

Commissioners' Journal
September 3, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Geauga County Junior Fair 4-H Stage located at 14373 North Cheshire Street in Burton, 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 10:12 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect our 198th Great Geauga County Fair, we strive to make the best better!

Our Junior Fair children are competing with their projects with high hopes of doing well.

At the fair over the years, you learn how to win and how to lose, but always congratulate the winners. The blessings are your 4-H friends and families, they are forever.

The 4-H pledge:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, and My health to better living For my club, my community, and my country.

Living in a rural area, these Geauga County children have rough hands, farmers tans, dirty boots and country roots. Thank you, Lord for the 4-H program which is over 100 years old. 4-H is a community of young people across America that are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Amen

Commissioner Lennon welcomed everyone to the opening of the 2020 Great Geauga County "Junior Fair".

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FAIR BOARD FOR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND HARD WORK FOR THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-101 Recognizing the Geauga County Agricultural Society and Fair Board for their Continued Dedication and Hard Work for the Great Geauga County Fair.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 20-101

Date: September 3, 2020

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FAIR BOARD FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND HARD WORK FOR THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR

WHEREAS, Geauga County while rich in history, the Fair is no exception, as in February 1823 the first Agricultural and Manufacturing Society was formed, with the first "Fair" being held on October 23, 1823; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County Fair is known as Ohio's oldest continuous fair, and this year while having its own challenges of a National Pandemic, will continue as planned as the Great Geauga County "Junior" Fair! Having faced national conflicts many times, including the Civil War, Spanish War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War along with various hardships including droughts, the fair pushes on and perseveres; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 the first "Junior" Fair was initiated and held during the Fair for area youth to exhibit and proudly show their livestock and other textiles; and

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WHEREAS, currently the Geauga County Fair is governed by a Board of Fair Directors that represent the sixteen Townships within the County with five additional Directors elected-at-large who oversee policy and appoint the Auxiliary members to assist with exhibit buildings, entries and judging during the fair; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners recognize the continued dedication and hard work of the Agricultural Society and Fair Board for continuing the tradition, even through the uncertainty of 2020, and continuing with the Great Geauga County "Junior" Fair and allowing the 4-H Clubs of Geauga County to showcase their dedication and hard work; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

Agricultural Society President Dave Parker explained that we made it, and it was a long road to get here, with a lot of ups and downs. Mr. Parker thanked the Commissioners for all of the support, and for being here today to start off this year's Junior Fair. Mr. Parker noted that while the format is different this year, things are going smoothly and will make the best of the next few days. Mr. Parker explained that the public is welcome, that there are concession and vendors set up. The auction Saturday will be both online and in person. Mr. Lennon thanked Mr. Parker for all the hard work they have done to help support the kids and their projects. Mr. Lennon added that he felt it was still going to be a good weekend.

Mr. Lennon presented Mr. Parker with the Resolution and posed for a few pictures.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H CLUBS FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND HARD WORK AT THE 2020 GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY 'JUNIOR' FAIR

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-102 Recognizing Geauga County 4-H Clubs for their Continued Dedication and Hard Work at the 2020 Great Geauga County "Junior" Fair.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 20-102
Date: September 3, 2020

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H CLUBS FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND HARD WORK AT THE 2020 GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY "JUNIOR" FAIR

WHEREAS, 4-H Programs provide education, development, experiences and lifelong valuable skills for individuals who are age five (5) and in kindergarten to age nineteen (19). 4-H members obtain leadership and communication skills, learn how to work collaboratively on a team as well as building important individual, personal life skills and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, Ohio 4-H Programs reach more than 240,000 members each year, helping today's youth learn through hands on activities and increase knowledge in math, science and technology; and

WHEREAS, We, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, wish to recognize the members of our County 4-H clubs for their continued dedication, hard work and pride on all their projects, for working with their Advisors and fellow 4-H club members as they worked to "Make the Best Better", even during the current Pandemic facing the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County currently has thirty-three 4-H Clubs with 686 enrolled members, including Auburn Dairymen (Morgan Barres Love), Auburn Swine (Michelle May), Breeders & Feeders (Karen Teichman), Bridles-N-Bits (Carrie Walter), Buckeye Bunnies (Susan

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Pohto), Bunny Bunch (Shirly Hale), County Coyotes Shooting Sports (Kirk Bacon), Feathers and Fleece (Mary Ray), Flockmasters (Amy Sue O'Reilly), Geauga Beef & Swine (Nancy Wetzel), Geauga Caprine Kids (Heather Lane), Geauga Dairymen (Emma Hofstettler), Geauga Engineering and Robotics (Jeff LaFavre), Geauga Jr. Genealogists and Memory Keepers (Cathleen Sweet), Geauga Junior Leaders (Leah Fellenstein), Geauga Livestock (Charles Nichols), Geauga Prime Time (Jeanne Jefferson), Geauga's Best (Jack Carson), Giggles n' Stitches (Julia Wood), Granny's Kids (Lynn Kitko), Greener Fields (Christine Belliveau), Hare Raisers (Marcia Reilly), Little Porkers (Mary Jo Fowler), Our Little Wonders (Donna Galusick), Plant Masters (Adrienne LaFavre), Ride with Pride (Mary Madeja), Riders Express (Cyndi Carr), Riders-N-Wranglers Too (Ashley Ledford), Sew Sew Sweet (Lisa Briggs), Swingin' Hams (Ron Mihalic), The Pygmy Connection (Traci Snode), Thompson Ledge Dairymen (Cheryl Carr), and Totally Dogs (Darlene Becka); and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners congratulate all of the Geauga County 4-H Clubs and wish them all the best of luck during the 2020 Great Geauga County "Junior" Fair; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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 – RESOLUTION CORRECTING RESOLUTION #20-099 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 OF ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

There was an incorrect number under reimbursements, so this resolution is correcting that amount.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-103 Correcting Resolution #20-099 from September 1, 2020 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 3, 2020

Resolution: #20-103 (Correction of 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

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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 \$1,431.36
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:

*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.

<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 – APPROVE PROMOTION – RIK WAREHAM TO OPERATIONS MANAGER (#1909)

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve the promotion of Mr. Wareham to Operations Manager as they feel he is the best person for the position, and would fill in when Mr. Newsome was on vacation. Mr. Vernick explained that he included several Directors on the interview process.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the promotion of Rik Wareham to the position of Operations Manager (#1909) at the rate of \$26.10 per hour (Grade 14E, Step 2) to be effective September 14, 2020 with a 180-day probationary period.

<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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MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (#1913)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to then advertise to fill Mr. Wareham's position.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Grounds Maintenance Supervisor (#1913) internally for a period of five days with applications accepted from September 8, 2020 through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, if no qualified candidate is found, then advertise externally until the position is filled.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE TERMINATION OF CURRENT SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AKRON BUILDING AND OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE, INCORPORATED D.B.A. RIVERREACH CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the termination of the current service Contract Agreement effective immediately and to notify Akron Building and Outdoor Maintenance, Incorporated d.b.a. RiverReach Construction, Incorporated of the termination, as the removal of the sanitary sewer pipe for the Hawksmoor Community in Bainbridge Township has not yet been completed.

<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 – APPROVE AN ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE TO THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR YEAR 2020

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

<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>

NEWBURY SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

Former Newbury School Board members Dave Lair explained that as of July 1st the West Geuga School Board acquired the property and currently there is no plan on the property. Mr. Lair noted that Township Trustee Bill Skomrock has asked Mr. Lair and Ms. Carol Draybeck to assist them with ideas or suggestions for the property. The concern is that they don't want the property to fall in disrepair but rather see something beneficial for the community.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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.

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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 10:29 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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