

The Board of Huron County Commissioners met this date in Regular Session. Roll being called found the following members present: Harry Brady, Tom Dunlap and Bradley Mesenburg.

The following were also in attendance: Vickie Ziembra, Administrator/Clerk; Randal Strickler, Assistant Prosecutor; Mia Phillips, Executive Assistant; Lee Tansey, Engineer; Lindsey Ingram, Juvenile Court; Cecilia Blevins, Board of Election; Ben Kline, Board of Election; Deborah & Ken Weisenauer, Residents; Walt & Sheila Poffenbaugh, Residents; Patricia Didion, Resident; Dale Daniels, Resident; William Seaman, Resident; Kevin Ledet, Resident; Jon White, Resident; Gena Sheltin, Ofilier; Chris Bauer, Resident; Jan M. Tkach, Recorder; Deb Bumb, Resident; Audrey Rose, Resident; Jere Sherman, Resident; Chas. Rogers, Resident of Erie County; Todd Corbin, Huron County Sheriff’s Dept.; David Ditz, Huron County Sheriff’s Dept.; Shylee Greszler, Norwalk Ohio News.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Record of the Proceedings of the meeting(s) were presented to the Board. Tom Dunlap made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting and approve as presented. Harry Brady seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-055

**IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFYING CLAIMS SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT BATCHES TO THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT:**

Tom Dunlap 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 and Then and Now’s for Payment Batch #396664 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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

Huron County Claims Register for Payment Batches					Claims Register for Payment Batches									
Payment Type: All	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #	Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
Funds: 001 to 951	2/12/2025	DEX imaging	396664	2025-001341	Copier Cost	\$16.78		02/12/2025	Matthew Bender & Co Inc	396664	2025-001341	Ohio Revised Code Pages	\$3,854.80	
Department: Commissioners	2/12/2025	Account 001.008.00200 (Equipment) Total:	396664	2025-001341		\$3,871.58		02/12/2025	Refreshments for Jurors	396664	2025-001401		\$42.49	
Account 001.001.00200 (Equipment) Total:	2/12/2025	ScanPro Warranty	396664	2025-001771		\$395.00		02/12/2025	Finlands Local LLC	396664	2025-001421	Document Destruction	\$35.00	
Department Commissioners Total:	2/12/2025	US Bank Equipment Finance	396664	2025-000351	Resh Copier	\$603.50		Account 001.008.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$388.49		
Department: Microfilming	2/12/2025	Department: Data Processing	396664	2025-000351		\$503.50		Department Common Pleas Total:				\$3,868.49		
Account 001.002.00525 (Contract Services) Total:	2/12/2025	Department: Treasurer	396664	2025-002381	Office Supplies-correction tape, planner, etc.	\$65.39		Department: Juvenile				\$19.95		
Department Microfilming Total:	2/12/2025	Account 001.005.00275 (Contract Services) Total:	396664	2025-002381	Office Supplies-File folders, desk calendars, etc.	\$234.30		02/12/2025	Accurate Business Machines	396664	2025-002341	Reprint/Retribution	\$140.00	
Department: Data Processing	2/12/2025	Department: Treasurer	396664	2025-002381	Credit Memo-Cash Calendars	\$13.62		02/12/2025	Piper Software Productions Inc	396664	2025-002341	2025 Supportworks Update	\$159.95	
Account 001.003.00275 (Contract Services) Total:	2/12/2025	Account 001.005.00175 (Supplies) Total:	396664	2025-002381	Credit Memo-Cash Calendars	\$247.43		Account 001.013.00175 (Supplies) Total:				\$159.95		
Department Data Processing Total:	2/12/2025	Department: US Bank Equipment Finance	396664	2025-000351	Tax collection ads 1/13-31/2025	\$300.00		Department Juvenile Total:				\$159.95		
Department: Data Processing	2/12/2025	Account 001.005.00325 (Advertising & Printing) Total:	396664	2025-002841	Copier Lease 2/1-31/25	\$125.67		Department: Juvenile Probation				\$60.80		
Account 001.005.00325 (Contract Services) Total:	2/12/2025	Department: Treasurer	396664	2025-002381	US Bank Equipment Finance	\$119.56		02/12/2025	Tara Randeman	396664	2025-002421	Mileage Reimbursement	\$19.22	
Department: Treasurer	2/12/2025	Department: Common Pleas	396664	2025-001331	Copier Paper	\$119.56		Account 001.014.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:				\$71.62		
Account 001.008.00175 (Supplies) Total:	2/12/2025	Huron County Commissioners	396664	2025-001331		\$119.56		Department Juvenile Probation Total:				\$71.62		

REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes items like Gasoline, Gasoline, Gasoline, and various equipment and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant #, Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes items like Sheriff, Sheriff, Sheriff, and various services and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes items like Amazon Capital Services, Amazon Capital Services, Amazon Capital Services, and various equipment and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant #, Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes items like Dog & Kennel, Dog & Kennel, Dog & Kennel, and various services and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes items like Neco Resources LLC, Neco Resources LLC, Neco Resources LLC, and various services and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

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Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount. Includes items like Fiberglass Electric Cooperative Inc, Fiberglass Electric Cooperative Inc, Fiberglass Electric Cooperative Inc, and various services and supplies.

Claims Register for Payment Batches

Table with columns: Warrant #, Warrant Date, Claimant, Batch ID, PO #/Line #, Line Description, Amount, Warrant #. Includes items like Teton Equipment & Supply LTD, Teton Equipment & Supply LTD, Teton Equipment & Supply LTD, and various services and supplies.

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 #
02/12/2025	Thomas E. Janak	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$53.19								
02/12/2025	Jessica M. Janzak	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$283.20								
02/12/2025	Robert R. Kingsley	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$254.00								
02/12/2025	Jason Paul Toledo	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$354.00								
02/12/2025	Dewanda Taylor	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$281.43								
02/12/2025	Jessica Sturgill	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$254.00								
02/12/2025	Abby L. Schneider	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$212.40								
02/12/2025	Adam Nicholas Priest	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$123.30								
02/12/2025	Amanda Myers	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$451.87								
02/12/2025	People's L.S. LLC	396664	2025-00085/1	ESAA Preservation-Interpreter Services- Y G.A	\$27.74								
02/12/2025	Wildcat County Inc	396664	2025-00085/1	ESAA Preservation-Rock-W Smith	\$1,378.00								
02/12/2025	Fullton County Juvenile Probation Department	396664	2025-00085/1	Foster Care Child Expenditure-Detention Fees	\$1,346.00								
02/12/2025	Shannon Michelle Wilson	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$283.20								
02/12/2025	Stacy Corbin	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$198.20								
02/12/2025	Aghil Campbell	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$194.20								
02/12/2025	Tress R. Caldwell	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$920.40								
02/12/2025	Mindy Blystone	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$88.50								
02/12/2025	Michael Serino	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$188.24								
02/12/2025	Luiz F Gomes De Carvalho	396664	2025-00085/1	AASAMS Subsidy-Feb 2025	\$25.10								
Account 145.145.00150 (Contract Services) Total:					\$10,223.86								
Department Children's Service Total:					\$10,223.86								
Fund 145 - Childrens Service Total:					\$10,223.86								
Fund: 152 - Juvenile Probation Supervision													
Department: Juvenile Probation Services													
02/12/2025	Serpenti Chevrolet of Medina	396664	2025-00258/1	2024 Chevrolet Equinox Purchase	\$21,922.00								
Account 152.152.00475 (Program Expenditures) Total:					\$21,922.00								
Department Juvenile Probation Services Total:					\$21,922.00								
Fund 152 - Juvenile Probation Supervision Total:					\$21,922.00								
Fund: 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund													
Department: Local Fiscal Recovery Fund													
02/12/2025	Germann Miller & Associates Inc	396664	2024-00331/3	ReRoof Project Res. 24-188	\$1,782.50								
02/12/2025	Germann Miller & Associates Inc	396664	2024-00331/3	Structural Study Res. 24-202	\$3,012.50								
Account 163.163.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$3,012.50								
Department Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:					\$3,012.50								
Fund 163 - Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Total:					\$3,012.50								
Fund: 185 - 911													

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Warrant Date	Claimant	Batch ID	PO #/Line #	Line Description	Amount	Warrant #
02/12/2025	Huron County Transfer Station	396664	2025-00300/1	Commingled Recyclables	\$6,348.20	
Account 525.525.00250 (Recycling Programs) Total:					\$12,894.11	
02/12/2025	Norwalk News LLC	396664	2024-00170/2	Advertising	\$61.00	
Account 525.525.00475 (Other Expenses) Total:					\$61.00	
Department Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$12,944.11	
Fund 525 - Solid Waste Management District Total:					\$12,944.11	
Fund: 560 - Health Insurance						
Department: Health Insurance						
02/12/2025	Digital Insurance LLC	396664	2025-00418/1	Monthly Consulting Service-February	\$3,182.00	
Account 560.560.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$3,182.00	
Department Health Insurance Total:					\$3,182.00	
Fund 560 - Health Insurance Total:					\$3,182.00	
Fund: 635 - Commissary Trust						
Department: Commissary Trust						
02/12/2025	Also Chen Inc	396664	2025-00232/1	Bath Tissue, OTC Diapers, Big Shot, Laundry Soap	\$1,884.15	
02/12/2025	Instate Calling Solutions	396664	2025-00232/1	January Phone use	\$3,905.85	
02/12/2025	Kaife Commissary Network	396664	2025-00232/1	January Commissary stock	\$3,817.10	
Account 635.635.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$9,453.10	
Department Commissary Trust Total:					\$9,453.10	
Fund 635 - Commissary Trust Total:					\$9,453.10	
Fund: 640 - Canine Trust Fund						
Department: Canine Trust Fund						
02/12/2025	Treasure Supply Credit Plan	396664	2025-00233/1	Food for Crest	\$69.99	
Account 640.640.00260 (Expenditures) Total:					\$69.99	
Department Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$69.99	
Fund 640 - Canine Trust Fund Total:					\$69.99	
Grand Total:					\$383,017.10	

Sign 1  Sign 2  Sign 3 

PAY TO NAME	PURCHASE ORDER	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	CURRENT QUEUE
DANOP LTD	2025-00083	WIOA Adult-Fuel Vouchers-Decemr	102	Commissioners TAN Approval
DANOP LTD	2025-00082	CCMEP WIOA Youth-Fuel Vouchers	1296	Commissioners TAN Approval
DANOP LTD	2025-00063	CCMEP TANF Youth-Fuel Vouchers-	475	Commissioners TAN Approval
Great Lakes Community Action	2025-00405	General Admin Draw#8	5012	Commissioners TAN Approval
Great Lakes Community Action	2025-00405	General Admin Draw#9	2156	Commissioners TAN Approval
Great Lakes Community Action	2025-00407	CHIP-7305MyrtleAve	4790	Commissioners TAN Approval
			<b>\$13,791.00</b>	

 Harry Brady  
 Tom Dunlap  
 Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-056

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH ERIE BLACKTOP, INC. FOR THE GREENWICH MILAN TOWNLINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-018 the bid was awarded to Erie Blacktop, Inc. for the amount of \$637,729.25 for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 2 project for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc., for such goods and services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc., Sandusky, Ohio for the Greenwich Milan Townline Road Improvements Phase 2 project for the Huron County Engineer 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. The roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\*Contract on file

25-057

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH OGLESBY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE HURON COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKING PHASE 1; HUR-CR VAR-PM FY 2025; PID 115866**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-019 the bid was awarded to Oglesby Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$79,914.56 for the Huron County Pavement Marking Phase 1 project; for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc., for such goods and services: now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Oglesby Construction, Inc., Norwalk, Ohio for the Huron County Pavement Marking Phase 1 project for the Huron County Engineer 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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\*Contract on file

25-058

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Ohio’s Cooperative Purchasing Act. (AM. Sub. H.B. No. 100), as signed into law on December 4, 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, effective March 6, 1986, Ohio’s Cooperative Purchasing Act provides the opportunity for counties, townships, municipal corporations, regional transit authorities, regional airport authorities or port authorities and school districts, conservancy districts, township park districts and park districts and other authorities, to participate in contracts distributed by the state of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cooperative Purchasing for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain materials; now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY HURON COUNTY:**

Section 1. That the Huron County Engineer hereby requests authority in the name of Huron County to participate in state contracts which the Department of Administrative Services, Office of State Purchasing has entered into and the Office of Cooperative Purchasing has distributed for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain other materials pursuant to Revised Code Section 125.04.

Section 2. That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County to be bound by all contract terms and conditions as the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cooperative Purchasing prescribes. Such terms and conditions may include a reasonable annual membership fee to cover the administrative costs which the Department of Administrative Services

incurs as a result of the Huron County Engineer’s participation in the contract. Further, that the Huron County Engineer does hereby agree to be bound by all such terms and conditions and to not cause or assist in any way the misuse of such contracts or make contract disclosures to non-members of the Coop for the purpose of avoiding the requirements established by ORC 125.04.

Section 3. That the Huron County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Huron County Engineer to directly pay the vendor, under each such state contract in which it participates for items it receives pursuant to the contract, and the Huron County Engineer does hereby agree to directly pay the vendor.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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. Tansey stated this allows us to buy equipment or materials through the state purchasing program.

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

- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-059

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE BUTLER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-020 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Butler Road Resurfacing project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, January 31, 2025 at 9:00 A.M from the following:

Sarver Paving Co.	\$247,215.00
Gerken Paving, Inc.	\$254,555.00
A.J. Riley, Inc.	\$259,575.00
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$263,036.75
Kokosing Construction, Inc.	\$280,775.00

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Co., Ashland, Ohio, for the Butler Road Resurfacing project; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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 – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-060

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2025 CHIP AND SEAL PHASE 1 PROJECT**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-022 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the 2025 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, January 31, 2025 at 9:10 A.M from the following:

Sarver Paving Co.	\$1,080,706.00
Melway Paving Co., Inc.	\$1,114,476.50
Geauga Highway Co.	\$1,199,005.34
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$1,222,307.50

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to Sarver Paving Co., Ashland, Ohio, for the 2025 Chip and Seal Phase 1 project; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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. Tansey clarified this is county roads only. The township roads will bid in about three weeks.

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

- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

*At 9:05 a.m. Public comment- None*

**25-061**

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE GREENWICH EAST TOWNLINE ROAD STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-021 the County Engineer requested authorization to seek bids for the Greenwich East Townline Road Structure Replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given in accordance with Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received Friday, January 31, 2025 at 9:05 A.M from the following:

RMH Concrete and Foundations, Inc.	\$192,619.25
Senghas Construction Co.	\$201,250.00
Great Lakes Demolition, Inc.	\$205,635.00
Marett Excavating, Inc.	\$206,637.50
Mid Ohio Land Worx, Inc.	\$209,985.00
Dovin Landworks, LLC	\$222,691.50

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby award the bid to RMH Concrete & Foundations, Inc., Collins, Ohio, for the Greenwich East Townline Road Structure Replacement project; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that all further matters relative to this award be coordinated through and with the Huron County Engineer’s Office; 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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-062

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE FITCHVILLE RIVER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Engineer has requested approval for seeking bids for the Fitchville River Road Resurfacing project; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of this must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website pursuant to Section 307.87 of the Ohio Revised Code; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve of letting bids for the Fitchville River Road Resurfacing project; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation and on the County’s website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) by clicking on the Legal Notices link until the bid is opened on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted and all actions and deliberation 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. Tansey stated this is for resurfacing from Prospect to Cook Rd.

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

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

**ADVERTISEMENT**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids may be submitted on or before the bid opening date of Friday, February 28, 2025 until 9:59 a.m. local time, at the Huron County Commissioner’s Office, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, for the following Project: Fitchville River Road Resurfacing. Bids shall be opened and publicly read aloud at 10:00 a.m.

Bid Documents, including contract terms & conditions, must be obtained for a \$20.00 (check only) non-refundable fee from the Huron County Engineer at 150 Jefferson Street Norwalk Ohio 44857, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Bidder may elect to have these documents mailed to them for an additional fee of \$10.00 for shipping.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than October 10, 2025.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Huron County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, (614) 644-2239.

Bid documents must be obtained from the Huron County Engineer, no copies will be accepted. All bid documents must be submitted bound in their entirety.

The Board of County Commissioners of Huron County reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities in the bids or bidding process and may reject any and all bids.

This advertisement may also be viewed by logging on to <http://www.hccommissioners.com> and clicking on the "Legal Notices" link or <http://www.huroncountyengineer.org> and clicking on the "Bid Information" link.

Advertise:  
February 13, 2025

25-063

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH SENGHAS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PERU OLENA ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENGINEER**

Tom Dunlap moved to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution 25-017 the bid was awarded to Senghas Construction for the amount of \$369,837.15 for the Peru Olena Road Bridge Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to enter into contract with Senghas Construction, for such goods and services: now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby approve entering into contract with Senghas Construction, LaGrange, Ohio for the Peru Olena Road Bridge Replacement project for the Huron County Engineer 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. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Abstain – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\*Contract on file

25-064

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE ACT (SVAA) GRANT AWARD FOR GRANT PERIOD 10/1/2024 -9/30/2025**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Prosecutor’s office prepared and submitted an application for the SVAA Grant for the purchase of a copier and chairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Prosecutor’s office has been awarded the grant in the amount of \$8,839.00; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the SVAA grant award in the amount of \$8,839.00, 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 – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\*Grant award on file



25-065

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM NECESSARY FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE PY 2025 COMMUNITY HOUSING AND IMPACT PROGRAM (CHIP) FOR HURON COUNTY, OHIO**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners intends to contract with a qualified consultant to perform necessary functions related to the PY 2025 Community Housing and Impact Program (CHIP) for Huron County, Ohio; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners does hereby request qualified consultants interested in performing professional planning and application preparation services and grant administration and implementation services for the PY 2025 CHIP Grant for Huron County to submit their Statement of Qualifications to the attention of Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Ave., Ste. 7, Norwalk Ohio 44857 no later than 4:00 PM on March 6, 2025; and further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notice of this will be placed in a newspaper of general circulation on February 14, 2025 and posted on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices; 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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS**

The Huron County Board of Commissioners will be receiving Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified consultants to perform necessary functions related to its PY2025 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). Scope of work includes development of a grant application, convening the Huron County Housing Advisory Committee as required for the grant application, preparing an environmental review record, performing residential property inspections (including lead-based paint risk assessments and clearances), overseeing pest inspections, and administration and implementation of the CHIP Grant.

Consultants interested in providing these services should submit a SOQ for consideration. The SOQ should include information regarding the consultant's ability to perform professional planning and application preparation services; grant administration and implementation experience; technical training, education, and the consultant's personnel experience of individuals to be assigned to CHIP projects within Huron County. Also, SOQs should include information relative to experience with Federal/State compliance, consultant's CHIP specific experience, qualified personnel availability, quality of work, and history working with Huron County.

Statements of Qualifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope (one original and one copy) to the Huron County Commissioners' Office, Attn: Ms. Vickie Ziemba, Administrator/Clerk, 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7, Norwalk, OH 44857 no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2025**.

**The complete request for Statement of Qualifications may be viewed and/or obtained at** the Huron County Commissioners' Office, 180 Milan Ave, Suite 7 Norwalk, OH 44857 or on the County's website [www.hccommissioners.com](http://www.hccommissioners.com) accessed by clicking on legal notices.

**To Newspaper: Publish in *Legal Section* on February 14, 2025.**  
Please provide one (1) affidavit

25-066

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #099 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT FUND #155**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds is needed for the #155 Juvenile Dependency Court Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners have agreed to pay the benefits portion for the employee of the Juvenile Dependency Court; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves of the transfer of moneys from 099-00600-001 in the amount of \$20,175.00 to the Juvenile Dependency Court Fund #155-10500-155 for the 2024/2025 grant period; 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 journal entry to the #155 fund; 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. Ziembra states this is what the previous board committed as a grant match. This is for the 2024-2025 Grant.

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

- Aye – Harry Brady
- Aye – Tom Dunlap
- Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-067

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-006**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners desires to amend resolution 25-006, **IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK TO THE BOARD TO PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 305.30 to expand the authority for PAYMENT OF GOODS;** now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby amends Resolution 25-006 as follows:

2. **PAYMENT OF GOODS.** The County Administrator/Clerk to the Board be, and is hereby, authorized to allow and pay claims for goods received and services rendered for individual invoices up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) upon receipt of written certification from the Auditor’s Office that the county departments have provided sufficient documentation of the purchase of the goods or services. In the absence of a quorum to conduct a meeting or cancellation a meeting of the Board, the County Administrator/Clerk to the Board is authorized to review and approve pay claims with no dollar limit.

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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

25-068

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE HURON COUNTY ENRICHMENT CENTER PROJECT (SENIOR CENTER)**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Huron County Board of Commissioners entered into Contract with Classical Construction, LLC for the Huron County Enrichment Center Project (Senior Center) on January 4, 2024, Resolution 24-013; and

**WHEREAS**, Garmann-Miller & Associations, Inc. (Architect) has reviewed and found the Project to be substantially complete and have issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion for review and approval by the Board; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners hereby approves the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the work performed by Classical Construction, LLC for the Huron County Enrichment Center Project (Senior Center) 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. Dunlap pointed out there is still a punch list to be completed.

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

Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\* Certificate of Substantial Completion on file

25-069

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HURON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC**

Tom Dunlap moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Huron County Commissioners and Charter Communications Operating, LLC desire to execute the Spectrum Enterprise Service Agreement for Huron County Administration Building located at 180 Milan Ave., Norwalk, Ohio 44857; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Huron County Commissioners approves the Spectrum Enterprise Service Agreement with Charter Communications Operating, LLC, a copy of which is 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 – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg

\*Agreement on file

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVEL - *None*

**SIGNINGS**

The CDBG Environmental Review Period for public comment has ended. No comments were received.

*Tom Dunlap moved to authorize Commissioner Mesenburg to sign the State of Ohio Department of Development Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects form. Harry Brady seconded the motion. The roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:*

*Aye – Harry Brady  
Aye – Tom Dunlap  
Aye – Bradley R. Mesenburg*

State of Ohio Department of Development  
Office of Community Development

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF) AND CERTIFICATION  
FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED STATE PROJECTS**

Pursuant to Section 104 (g) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended.

**Part 1: General Information**

<p>1. Certifying Officer Name and Title, Responsible Entity name, and Mailing Address:</p> <p>Brad Mesenburg President, Huron County Commissioners 180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7 Norwalk, OH 44857</p> <p>Phone: 419-668-3092 Email: <a href="mailto:bmeseburg@huroncounty-oh.gov">bmeseburg@huroncounty-oh.gov</a></p>	<p>2. Administering Agent name and Address:</p> <p>Ben Martens Great Lakes Community Action Partnership 127 S. Front Street P.O. Box 590 Fremont, Ohio 43420</p> <p>Phone: 440-552-3680 Email: <a href="mailto:wbmartens@qlcap.org">wbmartens@qlcap.org</a></p>	<p>Submit Form and Public Notice(s) to the Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Development at <a href="mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov">ocd@development.ohio.gov</a>.</p>
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**Part 2: Request for Release of Funds**

The Responsible Entity requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following Activity(ies)/Project(s):

Grant Agreement No.	Name of Project and Activity (as listed in Attachment A of the Grant Agreement)	Activity No.	List the Amount of Federal Funds Budgeted for Each Activity	List the Activity Location, as Designated in the Grant Agreement	Describe the Entire (Aggregated) Project	Level of Environmental Finding: <b>CE</b> (Categorical Exclusion) <b>EA</b> (Environmental Assessment)
B-F-24-1B3-1	Willard Water Line	2	\$78,500	Willard, OH	Public Utilities/Water line replacement in the City of Willard	EA
	New London Water Plant Fencing	3	\$58,000	New London, OH	Other Public Facilities Improvements/Installation of fencing at the water plant in New London	CE

**Part 3: Environmental Certification**


With reference to the Activity(ies)/Project(s) identified on the reverse side of this form, I, the undersigned certifying officer of the responsible entity, CERTIFY THAT: (Note: Items 4 and 5 below require additional action.)

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making, and action pertaining to the project(s) listed herein.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review(s) completed for the proposed project(s) described herein, I have found that the proposal **(CHECK ONE)**  DID  DID NOT require the preparation and dissemination of an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.
5. The responsible entity has, prior to submitting this request for release of funds and certification, published, in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43, a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy. **(ATTACH COPY(IES) OF NOTICE(S))**
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment, or other action are in compliance with the procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. The following provides a summary of critical dates:

<b>Categorically Excluded Projects (CE)</b>	Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF) Publication Date	Last Date of Local Comment Period	Date Certification Signed and Submitted	Estimated Last Date of State Objection Period	Type of Other Notices (e.g., floodplain/wetland) and Date Published
	1/27/2025	2/3/2025	2/12/2025	2/27/2025	N/A

<b>Environmental Assessment Projects (EA)</b>	Combined Notice (FONSI & NOI/RROF) Publication Date	Last Date of Local Comment Period	Date Certification Signed and Submitted	Estimated Last Date of State Objection Period	Type of Other Notices (e.g., floodplain/wetland) and Date Published
	1/27/2025	2/11/2025	2/12/2025	2/27/2025	N/A

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the responsible entity personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Name of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity	Signature	Title	Date
Brad Mesenburg		President, Huron County Commissioners	2/12/2025

**WARNING:** Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code shall apply to this certification.

**At 9:15 a.m. William Seaman, Resident, Emerson Creek Wind Project/RUMA Agreement**

At 9:15 a.m. Mr. Mesenburg excused himself from the meeting because he will be abstaining from all discussion and decision making on this topic.

Mr. Seaman thanked the commissioners for allowing him to speak and presented the following:

February 11, 2025

My name is William Seaman – my address is 4584 State Route 547 – Hunts Corners, Ohio.

I am a registered Republican voter. APEX attempted to lease multiple parcels of our family farms in Erie and Huron County. Those offers were refused.

I am here this morning to discuss the RUMA for the Emerson Creek Wind project In Erie and Huron County.

First Erie County.....

By my count Erie County is slated to have 15 wind turbines. 5 in Oxford Township, all within spitting distance along the transmission line which will connect near Mason and Thomas Roads. The remaining 10 wind turbines are in Groton Township, 8 which surround the quarry located in that township. There are not many roads involved with placing these turbines. However, the RUMA in Erie County has not yet been approved. A new County Engineer was elected in November, and that newly elected individual is working to hire new employees.

Now to Huron County....

Huron County – in contrast – is expected to have 44 wind turbines. Their locations begin in northern Lyme Township, then to Sherman Township and all the way south to Norwich Township. The turbines located in these townships will also be visible to residents in Seneca County, Richmond Township, Willard, Monroeville, Ridgefield Township, Peru Township, etc. The RUMA in Huron County is considerably complex.

I am here today to ask the Huron County Commissioners not to rush to a decision to approve the RUMA for Huron County until Lee Tansey has had the time to study and vet the proposal from APEX. Our three current commissioners are not the individuals that approved the tax break for APEX – called in word salad fashion by our friends from Charlottesville, VA as the ‘Pilot’. The current commissioners however will be held to account if the construction of the wind project damages roads on the west side of Huron County.

Mr. Tansey has consistently asked for information from APEX, and apparently APEX doles out this information half-heartedly. One would think, after six full years since

the public announcement of the project, that this information should be easy to pass along to the Huron County government. The weights of the transport and size of the parts of turbines will be unprecedented in our townships.

To sum up – my advice is to take your time and do it right.

My next subject is the third-party engineer who can, in an unbiased way, determine if the RUMA is adequate to protect the roads for the citizens of western Huron County.

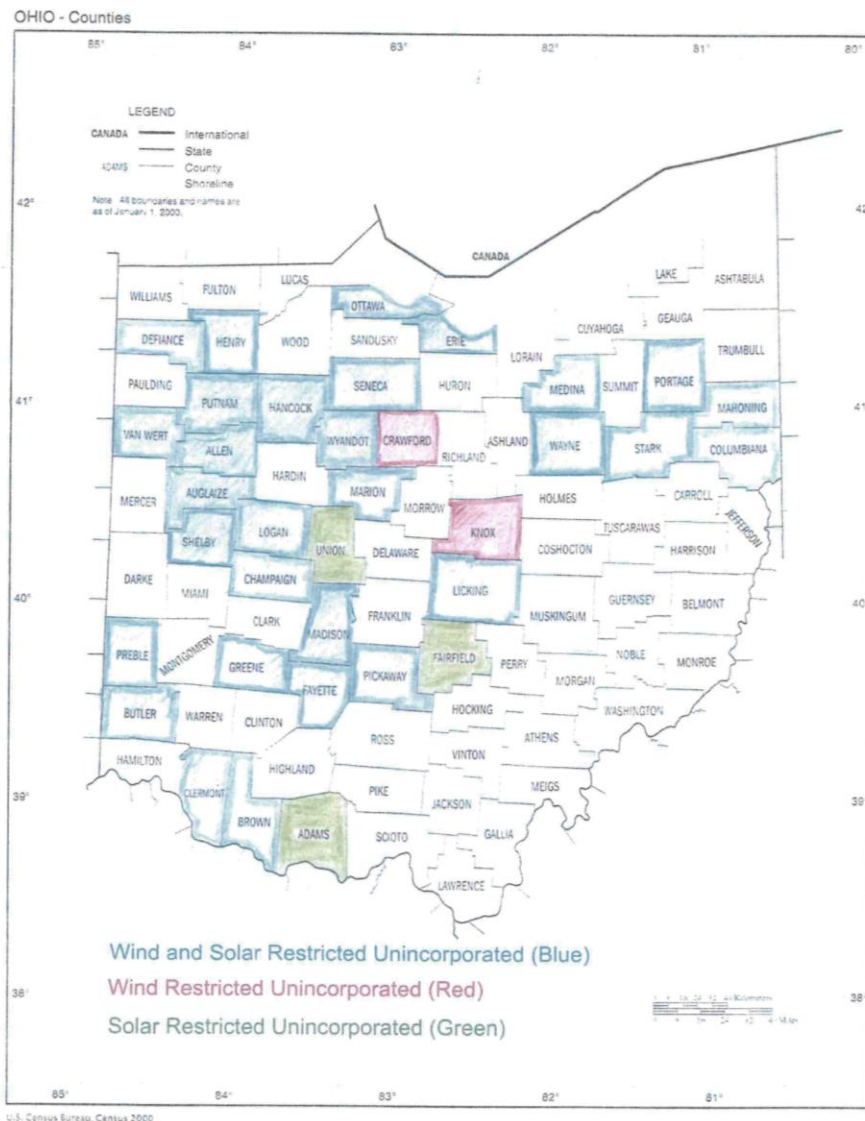
- Who hires the neutral party? Is it APEX? Is it Huron County? Is it both parties? And who writes the check to the third-party engineer? APEX? Huron County or both? We need to be vigilant when APEX recommends a particular company with whom it has previously done business.

(talk about personal story of arbitrator in employee discipline case who was allegedly impartial)

To sum up – my advice is to choose wisely.

Recent elections in Erie County have shown that being vigilant with our renewable energy friends does not impact incumbents. In a county that is blue (Erie County), two anti-wind and anti-solar Republican candidates, up against well-funded Democrats, won their races, respectively, with 61% and 59% of the vote. Doing the right thing is recognized by the voters.





Mr. Brady thanked Mr. Seaman for coming in and speaking. He explained this has been an issue since 2021 and maybe even before this. He pointed out he has the utmost confidence in Mr. Tansey and his engineering department. Mr. Brady pointed out the commissioners are not rushing anything. APEX has not particularly been forthcoming with all the information. He stated before RUMA there are other things that must happen before it gets done. The commissioners have not made it a priority to push this through hard. The fact that its been through the court system and it has been OK'd, Mr. Brady personally, and it will go a record today, is not a fan of the *Green New Deal*. Unless the wind turbines increase in their production and efficiency, by the time the wind turbine finishes its life cycle it has generated enough money to pay for what it costs to put it in and the maintenance on it. This is why he is not a fan of wind power. That being said, which he is putting on record now, he thinks that if the Township Trustees want to engage their township residents and township by township decide whether they want to do this, if there are enough townships that say they do not want this then it makes it an easier decision for the commissioners to ban or restrict it. Mr. Brady encourages the trustees to get community support.

Mr. Strickler explained to Mr. Seaman the reason why APEX is paying the bill is a legal issue. Mr. Tansey said it will not be turned over to the consultant, however he does not have enough staff to be there 24/7. They will supplement his staff.

Mr. Seaman said they have to pass a resolution. Mr. Dunlap has sat in several meetings with RUMA and he is not feeling good about this. Mr. Seaman knows he cannot stop the current project but wants to protect Huron County. Mr. Brady appreciates when citizens engage and stay on top of things.

*The Board recessed at 9:34 a.m.*

*At 9:36 a.m. the Board resumed regular session and Mr. Mesenburg rejoined the meeting at this time.*

### Budget Meetings

#### 9:38 a.m. Lindsey Ingram, Juvenile Court /Budget

Judge Cardwell and Ms. Ingram submitted a couple of inquiries for budget that they are seeking. Juvenile advertising and printing.

Have a contract with Erie County Detention Center. They have had an increase so they are asking for money to cover those costs.

Looking for increases in salary to stay competitive and attract and retain quality people.

Mr. Dunlap said he knows Judge Cardwell keeps costs as low as he can.

**9:42 a.m. Cecilia Blevins, Board of Elections /Budget**

Ms. Blevins is looking to hire a new person in the office as an election specialist. They would be in charge of laying out the ballot and working on elections. They want to be able to do the ballot program themselves instead of paying a vendor they will train this person to do it. Mr. Brady asked are you looking to hire someone full or part time? Ms. Blevins said full time. In between elections, what would they be doing? The VR process, anything they need campaign finance, anything in the office. Mr. Brady would like written form of costs. Ms. Blevins said they would maybe hire someone at \$50,000 a year plus benefits. Ms. Blevins believes in the long run this will save money. They have had to adjust last minute and sometimes it is super inconvenient when they have to wait on the vendor. Mr. Mesenburg asked if this would help do away with comp time. Ms. Blevins said yes. Mr. Dunlap asked about ballot security. Mr. Kline said there would be another set of eyes. They try to have a full-time staff member, the work load will be better. Mr. Brady said a 7<sup>th</sup> person is going to be an odd person out. Ms. Blevins said the political affiliation would not matter.

Ms. Blevins said that Clear Ballot's contract is up. They are purchasing the equipment for \$1. Submitted cost/year options for software maintenance and updates. This needs to be determined by August.

Discussed the Voter Registration system. Currently with ES&S. Will need to either do a system upgrade or go with a new company. Most counties are switching to Triad, they are more user friendly.

Requests a new vehicle and availability of current county vehicles. Mr. Brady stated there are county vehicles available. Can schedule to use commissioner, engineer or JFS vehicles.

Mr. Kline requested an increase in salaries. Mr. Kline states elections have gotten more complicated and its harder work they would like to be compensated for their work. They do a little bit of everything. They want their salaries increased. More is asked of them from state to local. The general public doesn't see it. Mr. Dunlap said they will speak about the salaries.

**10:03 a.m. Jan Tkach, Recorder's Office/ Budget**

Ms. Tkach said in the budget this year there are several items. Needs \$1300 to cover an employees insurance stipend. Incease of \$50 for longevity.

Increase an employees hours from 25 to 40 hours. They are in the middle of a redaction project that requires them to have everything online since 1980 by June 30th of 2026. They are having to go through these documents. She would like the hours increased to help with.

The lighting issue is resolved after 13 years. Ms. Tkach spoke with Mr. Welch and it is halfway finished.

The next ask if for a temporary employee to do redaction until the end of the year or until another employee retires. There will be a vacancy. If she hires a temp now then it will be easy to move that person into a vacant position. Plus, another set of eyes. They are using the redaction tool software. They are making tweaks to it and it allows them to get done one book a day. If she had to chose she would take moving her part-time employee to full time.

Any compensation improvements would be appreciated.

**At 10:15 a.m.** the board recessed

**At 10:25 a.m.** the board resumed regular session

**10:25 a.m. Sherriff's Office Budget**

Deputy Ditz said they did make changes to salaries for road and jail. That is adjustments from the 2024 interim budget.

Referenced spreadsheet portion the medical hygiene there is a request to bump it up because the bare bones the nursing and prescriptions is \$397,360. Aids mediation alone is \$8,000 a month. Deputy Ditz is optimistic about keeping the nursing staff he has now. Mr. Brady asked if those are the FTMC nurses. Sheriff Corbin states they went with FTMC because of liability. They did not even try to fill the other position. Mr. Brady comments on this. He said they were paying \$30,000 a month or more. Mr. Strickler said the bidders that bid on that job were from out of state and way higher. The amounts from other states are higher. Going with this contract was the lesser of two evils.

Deputy Ditz said they normally get 4 cars. The new cruiser is \$275,000 and the radio work is \$8,000. Mr. Brady asked were you able to order more cruisers in December 2024? They order 3 marked and one unmarked and a jail van that has not been delivered yet.

Mr. Brady knows that negotiations are coming up and its hard to do the budget with the unknown. Deputy Ditz said he does not like to drag it out. Sheriff Corbin said they start negotiations in July. The biggest



unknown right now is what are the surrounding counties going to do to keep up and be competitive. He knows what he would like to see 3,3 and 3 would be great. He is hoping the unions are being realistic. He doesn't want to waste the commissioners or his own time. So far, conversations have been good.

Mr. Brady asked about the evidence room, it might be in a different budget but, he would like to see the wash bay back. Deputy Ditz said they are just waiting to move forward..

They are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of payments for Tasers its \$28,000. They will not have to buy replacements. Everything is sent to them. A cartridge is \$32. The old Tasers were not good. They wanted to do one lump sum, so that they can be taken care of.

Mr. Brady asked how are we for radios? I know we transfer radios but do we have sufficient or backups? Deputy Ditz states there are no spare radios. He would like to have a spare ready to go and two portables. Mr. Brady asked about getting a portable. Deputy Ditz would love to have several extra. They work off of jail radios he would like the road radios. Sheriff Corbin said the ones they have now are the top of the line. Mr. Brady would like them to get information to Ms. Ziemba about radios.

Deputy Ditz would like to tear down the visitation area and utilize that space. Visitation is done through video now so this space not needed.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the vehicles sitting behind the jail, what can we do to make that process go? There is a vehicle that is still there from a homicide. Sheriff Corbin said he cannot stand clutter and has been talking to Mr. Welch about handling some of these items. He wants to expand the fenced in area. Ms. Stebel has some of the titles to go on Gov Deals.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Brady Report:**

He states he was on a 4-hour CEBCO calling dealing with transition. The director will be retiring in May. It could very well be the assistant that takes his place. On Friday February 28 he went to CORSA board meeting. Cyber Security is becoming very expensive to insure and CORSA is looking to outsource the coverage. They have a program that counties are recommended to follow. If counties don't follow the security measures then your coverage for cyber security will drop to \$50,000. Mr. Brady Spoke to Mr. Reidy about making sure they are up to date. This county is being proactive. Huron County will get an in-person valuation soon of the county owned buildings to figure out what has gone up and what they want to get rid of.

**Commissioner Dunlap Report:**

Mr. Dunlap received a call from a Norwalk township trustee. There is a citizen that wants to unannexed from the City of Norwalk. The citizen is going to call Mr. Dunlap and he will refer this person to legal. Chris Smith from Premier Properties is asking about the old jail. Mr. Mesenburg asked if he wants to see what he has and then decide. Mr. Brady said that people out there have a great attachment to things but there comes a time when other factors will trump that. Mr. Brady asked Mr. Dunlap to have a conversation with Mr. Smith. Mr. Brady said there were some people that came in that did not understand the extreme amount of money it would take to rehab this facility. Mr. Brady states Mr. Dunlap is the perfect person to talk about this. Mr. Dunlap said it will take millions of dollars to rehab the old jail. They will be running into the same issues. There is only 1,100 square feet on each floor.

**At 10:55 a.m.** Tom Dunlap 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 February 11, 2025.

**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 10:55 a.m.

Signatures on File