

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 25, 2021**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 25, 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 9:37 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Dear Lord,*

*As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the Freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ, please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms, cover them with your strong arms, cover them with your sheltering Grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.*

*We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.*

*May the members of our Armed Forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may that trust in the Lords mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.*

*In the name of Jesus,*

*Amen*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 20, 2021.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 27, 2021.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer to the Sheriff for miscellaneous reimbursement checks that were deposited into the General Fund; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Auditor's Office in the Computer Equipment Improvements fund for upcoming purchases for website work, new anti-virus software, physical and cloud data storage projects; Cash transfers from the Commissioners' Office and the General Fund for reimbursement of the REA Fund for Tax Map and Draftsmen salaries that were paid out of the REA Fund and should have been paid for out of the General Fund; Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the 9-1-1 program for the rest of the 2021 funding; Then and Now encumbrances for the Juvenile Court to Ohio Alcohol Monitoring Systems, LLC for monitoring services not previously encumbered, an Encumbrance for Water Resources to Valley Ford Truck for a 2021 F 150 4x4 Extended Cab (replacing a 2008 Chevy Colorado); a payment for the Auditor's Office to Woolpert, Incorporated for updated aerial views of properties in the County for REALink in the amount of \$66,640.00; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Then Design for architectural planning for the new County Office Building in the amount of \$74,287.98 and a payment for the Sheriff's Office for four new 2021 Chevy Tahoe replacement patrol vehicles in the amount of \$152,776.00 and a Revenue Certification for Transit in the Transportation Capital Fund for additional monies received in 2021.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-067 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 25, 2021.*

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

**DESTINATION GEAUGA**

*Business Development/ Office Manager Kathy Shimer stated to the Commissioners that first and foremost, she was not asking for money. Ms. Shimer smiling, explained that she had put a map in front of them, and that was what had been done for this year instead of the normal visitors guide due to COVID, that it was a way to showcase the businesses that were open. Their revenue comes from the Bed Tax and while it is down since they lost the Red Maple Inn, Punderson's Lodge is doing a good job.*

*Ms. Shimer explained that when she took over in the office, on February 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, they had 159 members, with COVID and other factors they were now down to 136 members. There was a brief discussion about the old Drive it Yourself Tours and that those had been stopped due to COVID but that they were planning a Scavenger Hunt for this year.*

*Mr. Dvorak inquired about doing the Amish tour that Red Maple Inn used to do and if someone had plans to take it over. Ms. Shimer said she would look into it and see if it was something they could bring back.*

**COUNTY ENGINEERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE – EXECUTE REESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN GEAUGA COUNTY**

*County Engineer Joe Cattell asked the Board to acknowledge receipt of the Estimated Property Tax Revenue Certificate of the amount that would be generated by the levy. Mr. Cattell noted that the next step is the resolution to place the actual levy on the ballot in November. The levy brings in about \$3.4 million a year and they stack this along with Ohio Public Works funding to maintain and do improvements within the County.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue in regards to the renewal of an existing 2.5 mill Road and Bridge Levy.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-068 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation at the request of the County Engineer for the General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads and Bridges in Geauga County as Authorized by Sections 5705.19(G), 5705.25, and 5705.26 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: May 25, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-068*

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-068**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN GEAUGA COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 5705.19(G), 5705.25, AND 5705.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE**

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*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, commencing at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:*

*James W. Dvorak     Timothy C. Lennon     Ralph Spidalieri*

*The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.*

*Commissioner Spidalieri moved for the adoption of the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, has determined the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Geauga County;*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the benefit of Geauga County for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Geauga County as authorized by Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, the levy is at a rate of two and five tenths (2.5) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation which amounts to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for a period of five (5) years and is a renewal levy of an existing levy of two and five tenths (2.5) mills; and*

*WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Geauga County and the tax shall be levied on the entire territory of Geauga County; and*

*WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 general election ballot for a period of five (5) years and shall be first levied in tax year 2021 and begin collection in 2022 within Geauga County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, after meeting in regular session, that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5705.03(B) said board hereby directs:*

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- 1.) *The Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners of Geauga County to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections no later than August 4, 2021, and*
- 2.) *The Board of Elections to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(G) to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 2, 2021.*

*The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.*

*Commissioner Lennon seconded the motion.*

*Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:*

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

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF BASS LAKE ROAD – EXECUTE COVER SHEET FOR SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING**

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that this resolution is to order the plans for the resurfacing of Bass Lake Road and as Mr. Cattell explained that they have done so well this year they had funds left to add another project and are asking the Board for approval to do Bass Lake Road from State Route 87 to Butternut Road. There was a brief discussion about how the bids have been coming in. Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the cover sheet of the plans and set the bid opening and advertisement on the project. The estimate on the project is \$575,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-069 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH 23, Sections A-C) in Newbury Township.*

*This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Cover Sheet of the Bid Specifications for the same.*

*Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid opening will be advertised on May 27, 2021 and on the county website.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: May 25, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-069*

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF  
SECTIONS A-C OF BASS LAKE ROAD, CH-0023  
IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21-065 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023) from Kinsman Road (SR 87) to Butternut Road (CH-0021) by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

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*WHEREAS, lands will not 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 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.*

*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 Newbury Township Board of Trustees, and the Geauga County Engineer.*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE TWO POSITIONS – RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANTS (#1005)**

*Director Jessica Boalt explained that they are planning to open the Senior Centers on June 7<sup>th</sup> and need to fill some vacancies from last year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions of Recreation and Education Assistants (#1005). These positions will remain posted until filled.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – MAPLE LEAF RESIDENCES PROJECT**

*Director Martin Castelletti asked the Board to advertise for the Maple Leaf Residence projects that is for the installation of fire suppression systems in eighteen homes for about \$70,000.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Maple Leaf Residences Project to be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on May 27, 2021 and on the county website.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – RE-GRADE AND ASSIGN NEW NUMBER – OFFICE COORDINATOR (#1412)

Executive Director Dave Favorite explained that they have been reviewing the department and job descriptions and are asking to re-grade the Office Coordinator position, updating the duties and due to all that assigning a new number.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised job description, re-grade and new number for the position of Office Coordinator (#1412), from a Grade 6 to a Grade 7 to be effective May 25, 2021.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION – PROJECT MANAGER (#1411)

Mr. Favorite asked the Board to approve a new position of Project Manager that will replace the previous position of Program Administrator.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Project Manager (#1411) to be effective May 25, 2021.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) (BUILDING) – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – UPDATE AND ADD NEW POSITIONS – REMOVE VACANT POSITIONS

Mr. Favorite asked the Board to approve the revised organizational chart that reflects these changes along with removing a part-time vacant position in building.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the changes for Office Coordinator (#1412), to include the position of Project Manager (#1411) and to remove the Program Administrator position and the Part-time Multi-Certified Inspector IV (#1112-1) to be effective May 25, 2021.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE POSITION – OFFICE COORDINATOR (#1412)

Mr. Favorite asked to advertise for the revised position of Office Coordinator.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Office Coordinator (#1412). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE POSITION – PROJECT MANAGER (#1411)

Mr. Favorite asked to advertise for the new position of Project Manager, noting that both positions being advertised will remain posted until filled.

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Project Manager (#1411). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

*Mr. Lennon inquired if this was adding any positions, to which Mr. Favorite and Mr. Morgan stated that this is not adding any positions, it's revising the Office Coordinator and replacing the Program Administrator with the Project Manager position. Mr. Favorite explained that once these positions are filled this will allow more time for Mr. Castelletti work on grants and doing more in the community with business.*

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2021 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

*Director Craig Swenson along with Social Services Supervisor II Gina Schultz asked the Board to approve a resolution recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness month. Mr. Swenson stated the importance, especially coming out of the pandemic that really impacted the senior population. Mr. Swenson wanted to put forth the message of reporting of concerns to assist and respond to them. Ms. Schultz stated that the numbers are pretty consistent, that in 2020 they had 125 cases and currently are at 47 for the year. Overall the numbers are down but that was expected based on the pandemic restrictions. There was discussion about who and where reports come from, including the Department on Aging, but also a bank teller or EMS that may have needed to transport them. Mr. Dvorak inquired about Nursing Home reports. Ms. Schultz explained that the number of mandated reporters changed before the pandemic so they had done outreach on that before the shutdown that may have assisted in the reporting numbers. Mr. Lennon inquired about numbers of seniors that are in their own homes and the housing situation for them, including the need for low income housing for seniors. The statement is made there is a need for senior housing, but what is that need, what are the numbers. Mr. Swenson added that there are a lot of proud home owners in Geauga County, that they have paid it off and they don't want to leave, then it often comes into disrepair.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-070 Recognizing June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #21-070*  
*Date: May 25, 2021*

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2021 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, We know that our seniors (age 60 and older) have helped contribute greatly to our Geauga County community and to the development of our current and future generations;*

*WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of protecting and supporting our seniors and ensuring that they live in a safe and secure environment without fear of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County has a large senior population that has growing needs, but the rising incidence of elder maltreatment has generally remained hidden from the public view; and*

*WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families that take care of our elders, we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some elders in our county endure abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, In the United States an estimated 1 in 10 Americans have suffered some form of elder maltreatment. In 2020, the Geauga County Adult Protective Services Team investigated one hundred and fourteen (114) separate reports of elder maltreatment in the county.*

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*WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to and stop the elder maltreatment where it exists, but we must also be diligent in our efforts to ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing such maltreatment going forward.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Geauga County.*

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

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

**MAINTENANCE – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION –  
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR (#1920)**

*Director Glen Vernick explained that he was trying to be pro-active, due to a retirement and a pregnancy, and in reviewing the department, he is asking to create a position of Administrative Coordinator.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Administrative Coordinator (#1920) to be effective May 25, 2021.*

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

**MAINTENANCE – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – INCLUDE NEW  
POSITION AND ADDITIONAL PART-TIME GENERAL COMMUNICATION CLERK**

*Mr. Vernick asked to revise the Organizational Chart to include the new position and increase the number of Part-time General Communications Clerk from two to three positions.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised Organization Chart to include the new position of Administrative Coordinator (#1920) and to increase the number of positions of Part-time General Communications Clerk (1912) from two to three positions to be effective May 25, 2021.*

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

**MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE  
COORDINATOR (#1920)**

*Mr. Vernick asked to advertise for the Administrative Coordinator position.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Administrative Coordinator (#1920). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – PART-TIME GENERAL COMMUNICATION  
CLERK (#1912-1)**

*Mr. Vernick asked to advertise for the Part-time General Communications Clerk.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time General Communications Clerk (#1912-1). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

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

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve increasing the current posting for Part-time Drivers, that she is currently advertising for 2 and would add 2 more. Mr. Morgan noted that as things are picking up she would like to make sure she has enough.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE JAMES W. DVORAK TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E -DISBURSEMENT #3 – CHARDON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to authorize Mr. Dvorak to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request #3 for the Chardon Township Sewer project.

Motion:           by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize James W. Dvorak, member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission, Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #3 for the Chardon Township Sewer Project in the amount of \$255,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #7 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, GMP PHASE #1 AND PHASE #2

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the partial pay request #7 for Donley's.

Motion:           by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #7 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$1,356,669.29.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING DETECTIVE DON SEAMON – 2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Clerk Christine Blair read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution:   #21-071  
Date:         May 25, 2021

**A RESOLUTION HONORING DETECTIVE DON SEAMON ON BEING NAMED THE 2020  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Bar Association annually presents a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award during their LAW DAY to an officer that has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service along with professional achievement; and

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*WHEREAS, Geauga County Sheriff, Scott Hildebrand nominated Detective Don Seamon for his perseverance and dedication to finding the family members of the newborn baby that had been found deceased on Sidley Road, Thompson in March of 1993, named as "Gauga's Child". Detective Don Seamon's focus and hard work lead to the discovery of the parents of "Gauga's Child" and the confession of the mother whom left him alongside Sidley Road, ultimately solving a twenty-five-year-old case; and*

*WHEREAS, Detective Don Seamon has been a member of law enforcement for over twenty-two years, having been with the Geauga County Sheriff's Office since 2014, his leadership and hard work reflects the dedication that law enforcement officers give every day to serve and protect our families, our community and our County; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Detective Don Seamon on being named the 2020 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Geauga County Bar Association.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-071 Honoring Detective Don Seamon on being named the 2020 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.*

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

*Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that the nomination came from not only himself but also the County Prosecutor. It was noted that Detective Seamon was on assignment and could not attend the meeting.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING LIEUTENANT KATHY ROSE – 2021 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

*Ms. Blair read the following resolution:*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #21-072*

*Date: May 25, 2021*

**A RESOLUTION HONORING LIEUTENANT KATHY ROSE ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

*WHEREAS, the Geauga County Bar Association annually presents a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award during their LAW DAY to an officer that has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service along with professional achievement; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County Public Defender, R. Robert Umholtz nominated Lt. Kathy Rose and the entire Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division Staff for their hard work and dedication during the COVID 19 Pandemic that included to formulate and execute a plan which limited physical contact and minimized the risk of exposure all while maintaining a safe, orderly and dignified environment for incarcerated members of society; and*

*WHEREAS, Lt. Kathy Rose has been with the Geauga County Sheriff's Office since 1991 and her, along with the Corrections Division Staff are dedicated, hard-working law enforcement officers that give of themselves every day to serve and protect our families, our community and our County; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Lieutenant Kathy Rose on behalf of the Corrections Division Staff on being named the 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Geauga County Bar Association.*

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

*Sheriff Hildenbrand expressed what a fantastic job the Corrections Division along with Lt Rose have done during the pandemic. Mr. Lennon expressed gratitude for running a tight ship and for the good job they do at the Safety Center.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-072 Honoring Lieutenant Kathy Rose on being named the 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.*

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

*The Board presented Lt. Rose with her resolution and posed for a few pictures.*

*SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (GRANT #2020-WF-VA2-8214)*

*Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that the VAWA grant subgrant award for Deputy Robin Taylor, noting that she had just received an award for the work that she has done and will be presenting that to her tomorrow at the Statehouse.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for STOP Violence Against Women (Grant #2020-WF-VA2-8214) in the amount of \$79,982.57 (\$59,986.93 from OCJS and \$19,995.64 from the County General Fund). This grant is for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.*

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

*SHERIFF TRAINING TRAILER*

*Sheriff Hildenbrand expressed that they had brought with them the trailer, minus the truck that is in for a recall, that was purchased with CARES Act funding. This purchase is a training trailer that will be used throughout the County. Mr. Lennon inquired about what it was to assist with, to which Sheriff Hildenbrand replied that the programs offer many types of scenarios, they involve timing and decision making within the situation. The program also includes training for Corrections Officers. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that there used to be a trailer in the State but that has been done away with, and a few times they rented one, but this fit the parameters for the CARES funding. Sheriff Hildenbrand expressed that once they go in and go through the training scenario you will see how fast officers have to decide, the trailer offers the ability to review and look at the decision that was made and ways to improve the decision or action they took.*

*ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS*

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending May 5, 2021 and May 12, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of April, 2021 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

*OTHER*

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

*MEETINGS*

*Tue., 5/25 Planning Commission, Special meeting, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room to discuss the draft General Plan*

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- Tue., 5/25 The Commissioners' will attend an onsite walk through of the new building.*
- Mon., 5/31 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Thu., 6/3 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. which will include Public Hearing #2 at 10:15 a.m. for the CDBG Allocation Program*
- Mon., 6/7 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's*
- Tue., 6/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room*
- Tue., 6/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Fri. 6/11 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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