

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 12, 2021**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

*It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*The President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Heavenly Father,*

*This nation has lost two U.S. Capital Police Officers this last week, due to last Wednesday's tragic event in Washington D.C. Capital Building. Also, prayers go out to the four other people who have passed away.*

*First Officer – Howard Libengood died Saturday, 51 years old, he died off duty. He joined the Capital Police in 2005, multiple outlets report, stated that he took his own life. The other Capital Police Officer, Brian Sicknick, died Thursday after rioters hit him in the head with a fire extinguisher during the siege. He was a Veteran who later lamented America's involvement in Iraq. He lived in suburban Virginia but hailed from a small town in New Jersey, the youngest of three brothers, and was serving his dream job as a police officer when he met his death last week in the Nation's Capital.*

*Brian was only 42 years old. He had served overseas in the New Jersey Air National Guard in support of the war in Afghanistan, eventually attaining a lifelong goal of becoming a police officer.*

*Praise for his service poured in from his family on Friday. His neighbors and co-workers recalled fond memories of his compassionate behavior, his "kind face" and the love of fishing.*

*Lord,*

*Please join our hearts and minds to honor those, whose lives were lost while defending the noble ideals of Peace, Security and Freedom.*

*These were dedicated professionals who were willing to place themselves in the line of duty, to ensure that every citizen of our Country and all those within our borders are safe from harm.*

*Amen*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 15, 2020.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 22, 2020.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 29, 2020.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on January 11, 2021 that included for the Department on Aging to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Magaly Rios, Recreation and Education Assistant for up to forty hours during the period of February 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021 and for Maintenance to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Advanced Mechanical Contractors, LLC to provide Inspections and Maintenance on County and Safety Center Backflows for a period of five years, February 8, 2021 through February 7, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 (\$25,000.00 for the County Buildings and \$13,000.00 for the Safety Center); as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations from Juvenile Court in the Care and Custody fund to cover the 2021 Budget Requests made by the Court but were too late to include in the Permanent Appropriation; Travel request from the Engineer's Office, a payment from ADP to Business Smarts for two new and one replacement server to run external and internal web services and the phone system in the amount of \$54,977.44, a payment for ThenDesign for pay request #3 for architectural services related to the new office building in the amount of \$559,838.62, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Caves Road in the amount of \$192,247.97, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Preston Ford for two new model year Ford Super Duty Trucks in the amount of \$68,323.04, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Junction Auto Sales for two 2021 GMC Terrains in the amount of \$57,783.00, a payment for Water Resources to TRAX Construction Company for the McFarland Creek emergency restoration project in the amount of \$54,549.00 and a Revenue Certification for Water Resources in the Auburn Corners Sewer Project fund.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-004 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 12, 2021.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – GAS WELL REVENUE FOR 2020

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the gas well proceeds from 2020 produced by the well on the fairgrounds.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the year 2020 in the amount of \$113.25 which is the total gas well revenue received by the County through December 31, 2020 from a well located on the Geauga County Fairgrounds property.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUDITOR TO DISTRIBUTE BALANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND TO WOMENSAFE

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to request that the Auditor distribute the balance in the domestic violence fund to Womensafe.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to request the County Auditor distribute the balance in the Domestic Violence Fund (2070) to Womensafe, the local agency designated by the Commissioners to receive such monies. This allocation is to be paid pursuant to Section 3113.34 of the O.R.C. for the 2020 year, in the amount of \$13,914.33.

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<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*COUNTY AUDITOR CHARLES WALDER - COUNTY WEBSITE*

*Auditor Charles Walder explained that the ADP Board governs IT for the County and it comes with strengths and weaknesses and faces some challenges for long term projects. Mr. Walder presented the following information to the Board:*

*ADP Strengths*

- A) Protection of the County's Technology Infrastructure*
- B) Setting of County IT Standards*
- C) Efficient and Cost Effective Triage and Support Center*

*ADP Challenges*

- A) Long-term Design Projects*
- B) "Urgent", High Resource Projects*
- C) Personnel "Bench" is limited*

*Mr. Walder explained that they have 2 Immediate ADP Projects*

- 1) Independent (off-county) website to memorialize and provide transparency to taxpayers of the county administration building project*
  - Time lapse record of daily project progress*
  - Real-time viewing of the project*
  - Serve as information and data repository for project. (Renderings, generic blueprints, estimated time-lines, and message from Commissions)*
  - Since already initiated by the Commissioner's Office, funding is anticipated through them and project is fast tracked. ADP Project Manager point person is assigned, awaiting scope of requirements from Commissioners and Commissioner point person*

*Information about the departments that will be located in the new building. Mr. Walder stated that he has assigned Jeff Maze as the point person on this project. Mr. Lennon inquired about where we are with NV5 on this project – MultiVista is who they are working on an agreement who will also handle the building documentation.*

*The second project includes:*

- 2) Re-Design of the outdated county website for the Commissioners and the departments under their authority*
  - Move county website from the restrictive and outdated Dot-Net-Nuke (DNN) development platform to the more modern and feature rich Word Press environment*
  - Deploy a modular, easier to maintain, mobile friendly design philosophy, departing from the current "spaghetti" code methodology. Permits the leveraging and reusing of feature modules being deployed in other county web initiatives underway thus saving money and improving maintainability*
  - Offer a deeper dive into specific disciplines that are not currently being emphasized resulting in an enhanced taxpayer experience and more transparency. Examples would include commissioner functions, budgets as wells as economic development strategies*
  - Propose funding using already budgeted ADP appropriations, project is fast-tracked. ADP project manager point person is assigned, awaiting commissioner point person assignment to develop feature list*

*Mr. Walder talked briefly about the modular features that once developed can be used across multiple pages. Economic Development is a huge site that needs updated. Mr. Walder is not asking for funding but approval to move forward on the project.*

*Mr. Walder briefly explained what they need:*

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*What ADP Needs*

- *Brief Scope of Features Desired for Each Project from Commissioners Office*
- *A Designated Commissioner Point of Contact*
- *Feedback from Commissioners throughout the various project phases*

*What ADP is Proposing*

- *ADP will provide a Project Manager Resource (Jeff Maze)*
- *We will provide a resource to develop a 2- minute Commissioner Video Clip for the New Building Initiative – Similar to those developed for the Auditor Dog Licensing, Homestead Exemption and E-Suite (Cole Kornell)*
- *Partnering with Local Professional Web Developer (Company 119 – Christian Klein)*

*Mr. Walder expressed that they have worked in the past with Company 119 and introduced Mr. Klein and let him explain the following information presented to the Board:*

*Mr. Klein stated they have worked with the County Engineer's Office, the Auditor's Office, the Park District and fairly familiar with the County websites. They approached the Auditor's Office about the concept of building something for the county that can grow overtime.*

*Mr. Klein explained that they are currently developing the Auditor's site, which will make it easier to build across the sites. Mr. Lennon expressed that they keep focusing on the Economic Development portion, but that they also need to include Planning Commission as well. Director Linda Crombie thanked Mr. Lennon, that their website needs updated and that they do need to work together as departments.*

*Mr. Lennon inquired about the cost of the project and whether we have to go out to bid on this. Mr. Walder stated that we are well under the bid threshold at about \$15,000.00 to which Mr. Klein added that the cost savings will be when they build the additional departments under the hiring authority at about \$7 – 8,000.00 per site. Mr. Walder stated that they have been working on this for about six months and feel comfortable with the approach they are taking. Mr. Klein explained that they have many reasons for making this work well.*

*The following information was presented in a packet from Mr. Klein.*

*Geauga County Commissioners, Advancing Geauga Initiative*

*Ready for the Future*

*Built for Geauga's growth.*

*Since 2004, Company 119 has specialized in building powerful and simple to use websites. Our goal would be for the Geauga County Commissioners website to:*

- *Provide Residents' Modern, Simplified Experience*
- *Focus on Economic Development Attraction and Retention*
- *Plan for the Future with a Modular Development Framework*
- *Interconnect with other County Agencies*
- *Reduce Dependency on IT Resources for Maintenance*
- *Reduce upfront costs by utilizing the Geauga County website framework currently in development*

*Advanced Capabilities*

*Features packed website.*

*Advanced Search: Not only can residents search across individual pages and posts, but also through text based PDF's. Need something from your 2015 meeting minutes? Now they can find that past information quickly!*

*Business / Organization Directory: Easily allow residents to find out about the businesses and organizations that drive Geauga County – all in a neatly categorized list with an advanced filtering system.*

*Calendar of Events: Let the community know when public meetings are being held in an easy to navigate manner. Reduce the number of phone calls to agencies and increase awareness of upcoming community events and deadlines.*

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*Your website can do more.*

*Surveys: Want the option to collect opinions on important topics from your residents? Let them share their thoughts on the latest discussions through the use of surveys!*

*County Wide Add-Ons: As one grows, everyone grows. As county agencies add capabilities to their sites, it will become available to other county agencies. This allows everyone to learn and grow from each other – all while minimizing costs.*

*The Human Connection*

*We're here to help.*

*We believe that website should grow and change with the organization. Maintaining a website can feel daunting for some.*

*Our Chardon based team will work with your liaison to ensure your staff has the training needed moving forward. Before the website launches, we will provide a personalized training on how to keep our website relevant and updated.*

*Once the site launches, we will be here to handle any questions or concerns – not just a vendor but as residents too.*

*Geauga County Commissioners' Advancing Geauga Initiative*

- *Personalized Design Based on the Geauga County Design Framework (Currently in Development for the Geauga County Auditor's Office)*
- *Unlimited Additional Pages*
- *Advanced Communication Tools*
  - *Advanced Search*
  - *Calendar of Events*
  - *Business / Organizational Directory*
  - *Surveys*
- *Modular Based Content Management System*
- *Web Traffic Monitoring & Reporting*
- *Staff Training*
- *Chardon Based Technical Support Team*

*What to Expect*

*Begin with the end in mind.*

*The Project will encompass the following sections of the current Commissioners website. Company 119 would work with a liaison for the Commissioners to determine the specific pages and functionalities required.*

*Board of Commissioners*

*Regarding OPERS Retirement*

*Annual Appropriations Resolution*

*Meeting Minutes*

*Auction*

*Organization Chart*

*Bid Openings*

*Prior Year Meeting Minutes*

*Board Appointments*

*Proposals and Qualifications*

*Internal Healthcare Forms*

*Public Hearings*

*Internal Human Resources Forms*

*Request for Proposals*

*ADA Grievance Procedure*

*Statements of Qualifications*

*Information for New Employees*

*These pages are currently static, contain PDF's or link to outside third party websites (GovDeals)*

*Additional agencies that fall under the auspices of the County Commissioners would be discussed to determine if they should be included in this project of subsequent phases.*

*About Company 119*

*The Story behind our name.*

*Like firefighting, success in the digital world is not possible without effective communication, anticipation of the needs of those around us, and thoughtful, strategic preparation.*

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*We run toward your fires to help remedy your most frustrating digital issues. We truly care about our neighbors and our community. If you call on us, we will give you our best, every single day.*

*Locally Based. Locally Focused.*

*Not only are we based within Geauga County, we are involved in Geauga County*

*We are proud to be active members in local associations as we work together to help local Geauga businesses and communities continue to grow.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to agree with the Auditor's proposed ADP projects of an independent website to memorialize the progress of the new County Office Building and for the re-design of the outdated County website for the Commissioners and departments under their hiring authority.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**PLANNING COMMISSION – REPLAT OF SUBLOTS 28, 29, AND 30 OF WALDEN OAKS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2 – MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

*Ms. Crombie asked the Board to execute the replat of Walden Oaks, noting that Peterson's own Sublots 29 and 30 and splitting Sublot 29 with the neighbors who own Sublot 28.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Replat of Sublots 28, 29 and 30 of Walden Oaks Subdivision Phase 2 in Munson Township.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE – DONALD E. AND DONNA M. SLIFE**

*Executive Director Dave Favorite introduced new Director, Mr. Martin Castelletti.*

*Mr. Favorite explained that this is a refinancing of two original mortgages from 2002, this subordination agreement replaces another agreement, which only affects about \$2,300.00 of the new mortgage of \$90,000.00 being taken out by Middlefield Bank. Once the owner hits 8 years they only re-pay 20% of the original loan amounts and if they sell the property they have to pay off the \$1,800.00 so the risk is low to the county. Mr. Favorite noted that there are other mortgages being paid off due to the current housing market.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Subordination Agreement Real Estate Mortgage between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Middlefield Bank in regards to the Mortgages and Promissory Notes for Donald E. Slife and Donna M. Slife for property located at 11735 Clarkwood Drive, Chardon, under Grant #B-C-01-026-2.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT – JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2021**

*Nancy Seelbach jokingly laughed that she was still here, but explained that they have hired someone so she can finally retire. Ms. Seelbach expressed the support from the Commissioners over the years and the unique commitment from them to the council. Mr. Lennon expressed that he has learned a lot from being involved and that the kids in this county are one of the most important thing they have to deal with. Ms. Seelbach stated that they have provided services even through the pandemic, just some in different ways.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. This agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$42,484.00 from the General Fund.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVED REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – OPERATOR III (#2312) – ADVERTISE POSITION UNTIL FILLED**

*Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the revised job description for Operator III (#2312) and to advertise internally and externally until the position is filled.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised job description for the position of Operator III (#2312), to be effective January 12, 2021.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Operator III (#2312) internally for a period of five days, if no qualified candidate is found, then externally until the position is filled.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UPDATED PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the updated Payroll Authorization Form.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Payroll Authorization Form.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #11 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS TROY OAKS PROJECT**

*Ms. Miller asked the Board to authorize the President to execute the Partial Pay Request #11 for Workman on the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project. Mr. Dvorak inquired about how many more pay requests remained, to which Mr. Morgan added that there would be at least a #13 due to having to come back in the spring to do clean up and seeding.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #11 for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Troy Oaks Pump Station Conversion project in the amount of \$119,472.13.

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<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC FINK TO THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) FACILITY  
GOVERNING BOARD

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-005 Appointing Eric Fink to the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) Facility Governing Board to fill the Unexpired Term of Aaron J. Heavner.

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution:* 21-005  
*Date:* January 12, 2021

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC FINK TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY  
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD  
TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF AARON J. HEAVNER**

*WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) was established by the Common Pleas Judges of Portage, Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula and Trumbull counties in 1997 and serves as the Community Based Corrections Facility (CBCF); and*

*WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.51(E) provides that the CBCF be governed by a Facility Governing Board to which the judicial advisory board of the CBCF shall appoint two-thirds of the members and the boards of county commissioners of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint the remaining one-third of the members; and*

*WHEREAS, it is within the discretion of and has been mutually determined by the CBCF's member counties that the Facility Governing Board should be comprised of nine members which requires that boards of county commissions of the member counties of the CBCF shall appoint three of the members; and*

*WHEREAS, Aaron J. Heavner, Attorney and Counselor at Law of Lentz, Noble and Heavner, L.L.C. has resigned from the board effective November 9, 2020; and*

*WHEREAS, Eric Fink is an Attorney at Law in Kent, Portage County, Ohio primarily serving Portage and Summit Counties in criminal and domestic relations and has requested to serve on the NEOCAP Board; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, in agreement with members of the CBCF, appoint Eric Fink to serve on the Facility Governing Board to fill the unexpired term of Aaron Heavner for the term, November 9, 2020 through November 9, 2021; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Clerk forwards a copy of this resolution to the County Commissioners and Common Pleas Court Judges of Ashtabula, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties and that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT ALTERNATE – GEAUGA TRUMBULL SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE

*Mr. Dvorak expressed that he would like to appoint Mr. Tiber as his alternate for the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee.*



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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Jonathon Tiber as alternate for James W. Dvorak on the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee.*

*Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Aye  
Commissioner Lennon Aye  
Commissioner Dvorak Aye*

**GEAUGA TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – ANNOUCE NEW  
GEAUGA COUNTY COLLECTION FACILITY**

*Director Jennifer Jones explained that she was officially here to announce the new Geauga County Collection Facility and will be breaking ground.*

**Year-round collection of:**  
Household Hazardous Waste  
Electronics  
Appliances  
Household Recycling:  
(ex. bottles, cans, cardboard)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Geauga County**  
James W. Dvorak  
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www.axiomarch.com

*This project has been being worked on even before she became the Directors. This new facility will be about 5,000 square feet and not only collect Household Hazardous Waste but also house the collection containers for recycling. This new facility will be open year-round, will include a drive through bay and will be heated. The build will take about six months, once we are able to move forward with the contract and should have a facility in the fall. The facility is located on Merritt Road next to the Engineer's Office.*

*The District itself is made up of both Trumbull and Geauga County, with Trumbull having a larger population. Typically, we have one day events in Geauga County and they are always overwhelmed with the number of residents in Geauga County that take part in the events. This facility is much needed in the County. Ms. Jones talked about the electronic collection and household hazardous waste that keeps these items out of the landfills or down drains and in streams.*

*Mr. Lennon asked Ms. Jones to talk about the Township recycling locations. Ms. Jones explained that they will be talking to the communities about whether they stay open or improve the current locations. The Claridon and Chardon locations will close, Munson closed their location and Burton will need to be discussed.*

*Ms. Jones explained that the District was set up through the Ohio EPA and the funding source comes from trash collection. For every ton of trash that goes into the landfill, the landfill has to pay the District \$5.50 per ton, the average person produces less than a ton per year. The public pays for trash collection once that is collected, the landfill pays the district. The revenue for the District does not come from any taxes. The District has been saving and this facility will cost roughly \$1.3 million. Mr. Lennon explained that Geauga County has leased the property to the*

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*District for \$1.00 per year. The area is about 4 acres in total and has room to expand in the future if necessary. Ms. Jones expressed that in the future they would like to be able to do education programs.*

*Mr. Dvorak explained that the facility will compliment the other buildings in the area. Ms. Jones stated that it was designed to be similar in aesthetics.*

*Ms. Jones briefly talked about the number of pounds collected during the last collection event. Ms. Jones expressed that when the facility does open they expect to be very busy, especially in the first year. Ms. Jones talked about collection days this spring at the Fairgrounds to get through until the new facility opens in the fall.*

*Local resident Jim MacNeal expressed that he spent twenty-one years as the Director of Hazardous Materials and Emergency Operations for the largest compressed gas company and inquired about who handles empty propane tanks and empty compressed gas cylinders. Ms. Jones stated that they currently use AmeriGas and have a container that they place the items into until they are picked up by them. Ms. Jones explained that they are talking to several of the current companies about working with them to service the new facility in Geauga County as well. Mr. MacNeal expressed that he could assist Ms. Jones with any strange or odd containers that they may receive.*

*Director Glen Vernick inquired if this was for residential or business. Ms. Jones explained that this is primarily residential, but doesn't mind working with small business, this is a H3 Facility and are not set up to accept industrial chemicals and acids, or even a large box of fluorescent lightbulbs.*

*Mr. MacNeal expressed concern over the trouble that they have had with the recycling drop off in Troy, to which Ms. Jones explained that she has been working with them and have put cameras up at the last location.*

*Mr. Lennon added that he wanted to express gratitude for former Commissioner Skip Claypool for driving this idea in the beginning and that they have been keeping it going. Mr. Dvorak added that it hasn't been pretty getting here, but that they are glad to see the facility get built.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of December 2020.*
- b) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of December, 2020 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 1/18 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Thu., 1/21 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Fri., 1/22 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*

*Mon., 1/25 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. via Zoom (Job and Family Services)*

*Tue., 1/26 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Fri., 1/29 NOACA External Affairs, Policy, Planning and Programming Committees, Cleveland*

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***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD***

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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