

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 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 Khoury, Mike Meissner, Don Musser, Joe Murphy, Todd Talaski, and Steve Vaughan. Mary Babcock excused.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Murphy pulled the Legislative motion. Motion by Talaski, seconded by Meissner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Meissner to approve the Regular Board minutes of October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- From Sherman Township, their resolution #2023-1010 opposing the current proposed legislation that would preempt all local authority on their location and permitting of utility-scale wind and solar facilities and large battery storage facilities.
- From Ottawa County Board of Commissioners their resolution that Ottawa County promotion of vaccines for school and licensed childcare programs include full and accurate information regarding available exemptions and waivers from vaccine requirements.
- From Lenawee County Board of Commissioners their resolution supporting local control of land uses including but not limited to short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration and sand and gravel mining.
- An email from Sara Loughrige, proclaiming November is Family Court Awareness Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time.

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

- Mark Parzynski is requesting speed limit signs near his house for the trucks in and out of the sand mine.
- Luke Deming attended the Clerk's meeting in regards to information on early voting.
- Lee Sharp questioned about appointment to Human Services Board
- Dan Glaza thanked the Board for serving on the Board of Canvassers. In regards to the Senior Center, Pier 360 will be hosting a Halloween party this weekend.
- Jeff Smith said once new inspectors get certified he would like them to increase to pay grade 150M. The Legislative Committee motion that was pulled pertains to decommissioning and needs to be re-written.

9:15 a.m.

Jason Daniels, Equalization Director, gave a preliminary apportionment report. The final report will be after the November 7th election due to proposals being on the ballot.

9:20 a.m.

CONSENT ACTIONS: **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Vaughan to approve the resolutions on the Consent Actions. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted:

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #23-119C

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to upgrade the computers and software in the Treasurer's office, the Clerk's office, the Equalization office, the GIS office, the Juvenile office, and the Building & Zoning office; and

WHEREAS, CDW Government has submitted the best bid in the total amount of \$27,052.43 for 29 computers for the aforementioned County Building offices (see attached); and

WHEREAS, Hi-Tech has a standard price in the amount of \$150 each for 67 Microsoft license subscriptions for the 29 new computers and 38 renewal licenses, for a total cost of \$10,050 (see attached); and

WHEREAS, the CIS Director has requested \$1,000 as a contingency for this project; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CIS Director be authorized to purchase 29 computers for various County Building offices from CDW Government at a total cost of \$27,052.43, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CIS Director be authorized to purchase 67 software licenses/renewals from Hi-Tech at a total cost of \$10,050, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contingency funds be available to the CIS Director for this project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #23-120C

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 Building Inspector in the Building & Zoning office to fill a vacancy due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, Steven J. Ross has applied for said position in the Building & Zoning office; and

WHEREAS, Building & Zoning Director Jeff Smith has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Steven J. Ross be hired to fill said position at Grade 150m, Step 1, with a salary of \$50,487; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends that Steven J. Ross be hired to fill said position at Grade 140m, Step 1 with a salary of \$46,964; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Steven J. Ross shall be employed effective October 30, 2023, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employment of Steven J. Ross is contingent upon him obtaining his building inspector/building plan reviewer registration from the State of Michigan and SESC inspector certifications prior to April 30, 2024.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #23-121C

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 Building Inspector in the Building & Zoning office to fill a vacancy due to an anticipated retirement; and

WHEREAS, Jason A. Bezemek has applied for said position in the Building & Zoning office; and

WHEREAS, Building & Zoning Director Jeff Smith has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Jason A. Bezemek be hired to fill said position at Grade 150m, Step 1, with a salary of \$50,487; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends that Jason A. Bezemek be hired to fill said position at Grade 140m, Step 1 with a salary of \$46,964; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jason A. Bezemek shall be employed effective November 6, 2023, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employment of Jason A. Bezemek is contingent upon him obtaining his building inspector/building plan reviewer registration from the State of Michigan and SESC inspector certifications prior to May 6, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS: None at this time.

ELECTIONS: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Human Services Board:

- o Heather Legatz

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to approve the Chairman's appointment of Heather Legatz to the Human Services Board. Motion carried.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to authorize the chairman to sign the Ground Lease between Huron County and Region VII Area Agency on Aging for the construction of a PACE wellness center, approved as to form by corporation counsel. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

REPORTS: None at this time.

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

Health Department	\$124,571.01
Board Bills Approved	143,754.87
Paid Without Presentation	<u>1,391,999.30</u>
Total	\$1,660,325.18

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Larry Leipprandt spoke about the State making it more difficult for inspectors to become certified; this allows the State to take over zoning easier.
- Luke Deming read from the Michigan Constitution regarding eminent domain.
- Jeff Smith expressed his frustration with ServePro as the restoration of 1st floor is nearing completion. SevePro is bringing things back that we are not ready for. Mr. Smith also addressed the Board regarding the House bills pertaining to zoning; roughly 70 entities testified against.
- Dan Glaza said on October 17 had a seminar on Medicare Overview which was well attended. There will be another on November 15th from 1-5 p.m. Mr. Glaza also thanked the Board for signing the lease for PACE Wellness Center.
- Bob Brown, Region VII, said thank you for the lease. Open enrollment for Medicare is now. Please have anyone contact us.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Vaughan said the furniture will be brought back now. As for the House Bills the eminent domain was pulled.

9:42 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori S. Neal
Huron County Clerk