

Commissioners' Journal
March 23, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 23, 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 Lennon was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

A Basketball Players Prayer...

God, thank you for this game I love

And for the strength to play it.

I need my coaches, teammates and opponents,

Although I may not say it.

Please keep me safe from injury as on the court I go.

Give me Grace in defeat and Victory, your matchless love to show

Bless all who helped invest in me, whose wisdom helped me grow.

I know it's just a game dear Lord, but how I love it so.

In Jesus name, Amen

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Transfers from the Commissioners to various General Fund payroll accounts for approved wage scale adjustments; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund for the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from October – December 2020; a Then and Now from Aging to Ravenwood Center for shared utility expenses from 2020 that were never invoiced and the encumbrance was cancelled; a Travel Request for the County Engineer's Office; a payment for ThenDesign Architects for pay request #5 for architectural services related to the new Office Building in the amount of \$116,854.85 and a payment for Water Resources to TRAX Construction Company for pay request #4 for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer project in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-033 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 23, 2021.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED - REPLACEMENT OF TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE – CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the replacement of the Taylor Wells Road bridge in Claridon Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Taylor Wells Road Bridge (Structure #0113-00.390) in Claridon Township in the amount of \$118,024.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD – BELL STREET – AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road and Bell Street in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH-0004, Sections F-H) and Bell Street (CH-0010, Section E) in Auburn and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$731,830.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – SHOULDER WIDENING AND ASPHALT RESURFACING – NAUVOO ROAD – MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the shoulder widening and asphalt resurfacing of Nauvoos Road in Middlefield Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Shoulder Widening and Asphalt Resurfacing of Nauvoos Road (CH 0041, Section A) in Middlefield Township in the amount of \$457,100.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE OF EASEMENT – DANIEL L. LOVINGER, TRUSTEE AND GARY FERBER, TRUSTEE

Administrator Frank Antenucci explained that Bainbridge Township was working with the homeowner on drainage improvements and came upon an easement being held with the County Engineer and within that easement there was an out clause allowing it to be released. Mr. Antenucci expressed that this was done in 1980 and in the history, there is no reason why this easement would have been put into place and there is no requirement or need for the easement and are asking to release it.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve, execute and record a Release of Easement to release, abandon, extinguish and terminate the easement previously granted to Daniel L. Lovinger, Trustee and Gary Ferber, Trustee for the purpose of maintenance of drainage swales as recorded at Volume 663, Page 406 of Geauga County Records, as it has been determined that the easement previously granted is not needed for the purpose, pursuant to O.R.C. 5547.05 and the terms of the easement.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY/ OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION CONTACTS FORM (OCEAN USERS AND ROLE ASSIGNMENT)

Executive Director Dave Favorite explained they needed to update the contact information and role assignment in the state system that they use to update reports and draw down funds for projects from.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency /Office of Community Development Organization Contacts Form (OCEAN Users and Role Assignment).

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

MAINTENANCE – AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR, GLEN VERNICK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITY

Director Glen Vernick explained that through the CCAO Electric program for the County buildings and in the next few weeks they will be going out to bid for the new three-year period and this authorization allows them to accept the rates the day they are refreshed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Director, Glen Vernick to execute the Agreement for Electrical Utility to capture the refresh pricing the day it becomes available for multiple County Agencies and Departments for a three-year period.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PVS MINIBULK, INCORPORATED

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to execute service contract with PVS Mini-bulk for the delivery of Ferric Chloride to the Auburn Corners plant for a two year period.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with PVS Minibulk, Incorporated to perform chemical delivery of Ferric Chloride to the Auburn Corners - for a two-year period (2021-2022) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 (\$21,000.00 - 2021, \$24,000.00 – 2022).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – BAMF WELDING AND FABRICATING, LLC

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute the service contract agreement with BAMF Welding and Fabricating for services at various locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve, execute and initial the service Contract Agreement with BAMF Welding and Fabricating, LLC to perform welding and fabricating services 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).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #6 – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION PROJECT

Ms. Miller asked the Board to authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement request #6 for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #6 for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion Project in the amount of \$119,472.13.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #5 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – GMP PHASE #1 AND PHASE #2

County Administrator Gerard Morgan asked the Board to approve pay request #5 for Donley's Independence for the County Office Building.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #5 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 in the amount of \$1,189,971.57.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR 2021 CONTRACT

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to approve the contract for the use of Bell Building for the promotion of Geauga County, noting that they were planning to move forward with a full fair this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Great Geauga County Fair 2021 Contract for the promotion of Geauga County at the Fair for the period September 2, 2021 through September 6, 2021.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to approve the annual request to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Gina Schultz explained that due to the current pandemic issue there will not be a kick off this year, but they are still doing the pinwheels on the hill at Junction and he is graciously donating \$50.00 for each car sold in April. This year there will be 404 pinwheels compared to over 600 last year. Ms. Schultz explained that over all the number of cases are down since the pandemic started, but as things are opening up the numbers are starting to slowly go back up. Ms. Schultz noted that the cases they do have are complicated and have more dynamics to them.

Each pinwheel represents a screened in case that they have investigated. April 14th is the designated day to wear blue day in support of child abuse prevention. Ms. Schultz explained that they are still working closely with the schools and other agencies within the county and as people return to normal routine, the reporting is still happening and keeping the eyes on the children to keep them safe.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-034 Recognizing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, We know that our children are our future and that it will someday fall to them to shape our community, our nation, and the world for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment in which families can nurture, love, and parent their children; and

WHEREAS, Children who are loved and nurtured grow to love and nurture others and to provide the love and care bestowed upon them to their children, their family, and their community; and

WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some children in our county endure abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to stop abuse and neglect where it exists, we must also be diligent in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of a public employee.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Swenson. The Board returned at 10:33 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the Director of Job and Family Services to suspend Brian Burke, Eligibility Referral Specialist 2, for eight hours (1 working day) without pay for violation of Section 3 of the Geauga County Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

And further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation Form per O.R.C. 124.34 for the eight hours (1 working day).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT KATHY JOHNSON – BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Kathy Johnson to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the unexpired vacant term ending June 30, 2022.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 3, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was a brief discussion about the meeting on April 6th and the possibility of not having a quorum.

MEETINGS

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.

Tue., 4/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 4/12 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's (via Webex)

Tue., 4/13 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center St. Building #8, meeting room

Tue., 4/13 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Wed., 4/14 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Munson Town Hall

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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