

Commissioners' Journal
June 29, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 29, 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 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Mighty Lord, You give us courage. You are my rock. I will put my confidence in you.
I come to you today positioning myself to hear you and obey you.
Thank you, Lord, for bringing me new boldness and courage
You have provided miraculous step for me this day. I will take one remarkable step of faith after another.
Worry and fear will flee from me.
Thank you, that you are giving us great power to do great things this day.
Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2021.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 15, 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>Abstain*</i>

**Commissioner Dvorak was absent from this meeting.*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on June 24, 2021 that included for Maintenance to approve hiring Tammy Kuhn to the position of Full-time Administrative Coordinator (#1920) to be effective July 12, 2021 at the rate of \$16.08 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners Contingency Transfers Out account to the Coroner Contract Services account to cover charges for additional autopsies needed so far this year; Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners Miscellaneous Transfers Out account to the Clerk of Courts Other Expense account for a reimbursement check that was deposited into the General Fund; Travel request for the Juvenile Court and Transit; Purchase Order for Water Resources to R.W. Sidley for a 2021 Mack Granite 64FR cab and chassis and the Safety Company, LLC for a 4200 gallon aluminum vacuum truck body, noting that both items were purchased through State Bid Pricing; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Aero-Mark, Incorporated for polyester pavement markings at various County road locations in the amount of \$54,591.96, a payment for Water Resources to Glaus Pyle Schomer Burns and Dehaven,

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Incorporated for services related to the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer collection system in the amount of \$22,983.52 and Revenue Certifications for the Board of Developmental Disabilities and Transit for additional revenue to be received this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-085 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 29, 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>

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ACKNOWLEDGE FAA REQUEST FOR PROPERTY INVENTORY MAP – INCREASE GRANT APPLICATION AMOUNT FOR THE INVENTORY MAP – NO LOCAL MATCH

Clerk, Christine Blair explained that the FAA requested a survey for a revised inventory map of the airport property in regards to the recent application for property acquisition. The request is to increase the grant amount being requested to cover this increase, noting that there is no local match as it's being covered by the FAA. Commissioner Spidalieri asked what was being done for over \$40,000.00, to which Mr. Morgan explained that this is a full-scale survey of all the properties and will include the recent properties that were added.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to acknowledge a request by the FAA under the FY2021 Airport Improvement Program Grant Application for Property Acquisition to perform an Airport Property Inventory Map for Geauga County which will increase the requested grant amount by \$42,800.00, from \$466,845.00 to \$509,645.00 with no local match.

<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 – AWARD BID – PERK COMPANY, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BASS LAKE ROAD – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to award the bid to the Perk Company for the resurfacing of Bass Lake Road, for the section between State Route 87 and Butternut Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Perk Company, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH 0023, Sections A-C) in Newbury Township in the amount of \$557,452.90 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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'S OFFICE / ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – ALLEN DENZINE AND DR. ALLEN F. DENZINE TRUST – REGARDING CASE V. TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Mr. Gorris introduced Attorney, Ryan Bockmuller from Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder explaining that they had a different item on the agenda today. Mr. Bockmuller asked the Board to execute the release and settlement agreement in regards to the County Line Road reconstruction project that was shared between Hunting Valley and Novelty. This property is owned by Dr. Allen Denzine. Mr. Gorris stated that there is a separate agreement still being worked on.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Release and Settlement Agreement between Allen Denzine and the Dr. Allen F. Denzine Trust, the Geauga County Commissioners and the Geauga County Engineer's Office in regards to the case between Allen Denzine, Plaintiff v. TRAX Construction Company, et al. Defendants.

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

PROBATE/ JUVENILE COURT – AMENDMENT FORM / FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY #2 – FY2021 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (DYS) GRANT

Ms. Blair noted that this had been set aside awaiting a signature and that has been received. This is for an amendment to the current DYS grant to shift funds within the grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Amendment Form / Fiscal Accountability #2, Attachment A, Page 2 of the FY2021 Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) Grant for a realignment of funds to adjust for changes in salary adjustments, additional Intensive Monitoring hour and Ohio Guidestone referrals.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WELLSKY HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION ORDER FORM – AGING AND DISABILITY DATABASE MODULES

Director Jessica Boalt explained that this agreement is for an update to their client tracking and database system and moves that information to a cloud-based system. Ms. Boalt thanked the ADP Board for holding a special meeting this morning to approve the agreement. Ms. Boalt explained that they had been working on this contract for about two years and last week after working through multiple things then were offered a reduction of fees if the agreement could be executed by tomorrow, which is the end of their fiscal year. Ms. Boalt explained that our ADP Board met with Wellsky's Team to discuss the transition and that the cloud is a secure environment. Auditor Chuck Walder added that the cloud is where we are moving to and there are two criteria that need to be met and they do meet both of those.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Wellsky Human and Social Services Corporation Order Form which adopts and incorporates the terms, conditions and specifications of the Master Cloud Services Agreement and Service Attachments in the agreement between Wellsky (Synergy Software Technologies, Incorporated) and the State of Ohio for Professional Services relating to Aging and Disability Database Modules to be effective June 29, 2021 with successive one year terms and recurring annual fees for professional services, cloud services and per user fees.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE EXTENSION – PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to extend the Paid Administrative Leave for Ms. Gyorki.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the extension of Paid Administrative Leave for Shaunna Gyorki, Recreation and Education Assistant June 26, 2021 through July 9, 2021.

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

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

Director Martin Castelletti asked the Board to re-advertise for bids for the Maple Leaf Residences project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to Re-Advertise for Bids for the Maple Leaf Residences Project to be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on July 2, 2021, July 9, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – AWARD PROPOSAL – MILLSTONE MANAGEMENT GROUP – WOMENSAFE PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to award the proposal to Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe project. Mr. Dvorak inquired about what the project included, to which Mr. Castelletti explained that it is a storage facility that they use to store donated items and it needs some interior work and organization.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Proposal to Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe Project in the amount of \$34,500.00 as they represented the lowest and best proposal, and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award.

<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 – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – DIANE DOLSEN

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to accept the retirement resignation for Ms. Dolsen. Mr. Vernick explained that they just hired two new employees to replace Ms. Dolsen and Ms. Staggs.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the Retirement Resignation of Diane Dolsen, Full-time Fiscal Specialist to be effective October 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #4 – CHARDON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to allow Mr. Dvorak to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission disbursement request 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 #4 for the Chardon Township Sewer Project in the amount of \$62,434.60.

<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 – QUITCLAIM DEED – PARCEL NO. 25-704085 – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the quitclaim deed for the Parkman Township property.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Quitclaim Deed between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Rodney R. Zeigler and Pamela A. Zeigler in regards to Permanent Parcel No. 25-704085 located at 16125 Main Market Road, Parkman Township.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT / COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS – PARCEL NO. 25-704085

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to allow the President or the County Administrator to execute the closing documents for the Parkman Township property.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board or the County Administrator if the President of the Board is unavailable, to execute any and all closing documents related to the sale of Permanent Parcel No. 25-704085 located at 16125 Main Market Road, Parkman Township.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #8 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the partial payment request #8 for Donley's on the new building.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #8 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$1,726,007.04.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RE-APPOINT GREG O'BRIEN – BOARD MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to re-appoint Greg O'Brien to the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for a four-year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MOTION TABLED

The following motion was on the agenda for the Boards consideration, Commissioner Lennon requested additional time for a decision and asked for a motion to table until the next meeting.

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board appoint _____ to the Geauga County Public Library Board of Trustees for a seven-year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2028.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to table the motion for the appointment to the Public Library Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. Spidalieri noted that this appointment is important as this is a seven-year term.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINTMENTS TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION, DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Tim Lennon (alternate Shane Hajjar) and Jim Dvorak (alternate Gerard Morgan) to the Ohio Public Works Commission, District 7 Integrating Committee for a three-year term, July 21, 2021 through July 20, 2024.

<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 - PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 TAX BUDGET

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.

<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 Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. and Mr. Morgan explained that this is the annual tax budget presentation asked Mr. Gorton to present the information on the 2022 Tax Budget. The following information was presented during the hearing:

Mr. Gorton welcomed everyone and thanked the Commissioners for their support and everything they do. Mr. Gorton recognized Auditor Walder for being in attendance today.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget

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Gerry Morgan, County Administrator
Deborah Ashburn, Senior Fiscal Specialist
Adrian Gorton, Budget & Finance Manager

Mr. Gorton explained that this is the preliminary budget for next year and is what the state uses to determine some of the funding that comes to the County. Mr. Gorton noted that the Health District, the Park District and Solid Waste all do their budget differently than this process.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Overview

Total 2022 Tax Budget - \$126M

General Fund Budget - \$37.6M
(- Operational Transfers totaling almost \$4.0M = \$33.6M)

General Fund Requests - \$39.5M

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Mr. Gorton explained that the Total 2022 Budget is \$126 Million, with approximately \$3.7 Million or 2.6% more than the 2021 Adopted Budget due in large part to the County budgeting for debt service in the County Facility Bond Retirement and General Fund, as well as capital project funds including the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant construction fund. In addition to these there are other increases in the Commissioners' Capital Reserve, Airport Construction, the Engineer/Maintenance Fund, Real Estate Assessment, Public Assistance, Concealed Handgun Licenses, Mental Health and Water Resources. All of which are outside of the General Fund and most coincide with additional revenues to cover the increase in expense. There are also some notable decreases in the 2022 Tax Budget including a \$3.3 M decrease in the Road and Bridge fund which had to be reduced to zero due to the levy that provides income to this fund being on the ballot in November as well as decreases in the Metzenbaum Residential Service fund in the amount of \$1.3 million and almost \$1.8 million in the Metzenbaum fund itself as they continue to restructure at that facility.

Mr. Gorton explained that the General Fund portion is \$37.6 Million, which increased by almost \$3.3 million in the 2022 Tax Budget versus what was adopted as the permanent appropriations for 2021 back in December. The largest portion of the increase is due to debt service payments for the bonds that were sold to finance the construction of the new County Office Building. We will break down the General Fund expenses a little further in the presentation.

Operational transfers cover items like emergency transfers, 9-1-1 funding, 800 MHz radios, Court Technology, capital projects, debt service, grant matches, Public Assistance, Family First, Community Development and various reimbursements.

The \$1.9 Mill of requests that remain to get funding are as follows:

*\$1 M in Contingency, Operational and Capital Projects transfer out accounts
\$335K is associated with personnel related expenses – maintenance for new building personnel and for Board of Elections for midterm election coverage
\$560K of equipment requests, Sheriff vehicles, maintenance for new tractors and utility vans and for Elections for new poll pads and a highspeed letter opener
\$165K for additional building services and supplies*



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Revenue Overview

2022 General Fund Revenue: \$33.6M
Increase from 2021: \$2.1M
(2021 Adopted Budget vs 2022 Tax Budget)

Revenue sources changed from 2021 Budget amounts:

- Increases - Property Tax \$866k, Sales Tax \$750K, Property Transfer Tax \$500K, Defense of Indigents \$250k, Casino Tax \$150K, State RE Reimbursement \$116k, Fees \$50k and Cost Allocation \$50K over 2021 levels.
- Decreases – Prisoner Housing \$600k and Interest \$100k.

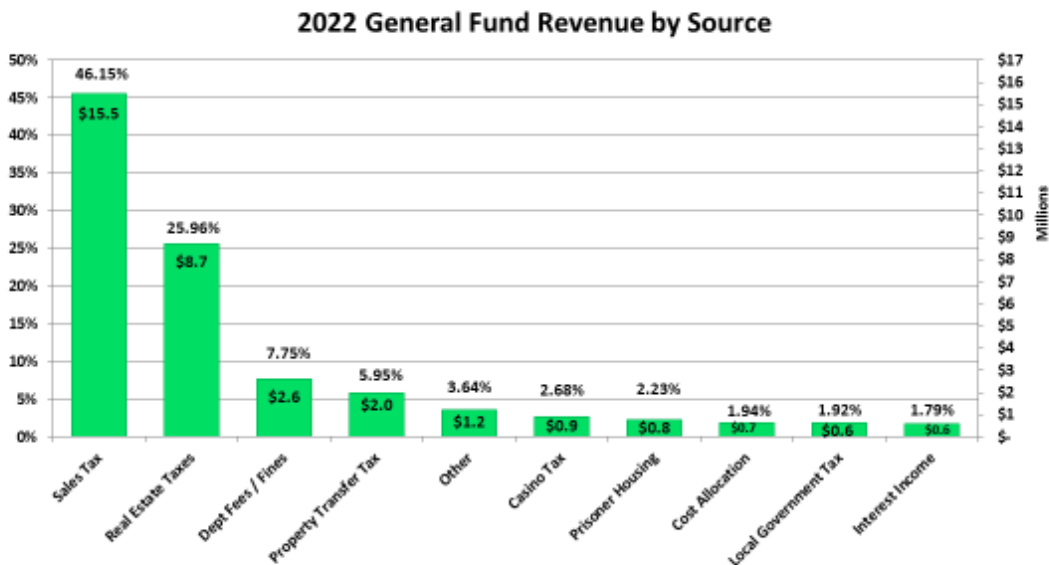
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Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained that Revenue continued to trend up last year despite the pandemic. All the property values in Geauga County were updated in 2020. Ms. Ashburn stated that due to the continued low mortgage rates, higher new construction costs and relatively tight supply of existing homes on the market, many home values increased which in turn increased the over all collection of taxes on those properties. This increase along with an expected collection rate of 98% for 2022, as determined by the Budget Commission, is reflected in the \$866K increase in expected property taxes next year. Sales tax continues to exceed projections and will be increased again in 2022 by \$750K. Certain real estate transactions that were exempt from the Transfer Tax are no longer exempt and therefor the transfer tax was increased to reflect that change. The State reimbursement percentage for the Public Defenders office remains high so additional revenue is being budgeted for in the amount of \$250K. Casinso seem to be on the rebound this year after the pandemic restrictions were lifted so we are expecting about \$150K more from that tax.

Ms. Ashburn noted a couple of decreases in prisoner housing and in interest.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget General Fund Revenue



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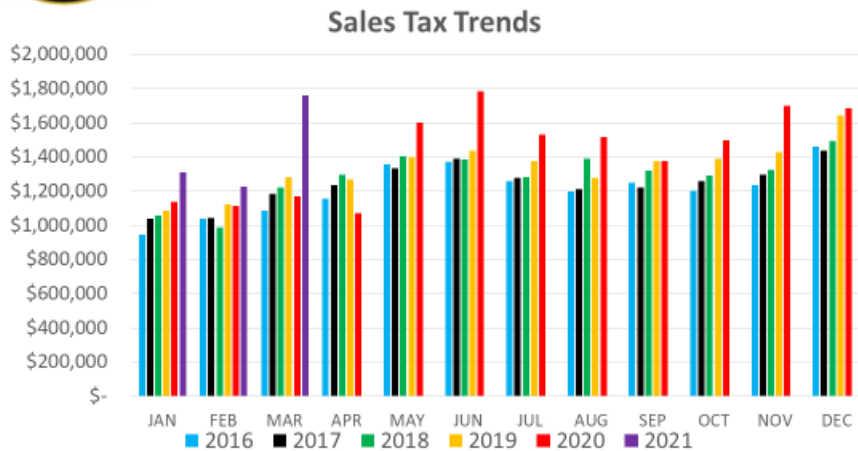
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Sales tax continues to be the dominate funding source for the General Fund – almost half of all General Fund revenue is from Sales Tax. Property Taxes are the second largest funding source for the General Fund, making up almost 26%

Together these two taxes are \$24.2 Million of the total \$33.6 Million of Revenue, or 72%



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Sales Tax Revenue History



*Illustrates the actual month that sales tax dollars were generated.

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This chart shows the overall gradual increase in sales tax revenue since 2016. There is a 3-month delay in receiving sales tax revenue from the state

Geauga County continues to be among the lowest sales tax rates in our region and in the State. Cuyahoga, Lake and Portage counties all have higher rates than Geauga and there are only 4 out of the 88 counties in Ohio with a sales tax rate less than 6.75%

Mr. Morgan added that the state changed the online sale tax and feel that has helped as well as watching to see what was coming from the stimulus. Mr. Morgan added that the sales tax doesn't always come from Geauga residents. The Sales Tax rate in Geauga County is 6.75%.

The county receives 1% while the state collects 5.75%

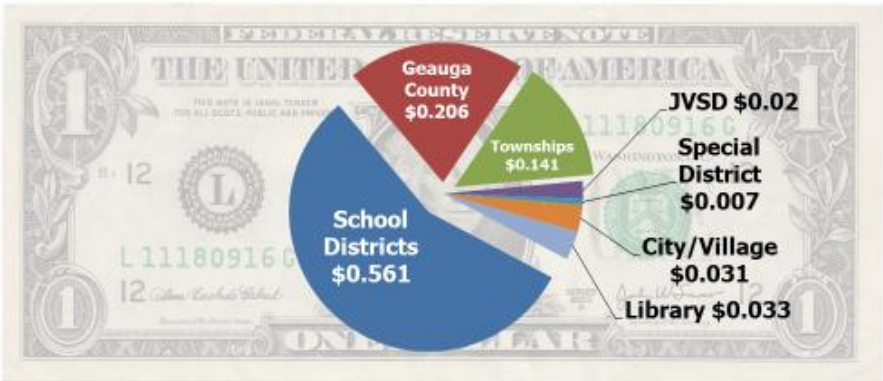
With the exception of March and April 2020 you can see that the sales tax rebounded well after the initial total shut down was lifted and continues to perform well even into 2021

The main item that remains relatively unknown is what effect the stimulus payments have had on this trend. Initial rough estimates put the total impact of the first and second stimulus on the sales tax at about \$1 million but this assumes that all of the stimulus money was spent on taxed economic activity.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Property Tax Overview

For every \$1.00 of property tax paid by a homeowner in Geauga County, on the average **\$0.206 is used to fund County programs.** The remaining almost \$0.80 cents funds the local school districts, including JVSD, the Townships, Municipalities and the public library.



Source – Geauga County Auditor's Office

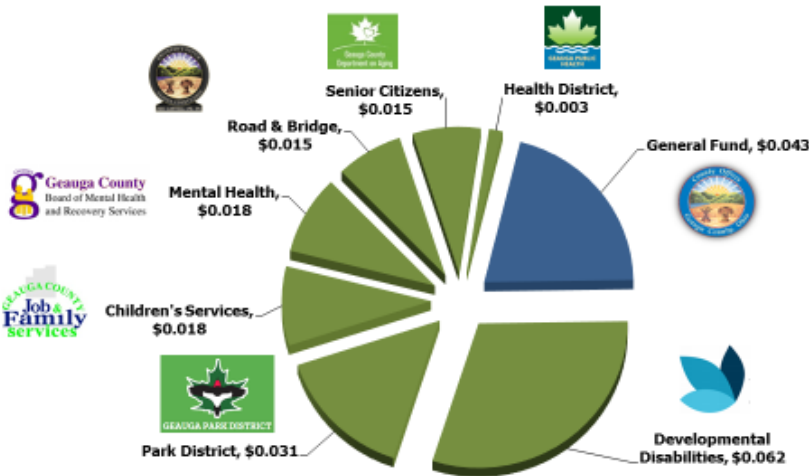
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This shows on average how \$1 dollar of property tax money is used. Currently on average 20.6 cents of each dollar is used to fund the county programs. The remaining 80 cents funds the local school districts, including Joint Vocational School Districts, the Townships, the Municipalities and the public library.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Property Tax Allocation

The \$0.206 County Portion of the average property owner's property tax is allocated as follows:



Green slices denote funding derived from local levies.

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That 20.6 cents that funds county programs is allocated as depicted above. Of the 20.6 cents, 4.3 cents is allocated to the General Fund for the operations of the County. Note: Geauga Park District and the Health District are not in the Commissioners budget

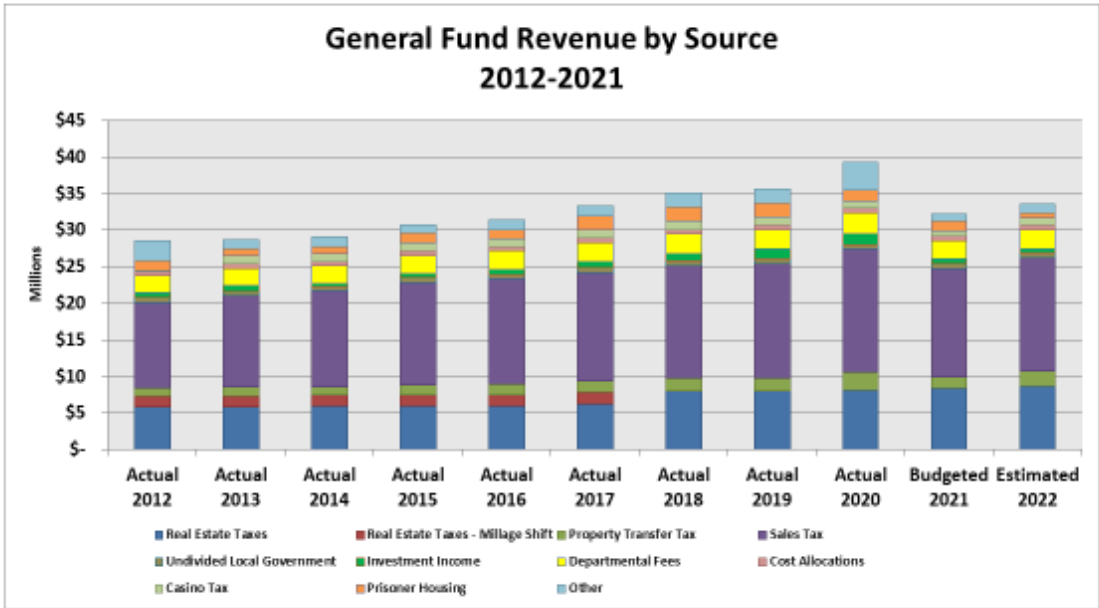
With the exception of the General Fund all the other slices of this funding pie are supported by levies that were voted on and approved by County residents

Here is a breakdown of the \$0.206 cents:

General Fund	0.043
Developmental Disabilities	0.062
Park District	0.031
Children’s Services	0.018
Road & Bridge	0.015
Senior Citizens	0.015
Health District	0003



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget General Fund Revenue History



This is a kind of historical reference, and as you can see we like to budget revenues conservatively. This helps to control expenses and protects the County from surprises.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Available Resources History

Changes to Available Resources 2018-2022					
	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budgeted	2022 Estimated
Unencumbered Carryover Balance	\$10.2	\$13.1	\$9.5	\$11.3	\$10.9
Calendar Year Revenue	\$35.0	\$35.6	\$39.3	\$31.5	\$33.6
Total Resources	\$45.2	\$48.7	\$48.8	\$42.8	\$44.5
Increase to Calendar Year Revenue					\$2.1

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Mr. Gorton explained that the total resources number is what we don't want to exceed in expenses. We started 2021 with \$11.3 and calendar revenue of \$39.3 for a total resources of \$48.8 million. We are estimating carryover to be about \$10.9 with a calendar revenue of \$33.6 which does have an increase of \$2.1 for next year.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Expense Overview

2022 General Fund Operating Expenses:	\$33.6M
Decrease Net of Transfers:	(\$448k) 1.3%
(2021 Amended Budget vs 2022 Tax Budget)	

Key Assumptions in 2022 General Fund Tax Budget

- 0% wage increase (Some budgets increased to 2021 wages)
- No increase budgeted for County portion of hospitalization
 - 2019 – 1.2% Decrease
 - 2020 – 1.6% Decrease
 - 2021 – 0.1% Decrease
 - 2022 – No budgeted change in premiums
- The initialized budget reduced certain expenditures by 5% of their amended 2021 amounts.

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Once the transfer accounts from 2021 are taken out, the 2022 Tax Budget is actually lower than the 2021 amended budget by \$448K

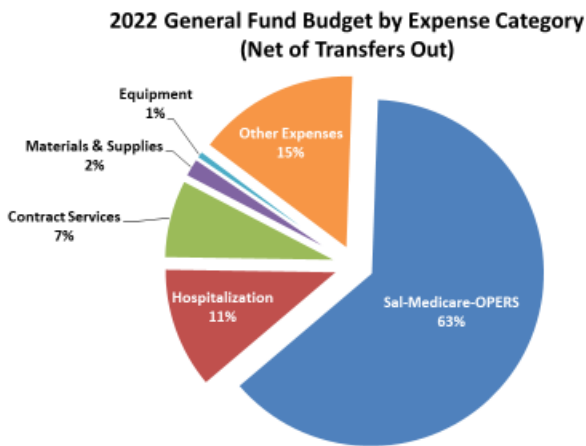
Once again there is no budgeted increase in employee wages for 2022, unless mandated by a labor agreement

This year the County has budgeted for no increase in the County portion of hospitalization. The last three years had decreases in the premiums. The employee insurance deductions have remained the same. Any increase that will be used for the permanent appropriations will be determined once the renewal for next year has been revealed.

This year we again tried to reduce the amount of unused appropriations in the expense budget. Typically, in the General Fund and the County as a whole only uses about 85% of appropriations. This can make budgeting difficult when about \$5.0 M for the General Fund and almost \$20 M for the County overall are not being used. There are a number of legitimate reasons for this but we were just trying to get the departments to look at their usage and make informed decisions as to what they really need in their expense accounts. This was somewhat successful last year as our year end utilization was at 90%. So, for 2022 again we reduced all Contract Services, materials and supplies and miscellaneous "other" expense accounts but only by 5% for 2022. Most reductions were not maintained but some were and a few were reduced by more than the 5%. We are not wanting them to increase their spending up to their budgeted amount, which is the typical response, but to examine their requests and see if any downward adjustments in the requested appropriations can be justified if year after year they remain unused.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget General Fund Expenses

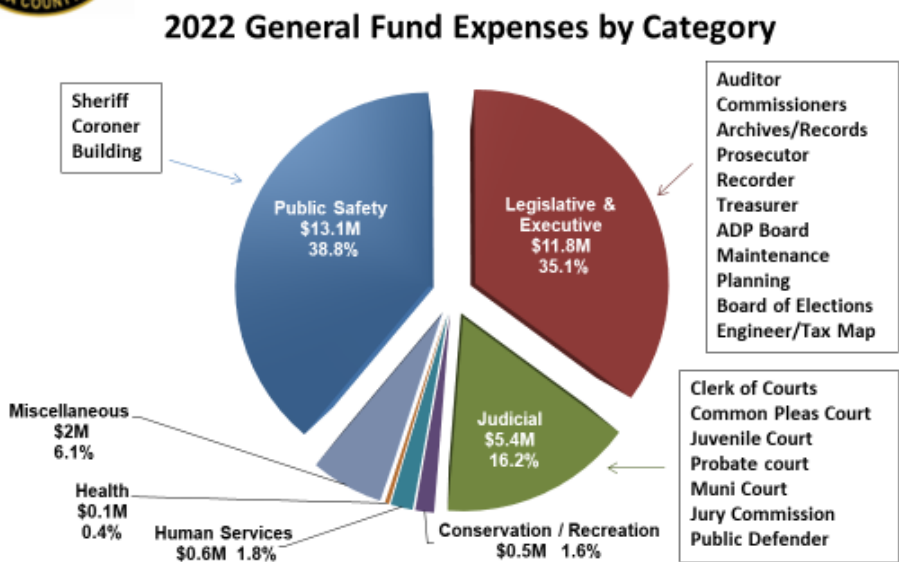


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The General Fund expenses are predominately Personnel related, 74% of expenses are related to salaries, benefits and hospitalization. This is up from last year primarily due to the fact that the funding cycle for the new building construction is now closed and those expenses have been reduced making the more fixed personnel costs a larger part of the overall budget. Salaries, medicare and OPERS increased in the General Fund by a little over \$600K in the 2022 Tax Budget versus what was approved in the permanent appropriations for this year. This was due to additional payroll in the Sheriff's Office that is part of their bargaining agreement, Maintenance payroll increases to care for the new building as well as the 470 offices for a short time and Board of Elections request for additional people for 2022 mid-term elections. Also some positions in a few departments that became vacant over the last year and a half had gone unfilled due to the pandemic and are now coming back in with the hopes of haivng them filled by the end of the year. Other expenses include legal fees, workers compensation, utilities, fuel, trevela and training and advertising. Other expensees is dropping about 7.9% from this year or about \$442K. Contract services includes items like building and grounds maintenance, cleaning and security. It is dropping by about \$352K or almost 12.4% from 2021. Materials and Supplies is also reduced in 2022 by almost \$142K or 19%. The equiopment line is at 1% of the budget between other and materials and uspplies and includes some of the equipment to be used within the new County Office Building.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget General Fund Expenses



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This chart shows the split of the General Fund spending, less the Operating Transfers out)

*38.8% goes to Public Safety
35.1% goes to Legislative and Executive
16.2% is Judicial
The remaining categories are small, including
1.6% is Conservation and Recreation which is the OSU Extension and Soil and Water Conservation District
1.8% is Human Services which includes the Veterans Service Commission
Health is the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps that requires the County fund to .1 mill for the treatment of handicapped children in the County*

*Major Miscellaneous items include:
The Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center - \$500K
Youth Center Funding - \$416K
Annual Insurance Liability \$360K
Postage \$180K
Legal fees including appointed counsel - \$170L
Court of Appeals \$66.5K*



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget
General Fund Expenses

General Fund Operating Expenses (Net of Transfers Out)		
\$'s in Millions		
Category	2021	2022
Public Safety	\$13.3	\$13.1
Legislative & Executive	\$11.7	\$11.8
Judicial	\$5.5	\$5.4
Conservation / Recreation	\$0.6	\$0.5
Human Services	\$0.6	\$0.6
Health	\$0.1	\$0.1
Miscellaneous	\$2.2	\$2.0
Total	\$34.1	\$33.6

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Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget
2020 & 2021 Bond Issues

First Bond Issue – Sold to FHN on December 8, 2020
\$9,625,000 issue with 20-year term @ 1.23%
Annual debt service payment of ~ \$560,000.00
Second Bond Issue – Sold to UBS on April 8, 2021
\$14,130,000 issue with 20-year term @ 1.78%
Annual debt service payment of ~ \$858,000.00
Total annual debt service payment of ~ \$1.4M.
Original estimates for financing the new office building were in the \$1.8 to \$1.9 M.
Want to paydown quickly with 5 year call on bonds.

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Mr. Gorton expressed that we estimated high and got some good rates and were able to reduce the over annual payments on the new building. Our sales tax is backing the second bond, adding that the goal is pay them down as soon as possible.



Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Future Planning

- Maintaining effective and efficient services for County residents while transitioning to a new office building
- Remaining watchful over the resources provided to us
- Looking for opportunities to help businesses stay in Geauga County and bring more of them here to provide stability for existing families and incentives for our young people to stay.

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Geauga County 2022 Tax Budget Questions

Thank you for your attention

Questions ?

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Resident, Newell Howard inquired about how the COVID funding affected the county, to which Mr. Gorton expressed that we were able to purchase some things that didn't impact the funds we had, so we were able to do some spending but still had the funds. The expenses have been conservatively budgeted and try to remain conservative on the revenue so we can maintain services. Mr. Morgan expressed that we've kept an eye on the things that were purchased so that maintenance wouldn't be more than would be expected.

Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:31 a.m.

GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT / AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Morgan expressed that due the action taken by the Park District Board that was filed with the Auditor's Office, the understanding is that they are legally unable to touch the funds of the Park District and the check was to be cut today for the June payment for health insurance. Mr. Morgan stated that this is payment for the insurance that was already provided to the employee, so we need to have the Commissioners direct a transfer of funds to cover the cost of the missing

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balance so we can make the payment to CEBCO for the full amount due for June and bill the Park District for the amount.

Mr. Morgan read this motion:

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board direct the Auditor to transfer funds from the Commissioners' Contingency Fund to the Hospitalization and Dental Rotary Funds. Mr. Walder interrupted and stated that the language was incorrect, that the rotary fund that the employee contributions for the Park can be pulled for the payment, that those funds are no longer considered the Park's and can be touched.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz stated that it is not a transfer, that the Commissioners have to pay it out of Contingency to cover the Park District portion of the bill. The employee's contributions are put into the rotary and can be pulled. Auditor Chuck Walder explained how the payment is usually made, that there are two transactions that occur. The employer contribution is taken from the healthcare line item. Commissioner Lennon inquired about the amount for this transfer for June, to which Mr. Gorton stated that it was about \$59,000.00 for 46 employees. Mr. Gorton stated that we can send an invoice to them for the amount and they can then send payment. Mr. Flaiz stated that the original transfer was supposed to happen on July 1st, we found out yesterday that it was happening now, at about 1:30 p.m. Mr. Flaiz expressed that they did not send all their account information and still need to transfer approximately \$9 million to them. Mr. Lennon inquired about how they were going to make payroll. Mr. Flaiz stated that Mr. Walder has sent them multiple communications. Director John Oros stated that they held a special meeting to pass a resolution to hire a fiscal officer, establish their own depository and change their bylaws, and then upon transfer they will do their best to pay their employees this Friday. Mr. Lennon expressed that it is being on record today and that the County will be paid back.

Mr. Morgan changed the motion to the following:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to direct the Auditor to pay the Park Districts portion of the CEBCO June Health Insurance Premium Payment out of the Commissioners' Contingency Fund (1001-031-00-918) to cover the shortfall that occurred due to the inability to pay the Park District's portion of the premium payment from their funds. The Park District will be billed for the total amount due of \$59,607.64.

<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>

There was discussion about the amount being less due to the employee contribution amount, so the motion was amended to correct the dollar amount as follows:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to direct the Auditor to pay the Park Districts portion of the CEBCO June Health Insurance Premium Payment out of the Commissioners' Contingency Fund (1001-031-00-918) to cover the shortfall that occurred due to the inability to pay the Park District's portion of the premium payment from their funds. The Park District will be billed for the amended total amount due of \$53,992.64.

<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 about going forward, do they have healthcare for their employees. Mr. Oros expressed that they are looking at options but asked if they could remain in the CEBCO pool. Currently all employees will have to be COBRA served. Mr. Flaiz expressed his frustration over the situation and concern for their employees. Mr. Lennon asked Mr. Oros if they have phones, network to which Mr. Oros stated that they did not, no phone, no internet or IT, and right now no money until it's transferred. Mr. Oros stated that they started talking about this in January. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about when they would have phones, to which Mr. Oros stated that once they get their funds they hope to work with the vendors as a third party to keep their connections. Mr. Walder explained that in March / April upon the news of the

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separation the ADP Board voted to separate due to the risk of a breach where they can't see the equipment being purchased and used. Mr. Walder expressed that they were notified that when the switch happened that would be it, hoping they were working to get services in place ahead of the cut off so they would have services. Mr. Lennon inquired about who was going to be the check and balance over the budget. Mr. Oros stated that they have hired someone with a strong background to do that job. Mr. Lennon expressed that he hoped they would get things up and running so the employees can get paid and have healthcare. Mr. Flaiz stated that they hoped to have the transfer of the funds done by this afternoon. Mr. Flaiz expressed that they severed the connection and their employees were not notified as they dropped off payroll and did a payin. Mr. Lennon asked what the hurry was to which Mr. Oros didn't think there would have been that much of a difference of 4 or 5 days. Mr. Lennon expressed his concern over the expenditures of the funds. Mr. Oros stated that Park Districts having their own fiscal officer is not uncommon. Mr. Oros stated that they feel they will be able to streamline paperwork with this change.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending June 9, 2021 and June 16, 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 May, 2021 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- 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***
- Fri., 7/9 NOACA committee meetings, Cleveland*
- Tue., 7/13 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room*
- Tue., 7/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 7/13 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 1:30 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Wed., 7/14 Geauga County Township Association Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. Orchard Hills Center*
- Thu., 7/15 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center, Joint Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m. Portage County Offices*
- Mon., 7/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 7/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 7/19 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 12:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Tue., 7/19 The Commissioners will tour the County Building site*
- Mon., 7/26 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue. 7/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

WORK SESSION – AIRPORT AUTHORITY – T -HANGAR PROJECT

The Commissioners met at the Geauga County Airport with the Geauga County Airport Authority, members of their Board and members from the public for a Work Session.

The Work Session was opened about 12:55 p.m. at the location of the Geauga County Airport. Business Manager Richard Blamer and President of the Authority Chip Hess thanked everyone for being there today, the Commissioners for their continued support of the Airport and on this project to build a new T-Hangar that will house 10 aircraft.

Commissioner Spidalieri and Commissioner Dvorak congratulated the Airport Authority and the hard work of many people to get this project where we are today.

Shovels were put to the ground and the dirt was broken on the project.

Mr. Blamer again thanked everyone for coming.

The Work Session ended about 1:10 p.m.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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