

Commissioners' Journal
July 7, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 7, 2020 at 9:00 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, Timothy C. Lennon opened the meeting at 9:12 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*We are wise with the wisdom of God,
One of the most reassuring of God's promise in the Bible is, "I have filled him with the spirit of God, with the ability and intelligence". This can be our promise, also.*

Is there something we want to learn, or to remember? We are filled with knowledge and intelligence. We are filled with the ability to handle all things.

Do we wish for greater confidence in ourselves? We have been filled with the spirit of God – what greater reason for confidence.

If we feel that our life is productive and worthwhile, that we are on the right path, today's affirmation reminds us of God's spirit of wisdom in us. As we rely on this spirit, we make the best possible use of our time and energy and we know with a deep inner knowing that we are being directed to our good.

Amen.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 9, 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>

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from July 2, 2020, Resolution #20-070 that included a Revenue Certification for the Commissioners' Office in the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund for State Revenues received; 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.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 6, 2020 that included for the Maintenance Department to approve and execute service Contract Agreements with Fire Protection Solutions to perform testing and inspections on Geauga County Buildings Sprinkler Systems per the Maintenance Director for a period of two years with the option to renew for an additional two years in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00; with Burns Industrial Equipment to perform Annual Inspections and Maintenance on the JLG Vertical Mast Lift for a period of two years, with an option to renew for an additional two year period in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; and with Young Investments, Incorporated d.b.a. Yohar Supply to perform installation and maintenance on Geauga County Doors for a period of two years with an option to renew for an additional two year period in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; 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.

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APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners Miscellaneous Operating Transfers account to the Board of Elections for reimbursement of some extra costs associated with the cancelled and rescheduled primary election that were sent by the Ohio Secretary of State and deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Airport Construction Fund for the grant match on the runway lighting and safety improvement projects; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Department of Development (Community & Economic) for 1st and 2nd Quarter 2020 payroll administration costs; a payment for the Auditor's Office to Tyler Technologies, Incorporated for service and support of the County's financial system for 2020 in the amount of \$168,290.42; a payment for the Commissioners Office to Ravenwood Center for our 3rd quarter 2020 youth center funding commitment in the amount of \$104,105.00; a payment for the Commissioners Office to McGlinchey Stafford for special prosecutor expenses in regards to former Auditor Gliha's request to have his case files sealed in the amount of \$9,482.20; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ohio CAT for a 2020 model year 289D3 compact track loader in the amount of \$80,103.00; and a payment for Water Resources to Workman Industrial Services for pay request #6 for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project in the amount of \$426,720.84.

There was a brief discussion about the Ravenwood Center and the invoice for McGlinchey Stafford.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-071 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 7, 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>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve and execute the Resolution to adopt the 2021 Tax Budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-072 Adopting the 2021 Annual Tax Budget in accordance with O.R.C. 5705.28 and 5705.29.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 7, 2020

Resolution: #20-072

*RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. SECTIONS 5705.28, and 5705.29*

The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 7th day of July, 2020 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Commissioner Dvorak presented the following resolution and moved the adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, hereby submits its annual tax budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2021, for consideration of the County Budget Commission:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

**A complete copy of the 2021 Tax Budget will be placed at the end of the minutes.*

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CAVES ROAD RESURFACING

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the OPWC grant for the Resurfacing of Caves Road project for \$300,000.00 to offset the costs of that project. Commissioner Dvorak inquired about the percentage of funding, to which Mr. Hajjar explained that they target for 50% or less gets better scoring criteria, the less money you get the better your score is. The OPWC program is split into two programs, the local transportation received full funding the Capital Improvement program is still waiting for approval, adding that they have a project waiting on that program as well.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement Local Transportation Improvement Program for Caves Road Resurfacing (Sections A-D) in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF CAVES ROAD – CHESTER AND RUSSELL TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Caves Road. There were only two bids received on this project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Caves Road (CH 30, Sections A-D) in Chester and Russell Townships in the amount of \$777,845.00 as they represented the lowest and most responsive bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT - JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

Nancy Seelbach asked the Board to continue to help fund the Family First Council. Ms. Seelbach explained that Family First funds many programs but targets multi-need kids, Help Me Learn is a prevention program for kids with special needs. They help fund programs at the Youth Center, the bridges program at Metzenbaum Center which is partial hospitalization and residential treatment for multi-needs kids is the most expensive program. Ms. Seelbach explained that there has been funding from the State this year to help with multi-needs. Mr. Lennon inquired if the pandemic has affected any budget cuts from the state, to which Help Me Grow had a cut but everything has remained the same right now. There was a one-time grant from children first to help kids that need assistance for laptops and hot spots for schooling. The overall referral numbers are down, but we are still serving the kids that need services. The schools are often the eyes and ears for reporting concerns. There was a brief discussion about possibly being able to utilize the CARES Act funding, but there are criteria that has to be met.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This agreement commits the

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Board of Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$42,484.00 from the County General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

<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 – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FUEL AND FUEL TANK PROVIDER

Fiscal Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to advertise for Bids for Fuel and Fuel Tanks. There was discussion about the department not owning the tanks and therefore not required to meet all the EPA permit guidelines that it falls on the provider. They discussed other departments that have tanks and where they get fuel, versus owning the tanks and being able to get fuel off state bid.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the GCDWR Fuel and Fuel Tank Provider to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on July 9, 2020, July 16, 2020 and on the County website.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public employee at the Department of Development (Building).*

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:43 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Executive Director Dave Favorite, Chief Building Official Dan Spada and possibly Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned at 10:39 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Jason Monaco to the position of Multi-Certified Inspector II (#1110) at the rate of \$29.68 per hour (Grade 13, Step 9) to be effective July 27, 2020 with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Multi-Certified Inspector IV. This position will remain posted until filled.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for May 20, 2020.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 24, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- c) *Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, 2019 Annual Report*
- d) *Western Reserve Land Conservancy Annual Stewardship visit to the Mayer East Conservation Easement Property Report*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Wed., 7/8 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, Huntsburg Community Center, limited attendance, available via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.*
- Thu., 7/9 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom*
- Fri., 7/10 NOACA External Affairs 9:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 7/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Office*
- Tue., 7/14 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the meeting room, Bldg. #8, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Tue., 7/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m., Chambers*
- Tue., 7/14 Records Commission, 11:00 a.m. Bldg. #8 meeting room*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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