

Commissioners' Journal
September 21, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 21, 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.

**County Administrator Gerard Morgan was Acting Clerk for this meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

O God of Creation

You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons!

Remind us of the wonder of your creation

Remind us that it is you who give us breath of life.

Amen

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2021 funding; a Travel request for Job and Family Services; a Formal Contract for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for services related to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation project; a payment for the Auditor's Office to GEO Centric Consulting, Incorporated for GIS mapping data conversion services in the amount of \$25,675.00; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Southeastern Equipment for a CASE Model 721G Articulated Wheel Loader in the amount of \$87,602.97; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Aero-Mark, Incorporated for the polyester pavement marking of various roads in Geauga County in the amount of \$199,545.26; a payment for Water Resources to Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the final pay request #14 for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project in the amount of \$231,420.82 and a Revenue Certification for the Board of Developmental Disabilities for additional revenue to be received in 2021.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-116 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 21, 2021.

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

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – INCREASE – TAMERAN GRAPHICS SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED

Archives Supervisor Clair Wilson asked the Board to increase the contract with Tameran for additional microfilm in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with Tameran Graphics Systems, Incorporated for additional microfilming in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES IV-D CONTRACT – COMMON PLEAS COURT FOR MAGISTRATE SERVICES AND THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Director Craig Swenson along with Child Support Director Tracy Olszowy asked the Board to approve the IV-D contracts with the Common Pleas Court and the Prosecutor's Office. Ms.

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Olszowy explained the contracts allow them to pay for the work done by the Prosecutor's and the Magistrates and are reimbursed at 66% in Federal funds which brings funds back into the County as a reimbursement.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services IV-D Contract between the Geauga County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Geauga County Common Pleas Court for magistrate services for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$96.20 per hour.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services IV-D Contract between the Geauga County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office for legal services for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$63.18 per hour.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – INCREASE – BILL CONTI PLUMBING, LLC

Personnel and Fiscal Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the increase for Bill Conti Plumbing to do some installation of water meters in Bainbridge.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with Bill Conti Plumbing, LLC to remove and install a water meter at Ace Hardware in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the Year 2021, for a new three-year contract total amount of \$8,300.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PRACTICAL INSPECTIONS, LLC

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the contract with Practical Inspections for the Water Tower Painting and Improvements to do inspections on the work being done on the Bainbridge and Service Center towers. Mr. Morgan explained that the company reviews the specifications, checks the towers before work begins, monitors the work as it's performed to ensure the correct paint and thickness and final inspections upon completion. Mr. Morgan added that this includes the interior and the exterior and the inspection is primarily for the interior as that is what the treated water will be touching.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Practical Inspections, LLC to perform Interior and Exterior Painting Inspection Services for the Geauga County Water Tower Painting and Improvements Project for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ENDRESS AND HAUSER, INCORPORATED

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the contract with Endress and Hauser for recalibration of flow meters and could be used for installation.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Endress & Hauser, Incorporated to perform Recalibration of Flow Meters and Installation of Monitoring Devices for Temperature and pH Levels, as needed at various locations for the remainder of 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2021 - GEAUGA CREDIT UNION VISA

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the use of the County Credit Card with Geauga Credit Union for a Visa for travel purposes during the year 2021.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for the Authorization to Permit the Use of County Credit Cards, Pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 for a Geauga Credit Union Visa during the Year 2021 with a monthly not to exceed amount of \$2,500.00 for Steven Oluic, David Osborn, II, Kathleen Miller and Linda Paranish.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE FOR MAINTENANCE WORKER (#2330) – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the advertisement of a Maintenance Worker at the McFarland plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant. This position will remain posted until filled.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AND EXECUTE CEBCO RATE RENEWAL ACCEPTANCE FOR 2022

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to accept the CEBCO Rate Renewal for 2022. Mr. Morgan noted that this is the CEBCO portion.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the CEBCO Geauga County Rate Renewal Acceptance for 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AND ACCEPT CEBCO/ ANTHEM HEALTHCARE, ANTHEM RX PRESCRIPTION AND DELTA DENTAL RENEWAL PLANS AND RATES FOR 2022

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve and accept the actual healthcare plans and rates, not the employee contribution portion.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and accept the 2022 Geauga County CEBCO / Anthem Healthcare, Anthem RX prescription and Delta Dental Renewal Plans and Rates and to further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the CEBCO Geauga County (1C and 4D Plans) Summary of Benefits Forms to be effective January 1, 2022.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE 2022 EMPLOYEE WAIVER RATES

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve the waiver rate for the employees, noting that it has been the same rate for several years. This is for employees that chose to opt out of accepting the healthcare from the county.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and accept the 2022 Geauga County Employee Waiver Rates to be effective January 1, 2022.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE CEBCO MEMBER 2021-2022 WELLNESS PROGRAM - HEALTHWORKS

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve the CEBCO Wellness Program for 21-22 with HealthWorks.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and accept the CEBCO Member 2021-2022 Wellness Program with HealthWorks for the Geauga County Health and Wellness Program for the period August 13, 2021 through August 12, 2022.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #5 – INCREASE CONTRACT – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan explained Change Order #5 is for the minor changes to the BMV office at the new building and the cost will be included in the rent that will be charged.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #5, increasing the Contract with Donley's Independence, LLC for Guaranteed Maximum Price, Phase 1 and Phase 2 (GMP #1 & #2) for revisions to the BMV location in the amount of \$35,349.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #6 – INCREASE CONTRACT – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan explained that Change Order #6 is for Board of Elections for all the changes that were requested after the walk through. Mr. Morgan asked for a detailed breakdown on the costs for the changes and since it involved all the trades it is a significant increase. Commissioner Lennon expressed that there have been multiple changes from the Board of Elections, citing changes with Directors and a communication issue between their Directors and their Board which has caused conflict with working with the Commissioners on the process of the new building.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #6, increasing the Contract with Donley's Independence, LLC for Guaranteed Maximum Price, Phase 1 and 2 (GMP #1 & #2) for revisions to the Basement for the Board of Elections in the amount of \$104,818.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT JOE WEISS – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
Robert Zulandt had been a Board member and recently passed away. Commissioner Spidalieri made a motion to appoint Joe Weiss to the Public Defender Board.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Joe Weiss to the Public Defender Commission for a four-year term, October 4, 2021 through October 3, 2025.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT – BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF, LLP – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 2

Mr. Morgan explained that the Board had previously approved the application for outside legal counsel with the Prosecutor for Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff and that they are working on the Engagement Letter and would like to request that the Board authorize him, Mr. Morgan to execute the agreement once it is ready so we don't have the delay until another meeting.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize County Administrator, Gerard Morgan, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30 to execute the letter of Engagement with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP for legal services to support the design, construction and delivery of Capital Improvement Project, Phase 2 for the remodeling / new construction of County Buildings.*

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – EMPLOY MCTIGUE AND COLUMBO, LLC – PROPOSED OFFICE SPACE – NEW COUNTY BUILDING

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz expressed that the Board of Elections requested Outside Counsel and the Prosecutor's Office cannot represent the Board of Elections since they represent the Commissioners and to date the only issues have been with the Board of Elections. Mr. Flaiz expressed that he had made changes to the scope and that they are against approving the application. Mr. Lennon added that he wanted the Board of Elections on multiple times to clarify to the Board and the Public why are they going down the road to hiring outside legal counsel against the Commissioners on the Building project. Mr. Lennon stated that he is not denying anyone legal counsel, he just feels they should be sitting at a table working together not against each other. Mr. Flaiz expressed that he hopes that if the Board of Elections does have counsel, he has someone that they can communicate with that can communicate with the Directors and the Board. Discussion continued about the election last year and the accommodations that were done during COVID, and the new building provides them with more space then they have now, this building is up and under construction.

Motion: *by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application of Prosecuting Attorney and Geauga County Board of Commissioners for Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Board of Elections of McTigue and Columbo, LLC regarding the proposed office space in the new Geauga County Office Building, in the capped amount of \$5,000.00.*

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Gale Rousey from the League of Women Voters inquired about the Audit done by the State Auditor and whether it is done annually, and inquired about the Budget Hearings being held starting next week, in Chambers and the list of what departments will be held when. Judy Zamlen-Spotts inquired about an approved position of Assistant Director for Senior Services and expressed that it was a great thing to do to lessen the transfer of positions upon a retirement. Ms. Spottz added the Mental Health Department needs to do the same thing, as Jim Adams will retire eventually and that is a position that should have a backup ready to step in an emergency. Mr. Morgan noted that some departments do have succession plans in place but it does depend on the department on the number of employees.

Local resident Chuck, inquired about the Board of Elections makeup, to which Mr. Flaiz noted that the two political parties each appoint Board members, adding that the Executive Board makes a recommendation to the Secretary of State and then they appoint the Board which is staggered on four-year terms, and whatever party is Chair, then the Director needs to be the opposite party.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 8, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 9/21 Meeting with State Auditor's to discuss the Audit, 10:30 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 9/21 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Tue., 9/28 The Commissioners will hold a Budget Hearings at 8:45 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/28 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chambers*
- Tue., 9/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that includes a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the Proposed Public Rights-of-Way Vacations of Hambden Hills Drive and Wildwood Drive in Hambden Township*
- Tue., 9/28 The Commissioners will hold Budget Hearings, beginning at 12:00 p.m.*
- Thu. 9/30 The Commissioners will hold Budget Hearings, beginning at 8:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 10/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 10/5 The Commissioners will hold Budget Hearings, beginning at 12:00 p.m.*
- Thu., 10/7 The Commissioners will hold a Public Viewing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the proposed vacation of the public right-of-way upon a portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084), All of Section C, near the intersection of Mitchells Mills Road and Wisner Road, in Chardon Township*
- Mon., 10/11 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***
- Thu., 10/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. Building #8 meeting room, 470 Center St., Chardon*
- Thu., 10/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that includes a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the Proposed Vacation of the Public Right-of-Way upon a portion of Wisner Road (TR-0084), All of Section C, in Chardon Township*

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Fri., 10/15 Emergency Operations Center Training, Department of Emergency Services, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

~~Gerard Morgan, Acting Commissioners' Clerk~~
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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