

Commissioners' Journal
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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 28, 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 9:09 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Please Bless our Veterans, our Flag, our County and our Country!

*Monday was Memorial Day so let's Salute every Soldier who'd served this great Nation
And offer a heart of thanks and appreciation
So remember the fallen ones, the sons, daughters, mothers, fathers...
The loss of a family member is so very devastating
Death leaves heartache, no one can heal
Loves leaves a memory, no one can steal
I believe we should stand for the Flag and kneel for the Cross!*

Amen

UPDATE FROM LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER – JERRY CIRINO

Lake County Commissioner Jerry Cirino thanked the Board for allowing him to be there, noting that it was his first meeting as a Commissioner at another Commissioners meeting. Lake and Geauga County share information and programs. Mr. Cirino offered for any of Geauga's Board members to attend a Lake County meeting. Mr. Cirino noted that each County is responding differently, explaining that since they have been in the new building it made it easier to identify a single point of entry for non-employees that they have had in place since Mid-March and through tomorrow will continue the appoint only for business by the public. The Auditor and the Recorder's Office needed to continue since they didn't want to interrupt title transfers. One thing that helped them was a drop box location that was checked and the items were directed to the right department. Mr. Cirino talked about their grounds department constantly cleaning the facility. Mr. Cirino expressed that there has not been an interrupt of service to the community, while there was some inconvenience, they are issuing a press release today that they are opening up June 1st, that face masks are recommended, and at the entry the Sheriff will take temperatures. Those visitors will then be escorted to the right department. They are limiting the number of people per elevator, and will re-visit these requirements as they continue to work with the Health Department. Mr. Cirino noted that from a health perspective, it has gone well, however on the economic side, this has been devastating, depending on the business and on the county sales tax. Mr. Cirino talked about some of the aero-space companies that could remain open to work, the customers were not running and are reducing the numbers of air traffic which will affect these business as it trickles down. Mr. Cirino noted that they haven't seen the total impacts yet as there hasn't been enough time to see it.

Mr. Cirino explained that they received a HUD Special Grant, \$822,000.00, that is a special addendum from the CDBG grant earmarked for COVID-19 related issues, and they are going to use the funds for loans. They are launching this, loans and small grants for businesses. They are doing to use \$700,000.00 of those funds. The loans will be up to \$20,000.00 with a five year term, that is a balloon payment at the end with no fees and no interest, along with an incentive to pay it back early. They have an established loan committee to make sure they lend money to a credit worthy, will include personal guarantees, to ensure they are a viable business. Mr. Cirino added that they are also going to do micro business grants up to \$5,000.00 that has no pay back, no fee to sign up. There will be a special committee that will look at the business to ensure they don't go bankrupt. Mr. Cirino noted that there are 3 Chambers in Lake County, and Mentor is the largest, unfortunately Mentor businesses don't qualify as they have their own HUD district. The main purpose is to maintain employment levels.

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Mr. Cirino noted that they have also done some fiscal things, including a hiring freeze, delayed or put off capital projects, along with purchases of any nonessential equipment. Mr. Cirino stated that the departments under them are required and Elected Officials were asked to do a 5% reduction in their run rate, so that means that they will have to do a 10% for the second half of the year. The sales tax data is lagging behind a quarter, but are anticipating a 25% difference in May and June from prior year, and that is going to be big, and not knowing the rate of recovery. Mr. Lennon added that employment numbers will affect that. Mr. Cirino noted that the recovery is not there yet, restaurants are not busy, spacing and the fear factor is causing people to be reluctant to go in. Mr. Cirino noted that they are working closely with business, and are very concerned about next year and are planning to do budget hearings early.

Mr. Cirino explained that they have been live streaming their meetings and public can email questions to them, there have been some inquiry about property tax payments being delayed. A delay has a downstream effect on levies and school districts. The Auditor and Treasurer make that decision. Mr. Cirino noted that they are working on a flyer to include with tax bills an option for a payment period that someone will need to apply for, similar to a Board of Revision determination.

Mr. Lennon thanked Mr. Cirino for coming in today, but inquired about the HUD funding, to which Mr. Morgan explained that all of Lake County gets their funding from Federal whereas Geauga County gets funding through the State. Mr. Lennon expressed that they have been discussing doing some micro-loans with some local funds, but trying to figure out who is a good fit or qualifies, and inquired about how they are going to administrate them. Mr. Cirino explained that their Planning Department oversees their loan program, and to ease administration they are doing the balloon payments instead of monthly. Mr. Cirino mentioned a Bill being worked on in Columbus that could give some local governments some ease.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from May 19, 2020, Resolution #20-054 that included a Supplemental Appropriation for the Sheriff's Office in the Commissary Fund Equipment account to purchase required dental equipment needed at the jail for inmates (not paid for by taxpayers); a Cash transfer from the Sheriff's Office, Engineer's Office and the Board of Developmental Disabilities for March and April unemployment payments; a Contract PO for the Commissioner's Office to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for the Lifestyle EAP program costs; a payment for the Department of Aging to various seniors for reimbursement of fees paid for socialization trips that were cancelled due to COVID-19 and reimbursed to the Department in the amount of \$5,181.00; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora for five Tahoe's (4 for Social Security out of the Sheriff's Rotary Fund and 1 out of the General Fund that is replacing a vehicle that was totaled) in the amount of \$181,390.00; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions Incorporated for hardware and software support for the 800 MHZ radio system in the amount of \$89,355.00; a payment for Water Resources to Workman Industrial Services for pay request #4 of the Auburn Corners upgrades and Troy Oaks conversion project in the amount of \$617,836.22; and on May 20, 2020, Resolution #20-055 included a Supplemental Appropriation for the Juvenile Court in the CASA fund salaries, medicare and OPERS accounts to continue processing payroll; 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.

There was a brief discussion on the Sheriff's Tahoe vehicles and that they were previously budgeted for and that the Social Security vehicles get reimbursed.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on May 19, 2020 that included for Transit to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Francis O'Malley, Part-time Driver (#2210-1), Gary Barath, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) and Marvin Springer, Part-time Driver (#22101-1) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, for up to a maximum of 160 hours during the period of Payroll #11 (May 3, 2020 through the end of Payroll #12 (May 30, 2020) following the use of all remaining vacation time and an unpaid leave of absence for John Martin, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) for up to 320 hours during the period of Payroll #11 (May 3, 2020) through the end of Payroll #14 (June 27, 2020) following the use of

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all remaining vacation time; for the Department of Water Resources accepted the resignation of Veronica Toflinski, Administrative Assistant (#2345) to be effective May 29, 2020; and on May 27, 2020 for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) accepted the resignation of Rebecca Sedivy, Program Coordinator to be effective May 29, 2020; for Maintenance approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Shepp Electric Company, Incorporated to provide inspection and maintenance services for the Geauga County Generators for a two year period in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; for Transit accepted the resignation of Marvin Springer, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective May 31, 2020 and for Water Resources approved and executed the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #12 for Technical Services for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (Henning Road) in the amount of \$4,426.35; 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Cash transfers from multiple funds including the General Fund to the Unemployment Compensation fund for April Unemployment self-insurance payments; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Sheriff's 800 communications fund for their first half 2020 support; a payment for the Department on Aging to various seniors for reimbursement of fees paid for socialization trips that were cancelled due to COVID-19 and reimbursed to the Department in the amount of \$6,829.00; a payment to the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for one quarter of the County's 2020 operational support in the amount of \$115,934.25; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Altec, Incorporated for a new model Bucket Truck that was originally ordered in 2019 in the amount of \$174,528.00; and a payment for the Maintenance Department to E Technologies for UPS units for the Safety Center in the amount of \$33,287.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-056 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 28, 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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BURTON WINDSOR ROAD – BURTON, MIDDLEFIELD AND HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIPS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that the Engineer's Office made the decision to postpone the Washington street realignment project which was about a \$2.5 million project that was a large portion of the 2020 funding, and that would result in a significant carryover and workload for next year. Mr. Hajjar stated that they looked at the projects slated for next year and are looking at doing the Burton Windsor project. This is 5.2 miles of County Highway from the Burton Village line all the way to State Route 528 with an estimate of \$1,190,000.00 which puts them in a healthy position to spend a portion of the 2020 allocated funds and leaving a safe carryover for 2021 but reduce workload for next year. Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve a resolution to improve Burton Windsor and then asked that the Board approve and execute a resolution to order the improvement, execute the title sheet on the plans and then advertise for bids.

There was a brief discussion about equipment purchases that have been put on hold and others that were already in place that couldn't be stopped.

Mr. Dvorak inquired if the Burton Windsor project was just resurfacing to which Mr. Hajjar explained that out of the list of 2021 projects, it is in the worst condition, as much as the Amish are a part of the community the buggies do a significant amount of damage to the roads, noting while doing an inspection it was raining and noted some significant hydro-planning issues, and this is part of the reason it was chosen as a target project. Mr. Lennon inquired if this connects to the Federal widening project, to which Mr. Hajjar said yes and no, we will be ahead of the project, as the Federal project is set to bid in October of 2020 and construction in Spring of 2021.

There was a brief discussion on Washington Street from Bainbridge Road all the way to State Route 44, along with Bainbridge and Washington Street configuration, we are looking to modify

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the intersection and make it a T stop intersection with a traffic signal, they will be done next year in a back to back step process, taking the two projects and getting them done together.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-057 to Improve Burton Windsor Road (CH 14, Sections A-E) in Burton, Middlefield and Huntsburg Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 28, 2020

Resolution: #20-057

*RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE
BURTON WINDSOR ROAD (CH 14), SECTIONS A-E
IN BURTON, MIDDLEFIELD AND HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIPS*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement Burton Windsor Road from Burton Village Line to Madison Road (SR 528), 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 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 Burton Township, Middlefield Township, and Huntsburg 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>

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF
BURTON WINDSOR ROAD IN BURTON, MIDDLEFIELD AND HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIPS –
EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-058 to Order the Improvement of Burton Windsor Road (CH 14, Sections A-E) in Burton, Middlefield and Huntsburg 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 Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on June 4, 2020 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: May 28, 2020

Resolution: #20-058

*RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE IMPROVEMENT OF
SECTIONS A-E OF BURTON WINDSOR ROAD, CH 14
IN BURTON, MIDDLEFIELD, AND HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIPS*

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution #20-057 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Burton Windsor Road from Burton Village Line to Madison Road (SR 528) 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, no lands are needed to 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 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 24, 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 Burton Township, Middlefield Township, and Huntsburg 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>

There was a brief discussion about impacts on fuel tax, and that vehicle miles are down, and the

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hope is to see more normal levels resume, but that they have made some adjustments and are looking at 2021 to see how they can push forward in coming years. They are reviewing projects and flexing the workload to adjust based on levels of damage, operating at a reduced level due to the lag in reporting of numbers.

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (DYS)
JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING APPLICATION FY2021

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS), Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application for FY2021 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$221,094.92 (including 2020 carryover of \$65,503.01).

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

PROSECUTOR'S – VICTIM/WITNESS – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE
VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2020-2021

Victim Witness Advocate Cindy Haycox asked the Board to approve the application for the Victim of Crime Act and State Victim Advocacy Act grants for next year, as they work in conjunction with the Prosecutor's Office. Ms. Haycox noted that this is the same amount requested as last year.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) 2020-2021 Grant Application (#2021-VOCA-133306789) in the amount of \$82,586.44. As part of this grant, \$61,573.44 is being requested from Federal VOCA funds with a local match from the County General Fund of \$16,552.00 and \$4,461.00 in being requested from SVAA with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
LAEPP APPLICATION FROM JERRY AND JAMIE DAVIS

Director Carmella Shale explained that before the Board today is an application for the Local Agriculture Easement Program, noting that the application period had been extended to June 1st. Ms. Shale explained that application is for Jerry and Jamie Davis for a horse farm on Rapids Road in Burton Township, noting that they also grow hay, grain and sunflowers. Ms. Shale stated that the property used to be a racetrack of some sort about 40-50 years ago but it is abutted by many acres in the area that are unique to the Burton area that are protected.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-059 to the extent, permitted by law, Authorizing participation in the Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) in support of the application from Jerry R. and Jamie R. Davis.

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A RESOLUTION to the extent permitted by law, Authorizing Participation in Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) in support of the application from Jerry R. and Jamie R. Davis

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WHEREAS, on the 7th day of May, 2020 the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County received a request from Jerry R. and Jamie R. Davis for support of their application to the State of Ohio for purchase of an agricultural easement on their property located at 16182 Rapids Road, Burton, OH 44021.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County have reviewed this request and determined that the nomination of the property for purchase of an agricultural easement is compatible with the county's goals to preserve and promote agriculture as an important part of the area's economy;

WHEREAS, be it resolved that all formal actions of the board relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the board in compliance with all legal requirements of ORC Section 121.22, the Sunshine Law, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County:

SECTION 1: support the participation of the above named landowners in the LAEPP

SECTION 2: acknowledge that participation in the LAEPP does not conflict with any existing or proposed land use plans of Geauga County.

SECTION 3: hereby agrees to hold, monitor, supervise and enforce the terms of the Ohio Department of Agriculture easement in perpetuity.

SECTION 4: hereby authorizes contracting for necessary title and appraisal services, the cost for which will be reimbursed by the landowner from proceeds from the LAEPP.

SECTION 5: hereby acknowledges that the landowner, per LAEPP requirements, commits to donate at least 25% local match of the agricultural easement value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, OH.

<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 ON AGING – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM APPLICATION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Internal Operations Manager, Karen Stone asked the Board to approve the submission of a grant application for emergency food and shelter food through Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This is in addition to what they are already doing, as they have seen an increase in request for seniors that don't drive or don't want to go out.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Local Recipient Organization Application Forms under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency for Federal Funds under Phase 37 in the amount of \$11,500.00 and Phase CARES in the amount of \$16,750.00 to meet the application deadline.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – GEAUGA COUNTY SENIOR SUPPORT PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FAMILY PRIDE OF NORTHEAST OHIO –
MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST (SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES CASE MANAGER) FUNDED
BY UNITED WAY SERVICES OF GEAUGA COUNTY

Ms. Stone asked the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Family Pride for a grant through United Way that covers the cost of a Case Manager that handles all the mental health clients. Ms. Stone stated that this has been a big help as they are seeing an increase with seniors needing additional help.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Senior Support Program Memorandum of Understanding between Family Pride of Northeast Ohio, Incorporated and Geauga County Department on Aging/Gauga County Board of Commissioners to provide a Full-time Mental Health Specialist (Senior Support Services Case Manager) funded by United Way Services of Geauga County to provide services to identified Seniors Age 60 and over in Geauga County for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

<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 ON AGING – WAIVE 200 HOUR VACATION ACCRUAL ONE MONTH –
KAREN STONE

Ms. Stone asked the Board to approve waiving the 200 hour vacation accrual for herself, as she has not been able to take the time with having no fiscal officer since last October and with all the COVID-19 issues. Ms. Stone noted that she does have some time off scheduled in June so it's just for one month.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the 200 hour maximum vacation accrual for Karen M. Stone, Internal Operations Manager for one month, through June 30, 2020 due to time requirements and restraints of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

<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 DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) - EXECUTE LETTER
TO OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR EXTENSION #3 OF GRANT #B-F-17-
IAZ-1

Executive Director Dave Favorite explained that he was asking the Board to approve a third extension on the B-F-17 CDBG grant program for the DDC Clinic, that the State has approved the extension due to the delay from the COVID pandemic. The project was scheduled for today, but with weather today the project will start next week.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development and 2017 Community Development Block Program Amended Scope of Work and Budget for extension #3 of Grant #B-F-17-IAZ-1 to extend the date of completion deadline until September 30, 2020 due to delays caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL, SECTION 4:1 CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

Gina Schultz explained that this is to correct the amendment that was approved in March, they are asking to remove the word “Additional” from the policy, it was not intended to be extra on top of the amount paid.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an amendment to the Geauga County Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Section 4.1: Classification and Compensation Plan to remove the word “Additional” that was missed in the amendment in March 2020, to be effective May 28, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2020 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Schultz asked the Board to recognize June as Elder Awareness Month, explaining that while June 15th is recognized as the day, there were events planned but have cancelled those due to the current COVID-19 conditions, but still want to bring awareness and recognize the day.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-060 Recognizing June 2020 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2020 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 2019, the Geauga County Adult Protective Services Team investigated one hundred and seventy one (171) separate reports of elder maltreatment in the county.

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 2020 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.

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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>

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired if they are seeing any increase in child abuse cases since the quarantine began, to which Ms. Schultz stated that the numbers have dropped, but they have also lost a lot of eyes of reporting, but that they are still receiving calls. Ms. Schultz stated that they have talked to partners, put an ad in the paper and have reached out to the schools. The ADS side has stayed consistent, but are mainly self-neglect calls for those that are just not taking care of themselves. Mr. Spidalieri expressed concern on the lockdown, that kids are put in a predicament and who is reporting it if there is not interaction. When you close the world down, things happen and that is a huge concern and that it needs to put out in the public to raise awareness about it. Ms. Schultz expressed that they have put some things out in the community asking that things still get reported and to keep eyes open and report any concerns. The schools have been in touch when they hadn't had a child log in or hadn't had any contact with them, we followed up to make sure they were ok and that they had what they needed to do the school work, more pink flags than red flags.

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – OHIO MACHINERY D.B.A. OHIO CAT POWER SYSTEMS

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve a service Contract with Ohio Cat to do the generator at the Safety Center, this is for two years and not to exceed \$16,000.00. Mr. Vernick noted that the last contract only used \$9,000.00, so there is a cushion built in for parts and repairs. There was discussion in that they have to be very careful at the safety center, these are the original units and if they need to replace them he would suggest three units, because they go on standby when they have to do work out there.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Ohio Machinery d.b.a. Ohio Cat Power Systems to perform Inspections and Maintenance for the Geauga County Safety Center Generator for a period of two years in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.

<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>

TRANSIT – AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKETRAN AND GEAUGA COUNTY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 5307 AND 5339 FUNDS FROM FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve the agreement with LAKETRAN, for funds from NOACA through the Section 5307 funds and for the underserved areas, noting that LAKETRAN accepts it and provides it to us to use as local cash.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement between LAKETRAN and Board of Geauga County Commissioners for the acceptance of Section 5307 and Section 5339 funds from the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of Geauga County Transit pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the FTA Grant Agreement for the purpose of public transportation for FY2020 in the amount of \$76,000.00. LAKETRAN will retain \$41,127.84 as payment for VPN access and Geauga County will receive \$34,872.16 as local funds.

<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 PAY REQUEST #5 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND TROY OAKS PUMP STATION PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the fifth payment to Workman Industrial Services for the Auburn Corners and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Partial Pay Request #5 for Workman Industrial Services Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Project in the amount of \$398,248.68.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant Prosecutor Susan Wieland. The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. with no action.

It was noted that there was an addition.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID TO TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$5,106,339.49 as they represented the lowest and best bid. This Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – WAIVE 200 HOUR VACATION ACCRUAL ONE MONTH – DIRECTORS ROGER PETERSON AND JOANNA SANTILLI

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve waiving the 200 hour vacation accrual for one additional month for Ms. Santilli and Mr. Peterson.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the 200 hour maximum vacation accrual for Department of Emergency Services Director, Roger Peterson for one month, through June 30, 2020 due to time requirements and restraints of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the 200 hour maximum vacation accrual for Transit Director, JoAnna Santilli for one month, through June 30, 2020 due to time requirements and restraints of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – JUNE 2, 2020

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Tuesday, June 2, 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 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING / CHANGING LOCATION OF REGULAR/SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETINGS DUE TO COVID-19 – THROUGH END OF JUNE

Clerk Christine Blair noted that this resolution moved the meetings to be held here in Building #8 through the end of June and we can re-evaluate for July.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-061 Establishing /Changing the Location of Regular/Special/Emergency meetings of the Board of County Commissioners due to the current COVID-19 situation.

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Date: May 28, 2020

Resolution: #20-061

*RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING/CHANGING THE LOCATION OF
REGULAR/SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION*

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners are following the current social-distancing guidelines of the State of Ohio and taking all necessary precautions during the current COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners must still hold meetings and conduct county business; and

WHEREAS, the Board regularly holds meetings at their offices at 470 Center Street, Building # 4; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue to hold meetings at the Board's offices and must now utilize one of the Board's larger available office meetings rooms located at 470 Center Street, Building #8, in order to comply with the State of Ohio public health guidelines; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to continue public access to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes/changes the location of the regular/special/emergency meetings of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to be held at the Offices of the Board at 470 Center Street, Building 8 (large meeting room).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular scheduled meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will begin at the regular scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. and will be held at this location through the end of June, 2020.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE START TIME OF JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to change the time of the June 9, 2020 meeting from 9:00 a.m. to start at 10:00 a.m. due to the Planning Commission meeting.

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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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of April, 2020.*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending May 6, 2020 and May 13, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending April 2020 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- d) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending April, 2020.*
- e) *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, 2020 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was a brief discussion on the Solid Waste Meeting and when we can get it scheduled, tentatively Friday June 5th at 10:00 a.m. works. Ms. Blair noted that Thursday, July 9th for the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center via zoom. Ms. Blair noted that there has been no communication at all; no reports and that I had not received the budget yet.

The Board held a discussion about having a discussion with Judge Grendell about the Detention Center, along with information on what the numbers are and have been since the beginning of the year. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that the Board of Trustees are leaning on the new Administrator; he doesn't want to work himself out of a job. Mr. Spidalieri talked about Portage County building an addition to their safety center and they are running out of room. They have a big work release program, an option to consider would be to turn it over to the Portage County Sheriff, work with our work release and use it as a check in and check out center. Mr. Lennon expressed that we have talked about our opinions but we have no decision on it. Mr. Morgan stated that we can withdraw but it needs to come from the Juvenile Court Judge. There was discussion about options that could be discussed, but that they need to have a discussion with the Judge. The Board talked about the cost to the County for the minimal to no kids being housed, what the per night cost is and even if you contract somewhere that is a higher bed night, with the low usage it is still a savings.

MEETINGS

- Mon., 6/1 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. via Webex*
- Tue., 6/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. (cancelled)*
- Tue., 6/9 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the meeting room, Bldg. #8, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Tue., 6/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at **10:00 a.m.***
- Fri., 6/12 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 6/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health*
- Tue., 6/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 6/19 NOACA Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Transportation 10:00 a.m., Water Quality 12:00 p.m.*

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Tue., 6/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 6/26 NOACA Advisory Board meetings

Tue., 6/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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