

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

AUGUST 7, 2008

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Ralph A. Fegley.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the July 31, 2008 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Ralph A. Fegley made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 31, 2008 meeting(s) and approve as presented. Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye – Ralph A. Fegley

08-283

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUNDS #008

Gary W. Bauer moved 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 adjustments:

FROM:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount	TO:	Dept.	Account	Fund	Amount
	008	00200	001	\$3,000.00		008	00280	001	\$2,000.00
		Equipment					Court Reporters		
						008	00360	001	\$1,000.00
							Transcripts		

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.

Ralph A. Fegley seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Mike Adelman
Aye – Gary W. Bauer
Aye – Ralph A. Fegley

08-284

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF THE HURON COUNTY HOUSING SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRAM INCOME REPORT

Ralph A. Fegley moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2008 has been submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners for their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Huron County Commissioners has reviewed the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2008, and has found that to the best of their knowledge the

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data in the report as attached herein has been verified to be true and correct as of the date of this report;
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for the year 2008; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huron County Housing Semi-Annual Program Income Report for 2008 be made a part of this resolution hereof the same as if fully written 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.

Gary W. Bauer seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

- Aye – Mike Adelman
- Aye – Gary W. Bauer
- Aye – Ralph A. Fegley

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL

Gary W. Bauer moved to approve the following travel request this day. Ralph A. Fegley seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

- Aye – Mike Adelman
- Aye – Gary W. Bauer
- Aye – Ralph A. Fegley

Gary Ousley, Dog Warden’s office, on August 5, 2008, to Huron, Ohio, for pick up banner for fair.

HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUEST

DATE: 8/5/08
TO: Huron County Commissioners
FROM: Jordan Leto, HCDJFS Eligibility Specialist

8/8 ARWG Mtg. Columbus, OH \$100.00
J. Gubala

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

- Maria Lyons/Buildings & Grounds/sick/6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. July 23, 2008.**
- Lon Burton/Mechanic/vacation/7:00 a.m. August 20, 2008 – 3:30 p.m. August 21, 2008.**
- Bill Duncan/Dog Warden/compensatory time/2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. August 5, 2008.**

SIGNINGS

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Huron County Buildings & Grounds Request Form

County office or department requesting service: Gerken Center
Signature of requesting official: [Signature]
Date of request: 8-5-08

1. Description of the repair work or renovation needed: Outlet cover broken off in electrical socket behind front desk. Electrical socket needs replaced.

2. Justification, purpose or pertinent documentation? Per state licensing rules all electrical outlets must have an outlet cover on them. Cannot put outlet cover, will not plug in.

3. If an improvement, what is the expected cost?
4. Cost savings or "life expectancy," if applies?
5. Does this constitute a safety or health hazard? Explain and document: This is a violation of Ohio state childcare licensing rules - Rules 12-12-15 Safe and Sanitary equipment and environment in licensed childcare centers.

6. Emergency or unexpected mandate?
7. If a renovation vs. a repair, how do you expect to fund this project?
8. Location of service? Gerken Ctr. 9. Deadline involved? ASAP

Your request is OK'd _____ Denied _____ Reasons: _____

Mike Adelman
Board President Supervisor
Huron County Board of Commissioners Buildings & Grounds

Work will commence _____

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Robert Johnson
Community Services Supervisor
Ohio District 5
Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in support of the proposal submitted by Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, (AAA) to the USDA Rural Development for a Housing Preservation Grant.

We understand that there is an extensive waiting list for home repair service, and that Ohio District 5 AAA will be able to continue to meet those needs with this grant proposal.

A few points that we would like to address are as follows:

- 1) Home repair coordination is done through the local senior centers of Senior Enrichment Services in the county. They, in turn, refer clients to the District 5 office and make follow-up calls for the clients, when necessary.
- 2) Many organizations provide specialized services to senior county residents. However, Senior Enrichment Services is the county focal point for senior services and was designated the county organization to provide assistance to the 60+ residents.
- 3) Many seniors residing in the larger homes that were built over 100 years ago cannot afford to repair their homes on an on-going basis, especially living on limited budgets. As expenses continue to rise for everyday living, assistance for repair money increases. With a rising population of elderly citizens, the requests for home repair assistance continue to outweigh the dollars available.

Given the success of past programs we whole heartedly support the grant proposal submitted by District 5 AAA.

Sincerely,
HURON COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS
Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Ralph A. Fegley

LETTER NO. 2

Joshua R. Snyder, PE
Director of Public Works
City of Norwalk
38 Whittlesey Avenue
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Snyder:

We have never met, however, we congratulate you on your new position as the Director of Public Works, City of Norwalk.

The issue of solid waste entering the Pleasant Street lift station has been discussed at some length with the Huron County Commissioners, the Sheriff and Jail Administration, and the engineering firm that designed and built the jail. After this discussion, we had a teleconference with Mr. Robert Butler, Superintendent, Waste and Water Treatment, where we discussed various options to resolve the issue of solid waste entering your Pleasant Street lift station and clogging the impellers.

We determined that at no time was there a proposed grinder system to be installed at the jail where our part of this issue might be resolved. However, we did discuss with various contractors how we might install a grinder station and what the cost might be. We determined that the cost could be as much as \$50,000.00. We also realize that solids plugging the Pleasant Street station has been an issue for a number of years, where the lift pumps plug up from various solids that come into that station. It has been reported that these solids are small pieces of clothing, tooth brushes and other items used by people upstream of the station.

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To our knowledge, no line plugging has occurred, therefore, the only issue involves the station pumps themselves.

As an engineer, Commissioner Ralph Fegley personally, has installed many lift stations and every one of these pumps was installed with cutter blades on the impeller which eliminated all problems with small solids that entered the station. We find this option to be the less expensive way of resolving this issue and one that should have been put in-place when this station was constructed. Even if we were to put a grinder station in-place at the jail, there is no assurance that the Pleasant Street lift station would not encounter other problems with solids.

We would appreciate your serious consideration of this option as the one that will resolve the solids issue at Pleasant Street for now and the future.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Ralph A. Fegley

pc: Mayor, Waste Treatment Superintendent, Sheriff, file

LETTER NO 3

Matt Dietrich, Executive Director
Ohio Rail Development Commission
50 West Broad Street, Suite 1510
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

We the board of Huron County Commissioners requests that the Ohio Rail Development Commission install concrete crossings at both CSX crossings on State Route 13, Greenwich, Township.

These two crossings are a safety hazard as they deteriorate about every two to three months, and constant patching doesn't last. It is very possible that a motorist could get stuck on the crossing or loses control and cause a serious accident.

Given the seriousness of this matter we whole heartedly support a permanent repair of concrete crossings for State Route 13 in Greenwich, Township, Huron County, Ohio and ask that you give this your utmost attention.

Sincerely,

HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Adelman, Gary W. Bauer, Ralph A. Fegley

pc: EMA office

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At 9:06 a.m. Pete Welch, Solid Waste District Coordinator, came before the board in regards to the Shady Lane gas line, are changing all the valves as they are all out of code and they are going to test the lines tomorrow the cost right is between \$2,000 to \$3,000 and Mr. Welch told them if they get up to \$5,000 they need to give him a call and they are going to stop the project and the board will be informed. Mr. Fegley asked what condition the lines are in and Mr. Welch stated not good, but that he has only seen the lines that have the leaks. Mr. Fegley asked if the leaks were all inside the building, and Mr. Welch stated that they were in the tunnel area, and what happens is that there is a vacuum and that is how they were smelling the fumes. Mr. Welch also reported that he was in Columbus and met with the Engineer and the biogas firm out at the airport and he gave them the approval and it is not going to cost us anything. Based on the stats that they ran, they should produce enough gas at the landfill where we can generate electricity out there, based on the preliminary numbers that we have now. In the next two or three weeks the biogas firm is going out there and test the pull that they can get on our methane wells. Now what this does for us if things work out and hopefully they do, we should be able to pay for our electricity out there and add to the

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grid. Possibility we should be able to sell the carbon credits back, which are anywhere between \$5.00 and \$50.00 right now. Mr. Welch stated that they are on Firelands Electric right now, and the hard part is structuring the deal with them, what do we walk away with and what do they walk away with. Mr. Welch stated that he has explained to them that capital costs are theirs, as we do not have that kind of money. So far they have been able to work with that. We will know more once we get the tests done, and if the numbers need to show it is feasible. Mr. Welch discussed the grinder pump and decided that the letter will be sent and it will take more dialog with them. Mr. Fegley stated that we will need to communicate with the Sheriff and Jail Administrator to restrict how we do business out there and keep this stuff out of the sewer. Mr. Welch also discussed eliminating costs and presented an example of spraying for insects at EMA, do we want to start passing these type of things on to the entity.

Mr. Welch stated that the last time he met with the board we were talking about a fuel surcharge or a recovery fee type deal. In looking at what our fuel usage is and how our expenses have gone up a fuel surcharge is not enough. We are trying to make up for lost of waste revenues at this time. Increase of man power and what we are paying for this, other expenses have gone up as well as fuel. A fuel surcharge will need to be defended. It doesn't cover the increase of the cost of the BFI contract each year. We lost Midwest Waste so our waste flow is down, Norwalk Furniture waste is down. Mr. Welch stated that he still has the same expenses whether he is bringing in 30,000 tons or 40,000 tons of waste, he still has the same expenses. We really need to be looking at a flat fee, now what that flat fee is he doesn't know right now. We may look at a three step. Also keep in mind that the bonds drop off after 2009, but BFI fees will go up. We are going to have to re-bid the contract next year, so that cost is going to go up, and Mr. Welch feels we will be looking at something really high. Mr. Welch stated that he was thinking we need to create a raining day fund, or some kind of fund that we have out there to absorb that cost, and that is why he was looking at a three year step deal, so that we are not here again next year looking at raising the rates again because BFI costs have gone up. Mr. Adelman stated that if he remembered correctly, Mr. Welch had told him that Erie County had just raised there rates in steps. Mr. Welch stated that Erie is up to \$49.75, January 09 this year then they have another increase as well. Mr. Welch stated that Wood County did a fuel surcharge only. After further discussion, Mr. Fegley stated that where you can justify is getting down to where the general fund is not subsidizing the landfill, and that is where we need to be, for 2009 the budget is going to be bad enough and we need to get where we are at 0 percent general fund subsidizing the landfill. Mr. Adelman stated \$200,000 that doesn't have to come from the general fund to pay the bonds is a significant amount. Mr. Welch stated that he would come back to the board with some proposed rates based on the landfill expenses. Mr. Fegley stated that we need to start now and not at the beginning of 2009. Mr. Welch also discussed the fact that he had met with the people in regards to the triennial plan, and stated that he is not putting in the plan right now the grant that they have out to the city of Norwalk and this will need to be negotiated. EPA is not going to want us to take that out, it is sent to the EPA and they are going to want to see it stay because the like curbside recycling programs, but what is happening is that we have not been able to grow our program because of that. We can not expand our rural recycling program because we are paying this money to the city of Norwalk. Mr. Welch is going to meet with EPA the first part of October to discuss this and see what they say about this. Mr. Fegley asked Mr. Welch to stop out at the Garage and go over the list in regards to the camouflage truck and review what is needed. Mr. Welch asked about the truck that Jerry Huffman drives, this one will be put on GovDeals and Mr. Huffman and Lon Burton will share the green truck.

At 9:30 a.m. No Public Comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike discussed the letter from the attorney that Bellevue City sent to the county in regards to the back payments tape.

Letter of support for Willard City and the down town development grant. Gary discussed the fact that he is getting numbers from Sunrise and area farmers in regards to going through town with machinery. Will be getting these numbers to Norwalk city. Mr. Bauer also discussed his conversation with Bill Bader, Jr. in regards to closing the airport for the next season.

At 10:00 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Ralph A. Fegley seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

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IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION**

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The Huron County Commissioners hereby attest that all actions and deliberations of the Board legally required to be public were conducted in an open session on this date and that the foregoing minutes represent the official action of the Board.

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 August 7, 2008.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

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

Signatures on File.