

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 28, 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 February 26, 2008 meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Ralph A. Fegley made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 26, 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

08-071

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OF A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ON LETTER OF CREDIT AND STATUS OF FUNDS REPORT (FORM DS5) FOR HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (B-F-07-036-1) DRAW DOWN #(263), SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Gary W. Bauer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request for payment and status of funds report has been prepared and submitted to the Board of Huron County Commissioners as attached herein by WSOS CAC, Inc. & Huron County Development Council for the Board’s certification; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the request for payment and status of funds report; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the request for payment and status of funds report as attached herein and certifies that the data reported is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payment is not in excess of current needs; 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

State of Ohio Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report							
Section One: Request for Payment							
Submit to: Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships P.O. Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001		Name and Address of Grantee: Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, OH 44857		Date		State Use Only	
Contact Person/Telephone Number: Ben Keny, WSOS CAC, Inc. 419-335-2031		Community/Nonprofit # 136		Voucher #		Warrant #	
FTI Number: 34-6400572		Draw Number: 263					
Section Two: Reconciliation of Expenditures							
Grant Number *	Activity Name *	Activity Year *	Enter the Housing Site Address (CDBG and HOME Funder/Housing Activities Only)	Project Number (Public Use Only)	Amount Requested	Approved Activity/Site Address Budget	Balance of Activity/Site Address Budget
B-F-07-036-1	Administration	7			915	16,900	15,985
	WSOS Invoice #14006						
Total Amount of This Draw:					915		
* NOTE: From the Attachment A of the Grant Agreement							
Section Three: Certification of Reconciliation of Expenditures: Two Authorized Signatures Are Required							
I certify that this Request for Payment was drawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement(s) listed and that the amount drawn is proper for payment to the drawee's depository. I also certify that the data reported above is correct and that the amount of the Request for Payment is not in excess of current needs.							
Drawee's Signature: <i>Mike Adelman</i>		Title: <i>Director</i>		Date: <i>2/28/08</i>		State Use Only	
Drawee's Co-signature: <i>Gary W. Bauer</i>		Title:		Date:		State Use Only	
Approved:		Date:				DSF (Rev. 6/04) DEV002	

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Ms. Ziembra reported the Board of Elections has asked for a memo to be sent out to departments in the building reminding them of parking in the far east end of the parking lot on Election Day, March 4, 2008. Board approved sending memo out.

At 9:08 a.m. Tom Jarrett, Northern Ohio Antique Mall, came before the board about changes to his upcoming lease. Mr. Jarrett stated he reviewed the lease and has some changes that he is proposing. Mr. Jarrett asks that the board take time to review and let him know if his changes are acceptable. Mr. Adelman stated we would pass it along to Assistant Prosecutor Daivia Kasper to review and then get back with him.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bauer reported on meeting he had with Mayor Lesch on various topics. Mr. Bauer reported that he went back to the FSA and spoke with Diana Straus, Mr. Brickner had given him some bad advice, we don't have an option to put the land in the conservation reserve program. Number one reason is the FSA had been directed by Washington in 2007 & 2008 not to contract any more fields into CRP because there has not been a federal budget approved which funds those kinds of programs. There is a federal budget in the works so it could change but in the time being there is no option. Going to have to go ahead with Daivia and Cheryl getting that advertised and bid out. Mr. Bauer explained the procedure for if the funds were available for putting the land in the CRP and the possibility of not getting paid on a yearly basis. Reminder that we need to bid out transportation. Need an updated tickler list. Mr. Bauer stated that he and Jim Weidenheft spoke at the WIA board meeting about the training grant. Did not officially appoint a committee but in Jim's conversation he thought Bethany for Norwalk; Brian or Todd from Willard; Lowell or Jerry from Greenwich. Need to go a little beyond there, but want it to be a simple committee and get it functioning pretty quickly. If it is set up under HCDC the Commissioners will not have to take action, they could just proceed. They will work directly with North Central State College.

At 9:30 a.m. no public comment.

Ralph Fegley reported that Pete Welch is looking at trash handling. Looking to get receptacles at each of the buildings, this will eliminate some of the vehicles. One person would pick up and haul trash. Window replacement program had been put on hold until Mr. Dauch checked things out; turns out it is positive. Will have to be done on the weekend, they will reschedule and try to get it done. The panels that they put in so they could put the air conditioners in, those sections need to be covered over and handle a special way. Discussed the balancing of the heat, needs to be rebalanced. Mr. Bauer informed Mr. Fegley of a conversation he had with Royal Chisholm about fans on the boiler that were never wired. Asks that Mr. Fegley speak with Royal to get an update. Mr. Fegley stated that next week we need to have a discussion about vehicle maintenance; may need to have Lon in.

At 9:44 a.m. Tom Reese, Northern Ohio Rural Water reported on upcoming projects. Now advertising the bids on the next project called Contract 30. It encompasses 72 miles of water lines and a water tower. In Huron County 178,000 feet of line which is just under 34 miles. The project will start at Rte. 20 and Rte. 4 straight down Rte. 4 to a water tower that will be in Seneca County, Reed Township. Will be in southern Lyme, Ridgefield and Sherman Townships. Construction will start approximately March 31st. Mr. Fegley asked for a map of all of Huron County that shows where they have water. Mr Reese asks if this meets the counties comprehensive plan. Mr. Reese stated the funding is coming from Rural Development USDA and they want the County Commissioners to be on board, needs a letter of support. Mr. Adelman suggests Daivia Kasper to review to make sure it meets the requirements of the Comprehensive plan.

At 10:00 a.m. Sue Bommer, Human Resource Director came before the board. Ms. Bommer stated the CORSA renewal meeting will be on March 12 @9:30. At this meeting there will be someone talking about floodplain risks. Mr. Fegley will attend and Ms. Bommer will invite Cary Brickner, Soil & Water. Ms. Bommer stated she has received the Medical Mutual renewal, does not have the contract. Spoke with Teri Mahony she is sending it off to Doug Brown to review first. Mr. Adelman stated this is the same paperwork that was emailed to the board. Ms. Bommer stated Medical Mutual will be coming out to do open enrollment. Ms. Bommer stated the custodial & receptionist positions on hold; should she send letters out that the position is on hold. Board ok with that.

Assistant Prosecutor's Report

Sent info to Mr. Weidenheft for the annexation procedure with a cautionary note that was from 2004 and

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doesn't know if our fees have changed. Met with Mr. Walingford in Bellevue, believes it was productive, have not had a chance to brief the trustees.

At 10:19 a.m. Gary W. Bauer 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 ORC 121.22 (G)(3)** 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. 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

At 10:31 a.m. Ralph A. Fegley moved to End Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G) (1) & (3). 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

Other business cont.

Discussed budget. Mike Adelman handed out a new budget sheet and explained the adjustments. Mr. Adelman stated we need to have an Elected Officials meeting; set for Thursday March 6th @ 10:00 a.m. in meeting room. Topic of discussion will be budget issues. Mr. Adelman explained his suggestions for ways to reduce our expenses paid out. Health insurance trust stands at 2.4 million and is doing well, believes we can help ourselves and some other entities budgets if we take the two health insurance holidays in May and October. That would amount to about a \$300,000 expenditure that we would not have to pay out of the general fund this year. The employees would not have to pay in on those months either. Would not be threatening the health insurance trust. Another area would be bonds; money was set aside for tearing down the Old Human Service building which didn't happen and about \$300,000 for the Old Jail. That money that is sitting there can be used to pay down on the debt. Then if we can get our message across to eliminate some of the November and December purchases, then thinks we can reduce expenditures by about \$500,000 to \$600,000. Discussion was had about other things that could come up for the year. Mr. Adelman stated he has concerns at the Transfer Station if the tonnage continues to drop. Pete Welch will be coming in to discuss this on Tuesday.

Ms. Kasper discussed the annexation action further and her discussion with Mr. Walingford. Ms. Kasper explained that if the board approves the annexation on Thursday, we sit on it for 30 days to allow for an appeal, we then transmit it to the city; the city has to sit on it for 60 days. That is 3 months that we can still work before the annexation is actually approved. The city has 120 days to act, they don't have to act after 60 days but they have to wait 60 days. An agreement could still be approved during that time period. Ms. Kasper explained that David Walingford spoke with Dennis O'Toole who is the legal council for Northern Ohio. Mr. Walingford is satisfied that Lyme Township properly came into Northern Ohio; so there are no longer any outstanding issues about that.

At 11:13 a.m. Gary W. Bauer moved to adjourn. Ralph A. Fegley seconded the motion. The meeting stood adjourned.

IN THE MATTER OF OPEN SESSION

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 February 28, 2008.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

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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 11:13 a.m.

Signatures on File.