110	00475	110	\$330,951.00
		Equipment					Other Expenses		
	110	00250	110	\$50,000.00		11A	00125	110	\$50,000.00
		IT Services					Salaries SSA		
	110	00280	110	\$60,000.00		11A	00400	110	\$10,000.00
		Contract Services					OPERS SSA		
	177	00500	177	\$10,000.00		177	00125	177	\$8,590.00
		EMA Hospitalization					EMA Salaries		
						177	00460	177	\$110.00
							EMA Medicare		
						177	00400	177	\$1300.00
							EMA OPERS		

**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

24-336

**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
	099	00600	001	\$14,420.00		046	00200	001	\$14,420.00
	Transfer Out					IT Equipment			
	014	00460	001	\$300.00		013	00460	001	\$300.00
	Juvenile Probation Medicare					Juvenile Medicare			
	023	00400	001	\$4,000.00		023	00275	001	\$4,000.00
	Sheriff OPERS					Sheriff Contract/Repair			
	036	00200	001	\$6,000.00		036	00178	001	\$3,000.00
	Jail Equipment					Inmate Food			
						036	00275	001	\$3,000.00
						Jail Contract Repairs			
	036	00527	001	\$5,000.00		036	00526	001	\$6,000.00
	Jail Natural Gas					Jail Electric			
	036	00528	001	\$1,000.00					
	Jail Water/Sewer								
	033	00575	001	\$10,000.00		033	00485	001	\$35,000.00
	Veterans Relief Allowances					Veterans Van Expenses			
	033	00125	001	\$25,000.00					
	Veterans Salaries								

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.

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

24-337

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jill Eversole Nolan was appointed to fulfill a term on the Board of Developmental Disabilities that expires on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Nolan wishes to be re-appointed and it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to re-appoint Mrs. Nolan to a four year term; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby appoints Mrs. Jill Eversole Nolan to the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028; 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

24-338

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE HURON COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCE BOARD**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Paul D. Dolce’s term on the Huron County Law Library Resources Board expires December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dolce wishes to be re-appointed and it is the desire of the Board of Huron County Commissioners to re-appoint Paul D. Dolce to a five-year term; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby re-appoints Paul D. Dolce to the Huron County Law Library Resources Board to a term effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029; 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

24-339

**IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSING COUNTY PROPERTY**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, EMA has various equipment which no longer work and/or are obsolete and cannot be repaired; 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.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba stated this is for a 49-inch display monitor from dispatch that is not working.

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

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

24-340

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX STRUCTURAL WORK PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 24-332 the bid was awarded to Smith Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$325,000.00 for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Structural Work Project; 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**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Smith Paving & Excavating for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into an Agreement with Smith Paving & Excavating, 4426 N. Old State Road Norwalk, OH 44857 for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Structural Work Project as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and they will set the dates at that point.

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

24-341

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT DAMSCHRODER COMMERCIAL ROOFING, INC FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX REROOF PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 24-331 the bid was awarded to Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$508,797.00 for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Reroof Project; 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**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc. for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into an Agreement with Damschroder Commercial Roofing, Inc., 2228 Hayes Avenue, Fremont, OH 43420 for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Reroof Project as attached hereto and expressly incorporate by reference herein; and further

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

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Ms. Ziemba said the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and they will set the dates at that point. Mr. Boose reminded everyone to be sure to communicate with the people working in these buildings. He asked they are given dates and times the work will be done.

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

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

*\*Agreement on file*

24-342

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY WADSWORTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE HURON COUNTY SOUTH NORWALK RD. BLDG B AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT 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 purchase and installation of air handlers at the Huron County South Norwalk Rd. Bldg. B property 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**, Wadsworth Solutions is a part of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Ohio Buys Program, State Contract Number RSC009216; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the use of ARPA funds for the purchase and installation of air handlers at the Huron County South Norwalk Rd. Bldg. B property; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the Proposal submitted by Wadsworth Solutions in the amount of \$286,926.00, 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.

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

*\*Proposal/Agreement on file*

24-343

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #001 WITH NORTH COAST WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR THE BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 23-227, the Board of Huron County Commissioners entered into a contract with North Coast Wireless Communications, LLC for the Huron County Broadband Expansion Project; and

**WHEREAS**, North Coast Wireless Communications, LLC recommends a change order for the Broadband Expansion Project as follows and as detailed in the attached Proposal for Change Order:

Additional 12 MicroPops for the areas that are between 8-12 miles away from a tower site to extend coverages greater than 100/100mbps and up to 300/100mbps.

Total change in cost associated to Change Order #001 is \$100,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Joel Reidy, Huron County Network Administrator, reviewed and recommends the Change Order as presented; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #001 as submitted by North Coast Wireless Communications, LLC for the Huron County Broadband



Expansion 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked why the ARPA language was not in this resolution. Ms. Ziemba explained this is a change order for the pursuant resolution. All ARPA language starts in the beginning resolution. Mr. Boose stated this will be paid with ARPA funds.

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

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

*\*Change order on file*

Mr. Boose opened a discussion about Spectrum. He wants Mr. Riedy to call them every week until the commissioners get some answers.

24-344

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #005 WITH CLASSICAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENRICHMENT CENTER PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc., (Architect) recommends a change order for the Huron County Enrichment Center Project as follows and as detailed in the attached Proposal Requests:

- 1) The change order includes the change in cost associated with PR 015. Add \$2,614.00
- 2) The change order includes the change in cost associated with PR 018. Add \$19,179.78

Total change in cost associated to Change Order #005 is \$21,793.78; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #005 as submitted by Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc. for Contractor, Classical Construction, LLC for the Huron County Enrichment Center 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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose asked for a quick summary of the change orders. Ms. Ziemba said PR 015 pertains to lighting the sign. PR 018 is for the IT portion of installing the speakers, tv's, etc. Mr. Riedy reviewed the change order and he agrees PR 018 accomplishes what is needed.

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

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

*\*Change order on file*

24-345

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL RELATIVE TO THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 130 SHADY LANE, NORWALK, OHIO AND PLACING AN ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT ON A PORTION THEREOF.**

Bruce Wilde moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners is the owner of certain real property located in the City of Norwalk, known as 130 Shady Lane, permanent parcel number 33004N010030200; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners has been informed that there were underground fuel storage tanks on part of the aforementioned property which were removed in the early 1990's that caused some petroleum contamination of the surrounding soil. The soil contamination has been abated, but pursuant to Ohio law, it is now necessary to encumber a portion of the property with an environmental covenant restricting the building of residential structures on the affected area (area of concern) of the real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has now determined that it is necessary to subdivide this parcel into two smaller parcels, and placing an environmental covenant on the area of concern on the newly created Parcel 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has further determined to authorize the President of this Board to sign the application for minor subdivision approval, and to authorize the Huron County Prosecutor's Office to prepare and file the necessary documents to effectuate the minor subdivision of this property for the reasons set forth in the preamble above; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the President of this Board to sign the application for minor subdivision approval in order to split this parcel into two smaller parcels, then placing an environmental covenant on the area of concern on the newly created Parcel 2 (see copy of Application for Minor Subdivision with exhibits, attached hereto and expressly incorporated by reference herein); and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Huron County Prosecutor's Office to prepare and file the necessary documents to effectuate the minor subdivision of this property for the reasons set forth herein; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby authorize its environmental consultant to prepare the appropriate environmental covenant to encumber the affected area of newly created Parcel 2 restricting the building of residential structures on the affected area (area of concern) for filing with the Huron County Recorder; 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. Strickler said this is for the environmental covenant out on Shady Lane. The commissioners are doing the lot split. They are updating the description and splitting the lots. He spoke to Mr. Loughton over at the city. He said after this is done he has all the necessary paperwork, notary stamp and seal. He said once the commissioners sign it, he can run it over to the city and walk it through to get it approved. He will get the deed filed. Once the deed is filed he will send a copy of it to BJAAM Environmental Inc. They need the new volume and page number for the deed to finish preparing. Mr. Strickler said this should make this project pretty much done. Mr. Wilde asked Mr. Strickler if he is going to get the deed recorded today. Mr. Strickler said if he gets it approved, he will. Mr. Loughton is the person who will approve it. He will definitely have it done by tomorrow. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if this was the area where the orchard was. Mr. Strickler said no, this is the area where the underground storage tanks were. Mr. Boose asked if the other one was set. Mr. Brady said the lot split takes the storage tank out of it and the covenant takes that specific part, 20 x 20 area. The lot split was to get rid of the old orchard and the covenant is to take care of the actual underground tank.

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

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

**At 9:39 a.m. Jason Hamman, The Hamman Consulting Group Inc. and Kayla Cross, Huron County Growth Partnership** presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report. Mr. Hamman reviewed the Five Goals and the Objectives associated with the goals.

- **Goal 1:** Foster an environment that promotes the retention, expansion and attraction of business investment.

- Objective 1.1: Strategically market and leverage the Region’s unique economic development assets
- Objective 1.2: Deliver “best in class” economic development programs and services.
- Objective 1.3: Strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystem
- **Goal 2:** Expand, and enhance existing, public infrastructure.
  - Objective 2.1: Increase inventory of “shovel ready” sites for economic development project opportunities.
  - Objective 2.2: Identify and prioritize infrastructure needs in “development corridors”
  - Objective 2.3: Explore opportunities for collaboration
- **Goal 3:** Increase the competitiveness of the Region’s workforce.
  - Objective 3.1: Increase education attainment levels
  - Objective 3.2: Mitigate barriers to employment
  - Objective 3.3: Identify opportunities to improve engagement with seasonal and international workforce
- **Goal 4:** Become a “location of choice” to live, work and play.
  - Objective 4.1: Increase the quantity and diversity of housing options
  - Objective 4.2: Strive for excellence in educational institutions
  - Objective 4.3: Invest in “Quality of Place” amenities
- **Goal 5:** Promote awareness and understanding of economic development to stakeholder groups.
  - Objective 5.1: Public and non-profit sector
  - Objective 5.2: Private sector
  - Objective 5.3: General public

Mr. Hamman noted for Objective 3.2, support the expansion of public transit and other ride sharing services and support the expansion of affordable child care options. Mr. Brady noted he is on the board at NCAT. He said the good news on public transit through ODOT funding next year, unfortunately not this year, in 2026 they will be able to offer “on demand” rides. If a person calls they should be able to be picked up within twenty minutes. He said there is a definite need for this service.

The full report is on file and will be posted on the County’s website, under Public Notice, for a public comment period for 30 days.

Mr. Hamman said the next step is to incorporate any comments received both from the Erie and Huron County web sites, include the comments as an addendum to the report and resubmit to EDA. Last would be to pass a resolution of support saying the commissioners adopt the CEDS as their strategy. When both counties adopt it, those resolutions would also be attached as an addendum to the final report. EDA would say congratulations, now submit a grant and get some money. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Hamman if the resolution could be done now. Mr. Hamman confirmed it can be done today. Ms. Ziemba had the resolution ready.

24-346

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron and Erie County region continues to undergo significant changes in the structure of its economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Commissioners, in conjunction with the Erie County Commissioners, formulated a regional economic development strategy entitled the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), has designated the Huron and Erie counties region as an Economic Development District (EDD) based on the incidence of regional economic distress and the existence of the CEDS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Commissioners received funding from the EDA under the Partnership Planning Grant program to provide comprehensive economic development planning services to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, under the EDA Partnership Planning Grant, the Huron County Commissioners, in partnership with the Erie County Commissioners are required to submit a new CEDS, in accordance with 13 C.F.R. §§ 303.6 and 303.7, at least every five years, to maintain its EDD designation and the region's eligibility for EDA funding; and

**WHEREAS**, both counties within the region have contributed to the formulation of the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional CEDS Committee has provided significant input in the development of the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*; and

**WHEREAS**, the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* includes goals, implementation strategies, and performance metrics for regional prosperity and resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)* will be posted on the Huron County Commissioners website for a 30-day public review period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Commissioners' approval of the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* is required by the EDA; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Commissioners adopts the *2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*, its goals and strategies, and authorizes the submission of the report to the Economic Development Administration; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED** 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

**At 10:10 a.m. Jan Tkach, County Recorder 2025 Technology Budget and Senate Bill 94 Huron County Impact.** Ms. Tkach said Senate Bill 94 went into effect October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She cannot address the full bill, only the part that covers the Recorder's office. Ms. Tkach said essentially it is going to require Huron County along with all 88 counties in Ohio to provide an electronic means of recording instruments that have accessing, indexes and recorded instruments by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Currently, the Recorder's office has been e-recording all non-transfer documents. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, they will be able to accept all documents. She said they have been eager to e-record deeds in TransferDoc. Realtors are eager for them to do this because it cuts down on the return time, should there be an issue with the document. She did meet with the Auditor and he feels they should be able to start this process mid-2025. She said they already have everything in place. There will be no cost to the county because it is already part of her recording software program. Ms. Tkach said they do have their indexes already online going back to 1809. The scanning project must go back to 1960, with the exception of the deed books. The deed books went back to 1850, however they will all need redaction. People are able to search remotely. She said SB 94 allows a county recorder to charge a document preservation surcharge of up to \$5, to be placed in the county's general fund. The bill specifies the surcharge is intended to support the preservation and digitization of documents and the ongoing costs incurred by a county recorder's office to make available to the public a web site with appropriate security features, electronic document hosting, online viewing, print and download features that enable an individual to print or download a copy of a public record from the web site. Once the images are available online the county will lose about \$22,000 per year in copy fees. The \$5 surcharge will allow the county to recoup the money from the loss of copy fees. Ms. Tkach plans to put this surcharge into effect on January 1, 2025. This will allow them time to provide adequate notice of the fee change. The base fee to record a document will increase from \$34 for the first two pages to \$39. The breakdown of fee distribution will be as follows: General Fund - \$15, Ohio Housing Trust Fund - \$17, Recorder's Technology Fund - \$7.

Ms. Tkach said presently the staff is in the redaction review process of the images. They are doing the redaction in-house between their other duties. They have almost completed their review of documents recorded from July 1, 2013 to the present. The DTS redaction software has helped them identify the personal information that needs to be redacted in the document images. Ms. Tkach said there is money

available for counties that have not yet started their scanning projects. Unfortunately, because their office was already done and redaction process has already begun, they are not eligible for any of these funds. The Auditor was a bit disappointed, however she is happy to be ahead of the game.

Currently, there are companies that have escrow accounts with the Recorder’s Office, which are used to pay for copies. Money is deposited into the General Fund and credited to these accounts within our recording software program. Once the images are available online most of these accounts will no longer be needed. She anticipates that their office will be contacted in regards to refunding the money left in the accounts. There is approximately \$2,100 in accounts that have not been used in 2024. When a company wishes to close their account, her office request that they submit a request for reimbursement in writing so that it may be submitted into the accounting system. Because the money was deposited into the General Fund it is paid out of 024-000475 Other Expenses. She is requesting that \$2,100 be put into this line item in the 2025 Final Budget to be used specifically for this purpose. She said whatever remains in this fund at the end of 2025 will be returned to the General Fund. The companies with accounts that have shown activity in 2024 will most likely use up their funds through document recordings and will not need to be refunded. Mr. Boose asked how soon Ms. Tkach would need this money. The Board is not going to make many changes on the interim budget. Ms. Tkach said in the second half of 2025.

Ms. Tkach said her technology budget has been based on the \$7 per document for the last ten years. She thanked the commissioners for hiring an IT department because it has helped tremendously in keeping cost down. The Recorder’s Office has seen a slight reduction in recordings in 2024. Because the inflow of document recordings remains fairly flat, she estimates that 7,000 documents will again be what to expect to record in 2025. She requests that \$7.00 per document be put into the Technology Fund. This will provide an estimated revenue of \$49,000 for the Technology Fund. Last, she would like to ask that \$50,000 be allocated in the final budget toward the scanning of old records held by various county offices. In 2024 Probate court was allocated \$15,000 and the Clerk of Courts was allowed up to \$35,000 to scan old court cases. They continue to work with SC Strategic Solutions to do the scanning. Once work is completed the images are uploaded into the SC View program.

**2025 TECHNOLOGY BUDGET**

<b>Regular Monthly Costs</b>			
Copier Leases (3)	\$6,000		
Microfilm Creation	\$1,500		
Paper	\$2,000		
Labels	\$300		
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$9,800</b>
<b>Document Recording</b>			
7,300 documents x \$2.50/doc. The 7,300 includes the documents recorded where no tech fee is collected per statute.			
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$18,250</b>
<b>IT Support</b>			
Security Software	\$1,100		
E Services	\$1,200		
SSL Certificate	\$600		
Other support/licenses	\$4,300		
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$7,200</b>
<b>Equipment Replacement/Upgrades</b>			<b>\$5,100</b>
<b>Money set aside for future scanning projects</b>			<b>\$3,935</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>			
Association Dues	\$2,663		
CE Expenses	\$2,050		
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$4,715</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$49,000</b>

Mr. Boose said Ms. Tkach asked if there could be a records retention meeting before the end of the year. He said it will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Tkach invited Mr. Mesenburg to attend this meeting.

**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

Marissa Anderson, Jake Bruder, Renee King, Kim Jenkins, and Silvia Hernandez, HCDJFS, to Delaware Co. for Workforce Training on November 21, 2024.

Joel Riedy and Luke Oliver, IT to Richfield, OH for cybersecurity training on November 14, 2024

Joel Riedy and Luke Oliver, IT to Columbus, OH for cybersecurity training on November 19, 2024.

**SIGNINGS – None**

**Administrator/Clerk report**

Ms. Ziemba stated the Budget Commission set the 2025 revenue estimate at \$28,691,221. Ms. Ziemba asked how the Board would like to proceed with the interim budget.

***Bruce Wilde moved to authorize Ms. Ziemba to complete the 2025 Interim Budget utilizing the 2024 Final Budget numbers. Harry Brady seconded the motion.***

***\*Discussion:*** Ms. Ziemba will let the offices know this decision and that any additional requests and salary increases will be addressed in the final budget with the new Board. Mr. Boose stated the salary lines will have enough to cover the negotiated increases for the first part of the year until the additional funds are added in the final budget.

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

*Aye – Terry Boose*

*Aye – Harry Brady*

*Aye – Bruce Wilde*

**Assistant Prosecutor Report**

Mr. Strickler is working on a litigation hold for the opioid lawsuit.

George Henshaw regarding the donation of land to the airport. He read the email, *“The documents have been revised and submitted back to the city county for approval signatures. They will let us know the next step. Chicago Title is standing by and ready to do the closing. The county is good with the split.”*

Mr. Strickler will meet with the City and ask Mr. Loughton what the next steps will be. Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba if Mr. Sparks is getting additional quotes. Mr. Brady will follow up with Mr. Sparks on this.

Mr. Strickler has been working on the Senior Center lease and will have it ready before it opens. Substantial Completion is set for Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ziemba asked Mr. Strickler the status of the NCAT lease. He was not sure what the status, he has not heard back from Ms. Habig. NCAT’s next meeting will be in December. Mr. Brady will check on it.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boose stated the CCAO board meeting is next Tuesday before the State Legislation Reception.

Mr. Boose said a legal council contacted him yesterday. They said there is a class-action settlement for over-charging for diabetic medicines. The money has been set aside to be used for Opioid Addiction, Prevention and Recovery. The company that called him said there maybe money available for the counties in Ohio for this. He said they must sign up for it by the middle of January. It has nothing to do with the other Opioid money or the OneOhio Memorandum. It does not go through the State Attorney General’s office. The money would go directly to the county. Mr. Boose said he was told he will receive an email. When he does, he will forward it to Mr. Strickler to complete what needs to be done.

**One Ohio update.** Mr. Boose said Region 19’s grant money has not been approved by the State. He said the grant amount is \$1.3 million, however possibly only one project was approved thus far, for approximately \$20,000. He stated there was no explanation, it just said for Region 19 these projects have been approved and they were all tiny ones. He questioned why other Regions have their full grants approved. Region 19 has not met to start the moving forward process for the project.

**Commissioner Wilde report**

Willard Economic Development meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Brady has a Community Corrections meeting tomorrow at noon so he is unable to attend. Mr. Wilde will attend.

Veteran of the year presentation at the Bellevue VFW– 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Wilde will attend the Area Agency on Aging, Mid-Ohio Conference Center, Mansfield, OH, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

Growth Partnership Holiday Open House. Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilde did register to attend.

Mr. Boose asked Ms. Ziemba how to get all the events on the calendar. Ms. Ziemba said to let Ms. Phillips know, she will be taking over the calendar.

Mr. Wilde updated the Board on the Senior Center meeting he attended last week. The project is moving along nicely.

**Commissioner Brady report**

Mr. Brady will be attending the FCFC meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Brady will be attending the Community Corrections meeting tomorrow at noon.

Mr. Brady will attend a CORSA meeting on Friday in Columbus. He will need a travel request prepared for approval at Thursday's meeting.

**Commissioner Boose report**

Mr. Wilde read a letter from Mr. Boose stating, "November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, my commissioner term is for January 3, 2021 thru January 2, 2025. This is notice that I am officially resigning early on December 31, 2024. Please keep this for your official record".

He commented for anyone who has time, Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, there is the 2024 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference at Ohio State University. He said that was one of the best economic development meetings he has ever gone to in all his years of public service. The speakers are excellent in explaining the why and what will happen to the future of agriculture.

***Bruce Wilde moved to approve Commissioner Terry Boose's resignation for December 31, 2024. 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*

**At 10:55 a.m.** the Board recessed.

**At 11:05 a.m.** the Board resumed regular session.

**At 11:05 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Sessions ORC 121.22 (G) (4) preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions for public employees, concerning employee compensation or other terms and conditions of employment and ORC 121.22 (G) (5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. 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*

**At 11:48 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(4) and (G)(5). Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:**

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

Ms. Ziemba stated while Ms. Hozalski is here she would like to address the email that was forwarded to the Board regarding the outstanding unemployment charges. Ms. Hozalski explained it is relating back to 2020, the way that unemployment works they have been slowly giving credits, but when they apply unemployment, they apply it to the past. She said back in 2020 unemployment told Human Resources not to pay some charges. Ms. Hozalski said that was incorrect information. They should have paid these charges and would have been given the charges back. Now, they have this \$714. All the departments have been properly charged for their individuals so they cannot really charge it anywhere. She commented it would be nice to just get it back to where it needs to be, so that unemployment stops charging interest and can move forward into the future, hopefully, not have any more fraudulent claims. She said if they pay it now, eventually unemployment will give back the credits.

***Bruce Wilde moved to authorize the payment for the outstanding charges for unemployment. Harry Brady seconded the motion.***

***\*Discussion:*** Mr. Brady noted the commissioners are paying interest on money they will eventually get back. Mr. Boose asked if they will get money back for the interest they paid. Ms. Hozalski said so far unemployment has waived most the interest. She said it is just that they have this balance they have nowhere to apply it. Mr. Boose stated he is 100% against paying this off, for one, principle, and if he were an auditor, and he saw someone paying something that is not really owed, with the hopes of getting reimbursed? This is an error that was made by a state department and Job and Family Services. This is not an error the commissioners made. He said they will go as far as writing the Attorney General a letter stating one of their state agencies is forcing the commissioners to pay something that they do not owe, so they can get reimbursed. This has nothing to do with the commissioners and the county. Mr. Wilde agreed with Mr. Boose. Mr. Brady pointed out a better approach would be to vote this motion down and then send an official letter to the state noting this is ridiculous. Mr. Boose said part of the motion should be that Ms. Hozalski nor anyone else spend any more time on this. The commissioners should not be involved at all, it was another elected official. Mr. Wilde said an engineer. Ms. Hozalski nor Ms. Horvatich can get straight answers from unemployment. Unemployment just keeps saying, "this is what you owe." Mr. Boose said they should document this. He told Ms. Hozalski if they call again, tell them you have spoken to the commissioners about this issue and the commissioners think that she deserves more information. The commissioners have asked her to let it lie and not address it. They are going to turn it over to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Strickler said if Mr. Stephens has been working with Ms. Hozalski on this issue, she should work with him to write the letter to the Attorney General's office. Ms. Hozalski does not want to take over the accounting side of this if that request comes.

Mr. Boose asked when she and Mr. Stephens write an email/letter to the Attorney General's office, she copy it to Mr. Damschroder, Director also.

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

*No – Terry Boose  
No – Harry Brady  
No – Bruce Wilde*

**At 11:57 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 5, 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 11:57 a.m.

Signatures on File