

Commissioners' Journal
July 13, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 13, 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 9:31 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

A prayer for America

*Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the land of the free and home of the brave, desperately need you
Oh, that we would leave our ways of seeking to be blessed and instead seek to bless others
We beg for your guidance and wisdom for our leaders
We ask YOU to protect our land from enemies, both within and without
And we praise you for the freedom we have through the blood of your son
May your Plan be the desire of our nation
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 1, 2021 that included to concur with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Pizzeria DeLauro LLC located at 17800 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C TREX 6950707) and for Transit amended the motion from June 1, 2021 to adjust start date to read: Approved hiring Lora Brett to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective July 6, 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 amended the motion from June 1, 2021 to adjust start date to read: Approved hiring James O'Neill to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective July 6, 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; 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.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from July 8, 2021, Resolution #21-086 that included a Cash transfer from the General Fund miscellaneous transfer out account for pass through Storm Water Funds for Hunting Valley; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund and Job and Family Services Public Assistance to the Unemployment Compensation fund for unemployment claims payments; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office and the Clerk of Courts; a Purchase Order for Water Resources to Valley Ford for a 2021 Ford Ranger Pickup replacement vehicle; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence LLC for pay request #8 for the new County Office building project in the amount of \$1,726,007.04; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for shoulder widening and asphalt resurfacing of Nauvoo Road in the amount of \$287,402.15, and Revenue Certification for Water Resources in their Operating Fund for additional other and fees revenue to be received this year; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #21-003 approved January 5, 2021 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 2021, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

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APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2021 funding; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Public Assistance for the July – September 2021 mandated share; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Department of Development (Community & Economic) for the 3rd Quarter 2021 funding and their 2nd quarter payroll funding installments; a payment for the Auditor's Office to the Treasurer State of Ohio for the 2020 Financial Audit and related reporting in the amount of \$33,806.50; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to J.A.C. Construction of Ohio, LLC for directional boring for the electrical connection to the new County Building project in the amount of \$38,400.00 and Certification for Job and Family Services in their Workforce Investment Fund for additional Federal Grants to be received this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-087 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 13, 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET
Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the 2022 Annual Tax Budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-088 Adopting the 2022 Annual Tax Budget in Accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5705.28, and 5705.29.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 13, 2021
Resolution: #21-088

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 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 13th day of July, 2021 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:

James W. Dvorak Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri

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

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, 2022, 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.

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

**A Complete copy of the Tax Budget will follow this set of minutes.*

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LAKE GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTERS UPDATE

Executive Director Melanie Blasko provided the following information to the Board and explained that she wanted to point out a difference due to COVID. The program was not allowed to operate in the Jail, as they were not allowing people into the Jail. The program was not in operation for a while, but they are getting back to normal and should see numbers start going back up. They have been doing the six months follow up report since they started in 1999, and they were not surprised to see the numbers go up, but with the shutdown, the stay at home order during COVID, shows what the people were experiencing, but people sought help and get themselves back in recovery.



**Prepared for Geauga County Commissioners
July 21, 2020 / Treatment Outcomes**

Geauga County Jail Treatment Program Utilization:

FY 2021 (7/1/20 - 6/30/21):

Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year to date total FY2021 (7/1/20-6/30/21)

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter*	2021 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS
Assessments	27	25	25	29	106
Group Counseling*	16 (10M, 6F)	14 (9M, 5F)	13 (13M, 0F)	15 (12M, 3F)	58 44M (76%) / 14F (24%)

- ⬇ **76%** of men and women who participated in JTP met treatment plan goals, average length of stay of 4 weeks
- ⬇ **100%** of men and women who in JTP met or partially met treatment plan goals, average length of stay of 4 weeks

JTP Aftercare Group: Aftercare Group specifically for JTP clients only*. (*Clients completing JTP may participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House))

- ⬇ 8 clients have participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY21 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21)
- ⬇ 2 out of the 4 (**50%**) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare **met or partially met all of their treatment plan goals.**
- ⬇ 4 clients are currently participating in JTP Aftercare.

FY 2020 (7/1/19 - 6/30/20):

Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year to date total FY2020 (7/1/19-6/30/20*)

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter*	2019 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS
Assessments	37	32	32	25	126
Group Counseling*	36 (19M, 8F)	30 (22M, 8F)	20 (12M / 8F)	8 (3M / 5F)	94 56M (59%) / 38F (41%)

- ⬇ **90%** of men and women who participated in JTP met treatment plan goals, average length of stay of 4 weeks

JTP Aftercare Group: Aftercare Group specifically for JTP clients only*. (*Clients completing JTP may participate in LGRC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), regular Aftercare Group or residential treatment (Lake or Oak House))

- ⬇ 7 clients have participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY21 (7/1/20 – 6/30/21)
- ⬇ 5 out of the 7 (**71%**) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare **met all of their treatment plans' goals.**

Geauga County Jail Treatment Program: Six Months Follow-up Report

Number of Clients, Number Contacted*	Reported Relapse*	Reported Sober*	Reported Re-arrests*
FY20: July 2019 – June 2020: 31 (72%) clients contacted out of 58 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	8 (26%) former clients (27 unknown) 0 deceased	23 (74%) former clients (72% FY19) (70% FY18)	9 (29%) former clients (11% FY19) (15% FY18)

Ms. Blasko stated that people who stay in treatment a minimum of 90 days have a much greater chance of long-term sobriety and many times people leaving jail treatment come to the residential programs. Often times the program is court recommended, or counselor recommended, depends on whether the 30 days in jail isn't enough and they need more help.

Ms. Blasko expressed that she was always curious about the difference in numbers between Lake and Geauga County residents that completed the treatment program. Ms. Blasko feels that while addiction doesn't know county lines, removing them from habits often does help.

Ms. Blasko explained that they had two drug free babies born during COVID, and they had number 30 this past December.

Currently they have six houses that are certified in the state, but the recovery houses are for adults, not for women and children, but have put in for funding for a recovery house in Geauga County for women with their children, but are having trouble finding a house.

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Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Those who successfully completed residential

- FY2019, 52% of women and 57% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, exceeding the national average of 40-44%.
- FY2020, 67% of women and 54% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, meeting / exceeding the national average of 40-44%.
- FY2021 (July 2, 2020-June 30, 2021), 49% of women and 47% of men completed residential treatment and met all of the treatment milestones, meeting / exceeding the national average of 40-44%.
- Broken down by county: (5 year analysis for Oak & Lake, Concord Pines & Nevaeh Ridge added in 2019)
 - ↓ 86% of Geauga county residents completed 30 days of treatment (86% Oak, 90% Lake, 71% Concord Pines, 25% Nevaeh Ridge)
 - ↓ 77% of these clients successfully complete residential treatment (Oak: 64%, Lake: 83%, 92% Concord Pines, 100% Nevaeh Ridge).

One Year Follow-up

- For those residents completing treatment in FY17:
 - ↓ 48% of men and 50% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life one year after completing residential treatment.
- For those residents completing treatment in FY18:
 - ↓ 57% of men and 59% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life one year after completing residential treatment.
- For those residents completing treatment in FY19:
 - ↓ 63% of men and 68% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life one year after completing residential treatment.
- For those residents completing treatment in FY20, or as of June 30, 2020, one year is just now completed and follow-up data will be available later this month.

Six Month Follow-up

- Six months after completing residential treatment in FY2018:
 - ↓ 57% of men and 59% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life.
- Six months after completing residential treatment in FY2019:
 - ↓ 63% of men and 70% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life.
- Six months after completing residential treatment in FY2020:
 - ↓ 64% of men and 61% of women were still sober and reporting an improved quality of life. (FY2020, one year is not completed yet).

Welcomed the 30th drug-free baby (born Dec. 2020) to residents at Oak House and Nevaeh Ridge.

Goals for FY 2021 / 2022

- I. **Recovery houses for Lake and Geauga Counties.**
 - All of our six recovery houses are certified by Ohio Recovery Housing Association, demonstrating our full compliance with the quality standards set forth for the development and operation of recovery houses.
 - In collaboration with the Geauga Board of MHRS and Lake ADAMHS Board, LGRC was awarded funding through SORS 2.0 to open a women with children recovery house in Geauga Co. The funding for this begins October 1, however we are severely challenged by the current housing market. The funding for this is for a lease, not purchase.
- II. **New Electronic Health Record**
 - LGRC is in the process of implementing CareLogic and have fully transitioned as of July 1, 2021.
- III. **Expansion of programs and services.**
 - In response to an identified need for participants in the Geauga Co. Drug Court, LGRC designed an intensive weekend program for Relapse Prevention. This program was created to provide a meaningful and effective sanction, other than jail time, for failing to comply with drug court expectations.
 - FY2021 plans include developing specialized services for veterans and seniors and further expansion of Outpatient services. *This was not addressed during FY2021 but will be a goal for FY2022.*
- IV. **New Residential Treatment for Men.**
 - The new facility located on 4 parcels of land on Oak Street that were donated to LGRC by the Lake County Land Bank is scheduled to be completed September 9, 2021. Upon completion, Concord Pines men's facility will move to the new location. Then in October, Concord Pines location on Ravenna Road will be repurposed as the new Nevaeh Ridge which will enable us to significantly expand our capacity for pregnant women with substance use disorders.

Ms. Blasko expressed that when they started the houses they didn't know what they were getting into, but have a large number of success stories coming out of the houses. The residents pay rent, which the utilities are included in there. Sometimes they have grant funding, but those being covered have to agree to open a savings account and show the house manager that they are saving which then gives them extra for when they do decide to leave. But they have to pay for their own food as well as paying rent. They discussed options for a house location and what they are looking for in a house.

After over twenty years they are implementing a new electronic health record.

Ms. Blasko talked about expansion of services and their partnership with the Drug Court program operating with Judge Paschke. They started last month doing a very intense 2-day weekend relapse program instead of doing jail time that focuses on them and their relapse. This is much more beneficial and they had a participant from the Mentor Drug Court in the last program.

Ms. Blasko stated that they had land donated and received funds to build another men's house, and once that house is built, they will re-purpose current facilities which will give them additional beds for women that are pregnant and have children by the end of October. It's really just for drug court participants. Mr. Dvorak inquired about dual diagnosis, that have addiction but also, mental illness. Ms. Blasko stated that they do treat dual diagnosis, but can't really put a statistic on it.

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Financial Director Charles Tong explained that they are requesting the same amount from 2018 and 2019 of \$44,150.00, unlike the amount in 2020 that was reduced due to COVID and the treatment program that was shut down in the jail. Mr. Lennon inquired about what they are seeing, an increase or a decrease. Mr. Tong stated that their client numbers did decline but since April of this year they have been increasing. Ms. Blasko stated that the epidemic has not gone away. Alcohol is still a big problem that people seek help for, but still have a high number of opioid issues.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT PROGRAM

Airport Manager Ric Blamer thanked the Board for being at the groundbreaking. Mr. Blamer explained that they are requesting to apply for the Airport Rescue Grant program for COVID funds that has no local match.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Airport Authority to submit the Application for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Rescue Grant Program to provide economic relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$32,000.00 with no local match.

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

Mr. Blamer briefly talked about their upcoming airport day and the different things that will be at the event.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C LENNON TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT FOR AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon as the CEO to execute the electronic OPWC agreement for the Auburn Road project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-089 Authorizing Timothy C. Lennon, Board member of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project CG37Y to electronically execute and submit the Project Agreement Grant Documentation for the Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections I-J) Resurfacing Project (OPWC Project Number CG37Y) in Newbury Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 13, 2021

Resolution: #21-089

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROJECT CG37Y TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE AUBURN ROAD, (CH 4, SECTIONS I-J) RESURFACING PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CG37Y) IN NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission a Grant Application for the Auburn Road, Sections I-J, Resurfacing Project for OPWC Project CG37Y; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC extended a grant offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the grant offer; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the appointed project Chief Executive Officer are required to electronically execute and submit the project agreement prior to the award of any proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have appointed Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member to act as the Chief Executive Officer for this project and to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer for this project is hereby authorized to accept, electronically execute and submit the project agreement referenced herein to OPWC for processing.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid for the Auburn Road project to Ronyak Paving as they represented the lowest and best bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Sections I-J) in Newbury Township in the amount of \$367,090.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C LENNON TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT FOR AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon as CEO to electronically execute and submit the OPWC agreement for the Butternut Road project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-090 Authorizing Timothy C. Lennon, Board member of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project CG38Y to electronically execute and submit the Project Agreement Grant Documentation for the Butternut Road (CH 0021, Sections D-E) Resurfacing Project (OPWC Project Number CG38Y) in Munson and Newbury Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 13, 2021
Resolution: #21-090

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROJECT CG38Y TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE BUTTERNUT ROAD, (CH 0021, SECTIONS D-E) RESURFACING PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CG38Y) IN MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission a Grant Application for the Butternut Road, Sections D-E, Resurfacing Project for OPWC Project CG38Y; and

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WHEREAS, the OPWC extended a grant offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the grant offer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the appointed project Chief Executive Officer are required to electronically execute and submit the project agreement prior to the award of any proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have appointed Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member to act as the Chief Executive Officer for this project and to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer for this project is hereby authorized to accept, electronically execute and submit the project agreement referenced herein to OPWC for processing.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BUTTERNUT ROAD – MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to award the Bid for the Butternut Road project to Ronyak Paving as they represented the lowest and best bid.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Butternut Road (CH 0021, Sections D-E) in Munson and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$511,924.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C LENNON TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT FOR BUTTERNUT ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the OPWC agreement electronically for the Thompson Road project that will be completed next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-091 Authorizing Timothy C. Lennon, Board member of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Project DGY13 to electronically execute and submit the Project Agreement Grant Documentation for the Thompson Road (CH 0007, Sections A-E) Resurfacing Project (OPWC Project Number DGY13) in Thompson Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 13, 2021

Resolution: #21-091

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROJECT DGY13 TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT AGREEMENT GRANT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THOMPSON ROAD, (CH 0007, SECTIONS A-E) RESURFACING PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NUMBER DGY13) IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

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WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission a Grant Application for the Thompson Road, Sections A-E, Resurfacing Project for OPWC Project DGY13; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC extended a grant offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the grant offer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the appointed project Chief Executive Officer are required to electronically execute and submit the project agreement prior to the award of any proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have appointed Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member to act as the Chief Executive Officer for this project and to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer for this project is hereby authorized to accept, electronically execute and submit the project agreement referenced herein to OPWC for processing.

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

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE EXTENSION OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE – SHAUNNA GYORKI

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to extend the Paid Administrative Leave for Ms. Gyorki for an additional ten days.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the extension of Paid Administrative Leave for Shaunna Gyorki, Recreation and Education Assistant from July 10, 2021 through July 20, 2021.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES (TWO) FOR BONNIE LOUISE HUMBERT

Director Martin Castelletti asked the Board to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgages for Bonnie Louise Humbert from 2002 under the older CHIP program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Satisfaction of Mortgages (two) for Bonnie Louise Humbert for property located at 14811 Springdale Avenue, Middlefield as the mortgage for down payment assistance under Grant #B-C-01-026-2 in the amount of \$9,000.00 and the mortgage for rehabilitation assistance under Grant #B-C-01-026-2 in the amount of \$20,220.00 have been satisfied.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC – DDC CLINIC PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to execute the three-party contract for the DDC Clinic Project with Burton Scot Contractors.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Three-Party Contract between the County of Geauga, DDC Clinic

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For Special Needs Children and Burton Scot Contractors, LLC for the DDC Clinic Paving Project under Grant #B-F-19-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$34,950.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond this project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – NOTICE TO PROCEED – BURTON SCOT CONTRACTORS, LLC – DDC CLINIC PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Burton Scot Contractors on the DDC Clinic paving project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Burton Scot Contractors, LLC for the Parking Lot Paving for the DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children under Grant #B-F-19-1AZ-1.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – OHIO PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIRGROUNDS PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to execute the three-party contract with Ohio Paving and Construction for the Agricultural Society paving project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Three-Party Contract between the County of Geauga, Geauga County Agricultural Society and Ohio Paving and Construction Company for the Geauga Agricultural Society Fairgrounds Paving Project under Grant #B-F-19-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$28,447.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ACCEPT BID GUARANTY AND CONTRACT BOND – OHIO PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to accept the Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond from Ohio Paving and Construction as the Performance Bond for the Agricultural Society paving project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond from Ohio Paving and Construction Company, Incorporated as the Performance Bond for the Geauga County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds Paving Project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – MILLSTONE MANAGEMENT GROUP – WOMENSAFE PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to execute the three-party contract with Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Three-Party Contract between the County of Geauga, Womansafe and Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe Project under Grant #B-F-19-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$34,500.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – MILLSTONE MANAGEMENT GROUP – WOMENSAFE PROJECT
Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond for Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond from Millstone Management Group for the Womensafe Project.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST COUNCIL MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT – JULY – DECEMBER 2021

Family First Coordinator Benjamin Turney asked the Board to approve and execute the mutual funding agreement for Family First Council for the support payment from the Commissioners from July to December. Mr. Turney briefly talked about his background and the support that the Geauga County Commissioners have for the program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This agreement commits the Board of Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$42,484.00 from the County General Fund.

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

TRANSIT – ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE GEAUGA COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY, THAT INCLUDES FTA GUIDELINES

David Lair, Jr asked the Board to approve the revised drug and alcohol testing policy that includes the FTA guidelines to get into compliance.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and adopt the Geauga County Drug and Alcohol Consortium Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, that includes the FTA guidelines as the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Geauga County Transit to be effective July 13, 2021 and to further execute the policy adoption form for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ADVANCED INSTRUMENTS

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract with Advanced Instruments for software updates and training.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Advanced Instruments to perform routine service, software updates and program training for the department for a three-year period (2021, 2022, 2023) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 (\$10,000.00 per year).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PELTON ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 14 UV MODULE REPLACEMENTS

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the contract agreement with Pelton Environmental Products for the UV module replacements for McFarland.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Pelton Environmental Products, Incorporated for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant 14 UV Module Replacements in the amount of \$59,314.29.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF A SERVICE CONTRACT – STREAM BANK REPAIR AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT – OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the resolution to declare an emergency and authorize the approval of the service contract with Grade Line for stream bank repair and sewer line replacement at the Opalocka wastewater treatment plant. Dr. Oluic stated that they have had complaints for odor. This line is behind the trailer park over there. Mr. Morgan explained that with sanitary sewer they either run in streams or along streams and when you have issues you need to do things. Dr. Oluic stated that they requested six quotes and only received three, including having site visits. Dr. Oluic is requesting Grade Line. Dr. Oluic presented the Board with pictures of the current sewer line and Opalocka was the first treatment plant, and while the plant has been updated, the sewer line is original and we need to get it fixed and done right.

Dr. Oluic briefly talked about the grant funding from Ohio Department of Development through HB 168 and that it is being handled through the County Engineer's Office and that he has projects he wants to apply for funding on.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak, to approve and execute Resolution #21-092 Declaring an Emergency and Authorize the Approval of a Service Contract with Grade Line, Incorporated for Stream Bank Repair and Sewer Line Replacement at the Opalocka Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pursuant to O.R.C. 307.86(A)(1) in the Marsh Hawk Run.

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RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH GRADE LINE, INC., FOR STREAM BANK REPAIR AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT AT THE OPALOCKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 307.86(A)(1) IN THE MARSH HAWK RUN.

WHEREAS, Geauga County operates a public wastewater system (PWWS) through the Department of Water Resources: and

WHEREAS, the PWWS was constructed near the Maywood Community Development in Chester Township: and

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WHEREAS, the PWWS traverses and parallels Marsh Hawk Run, a tributary to the Chagrin River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the PWWS sewer line which crosses Marsh Hawk Run and its mid-creek support structure are deteriorated to the point of collapse; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of the sewer line and support structure has created a clear and imminent danger of the sewer collapsing into Marsh Hawk Run which discharge 1,000's of gallons of raw sewage into Marsh Hawk Run; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to avert an environmental problem, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby:

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 307.86(A) determines that the undermining of the collapse of the sanitary sewer line adjacent to Marsh Hawk Run creates a real and present emergency; and

Declare the cost (\$60,380) to replace the sewer line, rebuild the support structure(s), and repair the creek embankment is less than \$100,000 in accordance with ORC 307.86 (A)(1); and

Declare this meets the requirements of ORC 307.86 as an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements; and

Authorize the approval of a Service Contract with Grade Line Inc., to perform the necessary repairs per the agreement once executed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution was adopted in a regular or special session of the Board in full compliance with the Ohio Public Records Act and 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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DAVID FAVORITE

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to accept Mr. Favorite's resignation, explaining that they had planned to do an executive session but after talking to each of the Board individually, it was no longer necessary. There was a brief discussion about the department, how long Mr. Favorite had been with the county and what he was looking forward to doing.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the resignation of David Favorite, Executive Director, Department of Development to be effective August 6, 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #3 – INCREASE CONTRACT – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve and execute Change Order #3 for Donley's Independence which is an increase for upgrades to the elevator travel cables and additional conduit for emergency power. This will allow the larger elevator to work in a power outage.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #3, increasing the Contract (Guaranteed Maximum Price, Phase #1 and #2) with Donley's Independence, LLC for upgrades to the elevator travel cables and additional conduit for emergency power, in the amount of \$30,424.00.

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

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The site tour that was scheduled for July 20th is being moved to August, tentatively on the 10th at 1:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION – BOARD OF ELECTIONS REQUEST FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Mr. Morgan explained that the Board of Elections sent a Resolution to Prosecutor Flaiz in June for a request for outside counsel and have been waiting for guidance and direction from Mr. Flaiz. Mr. Morgan noted who the Board members were on the resolution that requests outside counsel to advise the Board of legal rights to best serve the voters of the county, concerns relative to the Boards space and other issues in the new Office Building, with a specific attorney requested. Mr. Lennon expressed that we need to go out for additional rates and review with the Prosecutor's office. This request seems vague and need to provide a more specific request.

Mr. Dvorak inquired of Ms. Joan Windnagel from the Board of Elections, who was present, if anyone had reached out to the Secretary of State. Ms. Windnagel stated that she had emailed them, provided the drawings of the space the Commissioners was providing, along with the revised drawings. The head legal counsel from their office referred them to a construction company website to advise them.

Mr. Lennon stated that this was not just designed over night that we've spent a lot of changes on, every time we have to make changes, it costs money and time. Ms. Windnagel stated that what they asked for has been changed and they are presenting the revised drawings at the meeting. Mr. Lennon stated that they had Board members to the site to see the space. Mr. Lennon stated that Mr. Morgan was at the Board of Elections meeting after that tour and there was agreement at the meeting when things were reviewed and then this resolution was approved for outside counsel after he left that meeting. Mr. Lennon expressed that the ORC is black and white as to what the Commissioners provide the Board of Elections, so we need clarification on what this request for outside counsel is for, which is an additional expense, noting that we are already at about \$100,000.00 on drawings and that is not physical space in the building expense, that has been added yet.

Discussion continued between Mr. Lennon and Ms. Windnagel about the communication concerns between the staff and the Board at the Board of Elections regarding this new building. Mr. Morgan asked the Board for permission to send a letter to the Board of Elections for more specific needs for the outside counsel. Mr. Lennon agreed and added that this was not going to be an open checkbook and that there would a limit placed on it and they will need to ask for additional funds. Discussion continued and included things that transpired during the election and potential additional ballot box locations.

Ms. Windnagel added that their next monthly board meeting was on Thursday.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT – SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to allow the administrator to execute the letter of engagement for Squire Patton Boggs for the filing of tax documents relating to the Bonds for the new building and for assistance with the Prosecutor's Office for a TIF that the City of Chardon is working on, as the deadline for the response on the TIF is due next week.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to execute the Letter of Engagement with Squire Patton and Boggs for Outside Counsel related to Bonds, Filing of Tax Documents and for additional assistance for the Prosecutor's Office for matters relating to TIF's.

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

AMERICAN RESCUE RECOVERY ACT FUNDS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Morgan brought up the American Rescue Recovery Act Funds and that they have had discussions with the Auditor and the Prosecutor's office in how that is going to be handled and how the reporting is going to done. Mr. Lennon inquired if the Commissioners will approve the expenditures as they are reviewed. Mr. Morgan asked the Board to establish a current percentage be set into the resolution for capital improvements, utilities and third-party requests.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of June, 2021.*
- b) *Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from May 19, 2021*
- c) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending June 22, 2021 and the week ending June 30, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- d) *Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, 2020 Annual Report*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was a brief discussion about the Detention Center budget that will be on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for the 15th. Ms. Blair briefly explained that they had reached out to Portage County about a discrepancy in the numbers in the budget.

MEETINGS

- 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., 7/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 7/20 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 12:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Tue., 7/20 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.*

Chardon Township Trustee Tim McKenna was there to hear about the Rescue Recovery Funds and how the County planned to handle those funds, as the Township was hoping to get funds for Berkshire Estates. The Townships receive their own funds, and the Auditor's Office oversees all these funds.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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