

Commissioners' Journal
July 14, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street, Building #4 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 9:38 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Dear Lord,
Let's pray for Hope during this pandemic.
Pray;
For those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress.
For all those who have survived.
For Firefighters, Police, and Emergency Medical Workers.
For Doctors, Nurses, and all Health Care Professionals.
For those who serve in the Armed Forces.
For a greater appreciation and love of all Humanity.
For Calm in the midst of Fear.
For Grace to overcome adversity.
For Hope in time of despair.
Gracious and Loving God, you are our Comforter and Hope.
Strengthen us in this time of need.
Inspire us Hope for a Brighter Future!
Amen.*

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 16, 2020.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Abstain*</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</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 July 10, 2020 that included for the Department on Aging to accept the resignation of Hannah Dussing, Adult Day Service Aide to be effective July 31, 2020; for the Commissioners' Office approved and executed the 2021 County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement and Bureau of Workers Compensation Employer Statement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the CCAO Service Corporation; for Transit approved and executed the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2,800.47 (\$243.34 Diesel and \$2,557.13 Gasoline); and concurred with the Auburn Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Helenes Auburn Beverage LLC d.b.a. Helenes Auburn Beverage located at 11700 Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C NEW 3759018); as authorized by Resolution #20-005 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 7, 2020 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for ADP in Contract Services fund transfers out account to allow for a transfer to the General Fund; a Supplemental appropriation from the Auditor's Office in the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund in various accounts; a Cash transfer from the General Fund

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to Public Assistance for our July – September 2020 mandated share; a Contract with Donley's Incorporated for the Construction Manager at Risk for the new County Building project; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to the Airport Authority for the runway lighting and safety improvement project in the amount of \$37,689.15 and a Revenue Certification for the Board of Elections for additional State revenue in their Help America Vote fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-073 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 14, 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>

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION AIRPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE PROJECT: OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL IN APPROACH OF RUNWAY 29

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve a Resolution to submit an application for an ODOT Grant for an obstruction removal on the Approach of Runway 29. Mr. Blamer explained that there is a hump that needs to be removed. This request also includes a local match of \$1,500.00 from the Commissioners.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-074 Authorizing the President of the Geauga County Airport Authority Board to execute and submit the Application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation for the project: FY21 Ohio Airport Grant Program funding for the Project: Obstruction Removal in the Approach of Runway 29 in the amount of \$57,000.00 with a \$3,000.00 local match (\$57,000.00 from ODOT, \$1,500.00 Local County match and \$1,500.00 from the Airport Authority).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 14, 2020

Resolution: #20-074

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION FOR THE FY21 OHIO AIRPORT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Airport Authority ("Airport Authority") and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board of Commissioners") (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), desire to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation ("ODOT") for FY21 Ohio Airport Grant Program funding for the Airport Authority's proposed Obstruction Removal in the Approach of Runway 29 Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to authorize the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit a grant Application to ODOT requesting funds in the amount of \$57,000.00, which sum would cover 95% of the total eligible Project costs (construction plus engineering and inspections); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit a Grant Application to ODOT for the necessary State funding for the Project.

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

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

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE – GRANT WAIVER OF \$25,000.00 BLANKET ENCUMBRANCE LIMIT

Mr. Morgan explained that this request is from the Auditor's Office to raise the blanket limit for the CARES ACT funding from \$25,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant a waiver of the \$25,000.00 limit on Blanket Encumbrances for the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund (2097) and permit the Auditor's office to open Blankets up to a maximum amount of \$100,000.00 through the end of 2020 in order to help facilitate the distribution of received CARES Act funds from the State. Purchases cannot violate any provision of the competitive bidding requirement contained in O.R.C. 307.86.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BURTON WINDSOR ROAD

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the Burton Windsor Road project. The bid came in below the estimate. There were only 3 bids received on this project. There was a brief discussion about how the bids have been coming in on the paving projects and that recently they have only been getting between 3 and 5 contractors that are bidding.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Burton Windsor Road (CH 14, Sections A-E) in Burton, Middlefield and Huntsburg Townships in the amount of \$1,191,108.50 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.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – EXECUTE FINAL PLAT – NOTTINGHAM WOODS SUBDIVISION – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to execute the Final Plat for Nottingham Woods in Munson Township, this replat is to accommodate the installation of a septic system.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Final Plat for Nottingham Woods Subdivision – Replat in Munson Township.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC AND BUILDING) – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Executive Director Dave Favorite asked the board to approve the revised organizational chart.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised organizational chart to include the position of Director (#1410), clean up vacant positions and add the position of Part-time Multi-Certified Inspector IV (#1112-1).

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – ADVERTISE POSITION – MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR II (#1110)

Mr. Favorite asked the Board to advertise for a Multi-Certified Inspector II (#1110).

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Multi-Certified Inspector II (#1110). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – SEWER SLUDGE / BIOMASS PROCESSING AND SERVICES

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to advertise for bids for sewer sludge / biomass processing services. There was a brief discussion about this being completed in the past on a service contract and are exceeding costs, so we are going to bid for a multi-year contract, along with the process they provide.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Bids for GCDWR Sewer Sludge / Biomass Processing and Services to held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on July 16, 2020, July 23, 2020 and on the county website.

<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>

WATER RESOURCES – CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mr. Morgan stated that it had been about seven weeks since the hearing was completed and they had not yet received a response from the Court. There is a contractor in place and are ready to go, but are not able to move forward on the project until an answer is received. Dr. Oluic noted the deadline from the findings and orders from the EPA for completion is January 31, 2021 unless we are under construction.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF GYM EQUIPMENT WITH CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUNDS

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve some gym equipment for the Board of Developmental Disabilities at Metzenbaum using the CEBCO wellness dollars. Ms. Bidlack explained that some employees have had some strains lifting and moving clients, so strength training and stability will help.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the purchase of Gym Equipment for the Board of Developmental Disabilities / Metzenbaum Center using CEBCO Wellness Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for employee use in accordance with the Board of Developmental Disabilities Procedure for Use and Waiver of Liability Form.

<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>

Local resident Diane Jones inquired about the amount changing from the original agenda that was sent out. Ms. Bidlack explained that the original quote was a limited time offer and included free shipping, when they went back the amount had changed and shipping was no longer free. This amount is a not to exceed amount and anything that may exceed this amount will be covered by the department.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING – HOLD WORK SESSION WITH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY /FAIR BOARD ON FAIRGROUNDS

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-075 to Hold a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for a Work Session with the Geauga County Agricultural Society / Fair Board to be held at the Geauga County Fairgrounds on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the upcoming fair, the fairgrounds and to review the renewal of the existing lease.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 14, 2020

Resolution: 20-075

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A WORK SESSION WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY/FAIR BOARD TO BE HELD AT THE GEAUGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to hold a Special meeting to conduct a Work Session with the Geauga County Agricultural Society/Fair Board members to discuss matters relating to the upcoming fair, the fairgrounds, and to review the renewal of the existing lease; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to hold this Special Meeting at the Geauga County Fairgrounds Offices, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will hold a Special Meeting to be held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Geauga County Fairground offices located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio, for the purpose of conducting a Work Session with the Geauga County Agricultural Society / Fair Board members to discuss the matters set forth above; and

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

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – DISCUSS PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT REQUEST FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL

On the agenda was to discuss the request from the Probate / Juvenile Court for outside counsel. Judge Timothy Grendell was noted that he was in attendance if anyone had any questions. Mr. Lennon noted that the Commissioners had received a request from the Court with the submission of three proposed Attorneys. Mr. Morgan expressed the Prosecutor reaching out to obtain some rates from additional firms for outside counsel. Mr. Morgan stated that if you want the Prosecutor to obtain those rates, you need to approve that today and then wait until those are received. Judge Grendell expressed that the vendors are charging financing fees and that he feels the Prosecutor being involved is conflict. Mr. Lennon stated that the Commissioners will be the ones making the decision, ensuring that the rate is reasonable. Judge Grendell added that he wanted them to hire someone who can handle the complexity of the Supreme Court. There was discussion about mediation with the Auditor's office the Supreme Court, over a previous matter that the Judge noted he paid for outside counsel on his own. Judge Grendell noted that Karlovec Media Group, the Chagrin Valley Times and the vendor that handles the robo calls are about to sue the county for nonpayment of services. Judge explained the need for the robo call that was done to alert residents on the function of the courts during the corona virus onset. Judge Grendell brought up another invoice being held with the website, which was the same

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vendor that was used by other departments. Judge Grendell stated that there was robo calls, ads and the website which all total is around \$30,000.00. Mr. Lennon expressed a desire to expedite the process but also take into consideration the firms that the Judge provided, with the fee being reasonable, but the firm also being competent. The Board agreed to have the Prosecutor obtain rates from outside firms.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the Prosecutor's Office to request and obtain rates for Attorney's for the possible representation of the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate/Juvenile Division by Outside Counsel per the Court's request submitted to Prosecutor Jim Flaiz, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.14.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of June, 2020.*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 1, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending June 2020.*
- d) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending June 2020 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was a brief discussion about the location of the meeting at the fairgrounds, to which it would be confirmed and noted.

MEETINGS

Tue., 7/14 Records Commission, 11:00 a.m. Bldg. #8 meeting room

Tue., 7/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Mon., 7/27 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 7/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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