

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 22, 2021**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 22, 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 9:33 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Let's pray,  
We should follow Christ in a way of compassion and understanding.  
Even though from my human viewpoint there may be much I find difficult to understand, Christ in me gives me spiritual insight that enables me to see beyond what seems to be, and to keep faith in the goodness at the heart of it all.  
Everything is going to be ok, maybe not today, but eventually it will.  
Trust God,  
Hold fast to your Hope  
God never fails  
Amen*

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on June 15, 2021 for the Airport Authority to approve the request for Partial Payment #1 for Hummel Construction for the T-Hangar project in the amount of \$45,999.95 and June 17, 2021 for the Department on Aging to approve hiring Laura Fay to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective June 28, 2021 at the rate of \$14.83 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and for Transit approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for David Lair, Jr., Operations Manager for up to sixteen hours during the period June 17, 2021 through June 21, 2021. This will extend his probationary period by the number of hours used; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including A Cash advance out of the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Block Grant for additional money needed to purchase MDT's which will be paid back when the funds are received from the State; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Airport Construction Fund for the final grant match on the runway lighting and safety improvement project; Travel requests for the County Engineer's Office and the Juvenile Court; a Contract PO for Transit to Mohawk Resources LTD for a new bus which will be reimbursed to the department from the State; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to the Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for third quarter operations in the amount of \$119,332.25, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Airport Authority for pay request #1 for the T-Hangar construction project and loan in the amount of \$45,999.95, a payment for Transit to the Treasurer State of Ohio for their share of a new bus in the amount of \$44,057.00 and a Revenue Certification for the Common Pleas Court in the Pre-trial Release Supervision fund for additional revenue received.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-076 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 22, 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>

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**BUDGET COMMISSION**

*Prosecutor Jim Flaiz explained that there is a statutory formula to divide the undivided local government funds and that was adopted in 1981, in 1989 they adopted an alternative method. That method provided funding to the parks through a graduated formula that started at \$0.50 up to \$1.00 since 1991/1992 per person for the jurisdiction. Mr. Flaiz stated that based on population provided them with a little less than \$94,000.00. This also provided funding to the Thompson, Chester and Russell Park districts. There was a brief discussion about Russell Township now having two park districts as a result of a break off from the original as a citizen's park. Under the original formula the Russell Park would be \$5,200 a year and split between the two parks, however the current formula says they each get \$5,200. Commissioner Lennon questioned whether the citizen park could even be considered a park with no land and the levy they attempted failed. Mr. Flaiz stated that under the statute Parks are not entitled, however under the alternative method approved they can be; thus, they are pulling money from the Townships. The new method they are proposing eliminates that \$1.00 per person for the parks. Mr. Lennon expressed concern over the Geauga Park District, to which Mr. Flaiz noted that the Park District had a cash carryover of \$6.6 million dollars with a \$17 million-dollar budget for this year.*

*Mr. Flaiz went on to the Townships explaining that in the formula they start with a base of \$15,000.00 and then based on population get additional funds. Hunting Valley which is mostly in Cuyahoga County has a population of 116, they currently receive \$16,000.00 from Geauga and \$8,000.00 from Cuyahoga County, the new alternative method awards per capita, so they would receive \$116.00, under the change that states "if they are not wholly in the county". Mr. Flaiz explained that the County remains intact at 38% then the remaining funds are formulated out, the new method gives townships additional funds, so those that have Parks would be able to decide if they are going to provide funding to them. Mr. Flaiz expressed that this method no longer means Townships are funding other Township parks. An example was given of Chester Township park was receiving \$10,000.00, the park loses that funding but the Township gains \$14,500.00 more, which could then provide funding to the park. Mr. Flaiz explained that this new alternative method provides smaller Townships with funding that they could really use.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge Addendum I approved by the Geauga County Budget Commission at their meeting on May 25, 2021, amended June 14, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 5747.53 in regards to the Undivided Local Government Funds beginning in 2022 and further approve and authorize the amended method of apportionment.*

<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>

**PROSECUTOR / VICTIM WITNESS - VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) AND STATE VICTIM ADVOCACY ACT (SVAA) 2021-2022 GRANT APPLICATION**

*Victims Advocate Cindi Haycox Wellman explained that it's bleak and dismal in the grant world for the victims of crime. As we know the Department of Justice has been cutting funding and taking money away from the victims and putting more funding to the accused as a way to solve the problem, it will cause less victims to serve, but she isn't seeing any decrease. This year they changed the way they are handling the grant and were told the amount they could apply for. Ms. Haycox Wellman explained that from 2018 to 2019 she saw a 7% cut, from 2019 to 2020 there was a 26% cut and for this year 2021 she is seeing a 35% cut over what was awarded last year. Mr. Lennon asked her to explain her position, to which Ms. Haycox Wellman explained that she is a credentialed advocate, and she assists victims of felony level crimes, with her focus being on the Common Pleas Court and the Juvenile Court, and by Marcy's law they have to notify victims of crimes, guide them through the process, notify them of hearings, sentencing, to get restitution, notification of prisoner's release, bond, to keep them aware, compensation programs through the Attorney General's office, which includes therapy bills, crime scene cleanup, funeral expenses, along with assisting the victims with hospital testing, testimony, and through any hearings. Mr. Morgan explained that the Prosecutor's Office has been helpful in assisting her. Ms. Haycox Wellman explained that they are required to have a 20% match and is asking the Board to provide the match to keep her funding the same.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victim Advocacy Act (SVAA) 2021-2022 Grant Application in the amount of \$50,951.00. As part of this grant, \$29,938.00 is being requested from Federal VOCA funds with a local match from the County General Fund of \$16,552.00 and \$4,461.00 is being requested from SVAA with no local match. This grant is for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

<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 – FIRST ADDENDUM – NEOPOST USA, INCORPORATED PURCHASE AGREEMENT – CHANGE CONTRACTORS NAME TO QUADIENT, INCORPORATED  
*Director Glen Vernick explained that this addendum is for the company that we have the postage machine through, they have changed their name, so we are asking to update that and add an additional two years to the current contract for the meter rental agreement.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the First Addendum to the Neopost USA, Incorporated Purchase Agreement to change the contractor's name to Quadiant, Incorporated and extend the Meter Rental Agreement by two additional years through December 12, 2023.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF RETAINER FUNDS – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL  
*Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority application to release some of the retainer funds for Workman Industrial on the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority, Application for Release of Retainer Funds for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Conversion project in the amount of \$25,000.00.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED FEES AND SERVICE RATES TO ENGINEERING AND EQUIPMENT, FIRE HYDRANT WATER THEFT, NEW SERVICE TO WATER MAINS – TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SEWER COLLECTION AREA

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the revised fees and service rates schedule for engineering and equipment in July and for a five-year increase for the customer sewer rates for the Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant collection area that will begin with the December billing cycle.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised "2021" GCDWR Fees and Service Rates to Engineering and Equipment, Fire Hydrant Water Theft and new service lines to water mains to be effective July 1, 2021 and the Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant Sewer collection area, customer sewer rate increase to be effective with the December 2021 billing statement, with subsequent increases over a five year period for residential customers and four years for business / commercial customers.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING AT THE MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE RENOVATION AND UPGRADE**

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the resolution that will allow them to apply for and enter into an agreement for the design and planning of the construction upgrades for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-077 Authorizing James W. Dvorak, President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to Apply for, Accept and Enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Planning of McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project between Geauga County and the Ohio Water Development Authority, and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the Construction / Planning Loan Application and Cooperative Agreement for State Planning Project.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #21-077  
Date: June 22, 2021*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK, PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING OF MCFARLAND WWTP RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT BETWEEN GEAUGA COUNTY AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

*WHEREAS, the County of Geauga (hereinafter referred to as the “LGA”) is in an Administrative Order on Consent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, to take the necessary actions to meet NPDES Permit No. OH0043494 effluent requirements for the McFarland Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant.*

*WHEREAS, the LGA desires to obtain a loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “OWDA”) to finance costs of the Engineering Services and Planning of such facilities on the terms set forth in the Cooperative Agreement (defined below); and*

*WHEREAS, the OWDA has indicated its willingness to make a loan for that purpose and on those terms;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Geauga, Ohio:*

*Section 1. That the LGA hereby approves the planning of the aforesaid McFarland WWTP Renovation and Upgrade Project in cooperation with the OWDA under the provisions, terms and conditions set forth in the “Cooperative Agreement for State Planning Project” as set forth in Exhibit A (the “Cooperative Agreement”) and hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the LGA to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the OWDA substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A.*

*Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution/ordinance were passed in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be a measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of said Geauga County for the reason that the renovation and upgrade of the McFarland WWTP is necessary in order to protect the health of the inhabitants of the LGA by providing compliance with the U.S.EPA Administrative Order on Consent; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – DISCUSSION ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

*Dr. Oluic explained that the funding that is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act and that those funds have the ability to be used for infrastructure, including water and sewer and feel that it would be a good use of the funds to do some of the projects that they have coming that the funds would benefit the project and assist with keeping the costs lower to the residents. Mr. Morgan expressed that they need to look at how the funds can be used that won't cause costs down the road after those funds are depleted.*

*Clerk, Christine Blair explained that the Kenston Service Unit Troops have earned Silver and Bronze Awards and due to COVID the awards night was handled differently, with a video that they put together about the projects and was played at the drive-in for the families.*

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS – KENSTON SERVICE UNIT TROOPS

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-078 Honoring Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71291, Group 1 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-078  
Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71291 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71291, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71291 earned their Silver Award by building benches in the community as a way to bring families together. After meeting with the Bainbridge Township Trustees about their projects they raised money through making and selling ornaments and through bake sales. The Troop researched benches in order to decide on the best type of style and wood that would hold up to northeast Ohio weather. Benches were built and placed at Kari's World at River Road and at Holy Angels Church. Cadette Scout Troop #71291 award recipients are Hanna Cooper, Grace Doyle, Sydney Osterman, Brianna Melvor and Annalise Weber and were led by Heather Doyle; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71291 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-079 Honoring Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71291, Group 2 for Achieving the Silver Award, the Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-079*

*Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71291 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71291, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71291 earned their Silver Award by creating a windchime garden at the Hattie Larlham facility. On a tour of the facility the Troop discovered that the current windchime garden was in disrepair and no longer of use. The Troop made and sold ornaments and held bake sales to raise the funds needed for the project, they selected a space on the playground, learned how to select plants and flowers that would return and continue to bloom, selected decorations, made stepping stones and painted rocks that were placed with windchimes and statues in the garden. The Troop wanted to create a welcoming and relaxing space. Cadette Scout Troop #71291 award recipients are Maddison Bushnell, Lily Emch, Sienna Koler, Gabriella Profusz, Marissa Profusz and Ava Kostelnik and was led by Paula Bushnell; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71291 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-080 Honoring Girl Scout Junior Troop #71484 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-080*

*Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71484 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must*

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*complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 earned their Bronze Award by working with the Akron Zoo and Eco-Cell to get an electronic waste recycling bin placed at the Zoo. Eco-Cell recycles electronics as a way to reduce the amount of Coltan that needs to be mined. Coltan is a metallic ore found in many electronics, including cell phones. Eco-Cell partners with the location that places the bin by sharing the funds received from recycling, Eco-Cell's portion goes to the gorilla habitat in the Congo and the other share will go to the Zoo, who will use it to support the Red Panda Network. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 Award recipients are Addie Sharp, Alison Schmidt, Corinna, Elaine Dewitt, Zoe Calvello, Sasha Tolstykh, Reese Siebenschuh, Emma Slates, Maggie Davis and Leah Neal and is led by Colleen Sharp; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-081 Honoring Girl Scout Junior Troop #71409 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-081*  
*Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71409 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71409; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71409 earned their Bronze Award by completing the Outdoor Journey and originally started the "Take Action" project by helping the Large Animal Rescue Village in Chardon, then COVID began and their project came to a halt. After many discussions and research, they chose a pajama drive for foster kids that turned quickly turned into "Shine a Light o the First Night" and became about much more than pajamas. The Troop set a goal of 200 items that included pajamas, pillows, pillow cases, stuffed animals and gift cards. With the help of social media and the Kenston Intermediate School they launched a non-profit account and Amazon Wishlist link. During April, National Child Abuse Awareness*

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*Month, they delivered their donations, which came from multiple states, another country, as well as local students and teachers. Troop #71409 delivered 290 pajamas, pillows, pillow cases and stuffed animals, Fifty \$10.00 gift cards, 24 boxes of hot chocolate, 8 pairs of socks and 3 pieces of luggage. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71409 Award recipients are Lexie Yingling, Calla Haar, Ashley Hewitt, Quinn Wilson, Lily Bates, Alden Peterson, Lila Fink, Amelia Argo, Maren Hill, Emily Dooley, Lyla Taylor and Sia Taylor with Leaders Amanda Yingling and Casey Haar; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71409 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-082 Honoring Girl Scout Junior Troop #71311 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-082*

*Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71311 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71311; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71311 earned their Bronze Award by completing their Outdoor Journey which sparked their desire to share the outdoors with those at the Anna Maria Nursing Home. The Troop made glass pins with nature images for the residents to wear, painted rocks with inspirational messages and outdoor scenes for the residents to find and re-hide throughout the facility, purchased and installed window bird feeders and seed to attract birds for the residents to enjoy and decorated meal placemats with nature scenes and poetry. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71311 Award recipients are Sydney Corcoran, Grace England, Kara Mustin and Olivia Sparks with Leaders JoAnne England and Amy Sparks; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71311 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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>



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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-083 Honoring Girl Scout Junior Troop #71117 for Achieving the Bronze Award, the Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 21-083*

*Date: June 22, 2021*

**RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71117 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71117; and*

*WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71117 earned their Bronze Award by helping the local food pantry by holding a canned food drive and collection of winter gear, including hats and gloves. The Troop held a fund raiser to purchase a bench for the playground at the township park. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71117 Award recipients are Addison Lowe, Alaina Murphy, Audrey Kucharson, Emily Collins, Katie Spellacy, Keira Walz, Kendall Robertson, Lainey Bockmuller, Norah Jahn, Reagan Carnes and Riley Eastman with Leaders Carla Murphy, Sheryln Kucharson and Marguerite Walz; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71117 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

*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>

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AWARD BID – ENVIRONMENTS 4 BUSINESS, LLC – FF & E CONTRACTOR FOR COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

*Mr. Morgan asked the Board to award the Bid to Environments 4 Business for the FF & E Contractor for the new office building, noting that the total was less than the estimate.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Environments 4 Business, LLC for the FF & E Contractor for the County Office Building in the amount \$608,815.15 for Package A (Chairs, Tables and Upholstery), \$638,988.06 for Package B (Offices and Workstations, \$60,124.34 for Package C (Metal Storage Shelving) with a Discount amount of .5% (\$65,396.37) for a total award of \$1,242,531.18 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO HOLD WORK SESSION – AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY – GROUND BREAKING

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-084 to Hold a Work Session with the Geauga County Airport Authority for a Ground-Breaking Ceremony on the New T-Hangars.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 22, 2021*

*Resolution: 21-084*

**RESOLUTION TO HOLD A WORK SESSION WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY FOR A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY ON THE NEW T-HANGARS**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to hold a work session with the Geauga County Airport Authority for a Ground-Breaking Ceremony on the new T- Hangars; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to hold this work session at the location of the Geauga County Airport, which is located at 15421 Old State Road in Middlefield Township, Geauga County, Ohio; and*

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will hold a work session to be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the location of the Geauga County Airport located at 15421 Old State Road, Middlefield, Ohio for the purpose of holding a Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the new T-Hangars; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will provide reasonable public notice, including advance notice to the news media, of the work session; and*

*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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Director Craig Swenson. The Board returned at 10:48 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the Director of Job and Family Services to suspend James Zock, Eligibility Referral Supervisor I, for up to forty hours (5 working days) without pay for violation of Section 3 of the Geauga County Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual and further approve and execute the Order of Removal, Reduction, Suspension, Involuntary Disciplinary Separation form per O.R.C. 124.34 for forty hours (5 working days).*

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ROETZEL AND ANDRESS

Mr. Morgan expressed that a request was from received from Mr. Stephen Funk from Roetzel and Andress for an additional increase to file the brief's the Supreme Court.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge the letter from Roetzel and Andress requesting an increase in the cap for the Legal Representation of Geauga County Probate / Juvenile Court Judge Timothy Grendell and approve an increase in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a new, not to exceed amount of \$35,000.00, unless prior approval by the Board of Commissioners and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the acceptance of the increase.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Spidalieri	No
	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

BOARD APPOINTMENTS – UPCOMING

Ms. Blair explained that there were several Board appointments that they need to consider appointing before the terms expire.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 2, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 6/22 ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. WebEx and Auditor's Appraisal Conference room

Tue., 6/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that includes a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the 2022 Tax Budget

Tue., 6/29 Work Session for Ground Breaking Ceremony at the Geauga County Airport for the new T-Hangar project, 1:00 p.m.

Mon., 7/5 **Geauga County Offices will be Closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue as normal**

Thu., 7/8 The regular Commissioners meeting for today has been **cancelled**

Tue., 7/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

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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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