

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 4, 2020**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 4, 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:*

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

*Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 30, 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 7, 2020.*

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

FINANCIALS

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from July 29, 2020, Resolution #20-085 that included a Cash transfer for Job and Family Services from the Child Welfare and Children's Services Funds to the Public Assistance Fund for shared expenses from April through June in order to provide cash to cover payroll and benefits; 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 August 3, 2020 that included for the Department on Aging to approve and execute the Agreements for the 2020 Senior Farm Market, for Geauga Seniors Age 60 and over that qualify for the voucher program, for the period June 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 for Pritt Family Farm, Sirna's Farm and Market, Jacob J. Kauffman: River Valley Produce, Raymond Byer: D & S Produce, Patterson Farms, Incorporated d.b.a. Patterson Fruit Farm, Sages Apples, Hershberger Produce: Marvin A. Hershberger and Burton Floral and the Maintenance Department approved and executed a service Contract Agreement with Five Star Protection Services, Incorporated to perform Fire Extinguisher Maintenance and Inspections in Geauga County Offices and Safety Center for a four-year period in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 (\$20,000.00 County Buildings and \$7,000.00 Safety Center); as authorized by*

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*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 an Appropriation transfer for the Sheriff for miscellaneous reimbursement checks that were deposited into the General Fund; a Travel request for Transit, a payment for the Commissioners Office to NOACA for yearly dues for the Commissioners Office and the County Engineer's in the amount of \$33,987.00 and a payment for Job and Family Services to the Treasurer State of Ohio for the return of unused Winter Crisis Program money from the 2019/2020 season in the amount of \$43,884.51.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-086 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 4, 2020.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – LAKE GEAUGA RECOVERY CENTERS – ASSISTANT FOR JAIL TREATMENT PROGRAM**

*Mr. Gorton explained that this was the request from the Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the assistant for the Jail Treatment Program which is a reduction from the normal amount due to an employee being on furlough.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Lake Geauga Recovery Centers to fund an Assistant for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center for the Year 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$39,480.00.*

<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>

**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – WEST ROOFING, INCORPORATED – ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond from West Roofing, Incorporated for the Roof Repair and Replacement project.*

<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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – TARE CREEK PARKWAY RESURFACING – VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD**

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that the Village of Middlefield has asked to use Municipal Roads Funds for the resurfacing of Tare Creek Parkway, noting that with the funds they have available they will only be able to do a portion of the entire roadway.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the use of Municipal Road Funds for the Tare Creek Parkway Resurfacing Project in the Village of Middlefield in accordance with the Geauga County Municipal Road Fund Guidelines, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00.*

<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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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – DAVIS DIGGERS,  
INCORPORATED – BELL STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

*Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the Contract with Davis Diggers for the Bell Street Drainage Improvements as the project has already been awarded.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Davis Diggers, Incorporated for the Bell Street Drainage Improvements (CH 10) in Newbury Township in the amount of \$128,414.50.*

<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 ON AGING – 2020 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM  
DISTRIBUTION AGENT AGREEMENT – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

*Director Jessica Boalt explained that in addition to the local farm market, this agreement is with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for the Federal Farm Market coupons.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2020 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) and the Geauga County Department on Aging to distribute 144 coupon sets valued at \$7,200.00 for Geauga residents Age 60 and over that qualify to purchase produce at contracted farm markets for the period June 1, 2020 through November 31, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – SATISFACTION /  
RELEASE OF MORTGAGES – ANDREW L. MIHALY, II

*Executive Director Dave Favorite explained that back in 2007 under the down payment assistance and rehabilitation assistance Mr. Mihaly had received assistance and those mortgages have been paid off and today we are asking to execute the Satisfaction / Release of Mortgages.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction/Release of Mortgage for Andrew L. Mihaly, II as the mortgage filed June 22, 2007 under Grant# B-C-05-026-2 for down payment assistance in the amount of \$10,000.00, has been satisfied.*

<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 Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Andrew L. Mihaly, II as the mortgage filed July 7, 2007 under Grant #B-C-05-026-2 for rehabilitation assistance in the amount of \$11,300.00 has been satisfied.*

<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 Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Andrew L. Mihaly, II as the mortgage filed September 25, 2007 under Grant #B-C-05-026-2, for rehabilitation assistance in the amount of \$4,275.00 has been satisfied.*

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – NEVIRD LTD D.B.A. ASH'S MAYFIELD WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the service contract with Ash's Mayfield Window Cleaning for all the county buildings and the safety center for two years, noting that they do both inside and out.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Nevird LTD d.b.a. Ash's Mayfield Window Cleaning Company to perform yearly window cleaning for Geauga County Buildings and Safety Center for a period of two years in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PATTON PEST CONTROL

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the service contract with Patten Pest Control having a contract is much cheaper than an on-call basis and this will include the safety center.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Patton Pest Control to perform Regular Pest Control Services on County Buildings and Safety Center for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (\$15,000.00 for County Buildings and \$10,000.00 for the Safety Center).

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

MAINTENANCE – LIQUIDITY SERVICES OPERATIONS LLC. D.B.A. GOVDEALS, INCORPORATED ONLINE AUCTION MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with GovDeals for the online auction services, that the fee is paid by the customer on top of the cost of the item they are purchasing.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Liquidity Services Operations LLC d.b.a. GovDeals, Incorporated Online Auction Memo of Understanding with Geauga County for use of internet auction services at the commission rate of seven- and one-half percent (7.5%) using Option A2 (0% seller and 7.5% buyer) to be effective August 4, 2020 for a period of twelve months.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #7 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked that the President execute the Request for Partial Payment #7 on the Workman Industrial Services for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.

Motion:           by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #7 for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant conversion project in the amount of \$736,220.17.

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<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 – AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR TO COMMENT ON BOARDS  
BEHALF AT PUBLIC HEARING – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to allow him to represent the Board at the upcoming Public Hearing in Parkman Township on the variance of a lot split on the parcel owned by the Commissioners. Dr. Oluic stated that the parcel has less than three acres that includes a lift station for the treatment plant and there is a house on it. The house is vacant, is in bad shape but could be rehabilitated. This is the first step in the process, to have a variance approved to split the lot, then once that is complete they will address the sale of the property.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the Director of Water Resources, Steven Oluic to attend and comment on the Board's behalf at the Public Hearing on August 11, 2020 in Parkman Township in regards to the variance of a lot split on a parcel owned by the Commissioners, located at 16125 Main Market Road.*

<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) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending July 15, 2020 and July 22, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for June 17, 2020.*

OTHER

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. There was discussion about holding session at the fair to support the Junior Fair kids, dates in September for Budget Hearings and to schedule a Board of Directors meeting for the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District to discuss the Go Green Applications.*

MEETINGS

- Tue., 8/4 Special ADP Board meeting, 2:00 p.m. via Webex*
- Mon., 8/10 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office (WebEx)*
- Tue., 8/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m., 470 Center Street, Building #8, meeting room, Chardon*
- Tue., 8/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Fri., 8/14 NOACA Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m. and Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*
- Mon., 8/17 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 8/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 8/21 NOACA Transit 9:00 a.m., Bicycle & Pedestrian 10:30 a.m., Safety 12:00 p.m., Cleveland*
- Tue., 8/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT – APPLICATION FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL

*Mr. Lennon noted that the Court Administrator Kim Laurie was present probably wanting to know where the application is, to which Mr. Morgan stated that he had spoken to the Prosecutor and once the Administrative Secretary returns it will be typed up, it will then need to be signed by the President and then filed with the Court.*

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*DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FAIR BOARD / HEALTH BOARD / CURRENT ISSUES*

*Mr. Lennon expressed concern over a letter that the Board received by the Fair Board regarding the communication between them and the Health Board regarding the plan for the fair. Mr. Lennon stated that there is concern over how things were handled with the Health Commissioner, adding that there has not been any communication with them and this office lately. Mr. Lennon expressed that they need to reach out and clarify some of the things being questioned, including the Leadership of the Commissioners.*

*Chardon Township resident Kathy Johnson explained that she was involved with the planning of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade event in Chesterland Township and up until June 30<sup>th</sup>, there was positive and open communication with the Health Commissioner and then there was a very upsetting email sent from the Health Commissioner about the event that was very disruptive.*

*South Russell Village Resident inquired about whether the schools will be in attendance this year, to which Mr. Lennon agreed, and that the local Health Boards are making recommendations to the School Districts, including school sports.*

*There was a brief discussion about concern over the actual numbers of the COVID-19 numbers for the County. While the CDC is publishing them online, the newspapers are not reporting any numbers.*

*There was a brief discussion about whether the Board of Elections made any statement on whether there will be in-person voting or by absentee only.*

*Mr. Dvorak noted that the Berkshire School District has stated that they will have school five days a week with an option for online. Mr. Morgan added that a majority of the schools have rolled out a plan that includes the statement that it can change at any time.*

*Local Auburn Township resident Diane Jones inquired if Mr. Quade had been contacted after a request she made a few weeks ago about the Health Commissioner coming to session and providing an update. Mr. Lennon noted that he and Mr. Morgan had a conversation with him just to get some information for himself, but there wasn't any enthusiasm to come to the meeting. Ms. Jones noted that Ms. Grendell has made a statement regarding the devastation of not holding the fair this year. Ms. Jones asked again if Mr. Quade would be contacted to come to a meeting and provide information.*

*Mr. Dvorak asked if the joint call on the COVID-19 between agencies could be re-instated to keep the communication open.*

***BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD***

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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