

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: Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Mia Phillips, Executive Assistant; Valerie Stebel, Administrative Assistant; Brad Mesenburg, Commissioner Elect; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Patricia Didion, Resident; Cherise Crable, Resident; Jon White, Resident; Callie Chaplain, APEX Clean Energy; John Arehart, APEX Clean Energy; Jim Oliver, Mobility Management GLCAP; Tim Burgernen, GLCAP; Mary Habig, NCAT; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the November 26, 2024, December 3, 2024 and December 10, 2024 meetings were presented to the Board. Bruce Wilde made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the meetings 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**

24-391

**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 #393443 and #392808 (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.

Harry Brady seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:**

Mr. Boose is voting no for bottom of page 9 and the top of page 10 of the claims schedule. Mr. Boose states that these are two large payments that are coming out of the policing fund that he does not believe should be coming out of this fund.

Mr. Boose spoke with Damschroder about tip program. He wants Mr. Strickler to legally call those counties that use it and see how it is going. Mr. Strickler needs updated information about the program from counties. Mr. Boose just wants this program reviewed.

Mr. Boose points out the maintenance fee on the Suburban, he thinks we should be getting rid of this vehicle. Ms. Stebel states they do have the new trucks but they are waiting on the correct plates. Mr. Boose does not want to spend any money fixing up the Suburban since it is going on Gov Deals. Mr. Brady agrees with Mr. Boose.

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

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

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Commissioners, Department: Public Assistance, Department: Jail Operations, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Common Pleas, Department: Adult Probation, Department: Juvenile, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Clerk of Courts, Department: Coroner, Department: Capital Improvements, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Building and Grounds, Department: Sheriff's Office, Department: Health Welfare, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Sheriff's Office, Department: Health Welfare, Department: Mechanical, etc.

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Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Health Welfare, Department: Mechanical, Department: Public Assistance, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Public Assistance, Department: Jail Operations, Department: Sheriff's Office, etc.

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes sub-sections for Department: Sheriff's Office, Department: Health Welfare, Department: Mechanical, etc.

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2024

Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Kelly James O'Connor LLC, John Matthew Fabian PSY D JD LLC, Empire Investigations Inc, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for ES Consulting Inc, Department Sheriff's Policing Total, Fund 100 - Sheriff's Policing Total, etc.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for North Central Area Transit, Ruffo Training, City of Newark, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Heather Camen-Storley, Department Child Support Enforcement Total, Fund 117 - Child Support Enforcement Total, etc.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Fund: 125 - Auto Tax, Department Auto Tax Administrative, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for EGS Midwest LLC, EGS Midwest LLC, etc.

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Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Henschen & Associates Inc, Department Clerk of Courts Computer Total, Fund 134 - Clerk of Court Computer Total, etc.

Claims Register for Payment Batches. Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes entries for Advancing Family Outreach & Foster Care, Foster Care Child Room & Board-November 2024, etc.

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look over. He gave to his co-counsel Jacob to look over on behalf of the townships. Mr. Tansey said they have looked it over and sent remarks to Mr. Strickler. Mr. Tansey states they are comfortable with the company chose by APEX, however the contract they received seems incomplete; he states that they will need more documentation. Mr. Strickler comments that what they currently have is a work order and they need to see the contract that explains the full scope of services. Ms. Chaplain says they received early pricing and if needed they are comfortable with doing a change order later in time. Mr. Boose asks if they will need space to work. Mr. Boose says they want to get this done as soon as possible. Mr. Strickler emphasizes wanting to see the MSA from the engineer so they can compare it to the RUMA contract.

**At 9:31 a.m. Mary Habig, NCAT/transportation update**

Ms. Habig states that no shows have gone down significantly for people taking public transit. She notes that it took time to get good hires but now they are fully staffed. She states that facilities are good, she would like a master key to the office just in case of power outage. Mr. Strickler states that he will add having a master key into the lease and get it sent back over to Ms. Habig today. Every vehicle has been updated with radios, cameras and GPS systems. She states that they will be renovating the bathroom at the facility with operating funds. Mr. Boose asks about having a Willard driver. Ms. Habig states they haven't found someone yet. Ms. Habig says their board is approving the building lease tomorrow December 18. Ms. Ziembra will get a copy of everything. Mr. Brady asks for clarification on the number of rides that Huron County has provided. Ms. Habig confirms that the 11,000 miles is in fact Huron County only.

**At 9:45 a.m. Jim Oliver & Tim Burkman, Mobility Management GLCAP/Grant**

Mr. Burkman thanked the Board for everything they have done. He asked the Board to certify match for specialized 5310 transportation program. He states they are asking for a 10% local match that will be split between 4 entities. The amount is just shy of \$11,000. Mr. Burkman went on to explain that this program is to engage with gaps when transportation is needed. Mr. Boose states that this has been talked about for a long time. Mr. Oliver comments that this is similar to Uber. Mr. Boose wants to make clear that this is not something that NCAT is not doing rather GLCAP and NCAT are working together to get best transportation in the area. Mr. Brady comments that GLCAP has been working on this for a long time and this will be used to plug the holes. Mr. Oliver then thanked the Board. Mr. Burkman states they have prepared a letter of support to be signed by the Board. Mr. Boose clarifies that the money does not need encumbered since it will not be started until next year.

*At 10:02 a.m. the Board took a brief recess*

*At 10:04 a.m. the meeting was called back to order*

*At 10:05 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to enter into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. And (G) (3) to a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. 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 10:43 a.m. Bruce Wilde moved to end Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1) and (G) (3), 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*

**\*No action taken**

24-392

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #001 WITH SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE COMPLEX STRUCTURAL WORK PROJECT**

Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc., (Architect) recommends a change order for the Huron County Downtown Office Structural Work Project as follows:

- 1) The project completion date shall be revise to May 2, 2025. now  
therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #001 as submitted by Garmann-Miller & Associates, Inc. for Contractor, Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. for the Huron County Downtown Office Complex Structural Work 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.

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

24-393

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #007 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 attachment:

- 1) The change order includes the change in cost associated to PR 019. a credit for a gas regulator. The change in cost for this update (\$925.00)
- 2) The change order includes the change in cost associated to PR 020. The change in cost for this update: \$2,010.00.
- 3) The change order includes the change in cost associated to PR 021. The change in cost for this update: \$2,451.83.
- 4) The change order includes a credit for flashing that was decided was redundant and not required. The change in cost for this update (\$2,500.00)
- 5) The change order includes the change in cost associated with the addition of two fire alarm tamper/flow switches and additional monitor modules and programming at the request of the fire alarm inspector. The change in costs for this update: \$875.97

Total change in cost associated to Change Order #007 is \$1,912.80.

(Original General Contract A Contingency Allowance - \$176,000.00)

(Previous General Contract A Contingency Allowance - \$56,178.31)

(Remaining General Contract A Contingency Allowance - \$54,265.51); now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves Change Order #007 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 clarification on PR 021 and PR 020. Ms. Phillips explained that both PR 021 and PR 020 are for various tech and electric jobs. Mr. Boose states they will be going on quick tour of new senior center this Thursday December 19 with John Luetz.

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

24-394

**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 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 of the appropriation of moneys as follows:

| FROM: | Dept. | Account                      | Fund | Amount      | TO: | Dept. | Account                | Fund | Amount      |
|-------|-------|------------------------------|------|-------------|-----|-------|------------------------|------|-------------|
|       | 006   | 00125                        | 001  | \$2,400.00  |     | 006   | 00400                  | 001  | \$2,911.73  |
|       |       | Prosecutor Employee Salaries |      |             |     |       | Prosecutor OPERS       |      |             |
|       | 006   | 00175                        | 001  | \$511.73    |     |       |                        |      |             |
|       |       | Prosecutor Supplies          |      |             |     |       |                        |      |             |
|       | 008   | 00175                        | 001  | \$400.00    |     | 008   | 00280                  | 001  | \$400.00    |
|       |       | CPC Supplies                 |      |             |     |       | CPC Court Reporters    |      |             |
|       | 008   | 00290                        | 001  | \$1,500.00  |     | 008   | 00475                  | 001  | \$1,500.00  |
|       |       | CPC Data Processing          |      |             |     |       | CPC Other Expenses     |      |             |
|       | 014   | 00400                        | 001  | \$400.00    |     | 016   | 00400                  | 001  | \$400.00    |
|       |       | Juvenile Probation OPERS     |      |             |     |       | Probate Salaries OPERS |      |             |
|       | 017   | 00175                        | 001  | \$1,931.29  |     | 017   | 00400                  | 001  | \$1,931.29  |
|       |       | Clerk of Courts Supplies     |      |             |     |       | Clerk of Courts OPERS  |      |             |
|       | 026   | 00200                        | 001  | \$191.86    |     | 026   | 00400                  | 001  | \$191.86    |
|       |       | EMA Equipment                |      |             |     |       | EMA OPERS              |      |             |
|       | 027   | 00300                        | 001  | \$800.00    |     | 027   | 00400                  | 001  | \$800.00    |
|       |       | Public Defender Travel       |      |             |     |       | Public Defender OPERS  |      |             |
|       | 032   | 00175                        | 001  | \$75.00     |     | 032   | 00400                  | 001  | \$75.00     |
|       |       | Mechanic Supplies            |      |             |     |       | Mechanic OPERS         |      |             |
|       | 033   | 00485                        | 001  | \$13,380.00 |     | 033   | 00175                  | 001  | \$13,380.00 |
|       |       | Veteran Van Expenses         |      |             |     |       | Veteran Supplies       |      |             |
|       | 033   | 00300                        | 001  | \$10,397.00 |     | 033   | 00250                  | 001  | \$10,397.00 |
|       |       | Veteran Travel               |      |             |     |       | Veteran Outreach       |      |             |

and further

**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’s office will make the appropriate journal entry; 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 states these are end of year transfers to make sure money is in right account

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

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

24-395

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND #112, JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT FUND #155, AND EMA/9-1-1 FUND #185**

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     |
|-------|-------|---|------|------------|-----|-------|---------------------------------|------|------------|
|       | 112   | 00425                                     | 112  | \$219.23   |     | 112   | 00400                           | 112  | \$219.23   |
|       |       | Community Corrections WC                  |      |            |     |       | Community Corrections OPERS     |      |            |
|       | 155   | 00500                                     | 155  | \$175.00   |     | 155   | 00400                           | 155  | \$175.00   |
|       |       | Juvenile Dependency Court Hospitalization |      |            |     |       | Juvenile Dependency Court OPERS |      |            |
|       | 185   | 00525                                     | 185  | \$618.40   |     | 185   | 00400                           | 185  | \$618.40   |
|       |       | EMA/9-1-1 Maintenance                     |      |            |     |       | EMA/9-1-1 OPERS                 |      |            |
|       | 185   | 00275                                     | 185  | \$3,000.00 |     | 185   | 00125                           | 185  | \$3,000.00 |
|       |       | EMA/9-1-1 Mapping                         |      |            |     |       | EMA/9-1-1 Salaries              |      |            |

**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

24-396

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRIMARY GRANT FUND #161**



Bruce Wilde moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners being in receipt of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Board of Elections Primary Grant Fund #161 in the amount of \$7,277.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board of Huron County Commissioners to appropriate these funds;  
now therefore

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

TO: 161-00475-161 Other Expenses \$7,277.00 and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Huron County Auditor and the department requesting the appropriation; 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.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose indicated that he did not know why we need to do this at this time until he spoke with Ms. Blevins and she stated that the state has certain requirements that need to be done prior to the election and these requirements were not funded before the election. Now the money is there to get this paid. This will not be in the claim schedule. Mr. Boose stated that money can be spent from account 161.

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

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

24-397

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE HURON COUNTY AIRPORT AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM A.J. RILEY INC.**

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 a storm water improvement project at the Huron County Airport and has determined that the use of ARPA funds received by the County may be used under the Infrastructure 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 a storm water improvement project at the Huron County Airport utilizing the Infrastructure category; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huron County Airport Board received quotes to complete the storm water improvement project from three companies as follows:

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A.J. Riley                     | \$55,200.00 |             |
| Mark Haynes Construction, Inc. | \$58,330.00 |             |
| Terry McConnell Excavating LLC | \$70,825.00 | and further |

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve the project and accepts the Proposal submitted by A.J. Riley Inc. in the amount of \$55,200.00 to complete the storm water improvement project at the Huron County Airport; 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 states this has been talked about for a while now and it finally got approval.

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL**

Terry Boose moved to table the following travel request for Niki Cross going to FCFC State and Local Planning meeting in Columbus on January 24, 2025.

Bruce Wilde seconded the motion.

**\*Discussion:** Mr. Boose wants to table this travel request for new board because of the date it is requested for.

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

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

**SIGNINGS- None**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Assistant Report- None**

**Assistant Prosecutor Report -None****Commissioner Wilde Report**

Mr. Wilde stated he has Board of Revisions meeting to go to. Mr. Wilde commented that in the past there has always been an issue with moving mobile homes and fifteen mobile homes are coming off the books today. Mr. Wilde is pleased with this news. Mr. Boose wants to make it known for the record that when you are removing a mobile home he recommends to our constituents to follow the proper procedure. Mr. Wilde has a Land Bank meeting at 2 p.m. tomorrow December 18.

**Commissioner Brady Report**

Mr. Brady states he went to Willard city council last night December 16, to deliver proclamation. He will go to Transit/NCAT meeting tomorrow December 18 to approve the lease and will come back to be on the agenda for this Thursday. Mr. Brady received an email about the Region 19 meeting. Mr. Boose commented that it is the last zoom meeting of the year for Region 19.

**Commissioner Boose Report**

Mr. Boose states that last week he officially sent in resignation to Firelands Forward board. After the first of the year the board will have a meeting with Firelands Forward to discuss funding and if they want a commissioner on the board. Mr. Boose states that he met with Mckenna Laser and he thinks that since she is back working for Firelands Forward there will be a lot more action within the county and there will be more communication with the commissioners and Firelands Forward.

Last Wednesday Mr. Boose went to last Firefighter Association Meeting. There was a presentation on drones and their usage. Willard is looking to train more people with the drones because it takes two people to operate a drone. Currently, Willard has close to \$100,000.00 invested into drone equipment. Drones are proving to be helpful for law enforcement and firefighters in a variety of ways. Mr. Boose thinks that drones will be used more in the future. They do have some equipment that was purchased for them by the county. Additionally, the Firefighters Association has a new president, John White who is the chief of Townsend Fire department. Mr. White is in attendance today and states "it [Firefighters Association] will only get better and we are all working together". Mr. Boose thanks Mr. White for going to the meetings and for being involved in them. Mr. Boose states it is important for a commissioner to be at these meetings.

On Thursday December 12, the commissioners attended the Township Association meeting. Attendance is down at these meetings. There are 18 townships in the county to ask and answer questions at these meetings. Mr. Boose states that these meeting are important. Mr. Boose expresses his appreciation for the Township Association.

Mr. Boose says he received the County Current which is a letter/email from CCAO. He highlighted the part of the letter that discusses Marietta City Council members meeting with a commissioner in Washington County, including the Marietta Police Chief and some council members. A Washington County Commissioner said that the county is ready to take over the Marietta Police Public Safety Answering Point also known as PSAP. Huron County has three PSAPs besides the Sheriff's department. Mr. Boose goes on to explain that with Washington County taking over Marietta's PSAP, there are pros and cons. He thinks this is a discussion that should be had periodically.

Mr. Boose received a copy of the minutes from Park District meeting. He finds it interesting that six people on there that weren't on the board that attended the meeting. He notes a couple of things they are doing including expansions, they received \$18,000 donation and they are looking to increase the number of parks they have. Mr. Boose is concerned with the current parks and their current conditions. There is room for improvement with the parks they already have. The board paid quite a bit of money last year due to the woodchucks at the Shady Lane Park. They are removing trees and brush. There was a discussion about expanding if levy funding available. Mr. Boose states that parks are important for quality of life but they are watching their own costs in other areas. Lorain County purchased Rails to Trails. A lot of money and hard work has gone into making the Rails to Trails what it is. Their minutes also state that Lorain County was interested in transferring land to Huron County that is in Monroeville. There are shares that Lorain County has that they might move their shares to the Huron County Park District. Mr. Boose is concerned that the Park District may be asking tax payers for more money Mr. Boose reiterates that this is only a possibility. If they are wanting a levy in the future the Commissioner's office needs to be included. Mr. Boose asked Mr. Strickler if the Park District put a levy on would it have to go before the commissioners? Mr. Strickler said yes. Mr. Boose states the Commissioners have nothing to do with Park District Board appointments. The Park District is chosen by a judge(s).

Mr. Boose has the State House Report and it sickens him the amount of lame duck bills being pushed through.

Mr. Boose states they got an email from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), discussing the roundabout at Route 18 and Route 601 Greenwich Milan is moving forward. Mr. Boose questions if all the things got worked out with the constituents. Mr. Brady states that this project never stopped moving forward ODOT just postponed the construction start to the spring. Mr. Brady goes on to say he had a conversation with Mahl and no ODOT has not reached out to come up with an equitable deal. Mr. Boose wants to respond to the email from ODOT and explain that they are disappointed that no one has asked them or the constituents in the area about this project. The chief of staff that was handling this is now gone. Mr. Boose states what ODOT originally proposed was not safe for one corner of the road and not fair to two corners of the road. Mr. Boose was under the understanding that there was going to be more communication. The email needs to say we need more information. Mr. Brady states there should be a whole document changing over ownership of the road. Mr. Boose is hoping ODOT spoke with Lee Tansey. Mr. Brady said that he spoke with Mr. Tansey and Mr. Tansey said that he was not going to agree to anything with ODOT unless the commissioners were okay with it.

Mr. Boose went to Erie Basin RC&D meeting, it was the most well attended meeting for them. A lot of counties are in this Erie Basin RC&D a lot of commissioners were there from the other counties. This is the last RC&D Council in the state. Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Ottawa, Huron, Seneca, Richland, Sandusky, Wood, and Wyandot counties are all included in this. Mr. Boose stated that at least half of the counties had a commissioner representative there.

Mr. Boose thinks there needs to be a discussion with the future commissioners about Port Authority Board. Commissioner Elect, Brad Mesenburg will be the rep for the Port Authority Board. Mr. Boose wants to talk about sales tax again. His issue is the budget commissions certification on estimated resources coming in every year, it's not fair to the departments or constituents it effects reporting on sales tax the budget commission grossly underestimates the money the county is bringing in for the year. He thinks they do this on purpose. Boose does not think we should have to go back to the budget commission to ask for money. The sales tax estimates are not realistic. Reports are misleading to constituents by using the low estimates. Mr. Boose hopes in the future that the budget commission does on a yearly basis.

**At 12:28 p.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 December 17, 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 12:28 p.m.

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