

Bad Axe, Michigan
Thursday, March 29, 2018

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 29, 2018, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Third Floor, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Khoury with The Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present: Chairman Sami Khoury, Dave Peruski, John Nugent, John Bodis, Ron Wruble, Todd Talaski, and Steve Vaughan.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Peruski seconded by Talaski to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 13, 2018 and the Regular Board minutes of March 13, 2018. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- From the Oakland County Board of Commissioners their miscellaneous resolution #18062 opposing the State Budget Office's proposed amendments to the Michigan Indigent Defense Act.
- The 21st annual Rural Education Day program is being planned for Tuesday, September 11, 2018, and the Project R.E.D. Committee is requesting to use the fairgrounds as well as the Expo Building and the big arena for set-up on both Sunday the 9th and Monday the 10th and the event on Tuesday, the 11th.
- A letter from John Walsh, Winsor Township Clerk, that a public hearing will be conducted to review Blue Diamond Steel Casting, LLC request to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Winsor Township Hall in Pigeon.
- A letter from Rachel Voss, CA/N Council Board Member Huron Medical Center, is asking to hold the Pinwheel Planting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 on the front lawn of the County Building.
- A letter from Sue Thelen of the Air Quality Division of the DEQ enclosing their monthly Pending New Source Review Application Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Vaughan announced there is acreage behind the Senior Center that the County owns that the hockey association might want to consider for building their ice arena.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit of 3 minutes per person):

- Bill MacAlpine, Sue Morell, Rick Weitenberner and Gary Booms, members of the Huron County Hockey Association addressed the Board on their continuing efforts for an expanded facility for its ice arena. They said there were 215 kids in the program this past year, 60 adults in the leagues and other programs such as open skating and the "Learn to Skate Program" for those 4 and under. Gary Booms said they need to come to a consensus on where they are going to put the arena so proper plans can be drafted. Mr. Booms also said if they are not going to utilize the current arena building at the

fairgrounds, the others that use the facility and were looking at changes will need to be informed.

9:11 a.m.

Nine (9) interviews for the Planning Commission were scheduled for today. The interviews for today are:

Dr. Robert Oakes
Bill Renn
Bill McPhee

10:10 a.m.

Recess

10:14 a.m.

Mike Lorencz
George Lauinger
Bill Goretski
Rita Parsch
Julie Epperson
Bob Tenbusch

11:29 a.m.

Recess

11:36 a.m.

CONSENT ACTIONS: Motion by Wruble, seconded by Bodis to approve the resolutions on the Consent Actions. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted:

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-28C

WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Acts 51 and 52 of 2017, which amended MCL 600.1344 and 600.151e and increased the minimum rates that courts and funding units must pay jurors for mileage reimbursement and compensation, there is a need to increase said fees for reimbursement effective April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 51 [MCL 600.1344] increased the minimum juror mileage reimbursement rate from \$.10 mile to \$.20 per mile and also increased the minimum rates for juror compensation as follows:

- (i) For the first day or half day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$30 per day and \$15 per half day.*
- (ii) For each subsequent day or half day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$45 per day and \$22.50 per half day; and*

WHEREAS, Public Act 52 of 2017 amended MCL 600.151e and clarified how each funding unit will be reimbursed from the juror compensation reimbursement fund (JCRF) by adding language to subsection (7), which now reads as follows:

“Each court funding unit is entitled to receive reimbursement from the fund for the juror compensation expense amount reported under subsection (5) for the preceding 6 months, excluding any juror compensation in excess of the statutory minimum under section 1344 and excluding the first \$7.50 for half-

day juror attendance rates, the first \$15.00 for full-day juror attendance rates, and the first 10 cents per mile reimbursement.”; and

WHEREAS, MCL 600.1344 requires that any changes in rates that trial courts compensate jurors or reimburse juror mileage be approved by county board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge David B. Herrington submits this resolution to comply with MCL 600.1344 for Huron County jurors; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby approves this resolution increasing juror mileage and compensation rates for Huron County jurors, effective April 1, 2018.

CA RESOLUTION BY SAFETY COMMITTEE: #18-29C

WE, the SAFETY COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting, and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2018 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Huron County and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

Prior to the appointments, Chairman Khoury asked each Commissioner for their recommendations for the appointments to the Planning Commission. Following are the recommendations:

Chairman Khoury: Lorencz, Lauinger, Epperson
Commissioner Peruski: Lauinger, Epperson, Tenbusch
Commissioner Talaski: Oakes, McPhee, Epperson
Commissioner Vaughan: Renn, Oakes, Epperson
Commissioner Bodis: Bill Renn, Dr. Oakes, Bill Goretski
Commissioner Wruble: Oakes, Lauinger, Tenbusch
Commissioner Nugent: Lorencz, Lauinger, Epperson

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Planning Commission:

- Julie Epperson

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to approve the Chairman's appointment of Julie Epperson to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Talaski, Peruski, Bodis, Nugent, and Khoury. Nays – Wruble. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Planning Commission:

- Dr. Robert Oakes

Motion by Bodis, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Chairman's appointment of Dr. Robert Oakes to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bodis, Vaughan, Talaski, and Wruble. Nays – Peruski, Nugent, and Khoury. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Planning Commission:

- George Lauinger

Motion by Wruble, seconded by Nugent to approve the Chairman's appointment of George Lauinger to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Wruble, Nugent, Bodis, and Khoury. Nays – Peruski, Talaski, and Vaughan. Motion carried.

11:54 a.m.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to allow Farm Bureau to use the Expo Center and Arena Building for Rural Education Day on September 9, 10, and 11, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to hold the Pinwheel Planting on the courthouse lawn on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Khoury attended: Mar. 13 – regular board meeting. Mar. 14 – Huron County Planning Commission meeting. Mar. 19 – Sebewaing Village Council meeting. Mar. 20 – Fairhaven Township meeting. Mar. 21 – Huron County Road Commission meeting.

Bodis attended: Feb. 27 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Finance Committee meeting with County Treasurer. Mar. 5 – City of Bad Axe Council meeting. Mar. 7 – Verona Township Board meeting. Mar. 9 – GST Workforce Development Board meeting; GST Governing Body Board meeting. Mar. 20 – Revision of the MI Medical Examiner's System Presentation in Bay City. Mar. 21 – Board of Health Meeting. Mar. 28 – DHHS Board meeting; 911 Authority Board meeting; Verona Township Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Motion** by Wruble, seconded Talaski to approve monthly bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Health Department	\$78,984.91
Board Bills Approved	30,567.89
Paid Without Presentation	<u>302,825.07</u>
Total	\$412,377.87

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Vaughan attended the MAC Conference earlier this week. There were a lot of good session.
- Commissioner Bodis attended a meeting last week pertaining to medical examiners and medical examiner investigators. He has a hand out from the meeting that he will share with all of the Board members. The changes that are coming will cost the County more money.
- Chairman Khoury received information from the Fairhaven Police Chief regarding the impact of medical and recreational marijuana. He shared some of the statistics with the Board members.

12:02 p.m.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) under the OMA. Motion carried.

12:29 p.m.

Reconvene the regular meeting.

12:29 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk