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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 30, 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 9:30 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:

*During this Holy Week before Easter
When we pray
God hears more than we say
Answers more than we ask
Gives more than we imagine
In his own time
And in his own way
Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 16, 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>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 23, 2021 that included for Maintenance to amend the motion from March 3, 2021 to correct the effective date, to read: Approved hiring Austin Norton to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 22, 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, amend the motion from March 3, 2021 to correct the effective date, to read: Approved hiring Russell Kohl to the position of Custodian I (#1906) to be effective March 22, 2021 at the rate of \$12.48 per hour (Grade 4, Step 2) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, and on March 29, 2021 that included to Concur with the Auburn Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Belairs, Incorporated d.b.a. Belairs located 10986 Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (Auburn Township) (C NEW 0581131), for Transit it included to Accept the resignation of Cornelius Scheid, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective April 2, 2021, Granted permission to increase the current posting for Part-time Driver (#2210-1) from one to two positions. These positions will remain posted until filled and for Water Resources approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with South Shore Controls, Incorporated to provide electrical and SCADA maintenance, upgrade and services for the department for the period of one year (2021) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; 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 an Appropriations transfer and Supplemental from the Commissioners in the Airport Construction Fund Loans Made expense account; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Block Grant for the county match on the OCJS (#2017-JG-A02-6468A Mobile Data Terminal Replacement project, a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the County Facility Bond Retirement Fund for the June 1 interest payment, Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts

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Office, a payment for the Auditor's Office to Manatron for 2021 maintenance and support for MVP the County's Real Estate Taxing System in the amount of \$103,362.00, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for the second quarter 2021 funding commitment in the amount of \$119,332.25, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence for pay request #5 for the County Office Building in the amount of \$1,189,971.57 and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health for additional Youth Center revenue.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-035 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 30, 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>

FIRST ENERGY

Regional External Affairs Consultant with First Energy, Dean Hayne introduced himself to the Board providing some brief information on himself and how long he has been with First Energy. Mr. Hayne provided a brief update on the recent wind storm, that they are assisting with the permanent power for the new building and about an upcoming outage on April 16th to replace a bad transformer over on Merritt Road.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A SUBLEASE-PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT WITH OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND IMPLEMENTING VOTING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING CERTAIN COSTS THEREOF, SUBLEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT EVIDENCING SUCH ARRANGEMENT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Director Scott Daisher and Board of Elections member Dennis Pavella asked the Board to execute a Resolution authorizing the participation in the Secretary of State's Sublease Program for financing of new voting machines and equipment. Mr. Daisher stated that the equipment is an upgraded version from the current equipment, it is still a paper ballot fed into the machine. Mr. Pavella noted that the current machines are no longer supported and you cannot get replacement parts. The new equipment will have minor changes for voter interaction. Life expectancy on the machines are ten years. Mr. Daisher stated that the funding was available in 2019 but due to voting equipment not being able to be implemented in a Presidential election they had to wait.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-036 Authorizing Participation in a Sublease-Purchase Arrangement with the Ohio Secretary of State for the purpose of Acquiring and Implementing Voting Machines and Equipment and Financing Certain Costs thereof, a Sublease-Purchase Agreement evidencing such arrangement, and matters related thereto.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #21-036

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A SUBLEASE-PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND IMPLEMENTING VOTING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING CERTAIN COSTS THEREOF, A SUBLEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT EVIDENCING SUCH ARRANGEMENT, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amended Substitute Senate Bill 135 of the 132nd Ohio General Assembly (as the same may be amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time, the "Act") and the financing program authorized thereunder (the "SoS Financing Program"), the Secretary of State of the State of the Ohio (the "Sublessor") is providing financing to Ohio counties for the acquisition of voting systems, including, but not limited to, voting machines, marking devices, automatic tabulating equipment, and direct record electronic

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voting machines, as defined in Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 3506.01, together with associated allowable expenditures, as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC Section 3506.02, it has been determined that the equipment used by the citizens of the County of GEAUGA, Ohio (the "Sublessee") to vote in federal, state and local elections shall be changed to that equipment described in the Proposal of ES&S (the "Vendor") dated December 18, 2020 (the "Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, the Vendor has submitted a draft contract for the implementation of the Proposal to the Sublessee (the "Project Contract"), and the Sublessor has reviewed and approved the Project Contract (as it relates to the SoS Financing Program) and the Project Equipment (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the Proposal requires the Sublessee to acquire certain voting machines and equipment (the "Project Equipment") and pay certain costs related to implementing the Proposal (along with the acquisition of the Project Equipment, the "Project") and this Board of County Commissioners of the Sublessee (the "Legislative Authority") desires to accept the Proposal, enter into the Project Contract, undertake the Project, and finance a portion of the cost of the Project by utilizing the provisions of the SoS Financing Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of GEAUGA, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary, desirable and expedient, and in the best interests of the Sublessee and its citizens, for the Sublessee (i) to accept the Proposal, (ii) enter into the Project Contract, (iii) acquire the Project Equipment, and (iv) finance a portion of the costs of the Project Equipment (the "State-Financed Equipment") and other costs of the Project by participating in the SoS Financing Program.

SECTION 2. The Sublessee's participation in the SoS Financing Program shall be evidenced by a Sublease-Purchase Agreement between the Sublessor and the Sublessee (together with all exhibits and appendices thereto, the "Sublease"). At least two members of the Legislative Authority and the Sublessee's County Auditor (collectively, the "County Signers") are hereby separately and individually authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver the Sublease on behalf of the Sublessee in substantially the form presently on file with the Legislative Authority, which is hereby approved, with such changes not substantially adverse to the Sublessee as the County Signers may approve; the approval of such changes and that the same are not substantially adverse to the Sublessee shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Sublease by the County Signers.

SECTION 3. All of the obligations of the Sublessee set forth and covenants made by the Sublessee under the Sublease are hereby established as duties specifically enjoined by law and resulting from an office, trust or station upon the Sublessee within the meaning of ORC Section 2731.01 *et seq.*

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the SoS Financing Program, the Sublessee shall not be required to make any scheduled payments towards the purchase of the State-Financed Equipment to the Sublessor or any other entity. To pay that portion of the cost of the Project not financed through the SoS Financing Program, there is hereby appropriated from the Sublessee's General Fund, Board of Elections, Non-Departmental, Contracts Services account (i) the amount of \$175,000.00.

SECTION 5. The County Signers and other appropriate officers of the Sublessee, or any of them, are hereby separately and individually authorized and directed to (i) make the necessary arrangements with the Sublessor to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for executing and delivering the Sublease, and delivering the Sublease to, the Sublessor, and (ii) give all appropriate notices and execute and deliver, on behalf of the Sublessee, such additional instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, and other papers as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transaction contemplated thereby in such forms as the official executing the same may approve, and to take all other steps necessary or appropriate to effect the due execution, delivery and performance of the Sublease pursuant to the provisions of this resolution. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall furnish to the Sublessor a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Sublease containing such information from the records of the Sublessee as is necessary to evidence or determine the regularity and validity of the

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authorization, execution and delivery of the Sublease. Each of the County Signers is hereby separately and individually designated to act as the authorized representative of the Sublessee for purposes of the Sublease until such time as the Legislative Authority shall designate any other or different authorized representatives for such purpose.

SECTION 6. The Sublease shall constitute a special obligation of the Sublessee. Nothing in the Sublease or any agreements or documents relating thereto shall constitute or be construed or deemed to constitute a debt, bonded indebtedness or a general obligation of the Sublessee. Neither the taxing power nor the full faith and credit of the Sublessee are pledged or shall be pledged for the payment or security of the Sublease, or any other related agreement or document.

SECTION 7. The Legislative Authority acknowledges that the Sublessor has obtained funds for the SoS Financing Program by utilizing a sublease-purchase / certificates of participation arrangement, and that the interest component of the Sublessor's lease payments thereunder is intended to be exempt from federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Code"). The Legislative Authority hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the State-Financed Equipment in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Sublease is entered into, so that the interest portion of such lease payments by the Sublessor will not be subject to federal income taxation under the Code. Any County Signer or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the execution and delivery of the Sublease is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Sublessee on the date of delivery of the Sublease, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the State-Financed Equipment and other matters under the Code.

SECTION 8. It is hereby determined that the terms of the Sublease and this resolution are in compliance with all legal requirements. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution or the Sublease shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any remaining provisions of this resolution or the Sublease, respectively. Any provisions of any ordinance or resolution inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency; this provision shall not be construed as reviving any ordinance or resolution or any part thereof.

SECTION 9. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Legislative Authority concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Legislative Authority, and that all deliberations of the Legislative Authority and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including ORC Section 121.22.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect and be in force upon its adoption.

<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>

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – SUBLEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT – SECRETARY OF STATE OF STATE OF OHIO – COUNTY OF GEAUGA – VOTING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT UNDER THE FINANCING PROGRAM

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Sublease-Purchase Agreement between the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio and the County of Geauga to acquire certain voting machines and equipment under the Secretary of State Financing Program in the amount of \$1,009,580.90 with certain costs related to implementing the equipment paid for annually by the County.

<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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COMMON PLEAS COURT / ADULT PROBATION – APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARD – YEAR 2021

The Adult Probation / Drug Court requested an application to apply for a credit card through the Geauga Credit Union, that was approved and this is the actual approval for use.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Use of a County Credit Card the year 2021 to be used for travel purposes in a monthly not to exceed amount of \$4,500.00 for Nicole Walker, Maureen Maruna and Greg Potts.

<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 ON AGING – LEASE – BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – BAINBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Internal Operations Manager Karen Stone asked the Board to execute lease with Bainbridge Community Church for the senior center. Ms. Stone explained that they were moving toward getting the leases on a calendar year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ for use of the social hall, kitchen, lounge and classroom and the sanctuary per request to be used for the Bainbridge Senior Center for the period of twenty-one months, April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$835.00 per month (\$17,535.00 for the twenty-one months) which includes rent and utilities.

<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 DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS -ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERING FIRMS

Director Martin Castelletti asked the Board to acknowledge the list of Architects and Engineering firms to be considered for projects and keep them on file for one year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of Statements of Qualifications for Architects and Engineering Firms to be considered for projects by the Departments under the Commissioners Hiring Authority and remain on file for one year, through April 2022, including TDA - ThenDesign Architects, CT Consultants, Byron D. Myers, Architect, LLC, T. Manfrass and Associates, Architects, LLC, Fogle/Stenzel Architects, LLC, Stephen Ciciretto, AIA Architect, TEC Incorporated, Envelope Consulting Services, LLC, Smolen Engineering, Greenland Engineering, Hess and Associates Engineering, LLC, CT Consultants, TEC Incorporated and Envelope Consulting Services, LLC.

<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 DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING #1 – 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #1 for the Community Development Block Grant programs for PY2021. This hearing will be held on April 13th and be advertised on April 1, 2021 and on the website.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #1 for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing #1 will be advertised on April 1, 2021 and on the county website.

<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 – LEASE – GEAUGA COUNTY VETERANS FOOD PANTRY – RENTAL SPACE – PLEASANT HILL COUNTY HOME

This lease agreement is for the Veterans Food Pantry at the County Home.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Veterans Food Pantry for rental space at 13211 Aquilla Road, Suite B, Chardon, commonly known as the Pleasant Hill County Home, for the period March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1.00 per year. This Lease shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms up to a total of four additional one-year terms and not exceed five years.

<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>

TRANSIT – RENTWEAR INCORPORATED RENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Director JoAnna Santilli explained that she wanted to upgrade the uniform appearance of the and is asking to switch from Cintas to Rentwear.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute and initial the Rentwear, Incorporated Rental Service Agreement that includes mats for the entryways at a weekly rate of \$4.73 per mat, a small soil locker for dirty uniforms at a weekly rate of \$2.00 and uniforms for the drivers, mechanic and service worker at the rate of \$0.65 per shirt and per pant, for a three year period (156 weeks) beginning May 1, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – BUCKEYE POWER SALES

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract with Buckeye Power Sales for generator services in the wastewater section for three years.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Buckeye Power Sales to perform generator services and repairs as needed in the wastewater section within the department for a three-year period (2021,2022,2023) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 (\$15,000.00 – 2021, \$7,500.00 - 2022, \$7,500.00 - 2023).

<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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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESCIND MOTIONS FOR CHANGE ORDER #1, CHANGE ORDER #2 AND CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND TROY OAKS PUMP STATION

Dr. Oluic explained that the three Change Orders did not go through the Auditor's Certification Process and we are asking to rescind those previous motions for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the motion from February 11, 2020 for Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station for additional costs of meeting the Federal requirements for American Iron and Steel (AIS) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in the amount of \$227,533.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the motion from June 9, 2020 for Change Order #2, increasing the Contract with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Upgrade to cover additional costs for the removal of 12 CY of structural concrete and concrete structural modifications in the amount of \$19,383.31.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the motion from December 29, 2020 for Change Order #3, increasing the Contract with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Upgrade to eliminate the asphalt paving at the Troy Oaks site (reduction of \$10,500.00) and modify the fence to enable better site access (increase of \$13,416.13) for an increase in the amount of \$2,916.13.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADDENDUM – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND TROY OAKS PUMP STATION

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the Addendum which will cover the previous Change Orders to increase the contract with Workman Industrial for combined total of \$249,832.44.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Addendum to the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Upgrade with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated to increase the Contract \$249,832.44 to cover additional costs of meeting Federal requirements for American Iron and Steel (AIS) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in the amount of \$227,533.00, to cover additional costs for unanticipated structural modifications of the filter building and the removal of 12 CY (cubic yards) of structural concrete in the amount of \$19,383.31 and to cover additional costs to modify the fence for better site access (\$13,416.13) and to deduct the asphalt paving at the Troy Oaks Pump Station (\$10,500.00) in the amount of \$2,916.13.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RE-ADVERTISE BIDS – SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR 1.5 ACRE PARCEL WITH DWELLING LOCATEE AT 16125 MAIN MARKET ROAD, PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to allow them to re-advertise for Bids on the Sale of the Parkman Township Property that the paper had missed a publication causing the advertisement to start over and move the date of the Bid Opening. The paper is covering the cost of the publication due to the missed publication.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to Re-Advertise for Bids for the Sale of Real Property for a 1.5 Acre Parcel with Dwelling located at 16125 Main Market Road, Parkman Township, to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on April 1, 2021, April 8, 2021, April 15, 2021, April 22, 2021 and on the county website.

<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>

DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION HONORING CHARDON VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, ‘HAROLD I. HOLMES’ POST #6519 ON THE CELEBRATION OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

Director Oluic invited several members of the Chardon VFW to join him today for this request as a way to honor the anniversary of the VFW Post #6519 in Chardon seventy-five years ago. Dr. Oluic who is Quarter Master of the Post, introduced several members, Bill Richardson, Commander, Doug Lundblad, VSC Commander and Bob Landies. It was noted that the Post was started by Mr. Holmes and Mr. Richards upon return from World War II. Both Commissioners Dvorak and Spidalieri expressed their gratitude and appreciation to all of them for everything they do.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-037 Honoring Chardon Veterans of Foreign Wars, “Harold I. Holmes” Post #6519 on the Celebration of Seventy-Five Years.

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Date: March 30, 2021

A RESOLUTION HONORING CHARDON VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, “Harold I. Holmes” POST #6519 ON THE CELEBRATION OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6519, having been founded by Harold I. Holmes and fellow returning World War II Geauga County veterans on March 31, 1946, has served as an inspiration to the County and to those lost in America’s foreign wars and military actions; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post #6519 conducts meetings to promote programs such as Americanism, Veterans Awareness, Community Service, and Charitable Actions; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post #6519 actively participates in supporting local and regional non-profit organizations with substantial financial donations and volunteerism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6519 on the celebration of seventy-five years of service and dedication to Veterans, their families and to 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>

The Board presented the resolution to the members and posed for pictures.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION FROM COUNCIL OF AQUILLA VILLAGE TO CREATE A NEW TOWNSHIP FROM A PORTION OF CLARIDON TOWNSHIP – VILLAGE OF AQUILLA

Village of Aquilla Solicitor Jim Gillette explained that the Village of Aquilla has filed a petition to detach themselves from Claridon Township and create a new Township, Aquilla Township with the same boundaries of the Village. The creation of this new township is so that the Village is able to receive additional tax revenue from the ten mills inside millage. Mr. Gillette explained that Aquilla Township property will be valued separately from Claridon and allow the Village to obtain additional revenue, per the Auditor's calculations about \$15,000.00 versus the \$3,000.00 they are currently receiving. There was a brief discussion about the size of the Township being the same territorial boundaries of the Village but Claridon Township will be reduced by the size of the new Township but will still be larger than the required twenty-two square miles. Mr. Dvorak inquired if they would operate as a Township, to which Mr. Gillette explained that Aquilla Village will continue to operate as the Village, but in essence create what is referred to as a "Paper Township". Richard Wolfe, Mayor of Aquilla Village added that the Village just would like to have control over our revenue.

Claridon Township Trustee Jonathan Tiber expressed that the entire Board of Trustees for Claridon are in favor of what Aquilla Village is requesting and explained that several years ago Claridon Township's General Fund was bleeding and they shifted millage from their millage into their General Fund and that shifted money away from the Village and probably what prompted this request. Mr. Tiber expressed that they would need to contract for Fire and EMS with Chardon Fire Department and will then reduce the amount being paid by Claridon residents.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of a Petition from the Council of Aquilla Village to create a new Township from a Portion of Claridon Township and to make the territorial boundaries identical with the Village of Aquilla Boundaries.

<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 – RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION BY THE VILLAGE OF AQUILLA TO DETACH FROM CLARIDON TOWNSHIP AND ERECT A NEW TOWNSHIP, AQUILLA TOWNSHIP WITH THE SAME BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS AS THE VILLAGE OF AQUILLA

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-038 Approving a Petition by the Village of Aquilla to Detach from Claridon Township and to Erect a New Township, Aquilla Township, that has the same Boundaries and Territorial Limits as the Village of Aquilla per O.R.C. 503.07.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 30, 2021
Resolution: 21-038

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PETITION BY THE VILLAGE OF AQUILLA TO DETACH FROM CLARIDON TOWNSHIP AND TO ERECT A NEW TOWNSHIP, AQUILLA TOWNSHIP, THAT HAS THE SAME BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS AS THE VILLAGE OF AQUILLA PER R.C. §503.07

WHEREAS, a board of county commissioners has the jurisdiction upon the petition of a village to erect a new township when the limits of the new township are identical to the village, pursuant to R.C. §503.07; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Aquilla, by a vote of a majority of the members of the Council, approved Resolution No. 2020-12 on September 8, 2020 directing the Village Solicitor to prepare a petition to create a new township, the Township of Aquilla, with the same boundaries and geographical area as the Village; and

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WHEREAS, the Solicitor, as directed, prepared a petition to submit to the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio requesting its approval to create a new township from a portion of Claridon Township with the same territory and boundaries as the Village of Aquilla; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Aquilla filed a certified copy of Resolution No. 2020-12 with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners to the petition, attached as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the petition signed by a majority of the members of the Council of the Village of Aquilla was filed with the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County and attached were certified copies of the legal description (contained in the Record of Proceedings, Volume 221, pages 424-426, Geauga County Record of Deeds) attached as Exhibit 2, and the plat of Aquilla Village with the same boundaries and territorial limits of the Township of Aquilla (identified as "Map showing lands embraced within proposed Aquilla Village, Vol. 4, pages 26-27, Geauga County Record of Plats) attached as Exhibit 3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the petition and certified copies of the legal description, plat and resolution authorizing the petition comply with R.C. §503.07; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been advised that it may proceed without advertising or holding a public hearing prior to acting on the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners further finds that pursuant to R.C. §503.13, after the petition for detachment and erection of the new Township of Aquilla is approved, the petition, legal description, plat and order of the Board of County Commissioners, certified by the Geauga County Auditor, shall be recorded in the official records of the Geauga County Recorder in order to complete the erection of a new township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners direct the petitioner, Village of Aquilla, to complete the requirements of §503.13; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners further direct the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Aquilla to notify the Board of Elections of the creation of the new township and to file this Board's resolution approving the petition by the Village of Aquilla to create a new township and such other documents as may be required with the Ohio Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner, Village of Aquilla, shall perform such other acts as may be necessary to complete the detachment from the Township of Claridon and to make the erection of the Township of Aquilla effective; and

WHEREAS, R.C. §503.09 requires a township to contain at least 22 square miles, but excludes therefrom a municipal corporation which seeks the creation of a new township co-terminus with the boundaries of the village; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of the Township of Claridon, after detachment of the Village of Aquilla and creation of a new township, shall exceed 22 square miles; and

WHEREAS, all township offices shall be abolished when the limits of a village are identical with those of the township created, the Board of Commissioners shall not appoint trustees and a fiscal officer, and all duties shall be performed by the members of Council and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Aquilla pursuant to R.C. §703.22.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners approves the petition of the Village of Aquilla to erect a new township, the boundaries of which are identical with the territorial limits of the Village of Aquilla, from a portion of Claridon Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Aquilla shall comply with the requirements of §503.13 and all other requirements of the Ohio Revised Code to effect the detachment from Claridon Township and effect the creation of the Township of Aquilla.

<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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Mr. Gillette explained that Aquilla has to file the documents with the County Auditor and then have it recorded, Board of Elections will be notified of the detachment from Claridon Township and notify the Secretary of State.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Jim Dvorak (Alternate, Gerard Morgan) as voting representative for Geauga County at the CEBCO Annual meeting to be held Friday, April 9, 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>

VETERANS FOOD PANTRY

Director Lynn Algeri along with Supervisor Pam Veich from the Veterans Food Pantry explained that it was started about twelve years ago when her daughter was on her first deployment as a way for her to do something and be part of her deployment. Ms. Algeri explained that it has grown over the years and was at Job and Family Services for almost ten years until last October when they moved to the basement of the old County Home. Ms. Algeri expressed such gratitude for the space along with an area that is a courtyard where the Veterans gather. The pantry is for honorably discharged Veterans only and work with the Veterans Service Commission. Ms. Algeri explained that they were getting ready to open back up for shopping with restrictions of wearing a mask. Anyone interested in donating can call the pantry at 440-901-4030 or send a check to the location address, they take donations of food or gift cards, but no clothing. They serve Veterans from the Korean War through the present, widows and families.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - DISCUSSION

Mr. Morgan explained that PHI is the helicopter company that is currently working out at the Airport is looking to do some upgrades on the hangar. Airport Board President Chip Hess explained that the hangar is thirty years old, has a leaky roof, no insulation, they just fixed the lighting in there so they can see. They have asked for a heated insulated building so they can work on the helicopter. Mr. Hess stated they put a budget on the project of about \$330,000.00 to put a new steel roof, insulation, new heating system. Mr. Hess wants to get this on the Board's radar to have a meeting to discuss the project and funding but they want to get the project done this summer.

Mr. Hess explained that the Venelac property is now county possession and they are looking at purchasing the Hodgins and Ford properties with FAA funding, they have a construction project to lower some earth to get night approaches back. Mr. Hess expressed that they have gotten more done on the last few years than he has seen in the last twenty years since he's been on the Board. Mr. Hess explained that they need to move on the PHI project due to construction materials continuing to rise in price. Mr. Hess expressed that they are going to build a ten-hangar unit that they have budgeted \$750,000.00 for the project.

Mr. Hess briefly explained that the Venelac's have been very involved with the airport over the years and the property donated to the airport by the Venelac's will allow them to add additional hangars and expand the airport. Mr. Hess thanked Mr. Spidalieri for bringing up the powerline issue at the airport that is the next major obstacle they need to work on.

Mr. Spidalieri stopped in to get gas and the new fuel system is doing great. The living quarters for the helicopter crew was also talked about being updated is that still something that will be part of this. Mr. Hess explained that the budget of \$330,000.00 is just for the hangar, but prior to the new company PHI coming on board there is new staff and that needs to be part of the discussion. Mr. Hess expressed that the T Hangars was on the front burner and those bids will be in on the 22nd and then the helicopter hangar will then be put on the front burner.

Mr. Spidalieri inquired about where they were located, to which Mr. Hess stated they are in the Township, but the Hodgins and Ford properties are in the Village, and would like to get back into discussions with the Village about utilities. There was a brief discussion about the water and sewer requirements and the property they were looking to purchase.

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There was a brief discussion about the helicopter crew at the airport and the huge benefit to the residents, and the relationship with University Hospital. Mr. Morgan inquired about who the Board wanted to be the key person for the meeting with PHI and the Airport to which Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he would like to be a part of that and include Mr. Morgan but that sooner rather than later as the summers are short here. It was noted that due the current process of the 2nd bond for the office building they could not take any actions regarding the \$330,000.00 until after the bond is set to close the end of April.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to cancel regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 due to a lack of quorum.

<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 weeks ending March 10, 2021 and March 17, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

- b) Geauga County Engineer's Office 2020 Annual Report*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 3/30 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:15 a.m. Chambers*

- Tue., 4/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. (cancelled – lack of quorum)*

- Fri., 4/9 NOACA, External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Planning and Programming 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*

- 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*

- Mon., 4/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices (Webex)*

- Tue. 4/20 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

- Tue., 4/20 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting, 12:00 p.m., Warren, District Office (Zoom)*

- Mon., 4/26 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's (Via Webex)*

- Tue., 4/26 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 Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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