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September 1, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 1, 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 in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Vice-President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We remember that "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God", (Romans 10:17), so when discouragement comes and you find that you have been walking by sight instead of by faith, head back to the scriptures and let the promises of God build your faith back up to strength.

Amen.

MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental from Mental Health to fund newly instituted programs for Chardon Schools, Drug Court, and K-12 School Prevention Programs; a Cash transfer 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 #20-096; a Then and Now for the Clerk of Courts to Courtview Justice Solutions; a Then and Now for the Juvenile Court to the Ohio Supreme Court; a payment for the Department of Development – Community Development to J & E & 3 for a Local Revolving Loan for The Pond Ice Rink in the amount of \$75,000.00; a payment for the Department of Development – Community Development to Burton Scot Contractors, LLC for parking lot paving at the DDC clinic in Middlefield in the amount of \$35,850.00; and a payment for the Maintenance Department to Best Solutions Medical Supply for the purpose of providing hand sanitizing stations in various County buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-098 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 1, 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>Absent</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 \$91,009.64.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-099 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 1, 2020
Resolution: #20-099

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

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 \$91,009.64 and includes the following:

For Reimbursement \$16,410.11:

Clerk of Courts \$4,682.11
PPE, Laptop for remote working

Emergency Services \$9,597.39
PPE and Sanitation

Engineer \$5,381.36
3 Monitors, 5 Computers, 1 Printer and Security Camera System to Aid Social Distancing in the workplace

For the Proposed \$74,599.53:

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Prosecutor \$12,911.95
5 Laptops with accessories for remote working

Sheriff \$39,276.00
2 Ultraviolet Portable Area Sanitizers

Transit \$22,411.58
3 Industrial Fans for Air Circulation, Replacement of 59 Cloth Chairs and
2 End Tables for Social Distancing, and Tile Flooring

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 *Absent*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE 2021

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the schedule for the 2021 Year Budget Hearings.*

Tuesday, September 22nd

<i>12:00 pm to 12:15 pm</i>	<i>Recorder</i>	<i>2:20 pm to 2:35 pm</i>	<i>Coroner</i>
<i>12:20 pm to 12:35 pm</i>	<i>Veterans</i>	<i>2:40 pm to 2:55 pm</i>	<i>Emergency Services</i>
<i>12:40 pm to 12:55 pm</i>	<i>Planning Commission</i>	<i>3:00 pm to 3:15 pm</i>	<i>Clerk of Courts</i>
<i>1:00 pm to 1:15 pm</i>	<i>Transit</i>	<i>3:20 pm to 3:35 pm</i>	<i>Law Library</i>
<i>1:20 pm to 1:35 pm</i>	<i>Public Defender</i>	<i>3:40 pm to 4:10 pm</i>	<i>Mental Health</i>
<i>1:40 pm to 1:55 pm</i>	<i>OSU Extension</i>	<i>4:10 pm to 4:40 pm</i>	<i>BOCC/Archives</i>
<i>2:00 pm to 2:15 pm</i>	<i>Dog Warden</i>		

Thursday, September 24th

<i>8:30 am to 9:30 am</i>	<i>DOD – Bldg & CED</i>	<i>Thursday, September 24th</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>9:35 am to 10:05 am</i>	<i>Municipal Court</i>	<i>8:15 am to 8:45 am</i>	<i>Board of Elections</i>
<i>10:10 am to 10:55 am</i>	<i>Airport</i>	<i>12:00 pm to 12:30 pm</i>	<i>JFS</i>
<i>11:00 am to 11:30 am</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>12:35 pm to 1:35 pm</i>	<i>Soil & Water</i>
<i>12:00 pm to 1:00 pm</i>	<i>Auditor/ADP</i>	<i>1:40 pm to 2:10 pm</i>	<i>Water Resources</i>
<i>1:05 pm to 2:05 pm</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>2:15 pm to 2:45 pm</i>	<i>Prosecutor</i>
<i>2:10 pm to 2:40 pm</i>	<i>Department on Aging</i>	<i>2:50 pm to 3:20 pm</i>	<i>Com Pleas/ Court Tech</i>
<i>2:45 pm to 3:15 pm</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>3:25 pm to 3:55 pm</i>	<i>Maintenance Projects</i>
<i>3:20 pm to 3:30 pm</i>	<i>Board of DD</i>	<i>4:00 pm to 4:30 pm</i>	

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

AUDITOR'S AND TREASURER'S OFFICE – MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF COUNTY FINANCES JANUARY THROUGH JULY 2020

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's requests to execute and file the monthly financial statements for the months of January through July of 2020.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Auditor for the months of January through July, 2020 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept, execute and file the monthly Statement of County Finances filed by the County Treasurer for the months of January through July, 2020 pursuant to O.R.C. 319.15.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF THERESA MATTEO – STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION AND GEAUGA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Director for the Department of Emergency Services, Roger Peterson explained that Tammy Spencer left the county leaving a vacancy on the LEPC and is asking that Theresa Matteo, of the Health District be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Application for Appointment of Theresa Matteo to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for appointment to the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the period ending August 14, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Tammy Spencer for the Geauga County Health District as Media/PIO Representative.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ULLMAN OIL COMPANY – THREE YEARS

County Administrator, Gerry Morgan explained that this is a three-year contract for their fuel that was attained after the department went out for bid. Mr. Morgan further explained that a three-year contract, rather than a year-to-year contract allowed for a better deal.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Ullman Oil Company to Supply, Maintain and Fill Diesel and 87 Octane Fuel tanks for Geauga County Department of Water Resources for a three-year period, October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed #239,522.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE INTERACTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS BANKRUPTCY – OBTAINED HEALTHWORKS – INTERIM COMPANY TO COMPLETE 2019-2020 WELLNESS PROGRAM DATA COMPILATION

Human Resources Specialist, Kelly Bidlack asked that the Board acknowledge that on June 14th, Interactive Health and Wellness filed bankruptcy and CEBCO obtained HealthWorks to compile the data for completion of the 2019-2020 Wellness Program ensuring that all county participants who met the wellness requirements for the 2019-2020 year would receive the wellness rate for 2021 healthcare benefits.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge that on June 14, 2020 Interactive Health and Wellness filed bankruptcy and that CEBCO obtained HealthWorks to compile data for the completion of the 2019-2020 Wellness Program and to ensure that eligible participating Geauga County employees met the requirements to complete the program for the Wellness Healthcare Rates for 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) GEAUGA COUNTY RATE RENEWAL ACCEPTANCE FOR 2021

Ms. Bidlack stated that it is the time of year when we have to renew our healthcare rates and thus, must approve the rate renewal acceptance for 2021.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the CEBCO Geauga County Rate Renewal Acceptance for 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 CEBCO/ANTHEM HEALTHCARE AND RX PRESCRIPTION PLANS AND RATES, DELTA DENTAL RENEWAL PLANS AND RATES, COUNTY/EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES AND EXECUTE THE 1C AND 4D PLANS AND SUMMARY OF BENEFITS FORMS

Ms. Bidlack asked for the approval and acceptance of the 2021 Geauga County CEBCO/Anthem Healthcare, Prescription, and Delta Dental Renewal Plans as well as the County/Employee Contribution Rates, the execution of the (1C and 4D Plans) and the Summary of Benefits Forms.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and accept the 2021 Geauga County CEBCO/Anthem Healthcare, Anthem RX prescription and Delta Dental Renewal Plans and Rates, the County and Employee Contribution Rates and to further approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the CEBCO Geauga County (1C and 4D Plans) Summary of Benefits Forms to be effective January 1, 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 GEAUGA COUNTY EMPLOYEE WAIVER RATES

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to accept the 2021 Geauga County Employee Waiver Rates.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and accept the 2021 Geauga County Employee Waiver Rates to be effective January 1, 2021.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUBDIVISION ROADS IN GEAUGA COUNTY

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:15 a.m. and Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that the purpose of the Hearing was to present the proposed amendment to the Standard Specifications and Procedures for the Design and Construction of Subdivision Roads in Geauga County. Mr. Gorris further explained that this document had been previously adopted by the Commissioners and was last updated in 2014, but has recently been updated to current ODOT specifications and regulations. Mr. Gorris also stated that modifications had been made to the survey related language as well as modifications to the pavement composition to meet the needs of the agencies that will provide future road maintenance. County township trustees and community partners met with the Geauga County Engineers on March 13th to discuss the document and offer input regarding subdivision road maintenance.

Being no further comments or questions the Public Hearing was closed at 9:20 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION #20-100 – DESIGNATING GEAUGA COUNTY'S PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES OF ACTIVE MONEYS FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

County Administrator, Gerry Morgan explained that the county received six Public Depository Proposals and all were accepted by the Treasurer's office.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge the recommendation of the County Treasurer and approve and execute Resolution #20-100 Designating Geauga County's Public Depositories of Active Moneys for the Next Succeeding Four-Year Period, pursuant to O.R.C. 135.33, to include Huntington National Bank, First National Bank, Middlefield Banking Company, Premier Bank, Dollar Bank and Farmers National Bank of Canfield.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 1, 2020

Resolution: 20-100

*A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING GEAUGA COUNTY'S PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES
OF ACTIVE MONEYS FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FOUR-YEAR PERIOD
PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 135.33*

WHEREAS, Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code sets forth the procedure to establish public depositories; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Treasurer has estimated that the aggregate amount of One Hundred Million (\$100,000,000.00) Dollars might be available for deposit in active public funds for the four (4) year period commencing October 12, 2020 through October 12, 2024, and there will be no inactive funds designated; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has received applications from eligible public depositories pursuant to the legal notice which was published in a newspaper of general circulation on July 2, 2020, and mailed on July 2, 2020, to all banking and financial institutions with principal or branch offices within the boundaries of the County, soliciting applications from financial institutions for public depositories for the County's active funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga Board of County Commissioners hereby awards for a period of four (4) years, contracts only to the following banks as depositories of active public funds for the total amount of \$100,000,000.00, pursuant to the Treasurer's recommendation:

<i>Huntington National Bank</i>	<i>Premier Bank</i>
<i>First National Bank</i>	<i>Dollar Bank</i>
<i>Middlefield Banking Company</i>	<i>Farmers National Bank of Canfield</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all deposits are subject to the limitations specified in applicable sections of ORC Chapter 135, Uniform Depository Act.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in effect for the four (4) year period referenced herein, which period shall follow the expiration dates on the current depository contracts

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall execute all necessary depository agreements with said banking and financial institutions, pursuant to this Resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Commissioners' Clerk to certify copies of this Resolution and signed depository agreements to the County Treasurer and each banking and financial institution so designated.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION FROM AUGUST 11, 2020 – LEGAL SERVICES - THRASHER, DINSMORE AND DOLAN

County Administrator, Gerry Morgan explained this item and the following item are in regards to utilizing Thrasher, Dinsmore and Dolan for outside counsel for the commissioners' office as we are unable to use the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Morgan further explained that the action that

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was approved by the commissioners on August 11th was being rescinded and re-approval was being sought following some adjustments to the agreement that needed to be done.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to rescind the motion from August 11, 2020 that approved and authorized 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>Absent</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE REVISED LETTER – LEGAL SERVICES – THRASHER, DINSMORE AND DOLAN

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the revised 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.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – FILING OF APPEAL – JUDGEMENT ENTRY DECISIONS – CASE NUMBERS 19P000504 AND 19PC000503 – CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT – BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

County Administrator, Gerry Morgan stated that the Commissioners' office received from the Probate Court the Judgement Entries for the two cases regarding the Chardon Sewer Project and that the Commissioners' office is looking to appeal those decisions as they are not, from our perspective, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Morgan explained that the judge was not permitted to rule on necessity of project. Commissioner Spidalieri asked for further explanation to which Mr. Morgan responded that Chuck DiCillo and Joanne Eging, property owners, filed appeals to the assessment of the sewer project, but the decision for the appeals was basically more along the lines of opposition to the assessment and project until the septic systems of everybody in that area are tested. Mr. Morgan further stated that there is nothing in the decision to stop the project from moving forward, but no one can be included in the sewer system. Mr. Morgan added that at least 50% of the septic systems in that area are original, from the 50's and 60's, and based on history and point of sale over the last ten years, everybody who had an original system failed. Commissioner Spidalieri added that he hopes that nobody starts getting sick through this with what is there.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve filing a Notice of Appeal of the Judgement Entry decisions for case number 19P000504 (Charles DiCillo v. Geauga County Board of Commissioners) and case number 19PC000503 (in Re: Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project) regarding the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision and further authorizes the filing of the Appeal.

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

COMMISSIONER SPIDALIERI LETTER TO CHARDON SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT HANLON REGARDING AN INCIDENT AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME AND A LETTER PUT OUT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Chardon School Superintendent Michael P. Hanlon Jr.

As you may be unaware, unlike you I actually am a true representative of the

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people of Geauga County voted in, and not appointed. The last 3 election terms I have had to face opposition in each election cycle. Each time, my vote count became stronger because of my strong representation and the voice of the values and beliefs of the majority of the residents of Geauga County.

Words cannot explain the anger, frustration and disappointment that I felt while reading your letter to community members. As a commissioned law enforcement officer for almost 30 years and still actively commissioned I am appalled that someone in your position would take a stance that does not genuinely recognize the courage of these young men. By honoring our first responders these young men expressed gratitude, care and love for our community and our country. Your letter sickens me and so many others that have reached out to me and expressed the same disgust with your inability to stand up and recognize their patriotism.

As for your comment on how this gesture could be interpreted as a racially-motivated action, I proudly served next to law enforcement officers of all colors, ethnicities and religious beliefs. That flag and that blue line represents and gives respect and honor to all of our men and women who risk their lives every day and those that have died while serving. On February 27, 2012 six students were shot at and three died. Upholding the oath to protect and serve, it was our first responders including our Police, Sheriff Deputies, State Troopers, Fire Fighters & EMS that without hesitation and fear for their life entered the school building to render safety and care for those victims and for the safety of all the students and staff.

To the Chardon football team, coaches, and parents on behalf of the great people of Geauga County and I - thank you and God Bless you. Always remember if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything.

As for you Mr. Hanlon you have proven beyond a reasonable doubt that you do not carry the compassion, understanding and leadership quality that is required in your position. As Geauga County Commissioner, Vice President of Blue Line Unlimited and a tax paying resident of the Chardon school district, I am requesting you consider stepping down from your position as superintendent so that our young men and women can learn that your behavior will not be tolerated and that a Superintendent with core values of humanity, accountability, love of our country and honor can replace you.

Respectfully,

*Ralph Spidalieri
Gauga County Commissioner*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 19, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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OTHER

MEETINGS

- 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.*
- Fri., 9/11 *2020 NOACA Virtual Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 9/14 *Board of Revision, Auditor's Office (Webex), 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/15 *Perry Nuclear Power Plant Evaluated Exercise*
- Thu., 9/17 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Mon., 9/21 *Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Job and Family Services*
- Tue., 9/22 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/22 *Budget Hearings, starting at 12:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 9/24 *Budget Hearings, starting at 8:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/29 *Investment Advisory Board, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 9/29 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/29 *Budget Hearings, starting at 12:00 p.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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