

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 24, 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. Commissioner Nugent is moving consent action resolution #6 to new business #3. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** by Peruski, seconded by Bodis to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 10, 2018, the Regular Board minutes of April 10, 2018 and the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 17, 2018. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Region VII Area Agency on Aging has sent their Draft Allocation Plan for senior services. They are requesting the Board's review and comments. Written comments are due to the office by 4:00 pm on Friday, April 20, 2018.
- A letter from Larry Schnettler and Bill Goretski requesting to be re-appointed to the Huron County Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Received letter from William McPhee requesting to be appointed to the Huron County Planning Commission.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Nothing at this time.

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

- Dean Smith announced he will be running for the 84<sup>th</sup> District State Representative seat this August.
- Elaine Laming introduced herself as the newly appointed Register of Deeds replacing Sheri Stanton and will be running for the position on the August primary.

**9:08 a.m.**

Walt Schlichting presented the 2018 Equalization report. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to accept Equalization report. Motion carried.

**9:16 a.m.**

Recess

**9:21 a.m.**

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

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-35C**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the attached letter from the Administrator of the Huron County Medical Care Facility (HCMCF), the resident satellite TV equipment has been upgraded by Remote Satellite, Inc. at a cost of \$5,358.85; and

WHEREAS, the HCMCF Administrator is requesting reimbursement of this expense from the HCMCF Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 232 dated November 18, 1975 does not allow any expenditure from Medical Care Facility Public Improvement Fund 245-671 without Board of Commissioners approval; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Treasurer be authorized to transfer all existing funds in the amount of \$5,223.62, including any interest to date, to the Huron County Medical Care Facility from the Medical Care Facility Public Improvement Fund 245-671; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Huron County Treasurer be further authorized to close out the Medical Care Facility Public Improvement Fund 245-671 following this transfer of funds.

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-36C**

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Council on Aging, at their April 13, 2018 meeting, approved a motion to provide funding in the amount of \$2,500 to the Kinde Area Fire Board using funds from the Older Citizens Fund 296 budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget for this increase in expenditures; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Treasurer to appropriate \$2,500 to the Kinde Area Fire Board for the reasons set forth in the attached request letter from the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget as follows:

296-673.01-814	Other Commodities	\$2,500
296-890-965	Contingency	(\$2,500)

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-37C**

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Council on Aging, at their April 13, 2018 meeting, approved a motion to provide funding in the amount of \$300 to the Amvets Post #115 using funds from the Older Citizens Fund 296 budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget for this increase in expenditures; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Huron County Treasurer to appropriate \$300 to the Amvets Post #115 for the reasons set forth in the attached request letter from the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend the 2018 Older Citizens Fund 296 budget as follows:

296-673.01-814	Other Commodities	\$300
296-890-965	Contingency	(\$300)

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-38C**

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the following General Fund 101 Departments to reflect the additional estimated revenues and expenditures; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to adjust the 2018 estimated Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for General Fund 101 as follows:

**REVENUE:**

	<b><u>CLERK</u></b>	
101-215-620.11	DNA Assessment Due to County	\$75
101-215-682	Other Reimbursements	117
	<b><u>TREASURER</u></b>	
101-253-694	Cash Over & Short	\$15
	<b><u>SHERIFF</u></b>	
101-301-603.12	WAP Program	\$675
101-301-680	Insurance	3,900
	<b><u>NATURE CENTER</u></b>	
101-795-675.02	Donation/Private Source	<u>\$100</u>
	<b>Total Additional Revenue:</b>	<b>\$4,882</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

	<b><u>CLERK</u></b>	
101-215-957	Employee Training	\$180
	<b><u>COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS</u></b>	
101-228-725	Vacation	\$550
101-228-980	Office Equipment	112
	<b><u>TREASURER</u></b>	
101-253-720	Sick Pay	\$373
101-253-725	Vacation	3,945
	<b><u>EQUALIZATION</u></b>	
101-257.01-705	Part-Time	\$3,000
101-257.01-957.04	Assessor Training	350
	<b><u>COUNTY PROPERTY</u></b>	
101-269-776	Janitorial Supplies	\$25
101-269-932	Building Maintenance	168
	<b><u>COUNTY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE</u></b>	
101-270-935	Vehicle Maintenance	\$150
	<b><u>FRIEND OF THE COURT</u></b>	
101-289-706	Overtime	\$600
	<b><u>PROBATE COURT</u></b>	
101-294-707	Per Diem	\$350
	<b><u>SHERIFF</u></b>	
101-301-807	Membership and Dues	\$200
101-301-845.02	Medical	600
101-351-807	Membership and Dues	<u>\$335</u>
	<b>Total Unbudgeted Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$10,938</b>

**TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:**

101-890-965	<b><u>CONTINGENCY</u></b> Appropriation	<b><u>(\$6,056)</u></b>
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**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #18-39C**

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the following Funds to reflect the additional estimated revenues and expenditures; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to adjust the 2018 estimated Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the following Funds:

<b><u>HOMESTEAD PRE AUDIT FUND 254</u></b>		
254-253-665.02	Interest – Passbook	\$50
254-253-965	Appropriation	\$50
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<b><u>REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND 256</u></b>		
256-268-623.01	Recording Fees	(\$45,000)
256-268-665.02	Interest – Passbook	(125)
256-711-623.01	Recording Fees	\$45,000
256-711-665.02	Interest – Passbook	125
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<b><u>LOCAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER’S TRAINING FUND 264.01</u></b>		
264.01-362-704	Salaries	\$616
264.01-890-965	Appropriation	(\$616)
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<b><u>COUNTY LAW LIBRARY FUND 269</u></b>		
269-145-663	Penal Fines	(\$3,500)
269-292-663	Penal Fines	\$3,500
<b><u>CHILD CARE FUND 292</u></b>		
292-662-685.90	Supplemental Security Income	\$925
292-665-845.10	Other	\$1,222
292-890-965	Appropriation	(297)
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<b><u>SOLDIERS’ RELIEF FUND 293</u></b>		
293-689-675.02	Donation/Private Source	\$295
293-689-921	Utilities	\$850
293-689-935	Vehicle Maintenance	815
293-890-965	Appropriation	(1,370)
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<u>VETERANS AFFAIRS FUND 297</u>		
297-683.01-649.13	Contribution Vet Memorial Bricks	\$125
297-890-965	Appropriation	\$125

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #18-40**

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

*WHEREAS, there is need to hire a part time employee to fill the position of part time Deputy Sheriff in the Huron County Sheriff's Office to serve in the capacity(s) designated by the Sheriff including, but not limited to, Road Patrol; and*

*WHEREAS, Darren Smithers has applied for said position in the Huron County Sheriff's Office; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Darren Smithers be hired to fill said position at the rate(s) in accordance with those established per Resolution No. 17-18C (see attached), that being a rate of \$18.00 per hour; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Darren Smithers shall be employed effective April 24, 2018, as a part time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the Huron County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures Book.*

**Motion** by Nugent, seconded by Peruski to approve this resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Nugent, Talaski, Bodis, Wruble, Peruski, and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #18-41**

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

*WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a full time employee to fill the position of Electrical Inspector in the Building & Zoning office to fill a vacancy due to a retirement; and*

*WHEREAS, Steve Niemiec has applied for said position in the Building & Zoning office; and*

*WHEREAS, Building & Zoning Director Jeff Smith has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Steve Niemiec be hired to fill said position at Grade 150, Step 4, with a salary of \$38,269 due to his experience and training for skilled trades. Mr. Niemiec will proceed through the remaining steps of the Salary Progression Schedule as follows:*

*to Step 5 on May 7, 2019  
to Step 6 on May 7, 2020  
to Step 7 on May 7, 2021  
to Step 8 on May 7, 2022  
to Step 9 on May 7, 2023; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Steve Niemiec shall be employed effective May 7, 2018, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the AFSCME General County Unit I collective bargaining agreement, as negotiated periodically with the Huron County Board of Commissioners.*

**Motion** by Nugent, seconded by Peruski to approve this resolution. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Nugent, Talaski, Peruski, Bodis, Wruble, and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION BY SAFETY COMMITTEE: #18-42**

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

*WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners desires legal representation in national litigation that is being waged against manufacturers and distributors of opioids and other culpable parties; and*

*WHEREAS, the participation in such national litigation requires specialized expertise; and*

*WHEREAS, the Safety Committee has reviewed the qualifications of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC, and Behm & Behm and believes that these firms collectively possess outstanding experience and qualifications to represent Huron County's interests as it relates to the opioid epidemic; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby approves the firms of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC, and Behm & Behm as special counsel to represent the interests of Huron County in litigation concerning the opioid epidemic; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign any and all required documentation.*

**Motion** by Bodis, seconded by Peruski to approve this resolution. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to suspend discussion until more information is found. Motion carried. Resolution tabled.

**9:50 a.m.**

Open bids for Senior Center Roof project:

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| ○ H&H Roofing                   | \$69,900    |
| ○ Thomas Brown & Son            | 50,971      |
| ○ Zimmer Roofing & Construction | 43,377 base |
| ○ Marlette Roofing              | 42,000      |

**Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to turn bids over to the Properties Committee. Motion carried.

**10:00 a.m.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None at this time.

**MOTIONS:**

**Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Wruble to grant permission to Marie Kiehl to hold a National Day of Prayer service on the steps of the County Building on May 3, 2018 from noon until 1:00 pm. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Khoury** attended: Apr. 10 – regular board meeting. Apr. 16 – Sebewaing Village Council meeting. Apr. 17 – Committee of the Whole meeting; Fairhaven Township meeting. Apr. 18 – Sebewaing Township public hearing.

**Peruski** attended: Apr. 10 – regular board meeting. Apr. 17 – Committee of the Whole meeting. Apr. 19 – Legislative Committee meeting; Personnel Committee meeting.

**Bodis** attended: Apr. 10 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting. Apr. 11 – Thumb Area Transit Board meeting. Apr. 13 – Huron Medical Center Annual Fund raiser. Apr. 16 – Sigel Township Board meeting. Apr. 18 – meeting with constituent; Board of Health meeting;

meeting with Corporation Council (Opioid Litigation); met with the Treasurer; Road of Commissioners and Road Commission annual Township Board meetings; Sigel Township meeting; Verona Township meeting.

**Vaughan** attended: Apr. 10 – regular board meeting; Meade Township meeting. Apr. 17 – Committee of the Whole meeting; Colfax Township meeting.

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

Health Department	\$103,348.19
Board Bills Approved	88,953.56
Paid Without Presentation	<u>344,751.16</u>
Total	\$537,055.91

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one appeared.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:**

- Commissioner Vaughan said July 14<sup>th</sup> is the new date for the household hazardous waste collection.
- Commissioner Bodis discussed legalizing marijuana and what is happening with illegal marijuana.
- Commissioner Talaski said the Bad Axe Fire Department is going to bring their lift truck to fix the ropes on our flag pole.

**10:04 a.m.**

**Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) under the Open Meetings Act, and to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to MCL 15.268€ under the Open Meetings Act.. Motion carried.

**11:51 a.m.**

Reconvene the regular meeting.

**Motion** by Peruski, seconded by Vaughan to go to arbitration. Roll call vote: Ayes – Peruski, Nugent, Vaughan and Khoury. Nays – Wruble, Bodis and Talaski. Motion carried.

**11:53 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Sami Khoury, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Lori Neal-Wonsowicz  
Huron County Clerk