

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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 Bodis moved consent action resolution #7 to NB #2. Commissioner Wruble asked to give a presentation during final board comment and move final public comment and final board comment before the closed sessions. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Peruski, seconded by Nugent to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 11, 2017, the Regular Board minutes of April 11, 2017 and the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 18, 2017. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- From Debra Polega, Food Drive Coordinator, Bad Axe Post Office, requesting the Board to make it official during the regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, the Proclamation "Letter Carriers' Stamp out Hunger Food Drive Day" on May 13, 2017.
- The 20th annual Rural Education Day program is being planned for Tuesday, September 12, 2017, and the Project R.E.D. Committee is requesting to use the fairgrounds as well as the Expo Building and the big arena for both Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th.
- Received the Huron County 2015-2016 Annual Report from MSUE.
- A letter from Circuit Judge Gerald M. Prill requesting reappointing Janice Holz to the Huron County Jury Board.
- A letter from Rich Swartzendruber asking to be appointed to the Huron County Zoning Board of Appeals.
- A letter from Rebecca Bachman giving her resignation from the Huron County Clerk's Office.
- A Public Notice from the Huron County Road Commission of the Tri-County Regional Task Force 7A will meet on May 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Huron County Road Commission for the purpose to achieve a financial balanced Task Force program.
- A letter from Sue Thelen of the Air Quality Division of the DEQ enclosing their monthly Pending New Source Review Application Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit of 3 minutes per person) Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, after reading from an article from the Detroit News from June 1978, said that DTE is not telling us the truth. Going back 40 years DTE bought up acreage to build a bigger plant. Mr. Gaffke feels they have trashed our County.

9:11 a.m.

Walt Schlichting presented the 2017 Equalization report. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to accept the Equalization report. Motion carried.

9:19 a.m.

Time was scheduled for Joe Bixler, MSUE District 10 Coordinator, to present and discuss the County Partner Report.

9:27 a.m.

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

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #17-49C

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has received MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0066/P1/R1, a Revised Project Authorization for FY 2017 Section 5311 Operating Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Huron County Board of Commissioners to be used for public transit in Huron County throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Board of Commissioners for signature to said contract; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sami Khoury, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0066/P1/R1 on behalf of the County of Huron.

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #17-50C

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has hereby determined that it is necessary to continue to provide additional funds to maintain and expand services to older citizens of Huron County; and

WHEREAS, to comply with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of 1963, it is necessary to submit the proposition regarding the question of a renewal of a tax levy to maintain and expand services to older citizens in Huron County to the vote of the qualified electors of said County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Huron County Board of Commissioners that the following proposition be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of said County at the primary election to be held on August 8, 2017:

"MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR SERVICES TO OLDER CITIZENS

As a renewal of the rate previously approved by the electors which expired with the 2016 tax levy, shall the previously voted increase in the 15.50 mill tax limitation imposed under Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all general ad valorem taxes within the County of Huron be renewed at 2.5/10 of one mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of five years (2017 through 2021 inclusive) to provide funds to maintain and expand services to older citizens in Huron County, and shall the County of Huron levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$577,978? The funds so collected are to be administered by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

_____ YES
_____ NO"

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #17-51C

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has hereby determined that it is necessary to continue to provide additional funds to equip, operate, maintain, and provide support and assistance services to veterans through a county Department of Veteran's Affairs; and

WHEREAS, to comply with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of 1963, it is necessary to submit the proposition regarding the question of a renewal of a tax levy to provide funds to equip, operate, maintain, and provide support and assistance services to veterans through a county Department of Veteran's Affairs in Huron County to the vote of the qualified electors of said County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Huron County Board of Commissioners that the following proposition be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of said County at the primary election to be held on August 8, 2017:

"MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS"

As a renewal of the rate previously approved by the electors which expired with the 2016 tax levy, shall the previously voted increase in the 15.50 mill tax limitation imposed under Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all general ad valorem taxes within the County of Huron be renewed at .08 of one mill (\$.08 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of five years (2017 through 2021 inclusive) to provide funds to equip, operate, maintain, and provide support and assistance services to veterans through a county Department of Veterans' Affairs, and shall the County of Huron levy such renewal millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$184,953? The funds so collected are to be administered by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

_____ YES
_____ NO"

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #17-52C

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

WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has hereby determined that it is necessary to continue to provide additional funds for the operating purposes of the Huron Transit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, to comply with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of 1963, it is necessary to submit the proposition regarding the question of a renewal of a tax levy to provide funds for the operating purposes of the Huron Transit Corporation in Huron County to the vote of the qualified electors of said County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Huron County Board of Commissioners that the following proposition be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of said County at the primary election to be held on August 8, 2017:

"MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR OPERATING PURPOSES OF THE HURON TRANSIT CORPORATION"

As a renewal of the rate previously approved by the electors which expires with the 2017 tax levy, shall the previously voted increase in the 15.50 mill tax limitation imposed under Article 9, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all general ad valorem taxes within the County of Huron be renewed at 2/10 of one mill (\$.20 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of five years (2018 through 2022 inclusive) to provide funds for operating purposes of the Huron Transit Corporation, and shall the County of Huron levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$462,382? The funds so collected are to be administered by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

_____ YES
_____ NO"

CA RESOLUTION BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: #17-53C

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

WHEREAS, Jake & Anne Tschirhart, owners of Verona Tavern, 12 North Verona Road, Bad Axe, Michigan, 48413, own three parcels of land adjacent to the Verona Tavern, in Section 19 of Sigel Township; and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification of the three parcels of land is currently Agricultural District (AGR);
and

WHEREAS, a request has been submitted by property owners Jake & Anne Tschirhart, to amend the Huron County Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 3.02 District Boundaries [Zoning Map] by changing the zoning classification for all three parcels of land from Agricultural (AGR) to General Business District (BUS) classification. Said land is located in Section 19 of Sigel Township, Huron County, Michigan, more fully described below:

Sigel Township, Parcel No. 3226-019-010-00, Map No. 22 19 100 005: Beginning at a point 206.8 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 14 East, Sigel Township, Huron County, Michigan; thence East 165 feet; thence North 66 feet; thence West 165 feet; thence South 66 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 14 East, except easements and rights of way of record.

Sigel Township, Parcel No. 3226-019-009-00, Map No. 22 19 100 006: Beginning at a point 151.5 feet North and 33 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 14 East; thence East 167 feet; thence North 55 feet; thence West 167 feet; thence South 55 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being in and a part of said Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 14 East; except easements and rights of way of record.

Sigel Township, Parcel No. 3226-019-002-00, Map No. 22 19 100 012: Beginning 206.8 feet North and 165 feet East of the West quarter corner of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 14 East, Sigel Township, Huron County, Michigan; thence East 33 feet; thence North 66 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence South 66 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record; and

WHEREAS, after providing public notice pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, being the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, a public hearing relative to this request was held by the Huron County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to receive comments and consider a recommendation on this request for map amendment (ZA 2017-01); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this request is to change the zoning classification of three parcels of land, totaling 0.51 acres, in Sigel Township to a General Business District (BUS) Classification, which would allow for additional off-street parking to accommodate customers and patrons; and

WHEREAS, there exists throughout Huron County similar parcels of land located directly adjacent to major thoroughfares that are zoned General Business District (BUS) Classification, pursuant to Huron County Zoning Ordinance Article VII, BUS General Business District, § 7.01 Intent and Purpose and § 7.02 Principal Permitted Uses and Structures; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of master plan and zoning provisions, relevant facts and comments, a motion was approved by the Huron County Planning Commission on April 5, 2017 recommending to the Huron County Board of Commissioners that this resolution and zoning amendment ZA 2017-01 be adopted; and

WHEREAS, it is further recommended that this amendment shall be approved in Ordinance form and have an effective date pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended; the effective date being May 10, 2017; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners, Huron County, Michigan adopts zoning amendment ZA 2017-01 in Ordinance form, which revises the Huron County Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 3.02 District Boundaries by changing the zoning classification of three parcels of land, totaling 0.51 acres, in Section 19 of Sigel Township, Huron County, Michigan, identified herein, by the attached ordinance, and illustrated on the attached map from an Agricultural District (AGR) to a General Business District (BUS) classification; with the aforementioned ordinance amendment having an effective date of May 10, 2017, a date pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are authorized to attest to this amendment by signing the attached Ordinance amendment ZA 2017-01 and Zoning Classification Map.

CA RESOLUTION BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: #17-54C

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

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder's recommended 2018 State Budget includes approximately \$115 million to replace the Caro Regional Center (facility) with a new State Psychiatric Facility (facility); and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty as to whether or not the replacement facility will be located at the existing location in Tuscola County; and

WHEREAS, the facility is a vital economic engine of the entire region, employing approximately 360 people making it the second largest employer in Tuscola County; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the facility would have dramatic, devastating negative repercussions to businesses, schools, and families living in communities throughout this region of the state; and

WHEREAS, the previous closure of State Prisons in this area already had a severely damaging impact to the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, this primarily rural region of the state is working to rebuild the economy from the great recession, and cannot sustain the loss of a facility employing this number of residents on top of other problems that exist in most areas of the region such as: declining/aging population, school enrollment declines, declines in number employed, and increasing number of people receiving public assistance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its critical regional economic importance we believe the current facility location is the best for the state investment for several important reasons: it is accepted in the community, city infrastructure, available state land for construction, access to state highways, and near medical providers; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioner does hereby urge Governor Rick Snyder, Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon, and members of the State legislature to direct funding for the replacement of the Caro Regional Center to Tuscola County because it is the best location and to prevent the loss of 360 jobs which are critical to the economy and families of this region of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rick Snyder, Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon, and members of the State legislature that represent this region of the state.

CA RESOLUTION BY SAFETY COMMITTEE: #17-55C

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

WHEREAS, every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation's largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the "Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is just one example of how letter carriers work to make a difference in the lives of those they serve. Since the pilot drive was held in 1991, more than 1.5 billion pounds of food have been collected; and

WHEREAS, we recognize all letter carriers for their hard work and their commitment to their communities. All of the food collected in our community stays in our community, and we support carriers' efforts to help those in need in our community; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the noteworthy milestone of 25 years that the national Letter Carrier Food Drive celebrates in 2017; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners, Huron County, Michigan, hereby proclaims Saturday, May 13, 2017 as "Letter Carriers Food Drive Day" in Huron County and

encourages the citizens of our community to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near your mailbox on Food Drive Day. Your letter carrier will pick it up while delivering the mail, and together, we can all help to feed our hungry.

CA RESOLUTION BY SAFETY COMMITTEE: #17-56C

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

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR) which is an underground long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic for over 100,000 years. This site is approximately one kilometer inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 meters below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, water is the nation's and Canada's most important natural resource and should be protected and managed prudently; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing twenty percent of the world's and ninety-five percent of the United States' fresh water vital to human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States of America, Canada, and the First Nations; and

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed over the proposed OPG DGR by individuals, citizen and environmental groups, and municipalities and counties in both Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, under the 2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality, the governments of the United States and Canada acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing, and responding to threats of the waters of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Governments of Canada and of the United States share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollution, including the potential leakage of radioactivity from and underground nuclear repository; and

WHEREAS, placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised. The potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this site. The ecology of the Great Lakes, valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well-being of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has significant experience with the concerns for siting a radioactive waste disposal facility as the state went through an exhaustive siting process over twenty years ago and concluded there was no viable location for constructing such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate has expressed serious concerns for the failure of the siting process in Ontario for the proposed OPG DGR to fully account for all potential impacts of the proposed facility by passing a legislative package urging intervention by the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission, and a special legislatively created advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016, OPG submitted a report outlining generic information about two alternative geologic regions, but failed to provide any information on specific sites or consider any areas located outside of the Great Lakes basin; and

WHEREAS, as of September 12, 2016, entities representing over 23 million citizens have passed 187 resolutions in the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio and in the province of Ontario opposing the proposed nuclear waste repository, with the vast majority of the resolutions opposing any permanent underground nuclear waste repository anywhere in the Great Lakes basin; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners, Michigan, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce

Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes basin in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners, Michigan, urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject and seek alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes basin. In addition, pursuant to SCR 16 of 2014 and SR 151 of 2014, the Huron County Board of Commissioners also urges President Trump to take all necessary steps to engage the International Joint Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canadian Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna, the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and the Governors and legislative leaders of the remaining seven Great Lakes states, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, U.S. Representative Paul Mitchell, Senator Phil Pavlov, and State Representative Ed Canfield, as well as the Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (case reference #17520) Co-Manager Mr. Debra Myles.

RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #17-57

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17-32C established the new position of Senior Trial Attorney in the Prosecuting Attorney's office and placed said position at Grade 210 of the 40 hour Salary Progression Schedule (see attached); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a full time employee to fill the position of Senior Trial Attorney; and

WHEREAS, David Wallace, a current Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, has applied for said position in the Prosecuting Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Timothy J. Rutkowski has recommended to the Personnel Committee that David Wallace be promoted to fill said position at Grade 210, Step 2 with a salary of \$55,199; ~~however pursuant to policy adopted by this Board per Resolution No. 17-21C, Mr. Wallace will be promoted to Grade 210, Step 8 with a salary of \$65,364. Mr. Wallace will proceed on the salary progression schedule as follows:~~

⇒ ~~to Step 9 on December 15, 2017; now~~

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that David Wallace shall be promoted effective April 26, 2017, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the Huron County Employee Handbook, as established periodically by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Peruski, seconded Nugent to approve this resolution. Discussion. **Motion** by Peruski, seconded by Talaski to amend the resolution [as indicated above]. Roll call vote on the amendment: Ayes – Talaski, Vaughan, Bodis, Nugent, Wruble, and Khoury. Nays – Peruski. Motion carried. Roll call vote on the resolution as amended: Ayes – Khoury, Talaski, Vaughan, Bodis, Nugent, Peruski, and Wruble. Nays – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #17-58

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17-42C established the new position of Circuit Court Deputy Court Administrator in the Circuit Court office and placed said position at Grade 150 of the 37.5 hour Salary Progression Schedule (see attached); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a full time employee to fill the position of Circuit Court Deputy Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Sarah L. McNames, a current Court Recorder/Juvenile Assistant, has applied for said position in the Circuit Court office; and

WHEREAS, Circuit Judge Gerald M. Prill has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Sarah L. McNames be promoted to fill said position at Grade 150, Step 1 with a salary of \$35,455; ~~however pursuant to policy~~

adopted by this Board per Resolution No. 17-21C, Ms. McNames will be promoted to Grade 150, Step 9 with a salary of \$43,962; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sarah L. McNames shall be promoted effective April 26, 2017, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the Huron County Employee Handbook, as established periodically by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Peruski, seconded Nugent to approve this resolution. Discussion. **Motion** by Nugent, seconded by Peruski to amend the resolution [as indicated above]. Roll call vote on the amendment: Ayes – Talaski, Vaughan, Bodis, Nugent, Wruble, and Khoury. Nays – Peruski. Motion carried. Roll call vote on the resolution as amended: Ayes – Khoury, Talaski, Vaughan, Bodis, Nugent, Peruski, and Wruble. Nays – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

ELECTION: Chairman Khoury calls for the election of 1 member for a 5-year term to the Health Board. There is 1 candidate that applied for this position. **Motion** by Peruski, seconded by Bodis to cast a unanimous ballot for Carol Majeski to the Health Board for a 5-year term. Motion carried.

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

- o Janice Holz

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to approve the Chairman's appointment of Janice Holz to the Jury Commission. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- o Rich Swartzendruber

Motion by Bodis, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Chairman's appointment of Rich Swartzendruber to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Bodis, Peruski, Wruble and Talaski. Nays – Nugent and Khoury. Motion carried.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Nugent, seconded by Peruski to accept the resignation of Rebecca Bachman from the position of Chief Deputy Clerk, with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Peruski to allow Farm Bureau to use the Expo Center and Arena Building for Rural Education Day on September 11, and 12, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Peruski to grant permission to Marie Kiehl to hold a "National Day of Prayer" service on the steps of the County Building on May 4, 2017 from noon until 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Khoury attended: Apr. 11 – regular board meeting; Owendale Village Council meeting. Apr. 13 – Huron Recovery Roundtable meeting. Apr. 17 – Sebewaing Village Council meeting. Apr. 18 – Committee of the Whole meeting; Fairhaven Township meeting.

Peruski attended: Apr. 11 – regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting; Sherman Township meeting; Negotiations with POLC. Apr. 12 – Bingham Township meeting. Apr. 17 – Sheridan Township meeting. Apr. 18 – Committee of the Whole meeting. Apr. 24 – Paris Township meeting.

Vaughan attended: Apr. 11 – regular board meeting; Meade Township Board. Apr. 18 – Committee of the Whole meeting. Apr. 19 – Road Commission meeting with DTE at the DTE Energy Center. Apr. 21 – Benefit Auction at Bay Valley, disability assistance.

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

Health Department	\$92,992.02
Board Bills Approve	38,245.15
Paid Without Presentation	<u>1,096,979.57</u>
Total	\$1,228,216.74

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Joni Iseler said in 1968 the DTE Power Plant was already built in Harbor Beach.
- Richard Krohn is still concerned about the Apple Blossom Wind project and the size of the turbines. Mr. Krohn states we need to have the manuals.
- Sally Kain said people are complaining, what will it be like when the bigger turbines come in.
- Jeff Smith, B&Z Director, said at the next Planning Commission meeting they are going to look at the MSUE sample guide line. Mr. Smith stated when he looked for the document online; it has been removed from the website for further analysis.
- Robert Gaffke indicated the MSU document is still available as he downloaded it yesterday.
- Rick Stein said the power plant discussion was in regards to a second power plant north of Harbor Beach.

10:14 a.m.

Recess

10:21 a.m.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Bodis discussed the FAN meeting last week. Huron County's death rate by OD's is in line with Macomb County's.
- Commissioner Bodis also informed the Board that the Health Department offers many services; and that the Board and public should check out the Health Department's website.
- Commissioner Bodis also reported that the Health Fair will be held on June 9th at the Evangel Life Assembly of God Church.
- Commissioner Nugent attended the Nature Center meeting last night and they presented the programs that will be held at the Nature Center for the next 6 months.
- Commissioner Wruble gave a presentation on the wind turbine tax revenue.
- Commissioner Nugent discussed the wind-related questions that will be voted on next Tuesday, May 2nd.
- Commissioner Vaughan reinforced that this Board only has jurisdiction over the county zoned townships, therefore the wind overlay questions will be decided by the county zoned townships only.
- Chairman Khoury refreshed the Board on the discussion regarding a Board member serving as a liaison to the Planning Commission. Chairman Khoury indicated that he was interested in serving as the liaison.

Motion by Nugent, seconded by Talaski to approve the Chairman's appointment of Sami Khoury as the Board member liaison to the Planning commission. Motion carried.

11:24 a.m.

Recess

11:33 a.m.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Peruski to go into closed session to discuss information with Corporation Counsel pertaining to a dispute with an employee about the interpretation of the C.B.A., pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) under the O.M.A., because it involves information exempt from disclosure under MCL 15.243(g) under F.O.I.A. Motion carried.

11:53 a.m.

Reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion by Peruski, seconded by Nugent to follow Corporation Counsel's advice to send a letter to deny. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

11:58 p.m.

Motion by Peruski, seconded by Vaughan to go into closed session to discuss settlement or trial strategy, as an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the County's position. The exemption is pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), and for the reasons set forth above under MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.243(g). Motion carried.

12:03 p.m.

Reconvene the regular meeting.

12:04 p.m.

Motion by Peruski, seconded by Vaughan to go into closed session to discuss settlement or trial strategy, as an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the County's position. The exemption is pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), and for the reasons set forth above under MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.243(g). Motion carried.

12:12 p.m.

Reconvene the regular meeting.

12:12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk