

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 18, 2020**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 18, 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:*

*Hope...*

*May the Lord show us the greatness of his goodness, that you overflow with thanks every day.*

*May the Lord bless you abundantly, with rest for the heart, power for virtue, wisdom for life and patience in suffering.*

*May the Lord bless you with joyful hope, and one day with the inexpressible joys of eternal life.*

*Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 21, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriations transfer from the Commissioners Contingency account to Municipal Court criminal prosecution account to pay for an increase in indigent defendants requiring representation; Cash transfers from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to various departments to reimburse them for unbudgeted expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic in accordance with Resolution of Acceptance #20-087; Purchase orders for Maintenance to Nevird LTD d.b.a. Ash's Mayfield Window Cleaning for window washing at various County Buildings and the Safety Center; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the County's share of an assistant to the Jail Treatment Program in the amount of \$39,480.00; and Revenue Certifications for the Public Defender, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer for additional unbudgeted revenues received by the General Fund in 2020.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-092 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 18, 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 – RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

*Mr. Gorton asked the Board to execute the Resolution approving the CARES Act Expenditures in the amount of \$33,492.52.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-093 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: August 18, 2020*

*Resolution: #20-093*

*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 133<sup>rd</sup> 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*

*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 \$33,492.52 and includes the following:*

*For Reimbursement \$11,206.56:*

*Aging \$1,748.55*

*Mobile Phone, Phone cards, Webcams, Ink for printing, Mileage reimbursement for Home Delivered Meals*

*ADP \$5,595.19*

*Remote working – Webcams, monitor adapters, speakers, power adapters, Webex licenses, wifi adapters, cables, hotspots for phones (4 months)*

*Prosecutor \$3,862.82*

*PPE, Sanitation, Thermometers, Laptop Computer w/ accessories, wall mounted large screen television*

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*For the Proposed*      \$22,285.96:

*Prosecutor*              \$13,830.08  
*Forensic Laptop w/ accessories, 3 cameras, 1 desktop and 1 laptop computer for remote working and replacing 19 cloth chairs*

*Building*                 \$8,455.88  
*Remote working – 6 laptops w/accessories*

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

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

**TRANSIT – GRANT A WAIVER OF POLICY PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF LATE FEES AND FINANCE CHARGES – ALLOW PAYMENT TO DOMINION EAST OHIO GAS**

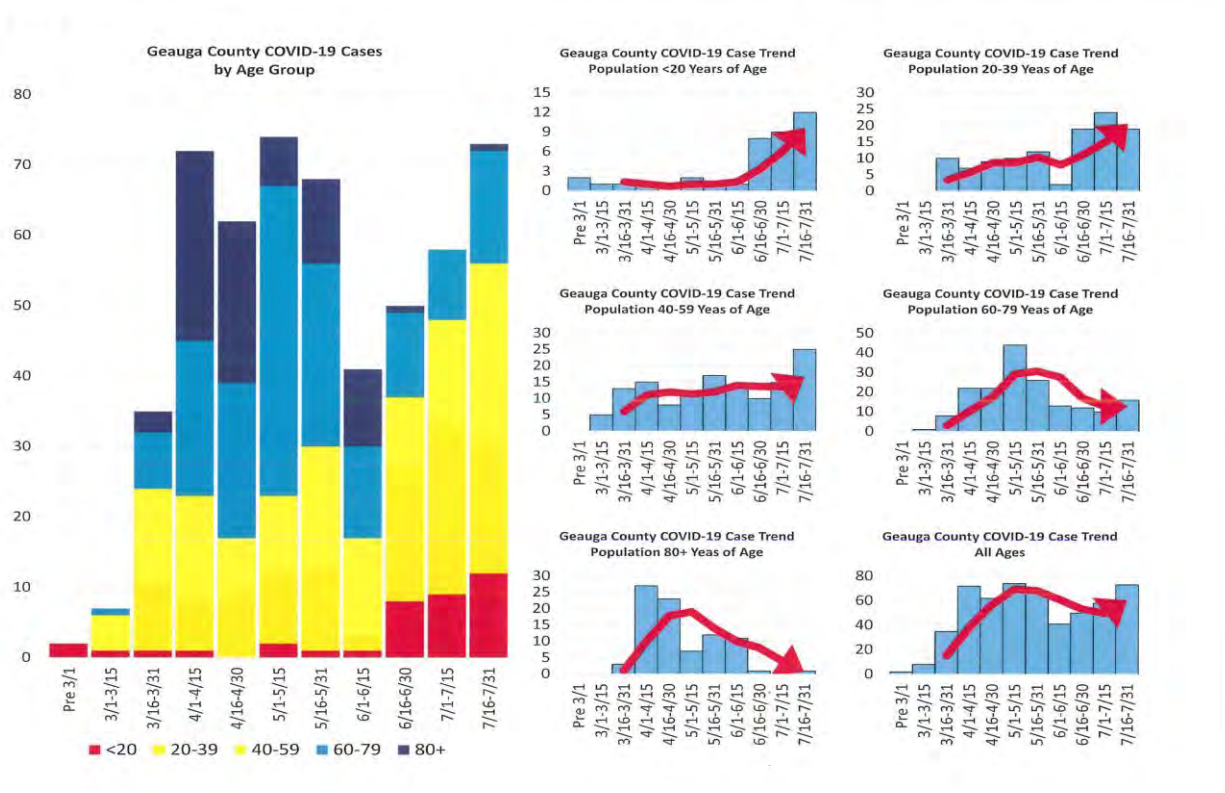
*Mr. Gorton explained that Transit had a rough year last year with the passing of their Director and two long term employees that retired, and this bill got away from them and that Dominion can be difficult to work with and have tried to get them to remove the late fees. Mr. Gorton stated that they are asking to get this resolved and move on.*

*Motion:*                    *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and grant a waiver of the policy prohibiting the payment of late fees and finance charges and to allow a payment to Dominion East Ohio Gas in the amount of \$22.81, due to an error caused by a previous employee.*

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

**UPDATE FROM GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER TOM QUADE**

*Mr. Quade presented some information to the Board and explained that he would be glad to come in and provide updates. Mr. Quade noted that Geauga County is in pretty good shape especially relative to Ohio and to the Country as a whole. There are some trends that are interesting and we need to pay attention to.*

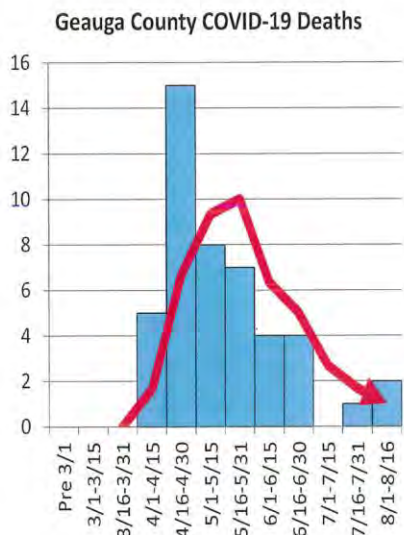
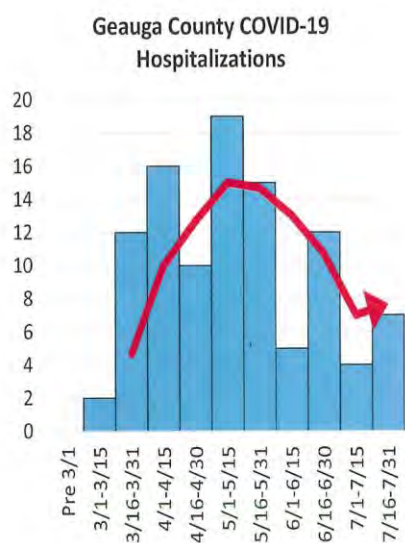


*Mr. Quade talked about the trend in age distribution of cases, the most common explanation can be tied to environmental change, using June as when the reopening started. Mr. Quade noted*

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that in Geauga County we are not testing as much as the country as a whole, but more of an increase from those going out to restaurants and bars. Mr. Quade stated that almost all the mortality is in the aging population with the exposure in April and May in the assisted and nursing home (congregate) settings. Mr. Quade explained his concern with sending the kids back to school because in essence it's a congregate setting and even with the best plans it's a numbers game and the plans reduce the risk. Mr. Quade spent most of the summer working with the schools working with their plans. Mr. Quade went over the trends in the first chart, that are listed by age group and expressed concern over the increases in the younger age groups and the arrows are trending upward, adding that we really want all the arrows trending down. Mr. Quade briefly explained how the data is being reported and that it has lag time, including mortality, because the death has to be confirmed as COVID before reported on the death certificate. Mr. Quade stated that there is a gray area on the Ohio Department of Health website because of the lag in the reporting. Mr. Quade stated that not only cases, but hospitalizations and deaths are declining, but unfortunately, we have had 3 reported deaths.

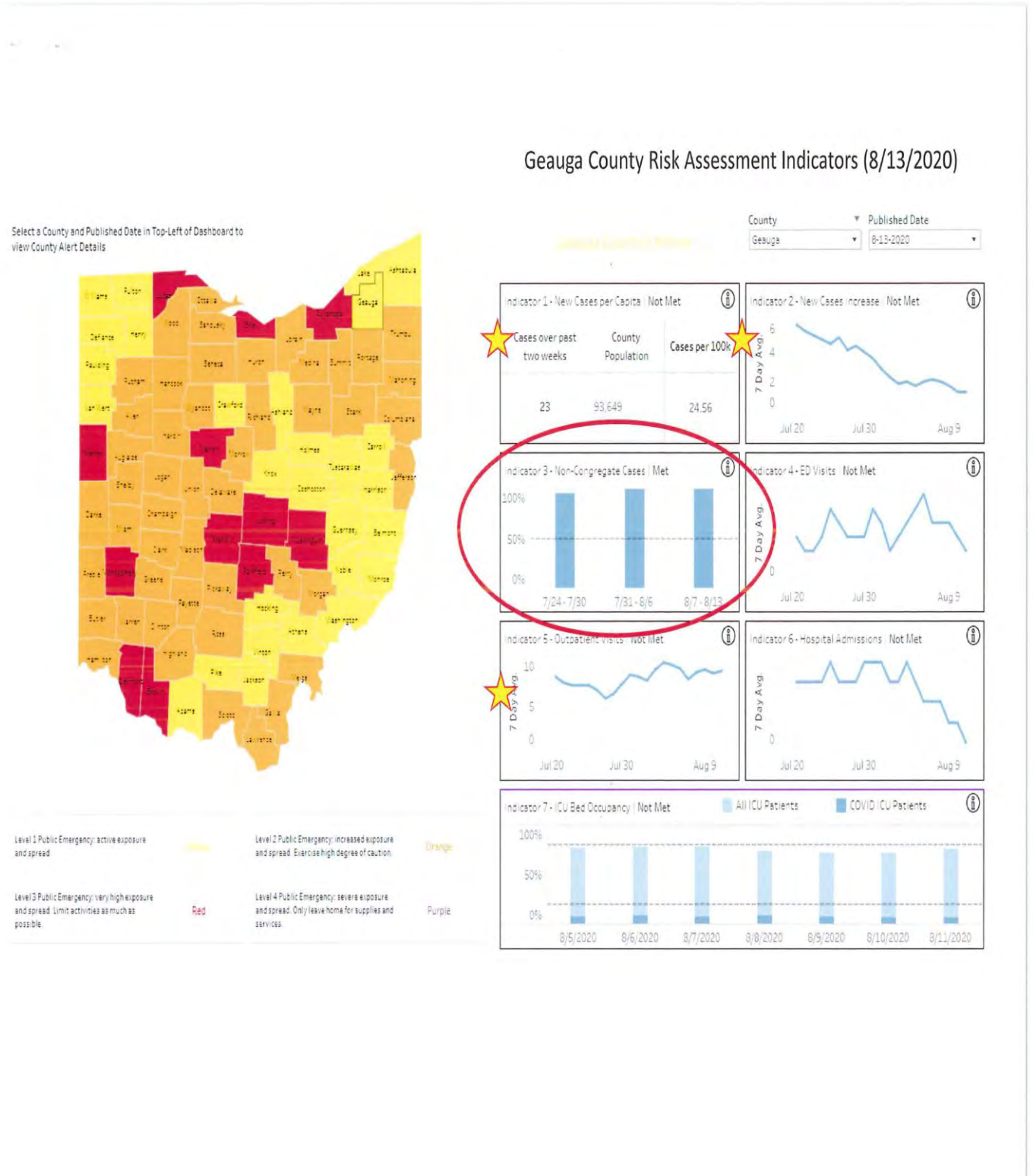
Mr. Quade stated that he went back five years and looked at the causes of death to compare with the deaths for COVID and if you compare them, COVID is the leading cause of death in Geauga County. Mr. Quade stated that there is a lot of comparison of COVID to the Flu, so if you combine Influenza and Pneumonia account for about 2 people a month. Mr. Quade briefly explained how deaths are listed on a death certificate, what determines the cause of death and who completes that information.



Average Number of Geauga County Deaths March 1 through July 31	
COVID-19 (U07.1)	44
Ischaemic heart disease (I20-I25)	41
Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	19
Malignant neoplasm of the lung and bronchus (C34)	17
Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	17
Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	14
Alzheimer disease (G30)	9
Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	9
Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)	8
Malignant neoplasm of the pancreas (C25)	7
Hypertensive diseases	6
Malignant neoplasm of the breast (C50)	6
Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	6
Septicemia (A40-A41)	5
Parkinson disease (G20-G21)	5
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	5
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	5

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*Mr. Quade briefly talked about the Risk Assessment Indicators from the State, noting that Geauga County has mainly been yellow with a few bumps up to orange. They are paying attention overall to the State because eventually what is happening elsewhere can catch up to us here. Mr. Quade stated that the trend we will probably hit is indicator #3 which is the indicator of community spread, based on it spreading in the non-congregate settings.*



*Mr. Lennon brought up that decisions are being made and there are a lot of discrepancy in reporting to which Mr. Quade stated that the data comes from the lab, the hospitals use a separate reporting list. Mr. Lennon stated that he wished there were more accurate numbers being reported and truly seeing the whole picture. Mr. Quade expressed that in public health they focus on prevention, they are trying to stay ahead, and there a lot of do this, take a step back, try this, take a step back. Mr. Quade explained what he has been trying to do when someone calls and asks if they can do something, they talk things through and discuss ways to do things to remain safe. Mr. Quade stated that Geauga County Health has given no action against anyone, business or individual. Mr. Quade stated that they want business to be successful and kids to be educated. Mr. Quade explained that he has been working with the school superintendents about the kids going back to school, the kids playing sports but those things present a great risk and expect to see an increase in cases.*

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*Mr. Quade stated that a big concern they are seeing in Geauga County, but other counties are experiencing similar instances where there are parents out there that don't believe in COVID and people don't want to participate in the contact tracing, which can result in the risk of exposure and transmission without others not knowing. Mr. Quade talked about what is considered being recovered from the illness.*

LEVEL 1-4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS			
Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on CDC guidance. High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.			
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a daily health/symptom self-evaluation and stay at home if symptomatic.**</li> <li>Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members.</li> <li>Wear face coverings in public, especially when social distancing is difficult to maintain.</li> <li>Increase caution when interacting with others not practicing social distancing or wearing face covers.</li> <li>Avoid traveling to high-risk areas.</li> <li>Follow good hygiene standards, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer frequently.</li> <li>Avoid touching your face.</li> <li>Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow).</li> <li>Symptom self-evaluation monitoring.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same guidelines as in Level 1.</li> <li>Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk.</li> <li>High-risk individuals* should take extra care to follow precautions.</li> <li>Decrease in-person interactions outside household.</li> <li>Seek medical care as needed, but limit or avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same guidelines as in Levels 1-2.</li> <li>Decrease in-person interactions with others.</li> <li>Consider necessary travel only.</li> <li>Limit attending gatherings of any number.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same guidelines as in Level 1-3.</li> <li>Stay at home/necessary travel only.</li> </ul>

Geauga County represents 0.8% of the state's population.

Geauga County represents 0.5% of the state's COVID-19 cases.

Geauga County represents 0.8% of the state's COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Geauga County represents 1.2 % of the state's COVID-19 deaths. (Deaths represent current status but may change over the course of several weeks as cause of death may take weeks to determine.)

Geauga County represents 0.6% of the state's presumed recovered. ("Recovered" is currently defined as those whose symptom onset >21 days who have not died.)



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	population	Cases		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
	Total	Total	Per 100,000	Total	Per 100,000	Total	Per 100,000
Cuyahoga County	1,235,000	14,418	1,167	2,277	184	528	42.8
Lake County	230,149	1,187	516	143	62	43	18.7
Ashtabula County	97,241	588	605	93	96	46	47.3
<b>Geauga County</b>	<b>93,649</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49.1</b>
Trumbull County	197,974	1,637	827	312	158	112	56.6
Portage County	162,466	791	487	120	74	65	40.0
Mahoning County	228,683	2,691	1,177	431	188	260	113.7
Summit County	541,013	3,818	706	561	104	228	42.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,786,175</b>	<b>25,704</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>47.7</b>

Geauga County is within 1 standard deviation below the mean number of cases per 100,000 population (762). We are not statistically significantly different from the other counties in the region. However, we are 34% lower than the cases per 100,000 for the region as a whole.

Geauga County is within 1 standard deviation below the mean number of hospitalizations per 100,000 population (121). We are not statistically significantly different from the other counties in the region. However, we are 66% lower than the hospitalizations per 100,000 for the region as a whole.

Geauga County is within 1 standard deviation below the mean number of deaths per 100,000 population (51.3). We are not statistically significantly different from the other counties in the region. However, we are 3% higher than the deaths per 100,000 for the region as a whole.

*Mr. Quade explained that he has been working closely with the schools and explained his plan to handle contract tracing with any cases that may come up in the schools. Mr. Quade stated that he wished we had the access to test like everyone in the state, but we just can't do that. Mr. Dvorak inquired about business visits within the County, to which Mr. Quade stated that the calls and emails he receives in a day are split, half are upset that people aren't wearing masks and the other half are upset and want things opened up. Mr. Quade stated that if a business installs a policy to visit their establishment and you don't follow it, then that is trespassing. Mr. Quade expressed that cold and flu symptoms overlap the COVID symptoms and if your kid is sick stay home until all the symptoms are gone. If the child is sick and they stay home and they get worse than they test positive by staying home they reduce the transmission to others in the school. Two ways they show up, a positive test by a lab, the other is a close contact of that individual and become symptomatic.*

*Mr. Lennon inquired about people that believe that they had it early on even before March and any built up immunity. Mr. Quade talked about immunity and herd immunity, and best guess is that 1% of the population has been diagnosed and maybe we could expect that 8 to 10% has actually, had it (best guess). Mr. Quade noted that we have a lot of what if's, herd immunity is often talked about with vaccines, and at some point, we will have one for COVID, and there is a lot of the population that says no thanks, and he himself is not sure of this vaccine and if he will get it. And will there be a need for a booster, like tetanus, we don't know. Mr. Quade stated that each year the flu vaccine is a new strain the vaccine fights previous strains you may come in contact with. The benefit of a covid vaccine over a flu vaccine is that the coronavirus as far as anyone know is not changing to build up herd immunity. Most diseases have an 60-95% immunity.*

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*The Commissioners thanked Mr. Quade for coming in and discussed a follow up in Mid-October. Mr. Dvorak asked that the conference calls be reinstated to keep the lines of communication open. There was a brief discussion on the statistics on the fairs that happened in the state.*

*Local resident Fred Demming asked if the information presented was going to be made available. And Mr. Quade responded that he had prepared to be made a public record. Mr. Demming inquired if Mr. Quade had reviewed the information he received from him at the Junior Fair meeting. Mr. Quade noted that the Governor of Ohio did not close fairs but ordered them to only be allowed to hold a Junior Fair. There was discussion about what the Fair Board will and won't be allowed to do while holding that Junior Fair.*

*A local resident from Munson, Paul Maguchin express that the Health Commissioner cannot infer the Governors orders and that constitutionally the Governor cannot do what he is doing and that information needs to be presented so that they don't scare people. Mr. Lennon addressed Mr. Maguchin that the plans for the Fair had been gone over at a meeting and if the Governor had not put the order out, the Fair Board would have moved forward with a full Fair, and that he is really just asking for Mr. Quade of his opinion. Mr. Quade briefly described how the Health District is governed by the Board of Health and a Health District Advisory Board and that this process was created after the Pandemic of 1918.*

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMENTS – IMPROVEMENTS TO BUNDYSBURG ROAD IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP, IMPROVEMENTS TO HASKINS ROAD BRIDGE IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP AND TWO FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP*

*Deputy Engineer Andy Haupt asked the Board to accept and execute the Easements for several projects throughout the County, that they are doing improvements to get rid of guardrail.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Lori and Justin Hemrock (Parcel #25-190177) for Improvements to Bundysburg Road (CH 38) in Parkman Township for Culvert #0038-02.060, Easement #8 in the amount of \$200.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Edwards Crystal Brook Holdings, LLC (Parcel #02-421300) for Improvements to the Haskins Road Bridge (Structure #00.480) in Bainbridge Township, Easement #2 in the amount of \$300.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Commissioners and James H. McDivitt (Parcel #30-036400) for Improvements to the Valentine Road Bridge (Structure #00.210) in Thompson Township, Easement #1 in the amount of \$200.00.*

<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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Brian L. Vance (Parcel #30-081800) for Improvements to the Valentine Road*



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*Bridge (Structure #00.210) in Thompson Township, Easement #2 in the amount of \$200.00.*

<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>

*PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH ROETZEL AND ANDRESS – LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF GEAUGA COUNTY PROBATE/ JUVENILE COURT JUDGE TIMOTHY GRENDALL*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Retention Agreement with Roetzel and Andress for Legal Representation of Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Judge Timothy Grendell in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, unless prior approval by the Board of Commissioners.*

<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>

*RECORDER'S OFFICE – ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES*

*Celesta Mullins asked the Board to advertise for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the computer system, noting that the current vendor is Fidlar which is a specialized software. Ms. Mullins responded to Mr. Lennon about being happy with the current vendor but that the Prosecutor's Office has expressed that they are approaching the bid threshold.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for Competitive Sealed Proposals for "Information Technology Services" to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Competitive Sealed Proposal will be advertised on August 27, 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>

*MAINTENANCE – RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD NEWSOME – OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF TWELVE YEARS TO GEAUGA COUNTY*

*Director Glen Vernick expressed his gratitude for everything that Richard Newsome has done for Geauga County in the twelve years he has been here, that he well respected by the Elected Officials and is a great behind the scenes guy that doesn't like being in the spotlight. Mr. Dvorak thanked Mr. Newsome for all his hard work. Sheriff Hildenbrand added that Mr. Newsome was someone you can always count on, that he was a great problem solver and would always have your back, making Mr. Vernick look good.*

*Mr. Lennon read the following resolution:*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #20-94*  
*Date: August 18, 2020*

*RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD NEWSOME ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF TWELVE YEARS TO GEAUGA COUNTY*

*WHEREAS, On August 21, 2020 Richard Newsome will retire from County employment from his position as Operations Manager after twelve years of dedicated and outstanding service to Geauga County; and*

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*WHEREAS, Richard, in retirement, plans to travel the United States with his wife, Donna, and in the spring, he can be found volunteering with the Rotary Club of Burton and Middlefield at their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser; and*

*WHEREAS, Richard started his career with Geauga County when he was hired in 2008 as Maintenance Supervisor and in 2009 was promoted to Operations Manager. Over the years, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership, initiative, and helpfulness to the Elected Officials, employees, and citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, Richard, in his time with the Maintenance Department, used his management expertise to initiate savings for Geauga County by creating a dedicated project team, implementing the Facility Dude work order program, and in addition he has been able to improve relationships and communication between the Maintenance Department and other county agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, Richard Newsome is a treasure that will be greatly missed by the many people he served: Elected Officials, employees, and contractors alike; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor Richard Newsome for his many achievements and appreciation for his twelve years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its residents; and*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-094 Honoring Richard Newsome on the occasion of his Retirement and Dedicated Service of Twelve Years to Geauga County.*

<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>

*The Board presented Mr. Newsome with his resolution and posed for a few pictures.*

*ARCHIVES / RECORDS CENTER – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – TAMERAN GRAPHIC SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED*

*Mr. Morgan explained that this is the company used to take the scans and put them to microfilm.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Tameran Graphic Systems, Incorporated to record document files prepared by Customer using Tameran Roll Film Composer on Archive Microfilm Media for a two-year period in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.*

<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>

*COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE- APPOINT JIM DVORAK (ALTERNATE GERARD MORGAN) VOTING REPRESENTATIVE – CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Jim Dvorak (Alternate, Gerard Morgan) as voting representative for Geauga County at the CEBCO Annual meeting to be held Friday, August 28, 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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session to discuss the discipline of a public employee at the Department on Aging.*

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. with County Administrator Gerard Morgan, Director Jessica Boalt and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned at 10:49 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:*

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to terminate employment for Rita Painter, due to Probationary Failure to be effective August 18, 2020.*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of July, 2020.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events. They had a brief discussion about continuing to hold the meeting at the fair to support the Fair Board and the 4-H Junior Fair kids. It was noted the resolution to move the meeting will be put back on the agenda for next week.*

**MEETINGS**

*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*

*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 (Tentative)*

*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.*

*Fri., 9/11 2020 NOACA Virtual Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.*

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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 10:51 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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