

Commissioners' Journal
August 11, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 11, 2020 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, 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:

For those in Isolation during this Pandemic:

*God of compassion,
Be close to those who are ill,
Afraid or in isolation
In their loneliness, be their council
In their anxiety, be their hope
In their darkness, be their light
Through him who suffered alone on the cross
But reigns with you in glory.
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION – CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained that this is the Resolution of Acceptance for the CARES Act funding in the amount of \$54,957.54 for reimbursement and proposed amounts for several departments for PPE and Sanitation equipment, computers and accessories, and to replace chairs. Mr. Gorton noted that this was the first resolution and that we will probably be doing them weekly. Commissioner Lennon inquired about the timing, to which it was stated they funds have to be encumbered by October and spent by December.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-087 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 11, 2020

Resolution: #20-087

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" in House Bill 481 of the 133rd General Assembly (HB 481); and

WHEREAS, the Governor signed HB 481, which was effective June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, HB 481 requires subdivisions receiving funds under Section 1 of the act, to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #20-068 affirming that funds so received would be expended only to cover costs of the County consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has vetted the expenditures as he is statutorily required to do pursuant to R.C. 319.16; and

WHEREAS, the documents including the assertion of necessity memorandum have been reviewed by the Board for the Board to consider whether said funds can be expended to cover said costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners upon review of the itemized list of expenditures and associated documents, affirm that said expenditures are approved and are:

- (1) A necessary expense incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);*
- (2) Was not accounted for in the County's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and*
- (3) Was incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those items are in the total amount of \$54,957.54 and includes the following:

For Reimbursement \$35,095.62:

*Auditor \$4,008.30
PPE, Sanitation, Thermometers and 3 Laptop computers and accessories*

*Water Resources \$5,988.67
PPE and Sanitation*

*Maintenance \$25,098.65
PPE, Sanitation, Thermometers, Shields, Barriers and Signs*

For the Proposed \$19,861.92:

*Auditor \$19,861.92
6 Laptop computers and accessories, 1 camera with accessories and the replacement of 36 cloth chairs with leather*

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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Purchase Order from the Commissioners' Office to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the assistant to the jail treatment program; a payment for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) to Junction Auto Sales for two (2) 2020 Model Year Jeep Compass Vehicles being used by the Department on Aging for their staff to provide In-Home services to seniors in Geauga County. Money provided by the State of Ohio through a 2019 CDBG Block Grant with \$2,870.00 paid by the Department on Aging) in the amount of \$40,700.00; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Chester Miller Construction for pay request #1 on the Maintenance Building Metal Roof Replacement project in the amount of \$161,536.00; a payment for Job and Family Services to Junction Auto Sales for a 2020 model year Jeep Compass for the Public Assistance Department, replacing an old Ford Escape in the amount of \$21,785.00; a payment for Water Resources to Workman Industrial Service for Pay Request #7 for the Auburn Corners Improvements and Troy Oaks Conversion Project in the amount of \$736,220.17;

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Revenue Certifications for the Commissioner's Office and the Auditor's Office for additional unbudgeted revenues received in 2020 various accounts; and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health in the State Grant Revenue account for new State allocations to the department for 2020.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-088 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 11, 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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH GRADE LINE INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF TILDEN ROAD BRIDGE

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to execute the final change order for the Replacement of the Tilden Road Bridge which is a slight increase of just over \$1,000.00 due to site conditions.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, increasing the Contract with Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Tilden Road Bridge (Structure #208-1.85) in Troy Township in the amount of \$1,005.75.

<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 – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACE BURTON WINDSOR ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving for the Resurfacing of Burton Windsor Road, noting that the project was previously awarded. A brief discussion took place regarding the bids and that two of the three bids being in range of the estimated project cost.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with 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.

<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) – LEGAL BINDING DOCUMENTS – LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN – J & E & 3 LLC - OPERATIONS OF "THE POND" – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Executive Director Dave Favorite asked the Board to execute the legal binding documents for J & E & 3 LLC which is the limited liability corporation that operates the Pond in Auburn Township, for a loan from the Local Revolving Loan Fund for the operations of the "The Pond" in the amount of \$75,000.00. There was a brief discussion about the number of employees that they have, that they had kept them and applied for the payment protection.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the legal binding documents for a Local Revolving Loan Fund Loan to J & E & 3 LLC for the operations of the "The Pond" ice rink located at 9999 East Washington Street, Auburn Township in the amount of \$75,000.00 for seven years (84) at 1% percent interest, including Mortgage (cognovit), Cognovit Promissory Note, Participation Agreement and Guaranty (cognovit) for Elisa Nash and Jim Nash.

<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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TRANSIT – APPLICATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARD – ADD USERS – CREDIT UNION VISA

Clerk Christine Blair noted that they were just asking to include the two new employees to utilize the credit card for training and travel purposes.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to Permit the use of a Credit Card for the remainder of 2020 per O.R.C. 301.27 for David Lair, Jr. and Kim Palmer Sass on the Geauga Credit Union Visa with a not to exceed \$2,000.00 per month.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #4 – CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE – AUBURN CORNERS AND TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve the OWDA Payment Request #4 and Contractors estimate for the Auburn Corners and Troy Oaks treatment plants.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #4 and Contractors Estimate for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station project in the amount of \$736,220.17.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE INTERNALLY – FISCAL AND PERSONNEL SPECIALIST (#2346)

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to advertise internally for the position of Fiscal and Personnel Specialist internally for a period of five days.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Fiscal and Personnel Specialist (#2346) for a period of five days, with applications accepted from August 17, 2020 through 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2020.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – ULLMAN OIL COMPANY – FUEL AND FUEL TANK PROVIDER – 3 YEAR CONTRACT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to award the Bid to Ullman Oil Company for a three-year contract for fuel and fuel tanks.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Ullman Oil Company for the Fuel and Fuel Tank Provider for a three-year period, October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$239,522.00 (Year 1 \$76,531.44, Year 2 \$79,993.33, Year 3 \$82,997.23) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – QUASAR ENERGY GROUP – SEWER SLUDGE / BIOMASS PROCESSING – 3 YEAR CONTRACT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to award the Bid to Quasar Energy Group for a three-year contract for sludge/biomass processing. Mr. Dvorak inquired about how many bids were received, to which it was noted two. Dr. Oluic noted that Quasar takes it and makes electricity from it and the other bidder was Agri-Sludge. Mr. Morgan added that a benefit of Quasar is that they take ownership of the sludge upon pick up.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Quasar Energy Group for Sewer Sludge/Biomass Processing and Services for a three-year period, September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$243,804.98 (Year 1 \$79,272.00, Year 2 \$81,250.48, Year 3 \$83,282.50) as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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>

DEPATRMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – DISCUSS CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWERS PROJECT – OPTIONS REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to discuss the Chardon Township Project, adding that the owner of TRAX Construction was also present, as the awarded contractor to complete the project. Dr. Oluic expressed we are running out of time on construction season, that it has been over six weeks since TRAX was going to begin construction and has been delayed due to awaiting a decision from the Probate Court. Dr. Oluic expressed that there are options that could be taken, including removing the special assessment which would remove the need for the two appeals, but they don't know that impact that would make, we are six months out from the EPA deadline. Dr. Oluic stated that even if we started digging today, we would not reach the deadline. The EPA could enforce a fine of \$10,000.00 a day, while we don't know if it would happen, it could.

Commissioner Lennon inquired if they are able to ask for the status on a decision. Mr. Morgan stated that they cannot ask just that they have been told a decision has not been made. Mr. Lennon noted that this project was bid and been awarded, and this kind of delay impacts the awarded company in many ways. Mr. Lennon expressed concern if the contractor pulled the contract and then potentially cost us more money. Mr. Morgan explained what could happen if they rescinded the assessment. There are 113 homes affected by this project, but only two in the lawsuit. Dr. Oluic noted that Dave Sage from the Health Department is also here if they had any questions. Ms. Blair noted that Prosecutor Flaiz was also present. Mr. Voletta from TRAX stated that they cannot move forward on ordering product because there has not been a notice to proceed, so they have put a list of materials together for the Engineer. Mr. Voletta stated that they have their resources ready because this is a large project and they are on a stand still. There was a brief discussion about what can be done during winter months.

Mr. Lennon confirmed that as the Board they are not able to petition the Court for a decision, to which Mr. Morgan confirmed. Dr. Oluic expressed that maybe a letter to the Court expressing urgency on a decision based on deadline and construction season. Dr. Oluic noted that they had received a call from Chardon Township about a sewer line break to which they did sampling, which all the Ecoli samples were extremely high. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if they were to rescind and an injunction was filed what could happen, to which Mr. Morgan stated that would have to appeal the injunction, adding that they don't want that to happen as it could delay the project even further.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz stated that the Board could file a writ to make the Judge decide, but 12 weeks isn't that long. Mr. Flaiz stated that the EPA isn't going to do anything, that they have been in contact with them and understand what is going on. Mr. Lennon expressed that he was concerned with the contractor, to which Mr. Flaiz added that he wished TRAX was that motivated on County line, continuing with the Contractor was aware of the situation when they accepted the project and if there is no decision before we get the time on the contract they will file the writ, and doesn't suggest the Board rescind the assessment. Dr. Oluic expressed concern over waiting and wasting county resources, and until then will move onto other projects.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE HIRING ASHLEY SERRAGLIO – PART-TIME RECORDS COURIER (#2610-1)

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler asked the Board to hire Ms. Serraglio as a Part-time Records Courier, adding that they were ready to hire in March but due to COVID-19 that hire was put on hold. Ms. Hostutler expressed that they feel they have a great candidate for this position.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring Ashley Lynn Serraglio to the position of Part-time Records Courier (#2610-1) to be effective August 17, 2020 at the rate of \$9.56 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

<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 – ACCEPT AND APPROVE ONE TIME WAIVER – SECTION 125 PLAN

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve a one-time waiver for an employee that had an adult dependent child that had applied for their own health insurance and due to delays by COVID there was a delay in the confirmation and we'd like to approve the child being removed from the family plan and then taking the employees health care from family to single.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and approve a one-time waiver of the Section 125 Plan sixty (60) day time limit for a qualifying event change to one employee's healthcare plan due to a delay caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

<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 – RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTION OF ROTH 457 OPTION – BUCKEYE DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve two Resolutions to adopt the Roth 457 option from Buckeye Deferred Compensation and Ohio Deferred Compensation to expand the portfolio choices for employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-089 in Support of the Adoption of the Roth 457 Option as an Expanded Portfolio Choice within the Buckeye Deferred Compensation Program.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #20-089
Date: August 11, 2020

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROTH 457 OPTION AS AN EXPANDED PORTFOLIO CHOICE WITHIN THE BUCKEYE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Buckeye Deferred Compensation Program operates deferred compensation programs available to employees in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 220, effective March 19, 2017, to allow Roth options within public employee deferred compensation programs. The Roth 457 option has been identified as an additional benefit that can assist county employees to save for retirement by expanding their portfolio options to include additional possible tax advantages; and

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WHEREAS, Geauga County employees currently can choose to utilize the Roth 457 option from the CCAO Deferred Compensation Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners wish to provide County employees with additional options; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to assist Geauga County employees with planning for retirement, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby:

Authorizes and supports the expansion of the Buckeye Deferred Compensation Plan in Geauga County to include the Roth 457 option pursuant to Ohio law.

Authorizes the County Auditor to add the Roth 457 as an option for County Employees and amend the payroll system as needed to allow payments to be directed to Buckeye Deferred Compensations Program

Certifies that this Resolution was adopted in a regular or special session of the Board in full compliance with the Ohio Public Records Act.

<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 Resolution #20-090 in Support of the Adoption of the Roth 457 Option as an Expanded Portfolio Choice within the Ohio Deferred Compensation Program.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #20-090

Date: August 11, 2020

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROTH 457 OPTION AS AN EXPANDED PORTFOLIO CHOICE WITHIN THE OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Ohio Deferred Compensation Program operates deferred compensation programs available to employees in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 220, effective March 19, 2017, to allow Roth options within public employee deferred compensation programs. The Roth 457 option has been identified as an additional benefit that can assist county employees to save for retirement by expanding their portfolio options to include additional possible tax advantages; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County employees currently can choose to utilize the Roth 457 option from the CCAO Deferred Compensation Program; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners wish to provide County employees with additional options; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to assist Geauga County employees with planning for retirement, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby:

Authorizes and supports the expansion of the Ohio Deferred Compensation Plan in Geauga County to include the Roth 457 option pursuant to Ohio law.

Authorizes the County Auditor to add the Roth 457 as an option for County Employees and amend the payroll system as needed to allow payments to be directed to Ohio Deferred Compensations Program

Certifies that this Resolution was adopted in a regular or special session of the Board in full compliance with the Ohio Public Records Act.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY TO ALLOW FOR USE OF AN EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY BONDS

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to adopt a policy to allow the use of the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty through CORSA in place of individual surety bonds. Mr. Morgan added that this will also allow Elected Officials to ask for use of this policy in place of a surety bond. Christine Blair, Clerk added that this is just for new Elected Officials terms it does not replace any existing term bonds.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-091 Adopting a Policy to Allow for the Use of an Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Policy in Lieu of Individual Surety Bonds.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 11, 2020
Resolution: #20-091

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF AN EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY BONDS

WHEREAS, Sub. House Bill 291, signed into law on December 20, 2018 and effective on March 20, 2019, enacted section 3.061 of the Revised Code, authorizing the use of an “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy” instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 3.061 of the Revised Code, the Board of Commissioners may adopt a policy, by resolution, to allow for the use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy, rather than a surety bond, to cover losses caused by the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law for, officers, employees, or appointees that would otherwise be required to give an individual surety bond to qualify for the office or employment before entering upon the discharge of duties imposed by the office or employment; and

WHEREAS, the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be in effect and apply to the officer, employee, or appointee before the beginning of the individual’s term of office or employment, and the officer, employee, or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until coverage is documented as required by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a lack of coverage on the date on which the discharge of duties are commenced by the individual shall render the office vacant and it shall be filled as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the following shall apply to the policy adopted by the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without giving bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law;*
- 2. Officer, employee, or appointee shall be entitled to enter upon the duties of the office or employment when the policy is in effect;*
- 3. All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement;*
- 4. The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law, but if no amount, or only a*

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minimum amount, of coverage is specified in law for the particular officer, employee, or appointee, the amount of coverage shall be an amount agreed upon by the legislative authority or the authority otherwise designated by law to determine the amount of the bond; and

5. *Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval from the Board of Commissioners of the intent to use the county's CORSA coverage agreement and affirm that the county's coverage complies with section 3.061 of the Revised Code.*
6. *Nothing in this policy relieves an officer, employee or appointee of other applicable requirements to hold the office or employment.*

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners that Geauga County's "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" through the CORSA coverage document complies with ORC §3.061;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio hereby authorizes the use of the county's "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy," rather than a surety bond, to cover losses caused by the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law for, officers, employees, or appointees that would otherwise be required to give an individual surety bond to qualify for the office or employment before entering upon the discharge of duties imposed by the office or employment.

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 – LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES – THRASHER, DINSMORE AND DOLAN

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the letter for legal services for Thrasher, Dinsmore and Dolan to act as the outside counsel for the Commissioners when the Prosecutors' Office is unable to do so for the remainder of 2020.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the letter for Legal Services provided by Thrasher, Dinsmore and Dolan for the remainder of the year 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 without prior approval by the Board.

<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 – MOTION TABLED FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #20-092 Establishing the Location and Time of the September 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Lennon expressed that due to changes with the Fair he wanted to wait and talk to the Fair Board on whether it was a moot point to hold the meeting if the public wasn't going to be allowed on the Fairgrounds. Ms. Blair expressed that the Board had previously agreed to continue to hold this meeting, that the Fair was still going to hold a Junior Fair and the public is allowed on the fairgrounds. Ms. Blair noted that they would need to cancel the meeting if they are not going to hold it as it was scheduled in January when the scheduled meetings were approved. Mr. Morgan added that they could table until a discussion could be held with the Fair Board.

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COMMISSIONERS'S OFFICE – ZENCITY LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mr. Morgan explained that this is for the outside agency to supply data about concerns and current events that are being discussed by monitoring social media avenues.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Zencity License Agreement for the purpose of providing management consulting services in accordance with O.R.C. 9.36 for a one-year period in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.00.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>No</i>

**It was noted that they had approved Mr. Lennon to execute – he stated then Mr. Spidalieri would have to sign.*

The motion was carried again as:

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Zencity License Agreement for the purpose of providing management consulting services in accordance with O.R.C. 9.36 for a one-year period in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.00.

<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>

THENDESIGN ARCHITECTURE – PRESENTATION ON NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Mr. Morgan explained that he had asked TDA to present an update on where they were on the project as they move towards getting actual numbers on the construction project.

Mark Seifried from NV5 and Bob Fiala and Brad Gellert from TDA presented an animated video of a preliminary look of the new building. Here are a few snapshots from that video.

Mr. Gellert expressed that this is a great overview of the design phase. Mr. Seifried briefly described what was in the video of the building, noting that it is about 115,000 square feet and is four stories with the basement.

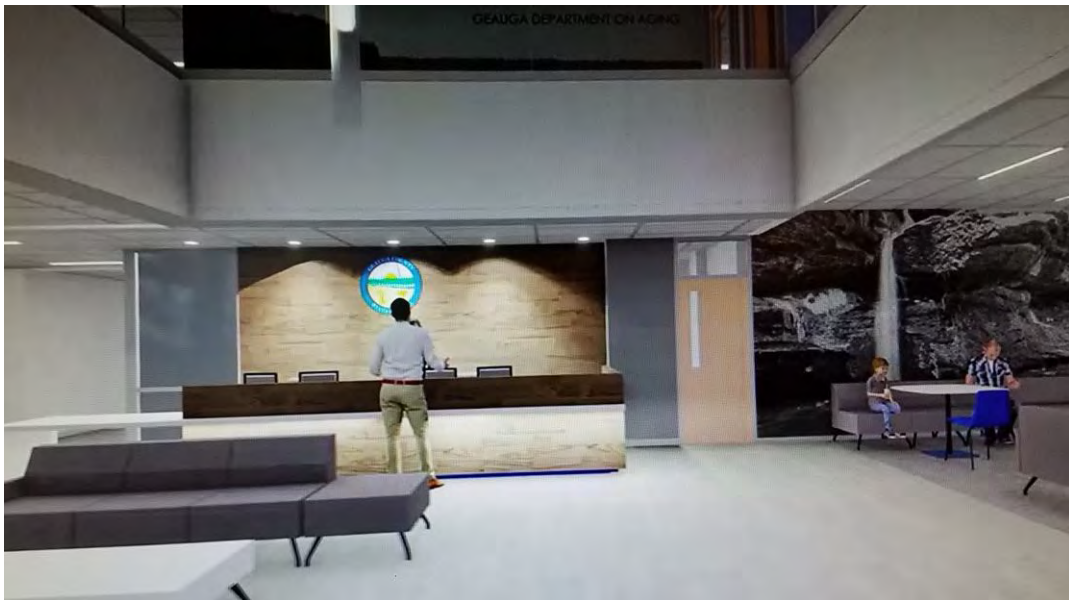


Front of the Building

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Main entrance and lobby



First floor reception area



Stairwell

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2nd Floor reception with conference rooms



Preliminary example of Conference / Commissioners Chambers



Dining area on 3rd Floor

Mr. Seifried mentioned that changes since the last design include the OSU Extension and Soil and Water Conservation District into the building. Mr. Seifried noted that each department will have their own coffee area but a main dining area that can be used as a conference area as well.

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Mr. Lennon inquired about the Commissioners Chambers, including the square footage and on what floor. Mr. Seifried stated that it was around 1,000 square feet and on the third floor. It was discussed that the Chambers is adjacent to a larger conference room that holds 100 people. Mr. Lennon wondered about being on the first floor to the third floor but understood what they are thinking.

Mr. Gellert explained that they have been pushing to get the buy in and sign off from each of the departments to make sure the building design meets everyone's expectation before it goes out to bid, adding that they hope to have construction begin as early as October and construction of steel in the spring. Mr. Gellert stated that the project team holds weekly construction meetings and that includes Donley's.

Mr. Morgan briefly talked about getting more realistic numbers on the project that are current and not based on 9 months down the road. Mr. Gellert stated that the market is fair right now and a good time to get the project started. Mr. Lennon inquired if they had any issues with departments, to which Mr. Morgan stated that they were still working on the move to include OSU because they have events and classes on weekends and during the summer that if they need to be here how will we maintain and address that. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about maybe using the fairgrounds and keep the good relationship but they also need to look at the added cost of maintenance with having people in the building on the weekends.

There was a discussion with Denise Kaminski, Clerk of Courts about the Title Office and having the License Bureau moving in for the convenience and a benefit for the residents.

Mr. Lennon and Mr. Spidalieri talked about the economic growth that is going to come to that area in the future.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 29, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending July 2020.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending July 2020 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- 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 Board of Health meeting, 5:00 p.m., Building #8*
- 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.*
- Wed., 8/26 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 p.m. Warren, District Office or via Zoom*

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Tue., 9/1 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. including a Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. regarding the proposed Amendment to the Standard Specifications and Procedures for the Design and Construction of Subdivision Roads in Geauga County*

Thu., 9/3 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Fairgrounds, Junior Fair 4-H stage*

Mon., 9/7 **County Offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Thu., 9/10 *Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m., 470 Center Street, Building #8, meeting room, Chardon*

Thu., 9/10 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

A local resident from Chesterland, Fred Demming asked to address the Board about his concern over the direction the Country was headed and presented copies of the Ohio Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Demming continued about the laws that Governor DeWine is pushing, adding that today we are not free and questioned where is DeWine's authority based on the Ohio Constitution and what he is doing to Ohio he feels is treason to the economy. Mr. Demming talked about communism, militia, and that we need to do more than pray for our Country.

Mr. Spidalieri brought up the media and how it wouldn't exist if it wasn't for advertisers, and that he doesn't agree and will never about kneeling for the national anthem and stop supporting the advertisers that support the NFL, if you don't support the media then it can't exist. Mr. Spidalieri brought up facebook and stated that if you mention certain things you are censored but advertisers that are paying to be in there can promote the things that are promoting the wrong message and making people more powerful. Mr. Lennon added that unfortunately the only way to get the attention of this administration is to keep pressure on our legislators. Mr. Demming stated that we need to get behind our police and support them or we are going to get what we deserve. Mr. Spidalieri added that he worries about that, having young kids, what are we going to leave behind for them.

Mr. Morgan explained that unfortunately at the County level they are bound by what they can do by the Ohio Revised Code, adding that there are things that they would love to do, but are not legally allowed to do things and that can be tough.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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