

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**January 23, 2019**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 23, 2019 at 9:00 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, Timothy C. Lennon opened the meeting at 9:11 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from January 16, 2020, Resolution #20-009 that included Supplemental Appropriations for the Common Pleas Court in the Probation Services fund to provide appropriations to meet payroll expenses; a Contract PO for the Commissioner's Office to ThenDesign Architecture LTD for the new county administration building and a payment for the Probate Court to Philip King LPA for indigent guardianship fees in the amount of \$2,800.00; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #20-005, approved January 7, 2020 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2020, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.*

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on January 21, 2020 that included for the Department of Water Resources to approve and execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #10 for Technical Services for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (Henning Drive) in the amount of \$2,002.39; as authorized by Resolution #20-005 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 7, 2020 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Common Pleas Court for their new Drug Court fund for Salaries, Contract Services and Travel; a Supplemental Appropriation for ADP in Contract Services fund for payroll accounts so that work done for this fund can be charged to it rather than the General Fund; a Cash transfer out of the General fund to the Sheriff's Office for a portion of their 2020 funding for 911 operations; a Cash transfer out of the General fund to Family First Council for January – March 2020 commitment; a Then and Now for the Commissioners Office to Tomas Tatarunas for Juvenile Court appointed counsel fees from 2018; Travel requests for the Commissioners Office, Common Pleas Court, Department of Emergency Services and Job and Family Services; a Contract PO for Water Resources to Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners / Troy Oaks project; a payment for ADP to Logicalis, Incorporated for CISCO Smartnet System license renewals for 2020 in the amount of \$87,828.15; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Bainbridge Township for a 2006 5-ton International Dump Truck in the amount of \$37,000.00; and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health in fund 2001 for revised federal grant revenue figures.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-010 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 23, 2020.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – APPROVE ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – GAS WELL REVENUE FOR 2019**

*Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the gas well revenue for the Agricultural Society for the well on the fairgrounds.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri 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 2019 in the amount of \$861.82 which is the total gas well revenue received by the County through December 31, 2019 from a well located on the Geauga County Fairgrounds property.*

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

**HOLDEN ARBORETUM – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DALY/FALLON LAND PROTECTION PROJECT ON WISNER ROAD – CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*Roger Gettig explained that the Holden Arboretum is interested in the Daly /Fallon property and have been for a long time. There are 4 families that own the property and two of the family members are older and they have decided to sell. Mr. Gettig stated that they are applying for the Clean Ohio funding to preserve the property like it has been. Mr. Gettig explained that the property is adjacent to the Holden property and is protected on three sides, he added that Stebbins Gulch which is part of the Holden Property and empties into the stream on the property, which is a high-quality stream. Mr. Gettig noted that the property has a Fen on the property that they would like to care for some rare species found on the property. There would be access to the public along with hunting. Mr. Gettig stated that they agreed on a price with the family and if they don't receive the Clean Ohio funding they will try and find a way to still purchase the property. Clean Ohio is administered by Ohio Public Works and applying through our own organization. The state of Ohio would hold the easement on the property if they provide funding for the purchase with restrictions on the property. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that he has been impressed with how Holden maintains their properties. Commissioner Lennon added that they enjoy it and take their kids there. Mr. Gettig stated that the agreed price is \$1.15 million for the 52 acres and the Clean Ohio funding will be about \$700,000.00 of that. Walter Claypool asked if Western Reserve Land Conservancy was involved, to which Mr. Gettig stated no, the Ohio Public Works will put the easement on it. Mr. Gettig answered Mr. Claypool's question about public access, to which it will be private, but public will have restricted access, with hunting and horseback riding, hiking trails will be improved to make it safer, along with field trips.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-011 in Support of the Daly/Fallon Land Protection Project on Wisner Road in Chardon Township, Geauga County. (Proposed for submission to the NRAC District 7 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund).*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 20-011*  
*Date: January 23, 2020*

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DALY/FALLON LAND PROTECTION PROJECT ON WISNER ROAD IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Proposed for Submission to the NRAC District 7 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund*

*WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program; and*

*WHEREAS, The Holden Arboretum intends to apply for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program funds to purchase a property of approximately 52 acres of land located on Wisner Road in Chardon Township, Geauga County; and*

*WHEREAS, the 52-acre property provides protection for 2860 linear feet of the East Branch Chagrin River, which is a state-designated "Scenic River" and classified as Ohio EPA Cold Water Habitat use designation; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed project provides protection for 36.2 acres of floodplain; and*

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*WHEREAS, the proposed project provides protection for 1500 linear feet of Stebbins Run stream, which is classified as Ohio EPA Cold Water Habitat use designation; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed project includes 3.7 acres of a "category 3" wetland which is the highest quality; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed project provides high quality habitat for a variety of native species, including 6 Ohio rare species of plants, as well as 2 Ohio species of concern birds and 3 Ohio species of concern mammals;*

*WHEREAS, this property that will be purchased with Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program funds will help protect its natural resources in perpetuity.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio supports The Holden Arboretum's Daly/Fallon Land Conservation project, which will result in the purchase of a permanent conservation easement on Parcels #06-038000, #06-037900 and #06-038100 containing approximately 52 acres of land through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*AUDITOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICE – MONTHLY STATEMENT OF COUNTY FINANCES – MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2019*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the months of May through December, 2019 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the months of May through December 2019 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS – VARIOUS PROJECTS*

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to release the Bid / Performance Bonds for the projects to close them out. There was a brief discussion about the Steel Storage Building having a punch list of items, but that they felt comfortable in releasing the bond. Mr. Haupt sent a message to Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris to confirm that funds were being held until the list is complete, to which he responded that yes, they were holding funds.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to release the Bid/Performance Bond for the projects listed, as the projects have been completed and all specifications have been met:*

*Ronyak Paving, Inc. - Resurfacing of Mentor Road (CH 5n, Sections G-K) Chardon Township*  
*Ronyak Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH 32, Section D) Auburn Township*  
*Ronyak Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Wilson Mills Road (CH 8, Sections A-C) Chester Township*  
*Ronyak Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Caves Road (CH 30, Sections E-F) Chester Township*

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*Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Kile Road (CH 44, Sections C-D)*

*Various Townships*

*Gradeline, Inc. – Wilson Mills Road Culvert Replacements (CH 8, Sections A-C)*

*Chester Township*

*Ronyak Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Rapids Road (CH 1 Sections A-C) Troy Township*

*Ronyak Paving, Inc. – Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH 37 Sections G-J) Various Townships*

*Aero-Mark, Inc. – Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads, Year 2019*

*Hoar Construction Co – Steel Storage Building at Co Engineers Office*

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION – PERMIT USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR 2020**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the use of a Credit Card for 2020 and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit Use per O.R.C. 301.27 for a Geauga Credit Union Visa with a not to exceed per month amount for the following:

<i>Michele Pemberton</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Stacie Malone</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>John Riha</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>John Brickman</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Michael Blair</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Charles Boehnlein</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Randy McVicker</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Paul Newman</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Blake Rear</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – PATRICIA J. SCHRAFF, ESQ OF SCHRAFF THOMAS LLC**

*Internal Operations Manager Karen Stone asked the Board to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Schraff Thomas. Mr. Spidalieri explained that he looked into the cost for what is being provided and he agreed that it was beneficial. Ms. Stone stated that last year was a one-year contract and this is a two-year contract to follow the RFP done by Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging who provides funding for the services.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Legal Services Agreement with Patricia J. Schraff, Esq of Schraff Thomas LLC for legal services that include counsel, advise and representation of clients that are Geauga County residents age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 (two years) in the amount of \$101.03 per hour for up to seven hundred and seven (707) hours and up to an additional seventy-four (74) hours in the amount of \$125.00 per hour, for a maximum of seven hundred eighty one (781) total hours per year.

*Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2017 BLOCK PROGRAM AMENDMENT SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGETING – GRANT #B-F-17-1AZ-1**

*Program Administrator Jessica Kaluga explained that they received the approval from the State on the extension for the Grant, which gives them through May to complete and through July to file all paperwork.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development 2017 Community Development Block Program Amended Scope of Work and Budget extending the #B-F-17-1AZ-1 grant completion deadline until July 31, 2020.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE BIDS –  
GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC REHABILITATION PROJECT “OPERA HOUSE ELEVATOR”

Ms. Kaluga asked the Board to approve advertising for Bids for the Opera House Elevator, which will be advertised in the paper for two weeks and online. There was discussion about where it was posted online and it was noted that the Builders Exchange companies post them on other Boards.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Public Rehabilitation Project “Opera House Elevator” under Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1 to be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on January 30, 2020, February 6, 2020 and on the County website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF PY2020  
PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN PROGRAM (PIPP)

Program Specialist Rex Brobst asked the Board to approve submission of the PY2020 PIPP, Percentage of Income Payment Plan Program Administrative Grant. Mr. Brobst stated that about five years ago Counties started processing paper applications and to offset the cost of the employees to handle this they provide this funding which is used for payroll and benefits.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the submission of the PY2020 Percentage of Income Payment Plan Program (PIPP) Administrative Grant in the amount of \$6,750.00.

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

TRANSIT – AMEND MOTION FOR UNPAID LEAVE -DUANE BIDLACK – EXTEND  
PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Clerk Christine Blair explained that the motion was previously approved for Mr. Bidlack to have unpaid leave for up to 32 hours, and this is a clarification of the number of hours to actually be unpaid due to the use of comp time and then extend his probation by 18.5 hours.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to amend the motion from December 31, 2019 to adjust the number of hours and extend probation to read: approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Duane Bidlack for eighteen and one half (18.5) hours during the period January 21, 2020 through January 24, 2020 and extend his probationary period by the eighteen and one half hours.

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

\*Commissioner Spidalieri stepped out of the meeting for a moment and returned after the vote.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT –  
WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS / TROY OAKS  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment request for Workman Industrial on the Auburn Corners / Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plants project.

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*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment from Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant conversion project in the amount of \$98,440.00.*

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – PULLED DUE TO WRONG LOAN AGENCY*

*Dr. Oluic noted that there is no OWDA loan for Auburn Corners, that they only have OPWC, so this motion is incorrect – so it was pulled and not read or voted on.*

*The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30 permission to approve and execute the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Fund Payment Requests from the OWDA Loan for the Auburn Corners / Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment plant project once the payment has been processed through financials for all requests through the completion of the project.*

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – WATER RESOURCES EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 4340 COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO/CLC*

*The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve and execute the Agreement between the Board of Commissioners for Geauga County and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Employees, Local 4340 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.*

*Commissioner Lennon inquired if the contract had been reviewed by the Auditor and certified to which Commissioner Dvorak added if it had been reviewed under the requirement of the ORC 5705.041. Dr. Oluic was unsure of what the Board was asking and to ensure that the proper procedure had been followed, the item was pulled until next week.*

*COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS, THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY CODE OF REGULATIONS – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.2*

*Local resident Diane Jones asked for clarification if the three seats minimum will be retained by this amendment, to which Mr. Lennon agreed that yes it would be no less than three held by the Commissioners and then based on the census changes to the Board will be finalized. Mr. Lennon added that the intent is every ten years based on population the make up of seats is done by those results, total number of seats remains at 46. Walter Claypool added the importance of making sure, our ratification rights remain intact and that the seats are allocated in the by-laws and not by population. Mr. Lennon stated that depending on the census, there could be a reduction in the number of seats if the population goes down.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-008 to Approve with Conditions, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Code of Regulations – Amendment to Section 4.2.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 20-008*  
*Date: January 23, 2020*

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY CODE OF REGULATIONS - AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.2**

*WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties; and*

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WHEREAS, on September 13, 2019 the NOACA Board of Directors approved Resolution #2019-041 "NOACA Membership by Population" which amends Section 4.2 of the Code of Regulations regarding Process for Apportioning Board Seats; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2019 the NOACA Board of Directors extended the ratification deadline for Resolution #2019-041 to January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the Code of Regulations is to intend that Board representation be based on population and accomplished by providing for automatic adjustment of representation of the five counties at each Decennial Census using a formula, beginning with the 2020 Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, this amendment must be ratified by the five counties including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties to take effect; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gallucci (NOACA Executive Director) and Nancy Griffith (NOACA Legal Counsel) have provided Geauga County with guarantees that the amendments to Section 4.2 of the Code of Regulations regarding Process for Apportioning Board Seats only covers apportioning according to the decennial census and has no effect on any other portion of section 4.2 or other section of Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gallucci (NOACA Executive Director) has provided Geauga County with guarantees that the necessary language to clarify the intent that the changes to the Code of Regulations approved under Resolution #2019-041 is only for the Apportionment under the decennial census will be added to the Code of Regulations via amendments to the Code in 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio subject to the above guarantees being completed by July 31, 2020 accept and approve the Amendment to Section 4.2 approved by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) on September 13, 2019 under Resolution #2019-041.

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – DISCUSS SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK**

Mr. Morgan explained that interviews were held with the four firms that submitted proposals in writing, and asked the Board to describe their thoughts and what their choice is. Mr. Lennon stated that it was a hard choice that he liked something about each of them, but feels that Donley's would be who he is most comfortable with, and Panzica was next. He was in support of moving forward with Donley's. Commissioner Dvorak expressed that in his 40 years of construction he has worked on many jobsites with 3 of the 4 firms and is comfortable with Donley's because he feels they are a cut above the rest. Commissioner Spidalieri stated then they should make a motion to proceed with Donley's. Mr. Morgan added that he reviewed the fee structures and Donley's was the lowest.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to engage negotiations for a contract with Donley for Construction Manager at Risk, whose pricing proposal was the lowest and best.

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

**OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Morgan stated that they held the pre-proposal meeting yesterday and like with the CMR it is going to be a tough choice. Request for Proposals are due February 14<sup>th</sup> and interviews will be scheduled for the following week sometime.

**E-CHECK**

Chester Township Trustee, Mr. Claypool brought up HB 247 which is to eliminate E-check, noting that there are only 7 counties in Ohio that are still doing it. He noted that they went

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yesterday to testify that it adds no added value, but rather an inconvenience to the residents. They asked to eliminate the program and take the funding for the program and put it to better use elsewhere. The program is administered by the Ohio EPA. It costs \$20 million to manage the program in the 7 counties, adding that we are not in compliance as the scale was moved. Mr. Claypool stated that the sensor that they use for monitoring is located on top of Notre Dame's bus garage. They discussed moving the sensor, and that the EPA didn't want to move it because they feel they might see a difference. Mr. Claypool asked that they contact their representatives to try and get the program eliminated. Mr. Claypool noted that Bill Roman, State Representative is supporting the bill.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) Appointment by Common Pleas Court, Probate Division of Bob Somrak, Jr to the Office of Commissioner of the Chester Township Park District for the term of December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2022.
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending January 1, 2020 and January 8, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- c) Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services SFY19 Annual Report
- d) The Annual Statement of Unpaid Fees for the calendar year 2018 filed by the Sheriff's Office of an accurate account of all fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances and prerequisites that have remained unpaid for more than one year pursuant to ORC 325.31.

**OTHER**

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

**MEETINGS**

- Thu., 1/23 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting, 12:00 p.m. at the District Office, Warren
- Mon., 1/27 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Job and Family Services
- Tue., 1/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Mon., 2/3 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office
- Tue., 2/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Tue., 2/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon
- Tue., 2/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., 2/17 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Thu., 2/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.
- Fri., 2/21 Leadership Geauga Government Day, Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's
- Mon., 2/24 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office
- Mon., 2/24 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices
- Tue., 2/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Jones expressed that there was an article in the newspaper with the City of Chardon to which Mr. Lennon stated that due to Chardon taking an adversarial role everything is being



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*directed to the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Lennon stated that it is unfortunate because this Board has always been transparent and that they will follow the Ohio Revised Code.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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