

Commissioners' Journal
February 25, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 25, 2020 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 9:16 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 24, 2020 that included for the Department of Water Resources to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with The Bergren Associates, Incorporated to perform maintenance service and installation of all telemetry and control systems, including meter calibration, at various wastewater facilities within the Department for a one-year period (2020) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and approved and execute the service Contract Agreement with The Bergren Associates, Incorporated to perform maintenance service and installation of all telemetry and control systems, including meter calibration, at various water facilities within the Department for a one-year period (2020) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; 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 Supplemental Appropriations and De-Appropriations for the Board of Developmental Disabilities to true up various accounts with their revised 2020 budget; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Public Assistance for 3rd quarter SFY2020 mandated share; a Cash transfer to and from various funds for the 2020 Workers Compensation Premium payment which included the distribution of a \$491,068.85 in credits received from the BWC in 2019; a Contract Purchase order increase for Waster Resources for Workman Industrial Services; Travel requests for Job and Family Services and Water Resources; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Morton Salt for roadway salt stock in the amount of \$71,772.31; a payment for Job and Family Services to MRDD for Help Me Grow January 2020 expenses in the amount of \$20,858.04; a payment for Water Resources to GPD, Incorporated for engineering services related to the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and Troy Oaks pump station conversion project in the amount of \$15,276.19; and Revenue Certifications for MRDD in various funds to align with revised 2020 budgets.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-021 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 25, 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>

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Executive Director Don Rice asked the Board to recognize March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Mr. Rice explained that they had brought three clients with them today.

Clerk, Christine Blair read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 25, 2020

Resolution: #20-022

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2020 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

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WHEREAS, Ohio's county Boards of Developmental Disabilities were established on October 25, 1967 by the Ohio General Assembly with a mission and purpose to remain as strong as ever, to provide vital support and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County recognizes that developmental disabilities affects more than 900 individuals and their families in Geauga County. Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, an effective way to increase awareness is through active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution, through developing policies, shaping attitudes and offering opportunities for those with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and

WHEREAS, as a way to recognize these important goals, this year the theme throughout the state is we are focusing on "Live, Work and Go Where We Want"; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community, that includes full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities. Our community recognizes, The Metzenbaum Center as Geauga County's program for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires that all residents of the County offer their full support and enable individuals with developmental disabilities to live successful lives and realize their potential, such that they can live, learn, work and play and be active members of our community. We encourage all citizens to recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone participates. Take time to get to know someone with a disability. Look beyond the disability and see what he or she has to offer.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-022 Recognizing March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

<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>

The Board presented the resolution and posed for a few pictures with their Board President Mark Jackson and the clients in attendance.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RESOLUTION HONORING DOROTHY STANGE FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-023 Honoring Dorothy Stange for her Years of Service and Dedication to Geauga County.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #20-023
Date: February 25, 2020

A RESOLUTION HONORING DOROTHY STANGE FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Dorothy Stange began serving Geauga County through the Board of Elections in June 1976, during that time she has served in many roles; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Stange performed the roles of seasonal worker, poll worker, as trainer, as marshal, as programming supervisor, as a Board member and as Deputy Director; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Stange will have served as Deputy Director from January 31, 2016 until her retirement on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Stange has directly made a positive impact in the administration of the Elections in Geauga County and is widely respected for her wisdom and commitment to her community and to Geauga County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Dorothy Stange for her many years of service and dedication with the Geauga County Board of Elections and wish her a happy and healthy retirement;

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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER IMPROVEMENT OF AQUILLA ROAD (CH 5, SECTIONS D-E) CLARIDON TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that this is a resurfacing project on Aquilla Road of Sections D-E that runs from Mayfield Road to the Chardon City Corporation line. Mr. Hajjar stated that this project has Federal funds through CEAO, and is the third project receiving funds.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-024 to Order the Improvement of Aquilla Road (CH 5, Sections D-E) in Claridon Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on March 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 27, 2020 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 25, 2020

Resolution: #20-024

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF
SECTIONS D-E OF AQUILLA ROAD, CH 5
IN CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 19-123 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Aquilla Road (CH 5) from Mayfield Road (US 322) to the Chardon City Corp line in Claridon Township by grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and reconstructing the bridges, culverts, and guardrail as necessary or otherwise improving the same 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 Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvements is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

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WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 25 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Claridon Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #208-1.85) TROY TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar explained that the Tilden Road Bridge is a twin metal culvert that is failing and will be replaced with a concrete box. Mr. Hajjar noted that the Township is planning a resurfacing project next year, so they want to get a jump on the bridge and get it complete prior to the Township project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-025 to Order the Reconstruction of the Tilden Road Bridge (Structure #208-1.85) in Troy Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on March 25, 2020 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 27, 2020 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 25, 2020
Resolution: #20-025

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE, STRUCTURE #208-1.85 IN TROY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #15-187 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge on Tilden Road at mile marker 1.85 and grading, widening, paving and draining of a portion of Tilden Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in Troy Township in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands 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

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WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public, 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.

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 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 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:05 P.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

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 Troy Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – FINAL PLAT FOR CHELBEZAN AND STODDARD SUBDIVISION – REPLAT OF SUBLOT #4 WARD ACRES SUBDIVISION – CHESTER AND RUSSELL TOWNSHIPS

Director Linda Crombie explained that this was approved by the Commission back in October, for a minor lot line adjustment for some lots located in the boundaries of Chester and Russell Townships. Ms. Crombie stated that one lot is in Ward Acres subdivision and there are a couple lots to the south, this adjustment is so a storage building can be accommodated. Ms. Crombie noted that the lots are being consolidated, with one lot being consolidated to 5.5 acres and the other lot will be consolidated to 9.9 acres.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Final Plat for Chelbezan and Stoddard Subdivision, being a Replat of Sublot #4 of "Ward Acres Subdivision" and a Subdivision of Other Lands in Chester and Russell Townships.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT DEBEVITS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT OF NINETEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to approve a resolution for Robert Debevits on his Retirement, explaining that he had been with Aging for nineteen years and about thirty-two years total in public service. Ms. Boalt stated that we are sad to see him go, but so grateful for everything he has done for the agency. Commissioner Spidalieri expressed gratitude for everything he has done and it is a big loss to see him go. Mr. Debevits explained that he is going to miss the county but already has a new venue waiting. Commissioner Lennon thanked him for his years of service. Commissioner Dvorak thanked him for the program he started with the Townships to do senior trash days. Ms. Boalt noted that his service impacted over 1200 seniors last year.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #20-026 Honoring Robert Debevits on the occasion of his Retirement of Nineteen Years of Service and Dedication to Geauga County.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #20-026

**RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT DEBEVITS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
OF NINETEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits "Bob" and along with his wife Reba Dykes have enjoyed raising their family, including four daughters and a son in Geauga County, whom have all gone on to establish new successful careers and families of their own; and

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits began working in March of 1988 at the Cleveland Water Department; where he gained some of the needed experience to further his career. Robert Debevits began his service at the Department on Aging on January 10, 2000 with the title Chore Worker/Maintenance, and in 2014 his hard work was recognized when he won the WRAAA Independent Living Award for providing excellence in services to aging and disability communities; and

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits over the years has responded to seniors in need, answering their calls of concern regarding issues in and around their homes, by helping seniors' complete repairs and perform maintenance tasks in their homes, which has included adaptations for disabilities that meet health, safety, fire prevention and/or ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. Robert Debevits can always be found installing ramps and ADA handrails, fixing electrical, plumbing and heating issues, thawing out frozen pipes, replacing broken stairs, windows, doors and hardware, teaching yearly home safety classes for Geauga seniors, playing Santa Claus for the seniors in December and assisting with the Home Delivered Meals Program; and

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits has worked diligently with other agencies over the years to meet the rapidly expanding need for the Chore and Home Safety Program, by working closely with contractors, assigning each project and verifying that the job was completed, and working with local townships and villages to help plan and manage the senior trash pick-ups, and in 2019 he reached a new record for the number of seniors that were served by this program; and

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits truly has a caring heart, with a desire to want to help every senior, he has served his community through his dedication to seniors, by assisting with the Senior Services levy and by supporting the Housing Coalition Board during their fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Robert Debevits enjoys spending time hunting, fishing, and with his grandchildren. Robert Debevits looks forward to having only one full time job and be able to spend more time with his family and enjoying his hobbies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honors Robert Debevits on the occasion of his retirement of nineteen years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its seniors; and

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>

The Board posed for a quick picture with Mr. Debevits and presented him his resolution.

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AMEND SECTION 4.1:
CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN – UPDATE BEREAVEMENT AND
GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEE MERIT INCREASE**

Director Craig Swenson explained that they would like to amend the compensation plan regarding merit increases, which required employees receive a three on their evaluation. What

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they have discovered is that included in the use of sick time is bereavement leave, and they don't want the employee to be penalized if they need to use sick time when they lose a loved one. Mr. Swenson stated that this change will move their policy to be aligned with the county policies.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director and amend Section 4.1: Classification and Compensation Plan of the Job and Family Services Personnel Classification and Compensation Policy (updating bereavement leave and guidelines for employee merit increases) to be effective February 25, 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>

TRANSIT – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – PART-TIME TRANSIT DRIVER (#2210-1)

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to increase the current posting for Part-time Driver from one to two positions. Ms. Santilli explained that she would like to hire Ms. Catley, and that she has another candidate they are also considering. Ms. Santilli noted that she will have a driver out on leave and needs to make sure she has enough staff to cover shifts.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to increase the current posting for the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) from one to two positions. These positions will remain posted until filled.

<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>

TRANSIT – APPROVE HIRING CHRISTY CATLEY – PART-TIME DRIVER (#2210-1)

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Christy Catley to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective March 9, 2020 at the rate of \$14.54 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

<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>

TRANSIT – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS – ROAD SUPERVISOR (#2217) AND OPERATIONS MANAGER (#2218) – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADVERTISE POSITIONS UNTIL FILLED

Ms. Santilli explained that she has re-worked the driver supervisor and operations positions, to make the Road Supervisor handle everything dealing with the roads and the Operations Manager with handle internal and dispatch.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the creation, title and job descriptions for the positions of Road Supervisor (#2217) and Operations Manager (#2218) to be effective February 25, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised organizational chart to include the positions of Road Supervisor (#2217) and Operations Manager (#2218) to be effective February 25, 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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the positions of Road Supervisor (#2217) and Operations Manager (#2218). These positions will remain posted until filled.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – USDA ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, CERTIFIED LIST OF GOVERNING BODY AND CONTACT PERSONS - FACILITY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the certified list of governing persons, which is part of our USDA reporting requirements.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the USDA Annual Reporting Requirements, Certified List of Governing Body and Contact Persons Regarding the Facility and Financial Information.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LPG PAYMENT INSTRUCTION FORM – AUBURN CORNERS TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS PROJECT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the paperwork for OWDA regarding the payment reimbursements as they pay the contractors on the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority LGA Payment Instruction Form for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station project.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #2 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS PROJECT

Dr. Oluic is asking the Board to approve the partial payment for Workman Industrial for reimbursement, as they have already paid them this amount.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Request for Partial Payment #2 for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Project in the amount of \$306,912.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FISCAL AND PERSONNEL SPECIALIST (#2346) – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the creation, title and job description for a new position and then include it on the organizational chart, explaining that over the last year he feels they need a position with a little more responsibility.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Fiscal and Personnel Specialist (#2346) to be effective February 25, 2020.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised organizational chart to include the position of Fiscal and Personnel Specialist (#2346) to be effective February 25, 2020.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN EPPRECHT – 2020 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-027 Honoring John Epprecht as the 2020 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award Winner.*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: *#20-027*
Date: *February 25, 2020*

RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN EPPRECHT
AS THE 2020 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, John Epprecht grew up in Geauga County, graduating from Berkshire High School in 1972, he began working as an hourly employee at the age of seventeen in what was then his father's regional cheese business, working his way through positions of increased responsibility as the business grew into a national leader in the industry, to, today being an owner of the company and serving as the Vice President of Strategic Products; and

WHEREAS, John Epprecht supports many organizations in the Geauga County community, including Womensafe, the Boy Scouts, United Way and the Bridges@Work program that provides support to employees, along with a dedicated focus on economic growth and development through the founding of the Geauga Growth Partnership; and

WHEREAS, John Epprecht and his wife Deb are residents of Geauga County and are happy that their three children, Vicky, Lauren and Steven live nearby. Their son, Steven is following in the family footsteps as a Regional Sales Manager, and their daughters, Vicky and Lauren are educating the future leaders of our community. John Epprecht holds hope that his three grand-daughters will consider joining the family business; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize John Epprecht for his dedication and continued community service and for being the recipient of the 2020 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL –
GEAUGA COUNTY EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Employee Assistance Program. Ms. Bidlack noted the County had been with Lifestyle for twelve years, and while we have no issues, we feel it would be good to see if there are any other agencies that may be able to do the same programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for a Competitive Sealed Proposal for the Geauga County Employee Assistance Program to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Competitive Sealed Proposal will be advertised on February 27, 2020 and on the County website.

<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 – CONFLICT WAIVER – NEW GEAUGA COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT
RISK AGREEMENT – DONLEY'S, INCORPORATED AND BENESCH, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Mr. Morgan explained that Benesch Law Firm that does legal work for us on the building project also represents Donley's, so they are asking for a conflict waiver, adding that Donley's has been asked to do the same.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Conflict Waiver for New Geauga County Consolidated Administrative Office Building, Construction Manager At-Risk Agreement with Donley's, Incorporated and Benesch, Attorneys at Law.

<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 – AGREEMENT – RED STATE STRATEGIES, LLC –
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR GEAUGA COUNTY FACILITIES PLAN

This item was on the agenda for today's meeting:

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to execute the Agreement with Red State Strategies, LLC for Communications Services for County Facilities Plan in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

Mr. Lennon noted that while there is no requirement to bid or request proposals, it has been mentioned that there may be some additional interest and so to be fair, he asked the that the item be tabled until next week.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to table until next week the request to authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to execute the Agreement with Red State Strategies, LLC for Communications Services for County Facilities Plan in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – WORK SESSION

The Board moved into a Work Session at 9:45 a.m. to conduct an interview with Cold Harbor Construction for Owners Representative Services. Mr. Lennon noted that due to a family matter they were not able to be there last week when the rest of the interviews were conducted, and since this is an interview there would be no public comment or questions.

Company President Dale W. Griffis, II thanked the Board for extending them this courtesy. Mr. Griffis explained that they are a general contracting company that is based here in Geauga

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County, and 60% of their employees are also residents. Mr. Griffis explained that their proposal is a little out of the box, based on the process the County has already done to this point, having an architect and looking to hire Donley's as a Construction Manager at Risk, so a lot of standard owners' representative services are duplicated by these firms, so there is no fee, just a billable hours rate. Mr. Griffis explained that there was no point paying extra for services already being done and just reviewed. Senior Vice President Werner E. Kunzi explained that they have a lot of oversight on project management, adding that they have insight on how subcontractors behave. There was discussion about the schedule, which Mr. Griffis noted that the weather in Geauga County will play a factor, and getting bid packages ready and out early to try and get ahead, first packages would be site ready, foundation, framing and steel first. Mr. Griffis briefly went over the projects they are currently working on and finishing up, talking about the size of this project in comparison to other projects they have done. Discussion took place about communication with the Board, reporting and decisions that may need to be made. Mr. Griffis explained that there is no base fee, rather an hourly rate, they are more of a consultant, so they don't want to make the Board pay for things they don't need to. The schedule is doable, and if there are drop dead dates, then once they get started they need to be looking at a recovery schedule to try and get back to the timeline the Board is looking to get the project complete.

The Board moved out of Work Session at 10:10 a.m.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – ENGAGE IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONERS – NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION – AUTHORIZE PROSECUTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT – GOVERNORS ONE OHIO PROPOSAL

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to engage in settlement negotiations on behalf of the Board of Commissioners concerning the national opioid litigation and further authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to enter into an Agreement regarding the Governor's One Ohio proposal subject to the final terms being negotiated by the Prosecuting Attorney.

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

DISCUSSION ABOUT GEAUGA COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Local resident Linda O'Brien from Russell Township asked to address the Board about a concern she had with a program the Geauga County Library was offering in March at the Chardon Branch entitled "gender issues". Ms. O'Brien expressed that since the Board appoints 4 members to the Library Board, she felt the Commissioners had a vested interest. Ms. O'Brien expressed that the program was gender transition, to which Mr. Morgan stated that he spoke with Mr. Worso about the program, along with calling the Chardon Library as a parent to consider signing his child up, the Library told him that the program was part of Women's history month and the issues women have experienced based on their gender. Ms. O'Brien added that the program was not presented that way. Ms. O'Brien noted that the library does not require any parental approval for kids to attend and that the person doing the event is a young librarian. Ms. O'Brien expressed that she feels gender is a hot topic, that children are a gift from God, and the doctor says it's a boy or it's a girl! There was discussion about programs the library could offer that would be more beneficial. Local resident Diane Jones added that they had been at the same meeting, questioning the program, how long it had been planned and the topics or agenda for the program, with an expectation of girls to attend, with topics around feminism. Jim McNeal from Troy Township added that when they asked the library about the program, they have no guideline, that the advertisement for the program could have been done differently, additionally expressing concern over pre-school and elementary reading programs and the types of books they are reading to the kids. Discussion went back and forth over the types of programs, concern within today's society, and making sure that the intentions need to be clear. The Board expressed that they were going to look in to the program, reach out to the Board members and see if some clarification could be made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 13, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 2/25 Pre-Audit Meeting with State Auditor's Office, at or around 10:30 a.m. (following session)

Tue., 3/3 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Tue., 3/10 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Tue., 3/10 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Fri., 3/13 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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