

Commissioners' Journal
April 7, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room located at 470 Center Street, Building #8, 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 9:00 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

*Watch over us and guide us through this difficult time, Fighting Things Not Seen!
Please Bless our Hospitals, Doctors and Nurses, First responders and All of our Departments in Geauga County that are working around the clock.*

Surely if we can summon an awareness of the Holy One as a loving, caring reality, we shall be miles ahead!

*We can bear the One who is charge cares for us, greaves with us when we are sad, and wills our good. This has been yearning, and the confidence, of believers through the ages.
"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of Things Not Seen" said the Apostle Paul in the Letter to the Hebrews. These things are no less real being "not seen".
In the midst of the unknown O Holy One, may I be made newly aware of you!*

Amen

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 10, 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 and execute the minutes for the emergency meeting of March 12, 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 and execute the minutes for the emergency meeting of March 13, 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 and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 17, 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 and execute the minutes for the special meeting of March 24, 2020.

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<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 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 25, 2020 that included for the Sheriff's Office to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for Grant #2019-JF-A02-6468 for Video Camera Replacement in the amount of \$25,975.00 (\$12,987.50 from OCJS and \$12,987.50 from the County General Fund). This grant is for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. On April 6, 2020 included to concur with the Hambden Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Jay Jalaram Hambden LLC d.b.a. Hambden Corners located at 13906 Gar Hwy, Chardon, Ohio (C TRFO 4263839); and for the Department of Water Resources to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Vinecourt Landscaping and Gas Line Services, Incorporated to perform excavating and landscaping services at various locations within the Department for a three-year period (2020-2021-2020) in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 (\$2,500.00 per year); 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.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from March 31, 2020, Resolution #20-038 that included an Appropriation transfer from the Coroner's Office into the new COVID-19 expense account to prepare for possible future needs, a Supplemental Appropriation for the Sheriff's Office in the Law Enforcement Block Grant Equipment account for video camera replacement expenses; a Contract Purchase Order for the Department on Aging with West Geauga Plaza for rental payments on the West Geauga Senior Center, a payment for Maintenance to CMRS for postage in the amount of \$50,000.00, many invoices for the Sheriff's Office to University Hospitals for inmate medical care including 2018 in the amount of \$669.08, 2019 in the amount of \$23,936.13 and so far for 2020 \$18,579.37, and Revenue Certifications for the Common Pleas Court in the Court Technology and Drug Court Funds for additional grant funds received from the State; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #20-005 approved January 7, 2020 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2020, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund to the Sheriff's Office contract services account to return appropriations for refunded inmate medical costs, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Public Assistance for the 4th Quarter State Fiscal Year 2020 mandated share, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Block Grant for the County match on the OCJS grant #2019-JG-A02-6468 Video Camera Replacement Project. Mr. Gorton explained that there is a reimbursement to Chuck Walder for the purchase of 3 laptops that he purchased at MicroCenter with his personal credit card that does include the sales tax he paid. Mr. Gorton noted that the laptops were for him, Ms. McMahan and Ms. Jacobs. Mr. Gorton continued with a payment for the Commissioners to Ravenwood Center for 2nd Quarter 2020 commitment in the amount of \$104,105.00, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora for two new model year Chevy Tahoe SUV's in the amount of \$72,596.00, and a Revenue Certification for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) for additional administration funds for 2020.

There was a brief discussion about the Sheriff's Office switching over to the Chevy Tahoe SUV's due to Ford moving to a hybrid vehicle that is new and has already had a delay in delivery and recalls issued on them.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-039 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 7, 2020.

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<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 IMPROVEMENT OF TAYLOR WELLS ROAD (CH 28, SECTION A) IN CLARIDON AND BURTON TOWNSHIPS – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that this project is for the Improvement of Taylor Wells that includes resurfacing the entire section and re-aligning the intersection with the Township section across State Route 322. This project includes multiple funding sources.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-040 to Order the Improvement of Taylor Wells Road (CH 28, Section A) in Claridon and Burton Townships.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on April 29, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on April 9, 2020.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 7, 2020

Resolution: #20-040

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECTION A OF TAYLOR WELLS ROAD, CH 28 IN CLARIDON AND BURTON TOWNSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 18-166 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Taylor Wells Road from Claridon Troy Road in Burton Township to U.S. Route 322 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, lands were taken relative to the improvements; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM and opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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

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<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>

There was a brief discussion on how the Engineer's Office is working during the COVID-19 concern, noting that administrative staff are working remotely and some in the office. Maintenance staff is on administrative leave at home. Mr. Hajjar noted that they are moving forward with construction in hopes that when this is over we can move forward on the intended projects. Commissioner Lennon inquired about going out to bid on projects and if we are locked in to the bids. Clerk Christine Blair noted that you have a time period before you need to award, but if we get to that point you can reject. Ms. Blair noted that today's action is requesting to advertise for bids. The bids would be opened in the end of April and we would have until the end of June to award.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RUSSELL ROAD (CH 20, SECTION A) IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar noted that this first resolution had not been previously submitted so we are asking to approve the initial resolution. The plan this year is to replace 5 culverts on Russell Road and then do improvement next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-041 to Improve Russell Road (CH 20, Section A) in Russell Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 7, 2020

Resolution: #20-041

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RUSSELL ROAD (CH 20),
SECTION A IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Russell Road from the Chagrin Falls Corp Line to Kinsman Road, SR 87, in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders and related improvements as necessary.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a

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time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Russell Township 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>

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the plans and grant permission to advertise for bids.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-042 to Order the Drainage Improvements of Russell Road (CH 20, Section A) in Russell Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on April 29, 2020 at 2:25 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on April 9, 2020.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 7, 2020

Resolution: #20-042

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS OF
SECTION A OF RUSSELL ROAD, CH 20
IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 20-041 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Russell Road from the Chagrin Falls Corp Line to Kinsman Road, SR 87, 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, lands will be taken relative to the improvements; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM and opened and read aloud at 2:25 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Russell Township 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 – AWARD BID TO GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED – REPLACE TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #208-1.85) TROY TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that for the Replacement of the Tilden Road Bridge, they had 9 bids and 8 were awardable. Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award to Grade Line as they were the lowest and most responsive. Mr. Gorris noted that this project does include a \$75,000.00 OPWC grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Tilden Road Bridge (Structure #208-1.85) in Troy Township in the amount of \$153,911.25 as they represented the lowest and most responsive bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 – AWARD BID TO RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AQUILLA ROAD (CH 5, SECTIONS D-E) CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris explained for the Resurfacing of Aquilla Road that 4 bids were received, all were awardable and it does include an 80% match on grant funding for this project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5, Sections D-E) in Claridon Township in the amount of \$533,247.50 as they represented the lowest and most responsive bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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>

PLANNING COMMISSION – APPROVE REPLAT OF SUBLOT NUMBERS 10 AND 26A – CANYON MANOR SUBDIVISION – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie explained that this is a replat of two sublots in Canyon Manor in Bainbridge Township. Ms. Crombie noted that it creates a bigger building area on subplot 10 as well as an open space that will be known as Block B and will be being taken over by the Home Owners Association.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Replat of Sublot Numbers 10 and 26A of Canyon Manor Subdivision in Bainbridge Township.

<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>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – EXECUTE COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS LLC INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, ADDENDUM A AND FAST CASE LAW LIBRARY SERVICE

Chief Deputy Tom Rowan explained that this is the Inmate Telephone System that is adding a video conferencing option as well as an online law library of resources. There is no cost to the County, as the inmates pay for the use and law library portion will be deducted from our revenue.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Combined Public Communications, LLC Inmate Telecommunications General Service Agreement, Addendum A and Fast Case Law Library Service to utilize Remote Video Visitation along with Onsite Video Visitation for inmates at the Geauga County Safety Center. This Addendum extends the existing contract an additional twenty-four months beginning April 20, 2020 upon the same terms and conditions as set forth herein.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – EXECUTE WENS SERVICE AGREEMENT – INSPIRON LOGISTICS, LLC

Mr. Morgan explained that this agreement is for renewal of the WENS service agreement that is used for emergency notifications to first responders and the cost is split between the Commissioners, LEPC and the Sheriff's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the WENS Service Agreement between the Department of Emergency Services (EMADES), Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Inspiron Logistics, LLC for an emergency response notification systems for emergency responders and the general public for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$19,350.00 (\$6,450.00 paid by the Local Emergency Planning Committee, \$6,450.00 paid by the Department of Emergency Services and \$6,450.00 paid by the Sheriff's Office).

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST #3 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve a partial pay request for Workman Industrial on the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks wastewater treatment plant project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #3 for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant conversion project in the amount of \$480,266.55.

<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 – MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INCORPORATED – COUNTY CENTRAL SERVICES COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Mr. Morgan explained that this agreement is with MAXIMUS that handles our cost allocation plans for the department. This agreement has an option for two additional one year terms in the annual amount of \$11,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Incorporated to perform services rendered in the development of the County's Central Services Cost Allocation Plan for the period March 1, 2020 through June

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30, 2021 with two optional one-year mutually agreed upon extensions in the amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 per year.

<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>

Commissioner Dvorak inquired about how many years we had been using MAXIMUS, to which it was noted that it had been prior to 2004. Mr. Morgan explained that they had spoken to other agencies that handle the same service and the cost was higher. The optional renewal on this agreement should get us through the build on the new building and at that time cost allocation will need to be relooked at and adjustments made.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND TEMPORARY LEAVE POLICY PER STATE STAY AT HOME ORDER REGARDING COVID-19

Mr. Morgan explained that the original temporary policy was done through April 6th and since the Governor extended the Stay at Home Order until May 1st. We are asking to extend through April 22nd, just two weeks so that we can re-evaluate what we are doing. Mr. Dvorak inquired about the new FFCRA policy. Mr. Morgan stated that the FFCRA came into effect April 1st and we are following it because it is Federal law. Mr. Lennon inquired about how long we are going to sustain full employment and that we need to evaluate what we are going to do moving forward. Mr. Morgan stated that being government employees we are required to follow the rules and the laws, looking into the FFCRA policy and how that also affects what we look at doing. Mr. Lennon stated that if this drags out we need to get a step by step game plan together, what the options are and what we need to do. Mr. Lennon noted that he hoped we are not bringing any new employees on unless it is necessary, along with spending being halted, including any major projects, that he is hesitant to commit to anything right now. Chief Rowan noted that the Sherriff's Office has open positions that are not being filled at this time. There was a brief discussion about any employees retiring, but none that are recent.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an amendment to the Temporary Leave Policy Per the State's Stay at Home Order Regarding COVID-19 to be effective April 7, 2020 through April 22, 2020, unless extended by approval of the Board.

<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>

HEALTH COMMISSIONER THOMAS QUADE PROVIDED UPDATE ON COVID-19

Health Commissioner Tom Quade explained that as of the end of the day yesterday there were 40 cases in Geauga County and right now have no deaths. Mr. Quade explained that at the State level the number of deaths to confirmed cases is about 2.3%, and with only testing the very sick it is not comprehensive. Mr. Quade we are still facing something, we don't know when, if you look at the great flu pandemic from 100 years ago, the first wave wasn't what took everyone out, it was the second wave when they thought it was done. It's a cautionary tale, this has been tough to get people to stay home, as they are not staying home comfortably, we need to do what we can to keep people home. Mr. Quade said they are working with the Amish community, and while there is an appearance, but so are packed parking lots at stores. Mr. Quade thanked all the departments for the cooperation. Mr. Lennon thanked Mr. Quade for being here, and that he has done a good job for leading us through this. Mr. Quade expressed appreciation for his staff that is working around the clock on this.

Local resident Diane Jones asked how much bed space was devoted at UH Hospital to COVID, to which Mr. Quade stated that is a better question for Mr. Peterson from DES, but that we are in a much better position than Cuyahoga County, adding that we are sharing more than a border with them. The number of cases is not being put out by zip code because the cases are not being caught at home, they are getting it elsewhere and then returning to home. There was a brief discussion about the early case that was miss-noted in Geauga that was from another County. Mr. Lennon inquired about the meeting today and his opinion and whether this is adequate. Mr. Lennon noted that we have business to do, but we still need to sign documents. Mr. Quade expressed that this is a fantastic photo op if you have to hold a meeting, the spacing is great, but continue to encourage the numbers being limited to how many you let in. Mr. Quade added that

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you just need to continue to keep washing your hands. Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler inquired about the people that are being told to stay home that are not being tested, is the Health Department being made aware of them. Mr. Quade stated no, that there is a big challenge with the numbers because of the limited testing. Mr. Quade stated that if we had enough tests, they would be ordered, we only know the positive tests that are being reported. Right now there is a big stay at home order that means that you should be staying home unless you need to live, go do it, self-quarantine is the same thing as a stay at home order. Anyone who is symptomatic of anything right now needs to stay home, and any employee must be symptom free for 3 days before they can come back. You don't want anything coming into the office, as there is a GI symptom associated with the virus. As we move through this we are learning more about the virus. If you receive a letter from me, you are being ordered to be quarantined and must stay home except for medical care. Mr. Quade stated that it is hard to report recovery when you don't know who has it, but they are going to start reporting a lift of quarantine. The research is unclear on whether someone is not contagious even if they move past the fourteen days. It is a reportable disease, but only the positive tests are what are being reported, so it's not really representative. Mr. Lennon inquired about Cleveland, to which Mr. Quade stated that if a healthcare worker is asymptomatic they are reporting to do the need for care workers, but it is a system under stress.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

Mr. Lennon expressed that if something comes up that needs to be addressed, he feels comfortable with this. Mr. Dvorak agreed that every other week is good right now.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Tuesday, April 14, 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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of March, 2020.*

- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending March 18, 2020 and March 25, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 4/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. (tentative) – cancelled per motion above

Tue., 4/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.(tentative)

Ms. Blair noted that the Board would meet back in Building #8 on April 21st.

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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 9:46 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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