

Commissioners' Journal
August 24, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 24, 2021 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, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Wisdom

We are wise with the wisdom of God

One of the most reassuring of God promises in the Bible is; "I have filled him with the spirit of God, with the ability and intelligence". This can be our promise, Also

Is there something we want to learn, or to remember? We are filled with knowledge and intelligence. We are filled with the ability to handle all things. Do we wish for greater confidence in ourselves? We have been filled with the spirit of God - what greater reason for confidence.

If we feel that our life is productive and worthwhile, then we are on the right path, today's affirmation reminds us of Gods spirit of wisdom in us. As we rely on this spirit, we make the best possible use of our time and energy and we know with a deep inner knowing that we are being directed to our good.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 18, 2021 for the Airport Authority approved the request for partial payment #2 for Hummel Construction for the T-Hangar project in the amount of \$31,198.90; for Transit approved the promotion of Duane Bidlack to the position of Full-time Fiscal and Budget Officer (#2219) to be effective August 23, 2021 at the rate of \$21.15 per hour with a 180-day probationary period; and approved the promotion of Christy Catley from Part-time to Full-time Driver (#2210) to be effective August 23, 2021 at the rate of \$15.36 per hour and on August 20, 2021 for the Department on Aging amended the motion from July 20, 2021 to add an additional day (8 hours) to read: Approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Hannah Heinz, Recreation and Education Assistant for forty (40) hours due to previously planned vacation on July 30, 2021 and the period August 11, 2021 through August 16, 2021. This will extend her probationary period by five days, forty (40) hours; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an encumbrance increase for Water Resources to GPD Group for Change Order #2 for additional inspection services at the Chardon Township wastewater treatment plant and sewer collection project; Travel request for the Auditor's Office and the Probate Court; an encumbrance for the Commissioners' Office to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for the Jail Treatment Program at the Geauga County Safety Center for the Year 2021; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Ravenwood for the third quarter 2021 commitment to Youth Center Operations in the amount of \$104,105.00; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to the Airport Authority for pay request #2 for the T Hangar Construction project and loan in the amount of \$31,198.90; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Russell Road, Section A in the amount of \$267,350.25; and a Revenue Certification for ADP for additional transfers in revenue received in 2021.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #21-106 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 24, 2021.

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

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RE-ADVERTISE BIDS – GEAUGA DD PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Clerk, Christine Blair explained that we are asking to re-advertise for the playground replacement as the advertisement didn't make the paper.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to re-advertise for Bids for the Geauga DD Playground Replacement to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on August 26, 2021, September 2, 2021 and on the county website.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL, DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD AND BELL STREET

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to approve the final change order for Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Auburn and Bell which is a decrease of incidentals.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH-0004, Sections F-H and Bell Street (CH-0010, Section E) in Auburn and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$20,216.32.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL, DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – SHOULDER WIDEN AND RESURFACE NAUVOO ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve and execute the final change order for Ronyak Paving on the widening and resurfacing of Nauvoos Road for a decrease in the contract amount, as we non-performed some items and just some ups and downs.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Shoulder Widening and Asphalt Resurfacing of Nauvoos Road (CH-0041, Section A) in Middlefield Township in the amount of \$24,871.13.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – THREE-PARTY CONTRACT – ACQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION – MAPLE LEAF RESIDENCES PROJECT – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND – RELEASE BID BOND

Director Martin Castelletti explained that the Board had awarded the project to Acquire, today we are asking to execute the three-party contract.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Three-Party Contract between the County of Geauga, Maple Leaf Community Residences and Acquire Fire Protection for the Maple Leaf Residences Project, under Grant #B-F-19-1AZ-1, in the amount of \$59,569.06.

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

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to accept the Performance and Payment Bonds and release the Bid Bonds.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond and Payment Bond from Acquire Fire Protection for the Maple Leaf Residences Project and further release the Bid Bond.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – NOTICE TO PROCEED – ACQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION – MAPLE LEAF RESIDENCES PROJECT

Mr. Castelletti asked the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Acquire Fire Protection to get started on the Maple Leaf Residences project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Acquire Fire Protection for the Maple Leaf Residences Project.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – CERTIFY REQUIREMENTS OF ORC 5108 – BIENNIAL REVIEW – PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN

Director Craig Swenson explained that every two years they have to do a review and renew the Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan which explains how we use those funds to help people stay employed or get employed. Mr. Swenson stated that even at the department they are understaffed. Overall Geauga is doing good as for the unemployment rate, however once all the additional assistance that has come with COVID gets shut down the temperature will change. Mr. Swenson explained some of the things they can do with the program, being a hand up and not a hand out to help people with employment, like car repair, rent payment, youth work experience during the summer. The SNAP Benefits have been increased for maximum allotment, and right now that explains why the food pantries are full. Unemployment rate is around 6% in Geauga County right now.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to certify that the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 5108 pertaining to the Biennial Review of the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan by the Family Services Planning Committee have been fulfilled and that the PRC Plan is approved to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan Biennial Renewal 2021 of Ohio Revised Code 5108.

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

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TRANSIT – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – REMOVE VACANT POSITION – BUDGET OFFICER II

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve the revised organization chart to remove the now vacant position following Mr. Bidlack's promotion.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised Organizational Chart to remove the vacant position of Budget Officer II, to be effective August 24, 2021.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #9, OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR'S ESTMATE AND FUND PAY REQUEST #9 – TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – CHARDON TOWNSHIP SEWER PROJECT

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment request #9 and OWDA contractors estimate and payment for TRAX Construction on the Chardon Township Sewer project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #9, Ohio Water Development Authority Contractor's Estimate and Fund Payment Request #9 for TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$43,149.76.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES – PLANNING FOR MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve and authorize Mr. Morgan, County Administrator to execute the OWDA fund payment requests for technical services for the planning of the McFarland renovations and upgrades project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Fund Payment Requests for Technical Services of the Planning for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project, once payment has been approved through financials for all requests through the completion of the project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES DVORAK, PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP WATERLINE EXTENSION LOOP CLOSURE

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the resolution that authorizes Mr. Dvorak, President to apply for, accept and enter into a water supply revolving loan account agreement for the Bainbridge Waterline Extension Loop Closure. Mr. Morgan stated that there are currently two dead end lines on Bainbridge Road, south side of 422 and on Chagrin Road, north side of 422, which this will create a loop to have flow going both directions. This will help some existing customers with public water.

There is no requirement to tap into a public water system, they could if they chose to but it's not like a sanitary sewer line.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-107 Authorizing James W. Dvorak, President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to Apply for, Accept and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency – Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (OEPA-DEFA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Planning, Design and / or Construction of the Bainbridge Township Waterline Extension Loop Closure; and designating a repayment source for the Loan.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #21-107

Date: August 24, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMES W. DVORAK, PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (OEPA-DEFA) AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND / OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP WATERLINE EXTENSION LOOP CLOSURE; AND DESIGNATING A REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County (hereinafter referred to as the "LGA"), seeks to upgrade the existing waterline in Bainbridge Township; and

WHEREAS, the LGA intends to apply for a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for the Planning, Design and / or construction of the water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) requires the government authority to pass legislation for application for a loan and the execute of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (OEPA-DEFA) has indicated its willingness to make a loan for that purpose and on those terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County Ohio:

Section 1. That the LGA be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WSRLA loan, execute all documents for and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Planning, Design and / or Construction of water facilities on behalf of the County of Geauga, Ohio.

Section 2. That the dedicated source of repayment will be the revenue collected from current and future water customers.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA), Office of Financial Assistance Agreement in regards to the Planning, Design and / or Construction of the Bainbridge Township Waterline Extension Loop Closure Project.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE DIRECTOR / SANITARY ENGINEER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER QUALITY PROGRAM THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the Director / Sanitary Engineer to submit applications for the Water and Sewer Quality Program under the HB 168 through the Ohio Department of Development for the projects that were selected by the Engineer. Mr. Morgan explained that this is state funding that was provided to be overseen by the Engineer's Office, of the top ten projects, the City of Chardon, Middlefield Village, Burton Village and South Russell were also picked for projects.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Director, Steven Oluic, PhD and / Gerard Morgan, Sanitary Engineer, to submit applications for the Water and Sewer Quality Program for funding through the Ohio Department of Development as established in HB168, for the following projects, Service Center Water System Upgrade, Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant, McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovations, Water Towers Interior Sealing and Berkshire Heights Lateral Sewer Line Installation.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #10 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the payment request #10 for Donley's on the county office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #10 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$1,253,639.85.

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

There was a brief discussion about where they were at on the project and how the Solid Waste Facility was coming along.

Mr. Dvorak answered a question from local reporter for the Maple Leaf on the building project about the progression being made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 11, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 8/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 am.

Thu., 9/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair, Junior Fair Stage

Mon., 9/6 County Offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Thu., 9/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 am.

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Fri., 9/10 NOACA Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 9/13 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 9/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room

Tue., 9/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 9/14 The Commissioners will visit the County Office Building Site

Mon., 9/20 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services

Tue., 9/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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