

Commissioners' Journal
February 2, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 2, 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 9:33 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Let's Pray

We should follow Christ in a way of compassion and understanding.

Even through from my human view point there may be much I find difficult to understand. Christ in me gives me spiritual insight that enables me to see beyond what seems to be, and to keep faith in the goodness at the heart of it all.

Everything is going to be ok, maybe not today, but eventually it will.

Trust God

Hold Fast to your Hope

God never Fails

Amen

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 5, 2021.

<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 Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2021.

<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 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 1, 2021 that included for the Department of Job and Family Services to acknowledge the following new hire appointments, as the Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners recruitment and hiring procedures for: Benjamin Turney, Program Administrator (replacement) effective January 19, 2021 and Lauren Powers, Social Services Worker II (replacement) effective December 3, 2020; and for the Department of Water Resources approved the promotion of Robin Edmonds to the position of Operator I (#2326) to be effective February 1, 2021 at the rate of \$22.17 per hour with a 120-day probationary period; 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 a Supplemental Appropriation in the Commissioners Capital Reserve fund for additional contract encumbrances, Cash transfers out of the General Fund to the Engineer's Office for the Storm Water Management fund per the MOU dated April 30, 2013 and 2021 payment for office expenses per funding agreement allowed by O.R.C. 315.11; Cash transfer from the Commissioners' Capital Reserve Fund to Water Resources for sewer and water permits servicing the new County Office Building; a Then and Now for Job and Family Services to

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Parkman Academy for child care expenses that were not previously encumbered, a Contract PO for Water Resources to TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project; a payment for Job and Family Services to Geauga Board of Developmental Disabilities for December Help Me Grow and Child Fund Outreach programs in the amount of \$20,427.96, a payment for Maintenance to Geauga Mechanical Company, Incorporated for ionization equipment for the two large air handlers at the Courthouse in the amount of \$16,940.00 and Revenue Certifications for Water Resources in the Sewer and Auburn Corners funds for additional revenue received.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-010 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 2, 2021.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RIVERVIEW DRIVE BRIDGE – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the Resolution to improve the Riverview Drive Bridge in Bainbridge Township. Mr. Hajjar stated that the components of the bridge is starting to fail and this initiates the authority to do survey and engineering on the project. Mr. Dvorak inquired if there was any OPWC funding for this project. Mr. Hajjar noted that it is currently a local project but there is a possibility but that will be next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-011 to Improve the Riverview Drive Bridge (Structure #BR-0380-00.310) in Bainbridge Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 2, 2021

Resolution: #21-011

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE RIVERVIEW DRIVE BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #BR-0380-00.310 (SFN 2830590) IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the rehabilitation of the bridge over the Spring Creek on Riverview Drive (TR-380), at mile marker 0.31, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Riverview Drive in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the rehabilitation of the bridge by replacing superstructure components and protecting the existing abutments, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Riverview Drive in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvements and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE THOMPSON ROAD BRIDGE – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar explained that this resolution is to order the reconstruction of the Thompson Road Bridge, they have completed the design and are asking to put this out to bid and this project does include an OPWC grant of \$60,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-012 to Order the Reconstruction of the Thompson Road Bridge (Structure #BR00007-01.100-2021) in Thompson Township.

This Resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Specifications for the same.

Further, this Resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 4, 2021 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 2, 2021

Resolution: #21-012

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE THOMPSON ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #BR-0007-01.100-2021 (SFN 2833166) IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #19-147 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over an unnamed tributary on Thompson Road at mile marker 1.10 and grading, widening, paving and draining of a portion of Thompson Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative for this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Thompson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE APPLICATION OF
POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO VARIOUS ROADS IN GEAUGA COUNTY –
EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING**

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the application of pavement markings, noting that they stripe about 1/3 of the roads each year and this project includes roads for the Townships that benefit from the larger scale project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-013 to Order the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County.

This Resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of the Specifications for the same.

Further, this Resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 4, 2021 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 2, 2021
Resolution: #21-013

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE APPLICATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO
VARIOUS ROADS IN GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 20-151 that the public convenience and welfare require the application of polyester pavement markings on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM and opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMENTS– IMPROVEMENTS TO WASHINGTON STREET - LEWIS TOMSIC AND DEBORAH GRAEHLING-TOMSIC

Nicholas Goodrich asked the Board to accept the Highway Easements for the improvements of Washington Street that extends the culvert out of the right of ways, includes two parcels for Lewis and Deborah Tomsic in the minimum amount of \$200.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Lewis Tomsic and Deborah Graehling-Tomsic (Parcel #01-107400) for improvements to Washington Street (CH606) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$200.00.

<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 accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Lewis Tomsic and Deborah Graehling-Tomsic (Parcel #01-119168) for improvements to Washington Street (CH606) in Auburn Township in the amount \$200.00.

<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>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2021

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked the Board to approve the use of the credit cards for this year, stating that some credit cards are issued to employees and others have to sign them out for use, and it took so long to get signatures from over hundred employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards (O.R.C. 301.27) for the Year 2021 for a First National Bank Visa with monthly not to exceed amounts of \$1,000.00 for each card (14 cards total) for the list of 125 employees included with application.

<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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DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPROVE APPOINTMENT – BENJAMIN TURNNEY AND SARA SHININGER – OHIO CHILDRENS TRUST FUND CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL

Director Craig Swenson introduced Ms. Shininger and new Program Administrator Benjamin Turney who has been hired to replace Nancy Seelbach. Mr. Swenson explained that Ms. Seelbach will be staying on to help train Mr. Turney. Mr. Swenson explained that the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Council appointment is a two-year with a two-term limit and both Ms. Seelbach and himself were appointed to serve and that they are no longer able to serve and are asking the Board to appoint Mr. Turney and Ms. Shininger to this regional prevention council.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the appointment of Benjamin Turney and Sara Shininger to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for a two-year period, January 2021 through December 31, 2022.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – SPECIAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Swenson explained that even with the pandemic, they have still been able to continue to do the school supply program as well as the sponsor a family this year. Ms. Shininger explained that the Sponsor a Family program is a food, toy and gift distribution for low income families, seniors and agency foster kids, the program is 100% supported through donations. This last Christmas we were able to serve almost 1500 people in the community and the total donated was almost \$175,000.00. Typically, they have a lot of volunteers to help with the donations, but staff pitched in this year and they handled the program through curb side pickup. Ms. Shininger explained that as a whole throughout 2020 they have funding for low income kids and foster kids go to camp, provide food, temporary housing and many different ways to help, overall provided \$268,000.00 worth of special services to members of our community through donations.

Mr. Lennon inquired about the Back to School program and was excited about the additional services they have added, including haircuts, eye exams and dental exams. Ms. Shininger explained that this year they were able to do haircuts and clothing giveaway at the Morning Star Church but hope that next year they can go back to the eye and dental exams. They have two distribution days in August, one at JFS / Morning Star and then one day at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITIONS – TWO (2) MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

Director Glen Vernick explained that he was asking to advertise for two Maintenance Worker positions for employees that were promoted to other positions.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions of Maintenance Worker (#1904). These positions will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – JAMISON WELL DRILLING

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the service Contract with Jamison Well Drilling for one of the wells at the service center that we are having some issues with it. Dr. Oluic noted that the well is not producing the quantity that we need and with the new building we need the amount, and if not, we need to then look at drilling a new well.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Jamison Well Drilling to perform Well Maintenance Services for the department for the Year 2021 (one year) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #3,
CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE AND OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND
PAYMENT REQUEST – TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – CHARDON TOWNSHIP
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT**

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the Partial Payment Request #3 for TRAX Construction on the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #3, Contractor's Estimate and the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #3 for TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$475,130.79.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR PURPOSE OF VOTING – COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2021**

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-014 to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of Voting at meetings of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) in 2021.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 2, 2021

Resolution: #21-014.

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR
THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT MEETINGS OF THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2021**

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that James W. Dvorak, President is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Timothy C. Lennon, Vice President is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Geauga County.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – TOM NIEWULIS – BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to acknowledge and accept the resignation of Tom Niewulis from the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services effective January 20, 2021.

<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>

There was a brief discussion about putting the notice out on the website and accept applications.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE THRASHER, DINSMORE AND DOLAN RETENTION LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN YEAR 2021

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Thrasher Dinsmore and Dolan Retention Letter for Legal Services during the Year 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, unless prior approval of the Board.

<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>

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT CIRCUIT ID NUMBER CHANGE – SPECTRUM BUSINESS, STATE OF OHIO SERVICES QUOTATION, ADDENDUM #1 SERVICE ATTACHMENT #4 – FIBER INTERNET ACCESS

Auditor Charles Walder explained that when they provided the quote back in December the Circuit ID number was incorrect and today we are just asking you to acknowledge the correct ID number and it will be attached to the contract previously signed.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge and accept the Circuit ID number change to the Spectrum Business, State of Ohio Services Quotation, Addendum #1 Service Attachment #4, for Fiber Internet Access, and that all other terms and pricing of the Agreement remain the same.

<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>

FRACKING – LADUE RESERVOIR

Mr. Walder explained Mr. Lennon had called him in regards to the property the City of Akron owns, as we know the City of Akron owns a significant amount and variety of parcels in the La Due area. The City of Akron had planned to allow someone on an adjacent property to drill a fracking well and to sell the mineral rights to do the lateral. That has been met with some resistance and does have his staff looking into the tax-exempt status on the property and whether that is non-approved revenue. Mr. Walder had Mr. Greenawalt contact the City of Akron and as of this morning, they have pulled the project. There was discussion about the revenue being an improper revenue against the status.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – AUDITOR WALDER – POWER POINT

Mr. Walder explained that last week there was some questions raised about the appraisals and property taxes, and he wants to address those questions. Mr. Walder presented the following information:

2021 TRIENNIAL REAL PROPERTY UPDATE and PROPERTY TAXES during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC



These are the questions he took away from what was raised last week.

Commissioners' Questions

1. Why, in light of the COVID pandemic, were real property values updated?
2. Why was there an increase in property values when so many people are affected by the pandemic?
3. Why weren't letters sent out to property holders advising them of the increases as done in previous years?
4. Why can't relief for late payment of property taxes be granted to help people?
5. What can be done to help people that have been economically affected by the pandemic with regard to their real estate property taxes?



Mr. Walder went through the questions as follows:

Question 1

Why, in light of the COVID pandemic, were real property values updated?

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5715 requires that every county auditor in Ohio shall reappraise every property in the county once every six years and to complete a triennial update in the third year of the reappraisal cycle. The triennial update is a study and analysis of sales that have taken place during the 3 years after the last revaluation in order to determine if property values have changed during that time. As the name indicates, the triennial update is designed to update market values previously established in the last sexennial reappraisal to avoid large changes in value over a 6-year period. Despite COVID-19, the Ohio Legislature did not permit counties any leeway, still requiring triennial updates.




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Mr. Walder explained that no one knew the pandemic was going to hit in the middle of our triennial, we had to by law continue. Mr. Lennon inquired about back in 2009/2010 about values being kept lower, to which Mr. Walder stated that due to the housing market at that time, they did keep them low, and that will be discussed farther down.

Question 2

Why was there an increase in property values when so many people are affected by the pandemic?


While the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated many in our community, residential home sales in Geauga County have continued strong, including in terms of sale prices. Property values in Ohio are determined by a number of factors; recent sales of similar properties provide the best evidence of market value. Therefore, in the triennial update, property values may have increased (or decreased) due to recent sales of similar properties. Even through the pandemic, housing sales in Geauga County were very strong with high demand and low supply, resulting in higher sales prices.



The triennial is based on sales and the current housing market has houses selling higher than the value and that affects the value of property values in the neighborhood. Mr. Dvorak expressed having a bidding war over houses on the market, it was a crazy year. Mr. Walder noted that this is the letter they received regarding the triennial, telling them they need to move forward.

Question 2

Why was there an increase in property values when so many people are affected by the pandemic?



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July 16, 2020

[Via Email: Shelley.Wilson@tax.state.oh.us](mailto:Shelley.Wilson@tax.state.oh.us)

The Honorable Charles Walder
Gaugua County Auditor
211 Main St. – C-2, Aurora
Chardon, OH 44024-1293

RE: Triennial Update for Tax Year 2020

Dear Mr. Walder:

Tax year 2020 is the third calendar year following the 2017 reappraisal of real property in Geauga County. Section 5713.24 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Tax Commissioner to determine whether the various classes of real property have been properly assessed.

You should already have received preliminary value reports for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Based on the data in those reports and other available economic information, we recommend the following changes be made to real property values in Geauga County for tax year 2020. Bear in mind that these are recommendations for adjustments to aggregate values. Changes should be made to ensure that values are properly equalized among the various taxing districts in the county.

AGRICULTURAL:
The aggregate value of agricultural property should be increased by 7%.

RESIDENTIAL:
The aggregate value of residential property should be increased by 11%.

COMMERCIAL:
No recommendation due to insufficient sales data.

INDUSTRIAL:
No recommendation due to insufficient sales data.

Please submit a tentative abstract (DTE Form 93-T) of your proposed values by August 31, 2020. The tentative abstract provides blanks to report the full market value of agricultural, residential, industrial and commercial real property by taxing district and county total. Please note that there is a line on this abstract for reporting 2020 building values including new improvements. This line should be used to report the proposed values of previously existing improvements. A separate line is provided for reporting the value of new improvements added for tax year 2020. If the appraisal of new construction is not yet complete in your county, please mark the new improvements line *N/A* to indicate that new construction values are not available at this time. Please do not delay filing this abstract in order to include new construction values.

There is also a separate line provided for reporting the tax year 2019 value of improvements that were listed as taxable for 2019 and that have been destroyed or demolished as of January 1, 2020. Since the deduction for the value of destroyed property typically has a very low impact on the review of values at the tentative abstract level, it is not necessary to show the value of destroyed property on this form. If the value of destroyed property is provided, however, it will be taken into consideration in the analysis of the tentative values at the same manner as in the analysis of values reported on the final abstract. If you have not yet completed your assessment of destroyed property, please mark this line *N/A* to indicate that the value of destroyed property is not available at this time.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, you are welcome to email me at shelley.wilson@tax.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,
/s/ Shelley Wilson
Shelley Wilson
Executive Administrator
Tax Equalization Division

The State gives them target percentages of change what they envision for changes. We have included the letter.

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July 16, 2020

The Honorable Charles Walder
Geauga County Auditor
231 Main St. – C.H. Annex
Chardon, OH 44024-1293

Via Email Only to: cwalder@gcauditor.com

RE: Triennial Update for Tax Year 2020

Dear Mr. Walder:

Tax year 2020 is the third calendar year following the 2017 reappraisal of real property in Geauga County. Section 5715.24 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Tax Commissioner to determine whether the various classes of real property have been properly assessed.

You should already have received semiannual ratio reports for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Based on the data in those reports and other available economic information, we recommend the following changes be made in real property values in Geauga County for tax year 2020. Bear in mind that these are recommendations for adjustments in aggregate values. Caution should be taken to ensure that values are properly equalized among the various taxing districts in the county.

AGRICULTURAL:

The aggregate value of agricultural property should be increased by 7%.

RESIDENTIAL:

The aggregate value of residential property should be increased by 11%.

COMMERCIAL:

No recommendation due to insufficient sales data.

INDUSTRIAL:

No recommendation due to insufficient sales data.

Please submit a tentative abstract (DTE Form 93-T) of your proposed values by August 31, 2020. The tentative abstract provides blanks to report the full market value of agricultural, residential, industrial and commercial real property by taxing district and county total. Please note that there is a line on this abstract for reporting 2020 building values excluding new improvements. This line should be used to

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report the proposed values of previously existing improvements. A separate line is provided for reporting the value of new improvements added for tax year 2020. If the appraisal of new construction is not yet complete in your county, please mark the new improvements line *N/A* to indicate that new construction values are not available at this time. Please do not delay filing this abstract in order to include new construction values.

There is also a separate line provided for reporting the tax year 2019 value of improvements that were listed as taxable for 2019 and that have been destroyed or demolished as of January 1, 2020. Since the deduction for the value of destroyed property typically has a very low impact on the review of values at the tentative abstract level, it is not necessary to show the value of destroyed property on this form. If the value of destroyed property is provided, however, it will be taken into consideration in the analysis of the tentative values in the same manner as in the analysis of values reported on the final abstract. If you have not yet completed your assessment of destroyed property, please mark this line *N/A* to indicate that the value of destroyed property is not available at this time.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, you are welcome to email me at shelley.wilson@tax.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

/s Shelley Wilson


Shelley Wilson
Executive Administrator
Tax Equalization Division

Question 2

Why was there an increase in property values when so many people are affected by the pandemic?

While the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a decline in home sales in Geauga County, the increase in property values in Ohio are determined by the market. The triennial update provides the best evidence of market values. Property values may have increased through the pandemic, but the demand and low supply, resulting in higher prices.

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Mr. Walder explained that they hire a local appraiser who is familiar with the area and the local market, and that the office uses Integrity. Mr. Walder stated that they do a study of all sales transactions, all the neighborhoods within the townships, cities and villages affected and do a weighted graphical average of those transactions and apply it. This map shows the averages.

2020 Geauga County Triennial Update (Final)

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Question 3

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This year was abnormal in many ways. Like it did with most other Ohio counties this year, the State was late in providing Geauga County with necessary approvals that are required before the county could proceed with aspects of the triennial update, including the State's final approval. In normal triennial years, the county goes through a six-week process where it sends residents value change letters, has informal hearings, makes value adjustments in MVP, and sends new letters out showing the value changes made before the final abstract was sent to the State. Due to the State's abnormally late responses this year, Geauga County did not have enough time to go through its typical informal process.



Mr. Walder stated that they received the notice later than normal, and the State didn't change the date they were due, so the process of sending notices out takes about six weeks, as they send the notice, hold hearings, and then send notices again and based on the time frame they couldn't meet the time frame so this component was eliminated.

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1/27/2020	County signs contract for Triennial Update	11/12/2013	County starts new construction field work for tax year 2014
1/27/2020	Triennial Update contract sent to the state for approval	11/20/2013	Appraisal Contractor starts new construction field work
4/28/2020	Triennial Update contract amendments sent to the State	4/7/2014	Triennial order received from the state
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10/26/2020	CAUV rates updated and CAUV values recalculated	7/25/2014	Last value change processed in CAMA (normal parcel maintenance)
10/26/2020	All new construction reviewed & returned from contractor	8/22/2014	Value change letters mailed out
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10/30/2020	Discussion regarding value change letters. Decision not to send.	8/26/2014	Informal Hearings start
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Here is the timeline of the process, showing the comparison to the last update. Mr. Lennon inquired about a change of the abstract. Mr. Walder stated that they cannot tell the public about a change until the abstract is approved. Mr. Walder took a risk and submitted the 10.3% when they wanted the 11% and they accepted it. Mr. Lennon asked if the property tax bills have been sent out and have they been received. Mr. Walder stated the bills have been sent out, but the current problem is whether they get received based on the current mail delivery issues, however you can view and print your tax bill online. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if they had posted anything on the website, to which Mr. Walder stated they couldn't post until the abstract was approved, but they did publish a notice in the paper on December 3rd that the abstract was approved and the new rates would be posted.

Question 4

Why can't relief for late payment of property taxes be granted to help people?

This is a question best directed to the County Treasurer, who has statutory authority over tax payments. There is some relieve built into the collection of property tax payments and available for taxpayers. I would encourage contacting the County Treasurer's office for details. There are also steps that taxing entities can take to provide relief for residents. The power to give that relief rests with those taxing entities alone, and not with the County Auditor. Unfortunately, Ohio law gives the County Auditor **no ability** to change anyone's taxes.



Mr. Walder expressed that the County Treasurer would be best to answer that question, and that there is some grace period built in. Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield stated that they have a two-week grace period, they are accepting postmarked payments, but that a tax payer can fill out an Remission of Penalty form, which COVID is a valid reason, but they need to submit that request and based on criteria it may be granted. Mr. Walder briefly discussed that a bill is being argued in the House, adding that the counties primarily pushing for discounts on property tax, is the metropolitan counties, the rural counties are struggling and this could hurt revenue sources from the smaller rural counties. In 2008 and 2009 automatically took care of the values.

Question 5

What can be done to help people that have been economically affected by the pandemic with regard to their real estate property taxes?

There is a lot that can and should be done to assist people during this pandemic. Unfortunately, the County Auditor has very limited, if any, authority to enact remedy. However, I do support and recommend that every taxing authority (county entities like parks, libraries, mental health boards, jobs and family services department, department on aging, county sales tax, schools, townships, and the city) to consider a one year suspension on collecting any levied or inside millage revenue earmarked for projects or expenses that can be responsibly delayed until the populace can recover. The Geauga County Commissioners are in the unique position of overseeing many departments and boards that have levied real property. The Commissioners, not the Auditor, approve many of the levies before they are placed on the ballot. Therefore, the Commissioners have the influence to encourage the taxing authorities within their authority to take this unprecedented but responsible step to provide short term, temporary aid to taxpayers. If county auditors had the authority, I would certainly take this action. While authority to provide residents with this relief rests with the Commissioners and other taxing authorities, I strongly support this initiative, and will do my part to encourage other local governments to follow suit to best help the people of Geauga County.



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Unfortunately, this has to be done by everyone, adding that anyone who has put a tax on by levy (school districts, townships, park district) can choose to say they don’t need to collect all of the levy funds, this will then relieve the tax burden. The question he has now is how fast can he give that to the taxpayer, currently it’s January when the taxes are figured. Mr. Walder has posed a question to the state about if a levy is held can they provide a mid-year tax relief. (see email below), they are waiting for a legal counsel opinion, they didn’t say no, so there is hope.

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From: Leyde, Ron <Rleyde@gauditor.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Wilson, Shelley <shelley.wilson@tax.state.oh.us>
Subject: Reduce Collections/Taxes
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Shelley,

I hope all is well with you and your staff and you are having a Happy Healthy New Year.

The County is receiving many questions and concerns regarding Tax Bills, COVID-19, Valuations as a result of our Sexennial Reappraisal for Tax Year 2020. Geauga County management is discussing options that the County may have to assist taxpayers. Auditor Walder had an idea and asked that I reach out to you to see if it is even possible and if so, what that mechanism may be.

Is there any way to issue credits to Tax Bills or Reduce Tax Rates, should the appropriate taxing authority wish to do so, once First Half bills have been generated and mailed? For example, is there any mechanism for the Commissioners to voluntarily reduce millage taxation of the inside millage to the General Fund for Tax Year 2020/Collection 2021? It would just be a Tax Year 2020 reduction. Or, once the tax file is generated for the year and the First Half is billed are we confined to those rates. Again, we are looking for solutions to help the taxpayer during this pandemic.

From: shelley.wilson@tax.state.oh.us [mailto:shelley.wilson@tax.state.oh.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Leyde, Ron
Subject: RE: Reduce Collections/Taxes

Any answers, a

Thank you, be s

Ronald H. Leyde
Ron,
Chief Deputy Au
Gauga County
Auditor Charle

That's an interesting question. I've asked our legal counsel to opine on whether it's allowable. Mechanically we can make corrections to rates before the second half bills go out, but this is a little different.

Shelley

Mr. Lennon questioned Mr. Walder stating that the Commissioners have the authority, to which Mr. Walder stated you don’t have the authority, but you have the influence. Mr. Lennon stated that the voters approved the levy on the ballot. Mr. Walder used a Township as an example, they put a levy on, it was approved by the voters on the ballot, but they can look at their budget and decide they want to delay the collection of the funding. The voted millage is the highest amounts, you can see by the charts below how the values are affected by the millage increases.

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GEAUGA COUNTY							
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Gauga County**	11.973469	\$366.69	2.500000	\$87.50	9.473469	\$279.19	\$3,558.412
Auburn Township	11.930779	365.38	3.000000	105.00	8.930779	260.38	303.489
Bainbridge Township	16.373883	501.44	3.000000	105.00	13.373883	396.44	636.016
Barton Township	9.131749	279.66	3.000000	105.00	6.131749	174.66	91.648
Chardon Township	7.418927	227.20	2.700000	94.50	4.718927	132.70	182.997
Chester Township	15.163169	464.37	3.000000	105.00	12.163169	359.37	409.718
Clelland Township	7.596074	232.83	3.000000	105.00	4.596074	127.63	90.853
Hambden Township	10.344838	316.81	3.000000	105.00	7.344838	211.81	146.143
Huntsburg Township	7.996826	244.90	3.000000	105.00	4.996826	139.90	77.697
Middlefield Township	9.010887	275.96	3.000000	105.00	6.010887	170.96	83.545
Montville Township	9.306786	285.02	3.000000	105.00	6.306786	180.02	58.132
Munson Township	10.270944	314.55	3.000000	105.00	7.270944	209.55	273.084
Newbury Township	7.296396	223.45	2.400000	84.00	4.896396	139.45	193.568
Parkman Township	9.046863	277.05	3.000000	105.00	6.046863	172.05	81.242
Russell Township	18.685092	572.23	3.000000	105.00	15.685092	467.23	295.091
Thompson Township	9.562623	292.96	2.700000	94.50	6.862623	198.36	59.660
Troy Township	8.936859	273.69	3.000000	105.00	5.936859	168.69	69.017
Aquila Village***	11.087268	339.55	3.000000	105.00	8.087268	234.55	4.712
Barton Village	12.986283	397.70	3.000000	105.00	9.986283	292.70	31.507
City of Chardon	7.916150	242.43	3.000000	105.00	4.916150	137.43	171.692
Hunting Valley Village of	16.100000	493.06	2.100000	73.50	14.000000	419.56	18.804
Middlefield Village	5.648777	172.99	3.000000	105.00	2.648777	87.99	98.851
South Russell Village of	8.259955	252.87	3.000000	105.00	5.259955	147.87	180.936

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Berkshire Local School District	24.558286	752.13	4.500000	157.50	20.058286	584.63		378,516
Cardinal Local School District	28.557694	874.56	4.500000	157.50	24.057694	717.08		340,702
Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School	x 57.881441	1,772.62	4.500000	157.50	53.381441	1,615.12		217,873
Chardon Local School District	37.382729	1,144.85	4.500000	157.50	32.882729	987.35		754,586
Kenston Local School District	38.861104	1,190.12	4.500000	157.50	34.361104	1,032.62		915,982
Kirtland Local School District	x 48.424405	1,238.00	4.800000	168.00	35.624405	1,070.00		3,152
Madison Local School District	x 31.967248	979.00	4.800000	168.00	27.167248	811.00		1,555
Mentor Exempted Village School District	x 38.251218	1,171.44	4.800000	168.00	33.451218	1,053.44		7,465
Newbury Local School District	27.396713	839.02	5.100000	178.50	22.296713	660.52		193,503
Riverside Local School District	x 34.150842	1,045.87	4.800000	168.00	29.350842	877.87		4,914
West Geauga Local School District	29.190024	893.94	4.500000	157.50	24.690024	736.44		739,164
Auburn Joint Vocational School District	x 1.500000	45.94	0.000000	0.00	1.500000	45.94		2,593,910
West Geauga Recreation District	0.086278	2.70	0.000000	0.00	0.086278	2.70		739,164
Mentor Public Library	x 1.756778	53.80	0.000000	0.00	1.756778	53.80		7,465
Lake County Financing District	x 2.273012	69.61	0.000000	0.00	2.273012	69.61		6,469
Burton Public Library District	1.519941	46.55	0.000000	0.00	1.519941	46.55		262,520
Gauga County Public Library District	2.205090	67.53	0.000000	0.00	2.205090	67.53		3,283,721
East Geauga Fire District	3.396460	104.02	0.000000	0.00	3.396460	104.02		182,396
Kirtland Public Library District	x 0.926393	28.37	0.000000	0.00	0.926393	28.37		3,152

* Estimated based on all levies having full Home Owner Occupied and Non-Business Rollbacks. Actual total taxes are higher.
** Breakdown of Geauga County taxation is on following tab.
*** The Inside (Unvoted) rate indicated is 0.5 mills to Aquila Village and 2.5 mills to Clendon Township
x - indicates we are not the Home County
Gauga County's last Sexennial Reappraisal was in Tax Year 2017 and Triennial Update occurred in Tax Year 2020. This is required per ORC.

Mr. Walder stated that he sent out an email yesterday and surprisingly he has had three entities respond and they are looking into what they can and need to do. There was a brief discussion about bond limiting. Mr. Walder expressed that values did increase, but the current market is determining that, not the Auditor. Mr. Lennon expressed that the shock of the increase with no notice of the increase or to be able to budget for it. Ms. Mansfield expressed that she corrected the time frame of the grace period being one and half weeks instead of the two, and the ORC states that the bills need to be mailed 21 days prior to the date due and unfortunately she spent time yesterday on the phone with the post office because Newbury hasn't receive their tax bills. They are required to publish the notice in the paper regarding collection. They are seeing a steady stream of bills coming in, but do feel they will see a lot of Remission of Penalty. Mr. Lennon asked for clarification that you can see and print your bill online, and Ms. Mansfield stated yes.

Mr. Dvorak inquired about what the House Bill number is for the tax relief. Mr. Dvorak noted the interest of the three entities, adding that when he was on Burton Township they did that when the Fire Department chose not to purchase equipment and a truck until the following year. Mr. Walder noted that one community is about 2 mills being surrendered for one year, that is a half million dollars, it works out to be about \$210.00 a year, and for every taxpayer, that adds up. It's not a we don't need it, we just don't need it right now.

Allen Segedy expressed that he gets services refused to him in this county and why does he have to pay taxes on that. Mr. Segedy stated that the Board doesn't care that the County destroyed his house, that people don't have heat, and that the Board still doesn't care. Mr. Segedy stated that he is a whistleblower on the Department on Aging. Mr. Segedy asked why he has to pay taxes on a service he cannot use.

RESIDENT – ALLEN SEGEDY

Mr. Segedy presented copies of letters he has received from the Department on Aging regarding contact with the department. Mr. Segedy expressed that he needed a medical procedure and was refused transport, he added that they used to have programs to do repairs on your houses, programs for heat, and other agencies that have moved to other counties, but you have to apply for the program, your put on a waiting list. Mr. Spidalieri asked Mr. Segedy to get to his point, to which Mr. Segedy stated that the point was they destroyed his house and if Mr. Dvorak is willing to look at the damage is good for him. Mr. Lennon expressed that Mr. Segedy made

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threatening comments to the staff and workers. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he would get with Ms. Pemberton at the Veterans Services and come out and look at his house.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH MULTIVISTA

Mr. Morgan stated that they are working on the contract for MultiVista for the new office building and it's been taking some time to get it through, so he was asking for permission to sign it once it is ready to get them out there and going on the new building progress.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize County Administrator Gerard Morgan to execute the Agreement with MultiVista for the photography of the new County Office Building.

<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for December 16, 2020*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending January 13, 2021 and January 20, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. They briefly discussed upcoming meetings for Solid Waste, the Planning Commission, and the new emerging business committee for NOACA that they need Board members for.

MEETINGS

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

Mon., 2/1 Board of Revision, Auditor's Office, 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 2/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m., Chambers

Tue., 2/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m., 470 Center Street, Building #4, Commissioners Chambers, Chardon

Tue., 2/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. Chambers

Tue., 2/9 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 12:00 p.m. via Zoom (District Office)

Mon., 2/15 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., 2/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 2/22 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices (via Zoom)

Tue., 2/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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