

Commissioners' Journal
March 9, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 9, 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 9:39 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Let us give thanks for the great 4-H programs in Geauga County

For we are blessed with hands with potential for great service

4-H makes us more mindful of those in need; give us strength to do our full part in the world we live in, and grant us the peace of our time.

We ask in thy name.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 3, 2021 that included for the Dog Warden to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Cable Communications, Incorporated to install security cameras at the Geauga County Dog Warden's Office during the Year 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$5,614.12; for Maintenance, approved hiring Russell Kohl to the position of Custodian I (#1906) to be effective March 15, 2021 at the rate of \$12.48 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; approved hiring Austin Norton to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 15, 2021 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; approved hiring Adam Goerskey to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 15, 2021 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; for the Department of Water Resources approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Bill Conti Plumbing, LLC to perform plumbing services in the water section within the department for a three-year period (2021, 2022, 2023) in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 (\$2,000.00 each year); and approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with lake County Sewer Company, Incorporated to perform general and emergency cleaning, televising, grouting and rehabilitation of sewer lines and manholes at various locations within the department for a three-year period (2021, 2022, 2023) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 (\$10,000.00 per year) and on March 8, 2021 that included for Maintenance to approve hiring Suzanne Sotkovsky to the position of Fiscal Assistant (#1919) to be effective April 19, 2021 at the rate of \$17.01 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; Rescinded the motion from March 3, 2021 that read: approved hiring Adam Goerskey to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 15, 2021 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. Mr. Goerskey chose not to accept the position; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 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 an Appropriation transfer to the Sheriff for reimbursement of web checks and inmate medical expenses that were reimbursed and deposited into the General Fund; a Cash transfer from the Commissioners to Soil and Water for their 2021 funding request; Two Cash transfers from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Building Department for permit inspection fees related to the construction of the new County Office Building; a Then and Now for Job and Family Services to Daniel L. Derecskey for Kinship Caregiver programs expenses that were not previously

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encumbered; a payment for the Commissioners to the Portage Geauga Joint Juvenile Detention Center for the first quarter 2021 funding commitment in the amount of \$119,332.25, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Kalida Truck Equipment Incorporated to outfit a tandem axle truck with dump body, snow plow and salt spreading equipment in the amount of \$77,600.00, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Junction Auto Sales for two new model year GMC Sierra trucks in the amount of \$76,608.80, and a Revenue Certification for the County Engineer in the Storm Water Management Fund to adjust for additional revenue received.

Commissioner Lennon inquired about the snow plow trucks for the Engineer's Office and if these were separate from the CARES Act funding. Mr. Gorton explained that to his knowledge that these trucks were in process since last May prior to CARES Act funding. There was discussion about the number of trucks, the department was up to and what the new GMC trucks were for.

Mr. Lennon asked about the Detention Center payment and how many kids had been sent this quarter and what this payment is based on. Mr. Morgan explained that the commitment is based on the occupancy from last year and operation costs and our cost are based on that for this year. Commissioner Spidalieri stated he thought the usage was less than five kids. There was discussion about the per bed night cost and what options they have for long term and short term placements compared to the costs being incurred for little usage.

Mr. Lennon expressed his concern on the amount of trucks, are we getting bigger, which is going to cost us more to insure and maintain, are we adding staff, he wanted a follow up on the plan.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-026 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 9, 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 – PLAT ESTABLISHING TRUE LINE OF ROAD BY AGREEMENT – GEAUGA LAKE ROAD - BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar and Surveyor II Nicholas Goodrich explained the plat for a portion of Geauga Lake Road, informally known as snake hill, the existing right of way for this portion of the road was mapped out about 150-175 years ago in long straight lines, and the topography did not allow for the road to be built that way. Mr. Hajjar stated portions are outside the right of way and they have met with the homeowner who owns both sides of the road and have mapped out a plan and agreed to re-plat the road based on the true center line.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Plat establishing True Line of Road by Agreement (O.R.C. 5553.21) for Geauga Lake Road (TR 0183) situate in Bainbridge Township and being in Lot 25, of Tract 3, also being Township 6 Range 9 West of the Connecticut Western Reserve.

<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 – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES MDT REPLACEMENT PRE-AWARD CONDITIONS – STANDARD ASSURANCES – GRANT #2018-JG-LLE-5108F

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand introduced Special Services Deputy, Jackie Tryon who has taken over for Mr. Powers since he has retired, handling the SORN/Arson/Violent Offender Registry and Grant Administration. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that they were asking for pre-award conditions for an additional MDT grant to replace five more.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) MDT Replacement Pre-award conditions and Standard Assurance Forms for Grant #2018-JG-LLE-5108F in the amount of \$17,490.00

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(\$15,741.00 from OCJS and \$1,749.00 County General Fund). This grant is for the period March 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and will replace five (5) Mobile Data Terminals.

Roll Call Vote:

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – MDT REPLACEMENT – GRANT #2017-JG-A02-6468A

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that this was the subgrant award agreement for the MDT grant that will replace ten MDT's.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), Subgrant Award Agreement for Grant #2017-JG-A02-6468A for MDT Replacement for the purchase of ten (10) additional MDT's in the amount of \$34,980.00 (\$26,235.00 from OCJS and \$8,745.00 from the County General Fund). This grant is for the period January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR (#2347)- REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADVERTISE POSITION – INTERNALLY FIVE DAYS AND IF NO QUALIFIED CANDIDATE – EXTERNALLY UNTIL FILLED

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the creation, title and job description for a new position called McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator, noting that it had been approved by the Union. Dr. Oluic asked then to revise the organization chart and advertise for the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of McFarland Wastewater Plant Chief Operator (#2347), as approved and agreed upon with the Union and to be added to the bargaining unit, to be effective March 9, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the new position of McFarland Wastewater Plant Chief Operator (#2347) to be effective March 9, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

<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 grant permission to advertise for the position of McFarland Wastewater Plant Chief Operator (#2347) internally for a period of five (5) days and if no qualified candidate is found, then externally until the position is filled.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #4 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – GEAUGA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, GMP PHASE #1 AND PHASE #2

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #4 for Donley's on the office building, noting that steel has been going up. Mr. Dvorak added that everyday something is happening on the jobsite and it's a good thing.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #4 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$649,123.99.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H

Geauga County 4-H Extension Educator for Youth Development, Alisha Faudie explained that this week they were celebrating Ohio 4-H week and celebrating what it means to our youth and our community. Ms. Faudie stated that with her today were several 4-H members.

Madeline Christine is student at Chardon High school, is sixteen years old, has been in 4-H for six years and is a member of the Feathers and Fleece 4-H club.

Liberty Mosher is nineteen, is a nursing major at Cleveland State, adding that she was a former 4-H club member for twelve years, was a part of the Geauga Caprine Kids, the Junior Leaders 4-H Club, Jr. Fair Board, is a Camp Counselor and Assistant Dean for the Geauga 4-H camp.

Logan Goodrich is sixteen, has been in 4-H for nine years and is a member of the Geauga's Best 4-H Club and is a Camp Counselor and has been working with the milkshake booth.

Joining them was Rich Ivans, a former 4-H member who is now a volunteer and Advisory Committee member along with OSU Extension Office Assistant, Wendy Ward, who has been working with 4-H for thirteen years.

Ms. Faudie asked those that knew it to join them in reciting the 4-H Pledge:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

The three 4-H members shared a little about each of their experiences with 4-H, what they have learned from being a member and what it means to them, including the things they learn from their animals, volunteering and helping their community.

Commissioner Spidalieri expressed how super and unique the 4-H program is and the involvement it creates with families and builds strength.

Mr. Dvorak asked what the most important nutrient was for animals...water! Explaining that all his kids were in 4-H, that he was an Advisor, and that 4-H makes the community smaller because the people you meet and the friends you make you'll have forever. Mr. Dvorak noted that he feels that 4-H is the number one small business plan in the county.

There was a brief discussion about camp, that there is a fee to attend, that anyone can attend whether in 4-H or not and that people can sponsor or donate towards camp scholarships.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees.

<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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The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. with Mr. Morgan. The Board returned at 11:37 a.m. with no action.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY SEELBACH ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT OF THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

Director Craig Swenson explained that this is going to be surprise for her and that he was going to frame this resolution for her. There won't be any in person celebration but they are putting together a book of memories if anyone wants to include pictures or a note.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-027 Honoring Nancy Seelbach on the occasion of her Retirement of Thirty-three Years of Service and Dedication to Geauga County.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 9, 2021

Resolution: #21-027

RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY SEELBACH ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Nancy Seelbach began her career with Geauga County on September 6, 1987 and will retire from Geauga County on April 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Seelbach began her tenure as a Training Officer 2 with the Geauga County Department of Human Services and is now retiring from the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services as the Geauga Family First Council Coordinator and as one of the most prominent champions for children and families that Geauga County has ever seen; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Seelbach to date has been the only employee to serve as Coordinator of the Geauga Family First Council since its inception in 1997. To her credit she has spearheaded the Geauga Family First Council into being recognized as one of the finest and most effective Councils in the State of Ohio. Through her leadership and efforts, she has been able to integrate and leverage county social service organizations in a truly dynamic fashion that has greatly benefitted the community over the past two decades. Her collaboration and guidance have led to the creation and preservation of innovative programming and services that have revitalized the lives of Geauga County children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Seelbach's commitment to public service has earned the utmost admiration and respect of all those who have been lucky enough to work with her and be graced with her presence; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Seelbach's contributions to the Geauga County community as a passionate, thoughtful, dedicated, loyal, kind, and generous person are unparalleled and will be greatly missed but forever remembered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby honor Nancy Seelbach on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-three years of service and dedication to the children and families of Geauga County; 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 Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE – EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE AUDITOR OF STATE -WAIVE POST AUDIT MEETING

Clerk Christine Blair explained that this was just brought down from the Auditor's office to waive the post Audit meeting rather than having two meetings, to discuss the post audit at the pre-audit meeting that they want to hold in a couple weeks.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute a letter to the Auditor of State to waive the post Audit meeting.

<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) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of February, 2021.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 17, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board minutes from January 20, 2021*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 3/12 NOACA, Meet and Greet, 8:00 a.m., Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 3/15 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's (webex)*
- Mon., 3/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 3/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 3/16 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 p.m. Warren, District Office (zoom)*
- Tue., 3/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 3/30 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:15 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 3/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

There was a brief discussion about the third Board of Revision scheduled at the end of March being cancelled due to the Court needing to utilize Building #8 meeting room.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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