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September 29, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 29, 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 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 9:09 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Strength
Dear Lord,
I pray that you give us strength to be strong for you in the world today.
Lord, you know the struggles that we will face today
Please be with us as we go through them
Carry me if I am too weak to move
If I stumble I them, forgive me father
When I succeed in them, I will praise you!
You are worthy of all praise and honor.
Amen*

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Minutes for the meeting of August 18, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Minutes for the meeting of August 25, 2020.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on September 28, 2020 that included for Maintenance to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Weber Company to perform Annual Inspections and Maintenance on the Safety Center Loading Dock Advance Scissor Lift for a two-year period in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, with an option to renew for an additional two year period; approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Leppo Rents to perform Annual Inspections and Maintenance on the MEC Micro 19 Scissor Lift for a two-year period in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, with an option to renew for an additional two year period; and for Transit to accept the resignation of Timothy Shea, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective September 22, 2020; 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 A Supplemental Appropriation for Metzenbaum in their operating fund to provide appropriations for a transfer to their reserve 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 #20-110, a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology to pay a portion of their 2020 funding, a payment for the Auditor's Office to the Treasurer State of Ohio for the 2019 financial audit in the amount of \$10,992.00, a payment

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for the Board of Developmental Disabilities to West Roofing Systems, Incorporated for roof repair and replacement in the amount of \$235,280.00, and a payment for Water Resources to Workman Industrial services, Incorporated for work performed at Lorien Woods Pump Station in the amount of \$28,445.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-113 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 29, 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 explained that the total for reimbursement and proposed expenses for various departments were \$133,741.29. There was a brief discussion about vehicle purchases using these funds and that a request was made to the Ohio Office of Budget Management for an opinion.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-114 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 29, 2020

Resolution: #20-114

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:

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- (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 \$133,741.29 and includes the following:

For Reimbursement \$11,933.22:

ADP \$3,840.00
Block of 24 hours of support to aid in setting up VPN connections for County employees working from home

DES \$7,917.08
Monitor and accessories for video conferencing to aid in social distancing and work from home

Sheriff \$176.14
Purchase software to improve scheduling of CCW permits and background checks in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19

For the Proposed \$121,808.07:

Auditor \$36,710.00
Purchase of an SUV with vinyl or leather seats to be able to disinfect the interior and prevent cross contamination of daily occupants

Engineer \$33,199.98
PPE, 5 Laptops and docking stations for remote working, 63 vehicles - cleaning and sanitations and 3 additional mechanic tools sets to minimize tool sharing and cross contamination

Prosecutor \$41,350.00
Purchase of a mid-sized SUV with vinyl or leather seats (w/3rd row) to be able to disinfect the interior and prevent cross contamination of daily occupants

Transit \$10,548.09
Purchase of two floor scrubbers for daily cleaning and sanitizing of the bus garage and office floors

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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AMEND SCHEDULE FOR 2021 BUDGET HEARINGS

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve amending the schedule for Budget Hearings to move the Maintenance Projects hearing in order to accommodate rescheduling the Airport Authority.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the amended schedule for the 2021 Budget Hearings, moving Maintenance Projects on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:25 a.m. and rescheduling the Airport Authority from Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. to Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PUBLIC HEARING- PROPOSED GEAUGA COUNTY WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS, AMEND 2020

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

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

Commissioner Lennon opened the Public Hearing at 9:23 a.m. and Soil and Water Conservation District Director/ Engineer Carmella Shale explained that this is the first hearing for the Proposed Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations. The regulations have not been updated since 2017. Ms. Shale stated that we are required to follow the Ohio EPA permit guidelines, so we need to be as stringent or stricter. The main update to the regulations is regarding water quality, adding calculation procedures and water quality measures, this is also a requirement of the NPDES permit. There is an added phrase regarding storm water runoff on neighbor's properties, that will require the design to include evaluate downstream impacts to try and eliminate those issues. Commissioner Dvorak inquired about property being stripped for pasture or forestry to require a silt fence, to which Ms. Shale stated that agriculture is not subject to the same rules, including zoning. Mr. Lennon inquired about silt in retention ponds, to which Ms. Shale stated that Storm Water started to be required in 1979 and part of the annual Phase 2 communities we inspect the storm water basins and it's up to owner / home owners' associations to maintain the basins. Ms. Shale stated that we now have a drainage maintenance district process for subdivisions, and any maintenance required it will be pulled from the drainage maintenance and will assess the owners. Mr. Dvorak inquired about how many public hearings there needs to be, and Ms. Shale stated two, the second is next week. Being no further questions or comments the Public Hearing was closed at 9:28 a.m.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUBDIVISION ROADS – GEAUGA COUNTY – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to adopt the amendment to the Standard Specifications and Procedures for the Design and Construction of Subdivision Roads in Geauga County, the Public Hearing was held on September 1st, no public comment was received. Mr. Gorris stated that they did receive a letter of support submitted by the Planning Commission. These will become effective October 1, 2020.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adopt the amendment to The Standard Specifications and Procedures for the Design and Construction of Subdivision Roads in Geauga County, Ohio to be effective October 1, 2020.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CERTIFY USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – GOODWIN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – VILLAGE OF BURTON – REQUEST AUDITOR TO ENCUMBER FUNDS

Mr. Gorris explained that these are revised actions previously taken at the request from the County Auditor to be more inline of the O.R.C. and will then require a change to modify the regulations. Mr. Gorris asked the Board to revise the action for the Village of Burton project on Goodwin Avenue.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to certify to the County Auditor the use of \$200,000.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the Goodwin Avenue Improvement Project in the Village of Burton, pursuant to O.R.C. 4504.04 and further request the County Auditor to encumber the \$200,000.00 as final, detailed plans have been submitted and approved to the

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County Engineer as the project meets the requirements set forth in the Policy and Guidelines for the Application and Distribution of Geauga County Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax, adopted December 30, 2014.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CERTIFY USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – DAISY LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL – REQUEST AUDITOR TO ENCUMBER FUNDS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to revise the action for the Village of South Russell project on Daisy Lane.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to certify to the County Auditor the use of \$128,855.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the Daisy Lane Improvement Project in the Village of South Russell, pursuant to O.R.C. 4504.04 and further request the County Auditor to encumber the \$128,855.00 as final, detailed plans have been submitted and approved to the County Engineer as the project meets the requirements set forth in the Policy and Guidelines for the Application and Distribution of Geauga County Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax, adopted December 30, 2014.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CERTIFY USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS – RARE CREEK PARKWAY RESURFACING PROJECT – VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD

Mr. Gorris explained that this action is slightly different as the project is still in design, so this revision is just for the authorization of the use of funds for the Village of Middlefield project on Tare Creek Parkway for a resurfacing and once the plans are finalized will then request to encumber.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to certify to the County Auditor the use of \$180,000.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the Tare Creek Parkway Resurfacing Project in the Village of Middlefield, pursuant to O.R.C. 4504.04, as the project meets the requirements set forth in the Policy and Guidelines for the Application and Distribution of Geauga County Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax, adopted December 30, 2014.

<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 ON AGING – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)

Director Jessica Boalt explained that the following items are a bit of re-organization within the department as they are looking at the future of senior centers and adult day programs. Ms. Boalt stated currently they have two different positions, recreation and education assistants and adult day service aides, they would like to eliminate the current aide positions and allow for the assistant positions to be cross trained and able to work in all the facilities. Ms. Boalt noted that as they open and work with COVID they are not aware of the staffing challenges they may face. Ms. Boalt explained that they will eliminate 4 part time positions, promote 1 Full-time Aide to an Assistant position and then post for one additional Recreation and Education Assistant.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised job description for the position of Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective September 29, 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>

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE CHANGES TO THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS OF RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT – BOTH FULL AND PART TIME – ADJUST ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO REFLECT CHANGES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve an increase to the current number of positions on the organizational chart for Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) from four (4) to six (6) Full-time positions and reduce the number of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) from two (2) to one (1) position to be effective September 29, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE PROMOTION - KAREN L. STONE –FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the promotion of Karen L. Stone, Full-time Adult Day Service Aide to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) at the rate of \$14.54 per hour to be effective October 4, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ABOLISH POSITIONS – FULL-TIME ADULT DAY SERVICE AIDE (#1008)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the abolishment of positions for one (1) Full-time Adult Day Service Aide (#1008) and three (3) Part-time Adult Day Service Aide (#1008-1) to be effective October 4, 2020 and further revise the organizational chart to reflect these changes.

<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 ON AGING – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of one (1) Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005). This position will remain posted until 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 ON AGING – AGREEMENT – ENVELOPE CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

Ms. Boalt explained that they had been approved to negotiate a contract with Envelope Consulting Services to do an assessment on the Metzenbaum building to see if it is feasible to use for Senior Centers and Adult Day Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve, execute and initial the Agreement with Envelope Consulting Services, LLC to perform a code review, general assessment and recommendation for the proposed alterations of the Metzenbaum Sheltered Industries (MSI) facility located at 8090 Cedar Road, Chesterland to accommodate the Senior Center / Adult Day Services in the amount of \$4,800.00.

<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>

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – WAIVE VACATION ACCRUAL – LARRY HEIDEN

Director Dan Spada asked the Board to waive the vacation accrual for Mr. Heiden retroactive back to September 1st. Mr. Heiden has been working to train the new employee.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to waive the 200-hour vacation accrual for Larry Heiden for the period September 1, 2020 through the end of Payroll #25 (November 28, 2020), approximately ninety days.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR III (#1111)

Mr. Spada asked the Board to increase the current posting for the Multi-Certified Inspector III position from one to two positions.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to increase the current posting for the position of Multi-Certified Inspector III (#1111) from 1 to 2 positions. These positions will remain posted until filled.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA MECHANICAL

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the service Contract with Geauga Mechanical to allow them to do HVAC maintenance and programing services.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement Geauga Mechanical to provide HVAC Related Maintenance and Services per the Maintenance Director for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE - LEASE – FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED D.B.A. NEXT STEP

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve the Lease with Next Step who is in the Director Home at the County Home facility. This lease also includes coverage on the utilities.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Lease between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Family and Community Services Incorporated d.b.a. Next Step for use of the Pleasant Hill Director's House located at 13211 Aquilla Road (first and second floors, designated parking area and grounds) for the period November 30, 2020 through December 1, 2021 at the rate of \$28,800.00 for the first term and will automatically renew for up to two additional one-year terms.

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

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE PROMOTION - NATHAN MUNN – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (#1913)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve promoting Mr. Munn to the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor position. Mr. Munn has been currently working at the Safety Center.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion of Nathan Munn to the position of Grounds Maintenance Supervisor (#1913) to be effective October 5, 2020 at the rate of \$20.74 per hour 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>

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE HIRING DAVID ALEXANDER – CUSTODIAN I (#1906)

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve hiring Mr. Alexander to the position of Custodian I. There was brief discussion about having six total custodians and that they are still down one.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring David Alexander to the position of Custodian I (#1906) to be effective October 12, 2020 at the rate of \$12.48 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

<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>

TRANSIT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) 2021 TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SFY2021 GRANT AGREEMENT

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to execute the Grant Agreement with ODOT for the SFY2021 for the Partnership Program, noting that this was a new program started called OTP2, that they had asked for a wish list of items for several years, but due to COVID they ended up pulling them, so they are putting it back in the program for next year. This includes a bus lift, a fuel management system, bus wash and gutters that need replaced and part of the capital maintenance.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), 2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program, SFY2021 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$229,017.00 for the grant period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and further authorize the Director to electronically submit the agreement to ODOT.

<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>

TRANSIT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS CARES ACT 2021 GRANT PROGRAM YEAR SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT

Ms. Santilli asked the Board to execute the Formula Grant for Rural Areas is actually part of the 5311 Grant, is CARES Act funding that they are rolling over to next year that hasn't been spent and then they will get the actual 5311 funding.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Formula Grants for Rural Areas CARES Act 2021 Grant Program Year Subaward Grant Agreement (ODOT #101-CARE-21-0100) in the amount of \$410,241.00 in Federal Funds as part of the 5311 Grants for Rural Areas for the 2021 Grant program period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and further authorize the Director of Transit to electronically submit the agreement to ODOT.

<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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PLANNING – EXECUTE FINAL PLAT – STONERIDGE OF GEAUGA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 11 – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to approve the final plat of Stoneridge of Geauga Phase 11 as this is the final plat of Sublots 1, 2 and 4 so the developer can mark them as buildable lots.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Final Plat of Stoneridge of Geauga Subdivision, Phase 11 in Bainbridge Township.

<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>

PLANNING COMMISSION – GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – SURVEY AND PUBLIC FORUMS

Ms. Crombie stated that she wanted to give the Board an update on the General Plan and explained that at the September 10th Planning Commission meeting they went over the results of the survey, the top three issues the county should address in the next ten years, were identified by those that completed the survey included Preserving Rural Character, Farmland Preservation and Expanding Internet Access, other additional things they took away from the residents are that they like living here largely due to rural setting, greatest asset are the natural areas, internet service speeds needs improvement, concerned about the development of farmland in natural areas and are generally supportive environmental protections and then walking and bike paths in natural areas received the highest numbers for recreation amenities that are needed. Ms. Crombie noted that 1656 responses were received, the surveys were sent to a lot of government offices, the park district and Townships to promote the survey. The survey was a starting point for the public forums, and will have 13 questions that take a deeper dive into the issues identified. There will be four public forums and include Preserving Rural Character, Economic Development, Housing and Connections will be the themes of those forums. The information will be posted online if they don't wish to attend in person. The forums will be in different locations, including the Middlefield Library, the Veterans Legacy Woods, the West Woods Oak Room and the Building #8 meeting room. Ms. Crombie expressed that she hoped they have a good turnout, and that she had sent press releases to all the papers. Mr. Lennon inquired about when they anticipate wrapping the plan up, and Ms. Crombie stated that the contract is supposed to be through Mid-November but due to COVID it will need to be extended. Ms. Crombie stated that we are about half way through the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

A local resident, Mike Beharry that lives on Thwing Road in the Berkshire Sewer District, expressing that he is not opposed to the project and plans to connect. Mr. Beharry stated that Judge Grendell's findings seem to be thoughtful and appropriate and the Board of Commissioners express that they are on the resident's side, but am curious about spending tax payers' dollars on challenging this. Mr. Lennon stated that the Board is appealing the Judge's decision, but added that the EPA is a party to this, and that the Findings and Orders from the EPA are still in effect, and the Judge's decision was not on the necessity of the plant but the assessment and payment of it, we still have to move forward on building that plant. Mr. Morgan stated that he felt he could safely say that they are appealing because the decision on the case is in direct contradiction to the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Beharry inquired if this is so concerning and started back in 2014 why they haven't tried to mitigate direct sources of the problem that are obvious. Mr. Morgan stated that initial findings were on Henning but there have been several other tests done and found additional sources, and the Health Department has addressed several of those.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board minutes for July 15, 2020*
- b) Western Reserve Land Conservancy 2020 Stewardship visit to the Irwin Farm Conservation Easement property in Parkman Township*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

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MEETINGS

- Tue., 9/29 Budget Hearing, 8:15 a.m.
- Tue., 9/29 Investment Advisory Board, 8:45 a.m. Chambers
- Tue., 9/29 Budget Hearings, starting at 11:25 a.m. (pending approval of amendment above)
- Tue., 10/6 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that includes a Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m. regarding the Proposed Geauga County Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2020
- Fri., 10.9 NOACA External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m. Cleveland
- Mon., 10/12 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Thu., 10/15 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m., 470 Center Street, Building #8, meeting room, Chardon
- Thu., 10/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., 10/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Board Offices (Zoom)
- Tue., 10/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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