

Commissioners' Journal
September 10, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

It is declared and determined that all formal actions of the Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of all resolutions that were adopted in this meeting, and that all deliberations of the Board of County Commissioners that resulted in such formal action were open to the public and were in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The President of the Board, Timothy C. Lennon opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

The city of Cleveland lost two officers last Thursday night, September 3rd, our hearts are heavy today with the amount of loss all of us are feeling.

Police Detective James Skernivitz who was shot to death while on duty. He had a long and distinguished career in protecting Ohioans. He was a twenty-two-year veteran police officer and left behind a wife and three children.

Also, Police Officer Nick Sabo, only 39 was fighting post traumatic stress disorder, took his own life. He left behind a wife and children.

Please join our hearts and minds to honor those whose lives were lost while defending the noble ideals of Peace, Security and Freedom.

These were dedicated professionals who were willing to place themselves in the line of duty, to ensure that every citizen of our country and all those within our borders are safe from harm.

Amen

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 4, 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 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on September 4, 2020 that included for the Department of Water Resources to approve and execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #15 for Technical Services for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project (Henning Road) in the amount of \$2,871.41; as authorized by Resolution #20-005 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 7, 2020 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer for the Sheriff for reimbursement of web checks and miscellaneous reimbursements that were deposited into the General Fund; 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 #20-103; Cash transfers from the General Fund Juvenile Court to Care and Custody to reimburse for expenses incurred but not covered by the grant; Then and Now encumbrance for Job and Family Services to Miss Pat's Day Care for child care expenses incurred in March but not previously encumbered; a payment for the Board of Developmental Disabilities to Empire Paving, LLC for asphalt paving repairs in the amount of \$70,461.31; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Bainbridge Township for a 2007 5-ton International used plow truck in the amount of \$40,000.00; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Chester Miller Construction for the Maintenance Building metal roof install in the amount of \$143,300.00; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Benco Dental Supply Company for inmate dental equipment paid for out of the Commissary Fund in the amount of \$34,990.49 and a Revenue Certification for the Auditor's Office in the Coronavirus Relief Fund for additional monies received from the State and for Water Resources for additional reimbursements and refunds received.

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There was a brief discussion on the County Engineer's office purchase of a snow plow truck from Bainbridge Township. Commissioner Dvorak inquired about the Chester Miller Construction payment and who would have handled the prevailing wage, to which it was noted Mr. Gorris as he handles that for the Engineer's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-104 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 10, 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 noted that the total amount for today was just over \$14,000.00 including some reimbursed items and proposed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #20-105 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 10, 2020

Resolution: #20-105

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*

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(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 \$14,712.21 and includes the following:

For Reimbursement \$2,907.65:

Building \$139.30
PPE and Sanitation

Coroner \$190.95
PPE

Engineer \$2,577.40
PPE, Sanitation and Plexiglass dividers for vehicles to maintain social distancing

For the Proposed \$11,804.56:

Aging \$7,122.00
3 commercial freezers to aid in meals programs due to no congregate meals and therefore increased demand for home delivery and curbside services

Building \$320.00
Vehicles – deep clean and sanitation of interiors

Engineer \$1,505.88
Set-up Security Camera with associated parts, licenses and labor to enhance security due to less office staff

Public Defender \$2,856.68
One laptop with accessories and a desk and chair for remote work

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

HISTORIAL SOCIETY – UPDATE

Current Geauga County Historical Society President Bobby Nichols provided the Board ahead of today's meeting with information on the Society that included their Mission, their Vision, the Society Board of Directors, Financial information on their events, their Courses of Action, Maple Sugaring efforts, a new program called "Raise the Roof Initiative", the Heritage Partners Program, and about the Virtual House and Artifact Tours.

Ms. Nichols expressed that they want to continue with Century Village and the Society and are struggling financially to get through the end of the year. Ms. Nichols expressed that they have a number of dedicated passionate volunteers that feel that they have a diamond in the ruff in Geauga County. They have made it a goal to try and reach the people in the county that don't know they are there. They have 25 buildings filled with artifacts and period clothing. The newest building is the maple museum and have been working on the Depot and are about ready to open it to the public. Ms. Nichols noted that the buildings need roof repairs and or replaced so they are starting a "Raise the Roof" program in hoping that they can have people or businesses sponsor a roof. Ms. Nichols also mentioned the Heritage Partners Program that seemed to fizzle but are hoping to get it back up and running again that includes sponsorship "donor" levels. Mr. Lennon noted that this program was suggested to them by the Commissioners, adding that it was nice to see they added events. Ms. Nichols noted that most of their events for this year were cancelled due to the pandemic. They applied for the Payroll Protection and has gotten them through for the few employees they have including the employee

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for the general store. Mr. Lennon inquired about Destination Geauga moved onto the grounds, but Ms. Nichols added that they had but have since moved out, expressing financial concerns. There was discussion about the Historical Society wanting to continue to work with Destination Geauga, along with Chambers and the Fair.

Mr. Lennon inquired about their finances, to which Ms. Nichols expressed having very little in the bank and that they were going to utilize funds they have in the Cleveland Foundation. Commissioner Spidalieri expressed that the Society has the facility and the ability to knock things out of the park and have the funds to expand. Mr. Spidalieri expressed his frustration about the Society continually coming to the Board and asking for funds to survive, and asked Ms. Nichols not to take this personal, he's just expressing from his heart that the facility could become a cash cow for their organization. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he was tired of the excuse of COVID, it's a tough time and business is struggling, but they do have a great opportunity there. Ms. Nichols stated that the Health Commissioner told them they needed to cancel the events, that they couldn't be held. Mr. Lennon noted that they have improved their finances each year.

The Board went back and forth on the different things they have talked about with other members over the years and expressed that they should still try and hold events, even though they may have to change how they do things. The Board suggested she talk to Mr. Favorite, the Director of Community and Economic Development to look at ideas or if there might be funds out there that could help them. Mr. Spidalieri added that they need to look at what is happening with Tourism and follow up on that, adding that no one wants to see Century Village go away.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE SELECTION OF ENVELOPE CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC – ARCHITECT/ ENGINEERING FIRM FOR A CODE REVIEW, GENERAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED RENOVATION – METZENBAUM SHELTERED INDUSTRIES – AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that some time ago they had spoken with Don Rice at Metzenbaum about changes coming to the workshop building and would like to ask the Board to allow them to begin negotiations on a contract with Envelope Consulting on an assessment of the workshop building to see if they could look to see if the building could be converted to a community center for the senior centers. Ms. Boalt noted that the workshop is being used for multiple things right now, but if the building could be repurposed and what that would cost. Ms. Boalt noted that Community Development had gone out for Statement of Qualifications in February and based on the ones submitted, Envelope appears to be the most qualified for this project and would like to discuss with them costs on the project and estimate it to be under \$10,000.00 for this phase.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the selection of Envelope Consulting Services, LLC as the most qualified architect/engineering firm to do a code review, general assessment and recommendation for the proposed renovation and alteration of the Metzenbaum Sheltered Industries (MSI) Facility located at 8090 Cedar Road in Chesterland to accommodate the Senior Center/Adult Day Services and further authorize the Department to begin negotiations on a contract, pursuant to O.R.C. 153.71(A).

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – CLOSE CURRENT POSTING – PART-TIME MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR IV (#1112-1) – ADVERTISE FOR FULL-TIME MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR III (#1111)

Chief Building Official Dan Spada explained that they have been reviewing the department and would like to close the current Part-time position and then advertise for a Full-time III Inspector position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to close the current posting for the position of Part-time Multi-Certified Inspector IV (#1112-1).

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Multi-Certified Inspector III (#1111). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE PROMOTION OF KATHLEEN MILLER – FISCAL AND PERSONNEL SPECIALIST (#2346)

Director Steve Oluic asked to promote Ms. Miller to the Fiscal and Personnel Specialist position.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion of Kathleen Miller to the position of Fiscal and Personnel Specialist (#2346) at the rate of \$21.98 per hour to be effective September 20, 2020 with a 180-day probationary period.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #8 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve partial pay request #8 for Workman Industrial on the Auburn Corners project.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #8 for Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant and Troy Oaks Pump Station project in the amount of \$299,158.24.*

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

There was a brief discussion on how the recent weather, which included five inches of rain, has affected the sewer plants and caused damages and how they have been handling it.

Dr. Oluic switched subjects and expressed that once the appeal is filed for the Chardon Township Sewer Project, that he would like to issue a Notice to Proceed to get moving on the project, to which the Board agreed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of August, 2020.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 26, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) The 2019-2020 Criminal Report filed by County Prosecutor James R. Flaiz as required by O.R.C. 309.16.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

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.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ROETZEL AND ANDRESS

Mr. Morgan stated that the Board had received an increase request from Roetzel and Andress, to which Mr. Lennon stated he felt the should only move forward with \$10,000.00 increments on this.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge the letter from Roetzel and Andress requesting an increase in the cap for the Legal Representation of Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Judge Timothy Grendell and approve an increase in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00, unless prior approval by the Board of Commissioners and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the acceptance of the increase.

<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>

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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