

Commissioners' Journal
July 21, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 21, 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 9:11 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Let's Pray:

We should follow Christ in a way of compassion and understanding. Even though from my human view point there may be much I find difficult to understand, Christ in me gives me spiritual insight that enables me to see beyond what seems to be, and to keep faith in the goodness at the heart of it all.

*Everything is going to be ok, maybe not today, but eventually it will.
Trust God
Hold fast to your Hope
God never fails
Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 23, 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 15, 2020, Resolution #20-076 that included a Supplemental Appropriation for the Common Pleas Court in their Court Mediation Fund payroll accounts to cover employee assignments for the remainder of the year and to finish processing payroll; 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 16, 2020 that included for the Department on Aging to approve the promotion of Deana Catucci to the position of Support Services Coordinator (#1036) to be effective July 26, 2020 at the rate of \$17.01 per hour with a 180 day probationary period; and for the Department of Water Resources approved hiring Doreen Eppich to the position of Full-time Administrative Assistant (#2345) to be effective July 27, 2020 at the rate of \$14.54 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 #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 from the County Engineer's Office to the Municipal Road Tax Fund other account used for tax distributions; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from April – June 2020; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Community Development, Board of Elections and Metzenbaum for the 2nd

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Quarter 2020 interest transfer; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Family First Council for July – September 2020 commitment; Cash transfers for the Sheriff, County Engineer and Aging for unemployment payments to the State for June; a Travel request for the County Engineer's Office; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the Ohio State University for the third quarter 2020 commitment in the amount of \$67,731.75; and a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Junction Auto Sales for four new model year Dodge Ram Pickups in the amount of \$99,276.00.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-077 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 21, 2020.*

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

LAKE GEAUGA RECOVERY SERVICES

Executive Director Melanie Blasko thanked the Board for their continued support of the Jail Treatment program. Ms. Blasko presented the Board and went over the following Information:



Prepared for Geauga County Commissioners
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Geauga County Jail Treatment Program Utilization:

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*	2020 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS
Assessments	37	32	32	25	126
Group Counseling*	36 (19M, 17F)	30 (22M, 8F)	20 (12M / 8F)	8 (3M / 5F)	94 56M (59%) / 38F (41%)

⬇ **90%** of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans' 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 FY20 (7/1/19 – 6/30/20)
- ⬇ 5 out of the 7 (**71%**) clients discharged from JTP Aftercare **met all of their treatment plans' goals.**

FY 2019 (7/1/18 - 6/30/19):

Number of inmates served per service per quarter and year to date total FY2019 (7/1/18-6/30/19*)

Services	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter*	2019 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS
Assessments	43	48	35	38	164
Group Counseling*	24 (17M, 7F)	34 (20M, 14F)	34 (23M / 11F)	33 (21M / 12F)	125 81M (65%) / 44F (35%)

⬇ **82%** of men and women that participated in JTP met treatment plans' 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)

- ⬇ 20 clients have participated in our JTP Aftercare Group in FY19 (7/1/18 – 6/30/19)
- ⬇ 12 out of the 20 (**60%**) 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*
FY19: July 2018 – June 2019: 69 (71%) clients contacted out of 97 former clients who completed treatment during this period.	19 (28%) former clients (28 unknown) 1 deceased	50 (72%) former clients (70% FY18)	8 (11%) former clients (15% FY18)

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Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Those that 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 64% 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)
 - ↓ 90% of Geauga county residents completed 30 days of treatment in Oak House and Lake House (92% Oak, 87% Lake)
 - ↓ 78% of these clients successfully complete residential treatment (Oak: 67%, Lake: 87%).

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, or as of June 30, 2019, 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. (FY2019, one year is not completed yet).

Welcomed the 25th drug-free baby born to residents at Oak House and Nevaeh Ridge.

Goals for FY 2020 / 2021

- I. Expansion of recovery houses for Lake and Geauga Counties.**
 - LGRC opened its 5th recovery house, The Meigs (for men), located in Painesville Township in August 2019 and our 6th recovery house, Twelve Meadows (for women) located in Munson in February 2020.
 - Five of our six recovery houses (Water Street and Bill Horvath House for men, and Nowlen Manor, Eighty Forty-One and Twelve Meadows, for women) are all certified by Ohio Recovery Housing, demonstrating our full compliance with the quality standards set forth for the development and operation of recovery houses.
- II. Continued monitoring, evaluating, refining and growing the new services and programs implemented in last few years including, including Ambulatory Detox, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), Adult SUD and Gambling Prevention, Grief Support Group, Recovery Housing, Dual IOP.**
 - A full-time Nurse Practitioner and full-time RN are providing medication assisted treatment and medical somatic services in our outpatient, jail treatment program and residential treatment programs. Currently LGRC averages 70 Vivitrol clients and 30 Suboxone clients in our MAT programs. This past year our nurse practitioner administered Vivitrol to a number clients in the Jail Treatment Program.
- III. Expansion of programs and services.**
 - We have hired Peer Recovery Supporters (PRS) to assist our clients in recovery and enhance our treatment services in our outpatient and residential programs. This past year our PRS started a peer recovery group in our outpatient programs.
 - In FY2020 we introduced an Anger Management Intervention group and Tobacco Cessation services.
 - In FY 2020, several counselors have been trained to conduct Risk Assessments (HCR-20, risk of re-offending / violence) for the Chardon Municipal Court.
 - LGRC is a treatment provider and active participant for the Geauga County Drug Court treatment team.
 - FY2021 plans include developing specialized services for veterans and seniors and further expansion of Outpatient services.
- IV. Expansion of Residential Treatment for Men.**
 - LGRC has received a grant from OMHAS to build a new residential treatment facility for men. The facility will be built on 4 parcels of land that were donated to LGRC by the Lake County Land Bank, and is adjacent to the Lake House property.

There was a brief discussion about the new drug court and the benefits of the new program. Mr. Lennon inquired about the program numbers since the Corona virus, to which Ms. Blasko stated that alcohol sales have increased, along with seeing an increase in the number of overdoses.

Financial Officer Charles Tong explained that they had an employee who had been furloughed for about 11 weeks. The program was shut down in the jail as a way to reduce the traffic, and they didn't have the video capability to continue in that manner. Mr. Lennon added that this is another ripple effect of COVID. Ms. Blasko expressed that face to face during treatment is important. Ms. Blasko stated that they everyone is back and the treatment program is running again.

Mr. Tong explained that \$44,150.00 is normally was they receive, but due to the employee being out they are asking for a reduced amount down to \$39,480.00. Mr. Tong expressed that next year they hoped the Board would consider returning to the full amount.

Local resident Diane Jones noted that Lake Geauga Recovery recently was awarded a loan/grant and asked for clarification. Mr. Tong noted that they had applied for the SBA payment protection, however the two positions of the Jail Treatment Program are not covered under that grant. Mr. Lennon stressed the importance of this program and that they support them, as it is much needed.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS TO DECLARE COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND DIRECT SALE TO MEIGS AND MORGAN COUNTIES OF THE SALE OF FOUR (4) VEHICLES

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that this is a win for both Counties, the smaller counties receive a car that can help them out, and it also helps Geauga out by not having to strip the cars down. Most of the items remaining in the vehicles are things that cannot be transferred or reused in the new cars.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-078 Declaring County Property as not needed for Public use and directing its sale to Meigs County, Ohio, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(D) for a 2013 Chevrolet Impala (VIN# 0763) in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2020

Resolution: #20-078

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MEIGS COUNTY, OHIO, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(D).

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment, including motor vehicles, that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared “not needed” by the County for public use; and

WHEREAS, The County of Meigs, Ohio has a current need for police vehicles to conduct township police operations and equipment, including motor vehicles, that has been declared by Geauga County as “not needed” can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Meigs County, Ohio, namely a 2013 Chevrolet Impala that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 2G1WD5E3XD1260763 with 84,646 miles with the sale price being \$3,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sells the above-specified equipment to the County of Meigs pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12(D), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-079 Declaring County Property as not needed for Public use and Directing its sale to Meigs County, Ohio, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(D) for a 2013 Chevrolet Impala (VIN #9364) in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2020

Resolution: #20-079

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MEIGS COUNTY, OHIO, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(D).

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment, including motor vehicles, that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared “not needed” by the County for public use; and

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WHEREAS, The County of Meigs, Ohio has a current need for police vehicles to conduct township police operations and equipment, including motor vehicles, that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Meigs County, Ohio, namely a 2013 Chevrolet Impala that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 2G1WD5E32D1259364 with 79,491 miles with the sale price being \$3,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sells the above-specified equipment to the County of Meigs pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12(D), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-080 Declaring County Property as not needed for Public use and Directing its sale to Morgan County, Ohio, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(D) for a 2013 Ford Explorer (VIN #4476) in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2020
Resolution: #20-080

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC
USE AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO,
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(D).**

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment, including motor vehicles, that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County for public use; and

WHEREAS, The County of Morgan, Ohio has a current need for police vehicles to conduct township police operations and equipment, including motor vehicles, that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2013 Ford Explorer that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 1FM5K8ARXDGB54476 with 96,600 miles with the sale price being \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sells the above-specified equipment to the County of Morgan pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12(D), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-081 Declaring County Property as not needed for Public use and Directing its sale to Morgan County, Ohio, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(D) for a 2014 Ford Explorer (VIN # 1082) in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2020
Resolution: #20-081

*RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC
USE AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO,
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(D).*

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment, including motor vehicles, that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County for public use; and

WHEREAS, The County of Morgan, Ohio has a current need for police vehicles to conduct township police operations and equipment, including motor vehicles, that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2014 Ford Explorer that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 1FM5K8AR7EGC61082 with 114,155 miles with the sale price being \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sells the above-specified equipment to the County of Morgan pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12(D), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; 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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED

Director Craig Swenson explained that Job and Family Services has two operating levies. The .5 mill level, the 2nd levy was added in 2015 due to opiate issues, and that was renewed last Spring. Mr. Swenson stated that this renewal is for the original .7 mill operating levy that was started in 2005. Mr. Swenson mentioned that in the future they may consider combining the two levies. A Children's Services levy cannot be continuous, and feels it is fair to keep the levies at the 5-year renewal.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-082 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Benefit of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services and Requesting the Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated, as Authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .24, .25, and .26.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 21, 2020
Resolution: #20-082

RESOLUTION NO. 20-082

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED, AS AUTHORIZED BY
O.R.C. §§5705.03, .07, .19, .191, .24, .25 and .26**

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The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 21st day of July, 2020, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m. at the Chambers of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, 470 Center Street, Building 4, Chardon, Ohio, with the following members present:

Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri James W. Dvorak

The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Dvorak moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services, Geauga County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, hereby certifies to the Geauga County Auditor this resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify to the Board of County Commissioners the total current tax valuation of Geauga County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a levy of seven tenths (0.7) mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services with sufficient funds for providing preventative services to abused, neglected and abandoned children, for the care and placement of children in foster and adoptive homes by the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services and for any operating or capital improvement expenditure necessary for the support of children services and the care and placement of children, at a rate not exceeding seven tenths (0.7) mills for each One Dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to seven cents (\$0.07) for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy shall be for a period of five (5) years and is a renewal of an existing tax of seven tenths (0.7) mills and shall be submitted to the entire territory of Geauga County and levied upon the entire territory of Geauga County. Said levy

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is to be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2021 and collected in 2022 if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the general election on November 3, 2020.

Commissioner Spidalieri seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<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>

There was a brief discussion about how the department is handling the challenges with the coronavirus. Mr. Swenson expressed concern over the quiet numbers that they have seen and if they will see an increase in numbers when the kids return to school.

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE THE PROMOTION /RECLASSIFICATION OF KEVIN CUNNINGHAM – MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve promoting Mr. Cunningham to Maintenance Worker from the Custodian position. Mr. Vernick noted that this is a very positive move for him.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion/reclassification of Kevin Cunningham to the position of Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective August 3, 2020 at the rate of \$14.54 per hour with a 180-day probationary period.

<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>

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN (#1906)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve advertising to then fill the vacant position from the promotion.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Custodian (#1906). 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>

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – APPROVE OUTSIDE COUNSEL – PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT

Mr. Lennon inquired on where they were at on the rates for outside counsel, to which Mr. Morgan stated that he had spoken with Prosecutor Flaiz and he was waiting to receive a few more and should have an answer next week. Mr. Lennon noted that due to the meeting schedule being as it is, he wanted to know if they could set something in place to not cause further delay. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the total amount of the invoices, to which Mr. Morgan noted that the invoices for the three ads, which Mr. Lennon added that there are several other items being added to it daily. Court Administrator Kim Laurie stated that she had sent an email yesterday of a list of seven additional invoices that are not being paid. Ms. Laurie went over the amounts on the items not being paid by the Auditor's office. Mr. Lennon expressed that he respects both the Auditor and the Judge and he is requesting representation, feels comfortable in honoring his request and that the rate is reasonable and take into consideration of not just price but quality. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about a not to exceed amount on the outside counsel. It was noted that currently the total outstanding amount is around \$50,000.00, and that right now no bills are being paid. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about what is not being paid, to which Ms. Laurie noted the Sheriff's Office, Ohio Guidestone, nothing that hasn't already been being paid. Mr. Spidalieri asked for a list of items and a running total. Commissioner Dvorak inquired if the format has changed on paying the bills. Mr. Lennon asked if the Auditor's office asked for them

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to submitted differently, to which Ms. Laurie stated that they did not like the order the pages were submitted. Mr. Dvorak asked if they had corrected the order. Ms. Laurie stated that there is no set determined way to provide the documents, they are providing the documents including a court order, is it reasonable for him to hold payment if the documents are in the right order. Mr. Spidalieri asked if any of the vendors had stopped providing services, to which Ms. Laurie stated that two vendors threatened to file suit, an invoice that has gone to collections, one is charging late fees monthly and the credit card that is charging late fees and finance charges. It was noted that late fees are not paid. Mr. Lennon expressed that he was fine with his request and move to appoint Mr. Funk. Mr. Spidalieri seconded as he wants to get this taken care of. Clerk Christine Blair asked for a not to exceed amount, to which Mr. Spidalieri said 15% of \$50,000.00, so \$7,500.00. Mr. Spidalieri stated that this money could be used for better things. Ms. Laurie expressed that this is a mandamus action in the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Spidalieri stated that they would need to come back and ask for an increase, we are not just going to open up the checkbook. We have to be responsible to the taxpayers and don't want to spend \$60,000.00 for a \$50,000.00 amount. Ms. Blair inquired about the application that would need to be filed with the Common Pleas Court, so there was a motion set to allow the President to execute the application once received by the Prosecutor's Office. There was continued discussion about the not to exceed amount, with expressed concern over watchdogging the amount being spent.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve Steven Funk as outside counsel for the Probate/ Juvenile Court at the rate of \$300.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 unless prior approval by the Board and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the application.

<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 Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of June, 2020 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. Ms. Blair noted that the location of the meeting on Friday will be in the lounge/school building. This meeting is just for information and discussion, no action can be taken.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 7/24 Special Meeting to hold Work Session with the Agricultural Society/Fair Board, 1:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds (Lounge/School Building)*
- Mon., 7/27 Board of Revision, 1:00 p.m. Auditor's Office (WebEx)*
- Tue., 7/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 8/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 8/10 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office (WebEx)*
- Tue., 8/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 8/14 NOACA Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m. and Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

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

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Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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