

Commissioners' Journal
December 3, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 3, 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 9:19 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from November 17, 2020, Resolution #20-161 that included a Contract encumbrance for Water Resources for TRAX Construction Company for the McFarland Creek emergency erosion; on November 24, 2020, Resolution #20-162 that included an Appropriation transfer from the General Fund to various Sheriff expense accounts to return appropriations for reimbursement checks deposited into the General Fund; various transfers for multiple departments to true up payroll accounts to the end of the year, 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 #20-160, an encumbrance increase for Water Resources to GPD Associates for Change Order #1 on the engineering contract for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment project, a payment from the COVID Relief Fund for the Engineer's Office including \$100,345.00 to Kalida Truck Equipment and \$151,360.00 to Truck Country of Indiana Incorporated for Plow Trucks in the total amount of \$251,705.00, and a payment for the Engineer's Office to Compass Materials America Incorporated for the purchase of road salt for the winter season in the amount of \$123,264.21; and on November 30, 2020, Resolution #20-163 that included an Appropriation transfer from the Prosecutor's Office in their Delinquent Tax fund to increase the OPERS appropriations in order to make payments through the end of the year; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #20-005 approved January 7, 2020 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2020, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on November 18, 2020 that included for the Department of Development (Building) to accept the Retirement Resignation of Larry Heiden, Multi-Certified Inspector III (#1111) to be effective January 2, 2021; Concurred with the Auburn Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by SIGMOON Incorporated d.b.a. Hitch n Post located at 9810 Washington Street, 1st Floor, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C STCK 81422150) and Concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by True North Energy, LLC located at 8501 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C TRFO 9073995-0855); on November 23, 2020 that included for the Department of Development (Building) to accept the Retirement Resignation of Larry Heiden, Multi-Certified Inspector III (#1111) to be effective December 31, 2020, revised from the original date of January 2, 2021, for Transit to accept the resignation of Gary Barath, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective November 13, 2020, and approved an unpaid leave of absence for Christopher Black, Part-time Driver (#2210-1) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic for three months during the period of Payroll #20-26 (November 29, 2020) through the end of Payroll #21-05 (March 6, 2021) following the use of all remaining vacation time; on November 30, 2020 for the Department of Water Resources accepted the Retirement Resignation fo Robert Lingro, Lab Technician (#2307) to be effective December 2, 2020; and Approved hiring Austin Wise to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective December 28, 2020 at the rate of \$18.17 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and on December 2, 2020 that included for Water Resources to rescind the motion from November 30, 2020 that read: Approved hiring Austin Wise to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective December 28, 2020 at the rate of \$18.17 per hour with a one-year probationary

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period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and Approved and executed the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #3 for Technical Services (Loan #8983) for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (Henning Road) in the amount of \$15,601.26; 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 from the General Fund to the Sheriff's salary account to reimburse for ICE transports, Various transfers from multiple departments to true up payroll accounts to the end of the year, a Cash transfer from the Commissioner's Office to the Sewer/Water Debt Retirement Fund for the 2020 second half debt payment for the County Water Plant (final payment) a Cash transfer for the Clerk of Courts Title Administration Fund for additional appropriations for their payroll accounts in the General Fund, Then and Now's for the County Engineer's Office to CORSA for an insurance deductible payment and to the Village of South Russell for Daisy Lane Improvements that were not previously encumbered, a Then and Now for Municipal Court to Anthony Bondra Esq for appointed counsel fees not previously encumbered, a payment from the COVID Relief Fund for the Engineer's Office, including \$148,350.00 to FTDA Freightliner Cincinnati and \$159,124.00 to Valley Ford for Snow Plow Trucks in the total amount of \$307,474.00, a payment for the Commissioner's Office to Destination Geauga for 3rd Quarter 2020 Bed Tax distribution in the amount of \$21,243.23, and a Revenue Certification for Job and Family Services in their Family First Fund for new revenue received in 2020.

There was a brief discussion about the Clerk of Courts doing a transfer from the Title Administration fund to cover the increases in payroll done at the beginning of the year. There was a brief discussion about Punderson being the only one really handling bed tax now that the Red Maple Inn has closed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #20-164 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 3, 2020.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Gorton explained that the CARES Act Expenditures were for a total amount of \$91,135.85 that included reimbursement and proposed expenses for multiple departments.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #20-165 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

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Date: December 3, 2020

Resolution: #20-165

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

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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) Necessary expenses incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);*
- (2) Were not accounted for in the County's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and*
- (3) Were 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 \$91,135.85 and include the following:

For Reimbursement \$21,283.45:

Clerk of Courts \$2,196.76
Eight vinyl and leather chairs to replace cloth for easier cleaning and disinfecting between occupants

Emergency \$1,908.63
Services Additional hardware for Logitech Rally Virtual meeting platform for remote working and social distancing

Maintenance \$16,891.39
Belt barriers and tent for voter shelter and social distancing, disinfectant, batteries for sanitizer stations and framing material for shields at Courthouse

Prosecutor \$286.67
Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes and cleaners

For the Proposed \$69,852.40

Auditor \$5,989.56
Purchase of three laptops with Microsoft Office and accessories for remote working of staff

Common Pleas \$770.28
Six Webex licenses for remote working of staff

Prosecutor \$5,989.56
Purchase of three laptops with Microsoft Office and accessories for remote working of staff

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Sheriff \$57,103.00
Purchase of four laptops for remote working and an additional 9-1-1 dispatcher workstation for social distancing of staff

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

A discussion took place on several items on the CARES Act expenditures, including what the belt barriers were for and the cost of the dispatcher workstation.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF AQUILLA ROAD, CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to execute the final change order for Ronyak Paving that is a decrease for the resurfacing of Aquilla Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH 5, Sections D-E) in Claridon Township in the amount of \$28,249.40.

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – RE-ELECT SHERIFF HILDENBRAND AND AUDITOR WALDER TO THE VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD

Clerk Christine Blair explained that the Prosecutor's Office had sent the request to re-elect the Sheriff and Auditor to the Volunteer Peace Officer Dependents Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to re-elect Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 2021.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to re-elect Auditor Charles Walder to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for the term ending December 31, 2021.

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

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE CLOSING OF DONALD E. AND MARY ANN ANNA AGRICULTURE EASEMENT

Mr. Morgan explained that Soil and Water had asked for a resolution to allow the County Administrator to handle the closing documents for the Anna farm Agriculture Easement as it wasn't sure when the actual closing will take place.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-166 Authorizing the County Administrator, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, to Represent the Board at, and Approve and Execute all Documents associated with the Closing of the Donald E. and Mary Ann Anna Agriculture Easement, 2018 Ohio Department of Agriculture Local Agriculture Easement Purchase Program.

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AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 305.30, TO REPRESENT THE BOARD AT, AND APPROVE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH, THE CLOSING OF THE DONALD E. AND MARY ANN ANNA AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT, 2018 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM:

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018 the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") adopted Resolution #18-059 authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Agriculture Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) for the property owned by Donald E. and Mary Ann Anna (the "Land Owner"); and

WHEREAS, the Donald and Mary Ann Anna's property located at 18587 Mumford Road, Troy Township, Ohio was approved for participation in the LAEPP, and all requirements have been met and documents prepared to proceed to closing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County:

Section 1. The Board hereby approves proceeding to closing for the Donald E. and Mary Ann Anna Agricultural Easement, 2018 Ohio Department of Agriculture LAEPP.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the County Administrator, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, to represent the Board at the closing for the Donald E. and Mary Ann Anna Agricultural Easement and to approve and execute all the documents associated therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and will become part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, OH.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1, INCREASE CONTRACT – C.U.E. EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS, LLC – EROSION MITIGATION

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to execute the contract maintenance form #1 to increase the contract with C.U.E. to perform erosion mitigation.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1, increasing the Contract with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC to perform Erosion Mitigation at the Knowles Parkway location in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, AMENDMENT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND TROY OAKS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONVERSION – INCREASING FUNDING ON PROJECT LOAN

Ms. Miller asked the Board to amend the project agreement with OPWC for additional funds on the project loan for Auburn Corners and Troy Oaks project.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission, Amendment to Project Agreement for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant conversion, increasing the funding on the project loan \$150,000.00 for a total loan amount of \$770,000.00.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #10 – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICE, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS UPGRADE TROY OAKS PUMP STATION CONVERSION

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute the Partial Pay Request #10 for Workman Industrial for the Auburn Corners and Troy Oaks project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #10 for Workman Industrial Service Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Troy Oaks Pump Station Conversion project in the amount of \$254,386.58.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #6, CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE – AUBURN CORNERS – TROY OAKS PUMP STATION

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Pay Request #6 and contractors estimate for the Auburn Corners Troy Oaks project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #6 and Contractors Estimate for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station Project in the amount of \$254,386.58.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZING STEVEN OLUIC, PHD DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE INSTRUMENTS REGARDING BOND POSTED TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BEH PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS, PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLERS LICENSE REGARDING WATER TREATMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute a resolution to allow Dr. Oluic, Director to execute all instruments relating to the bond posted for the private water systems and installers license for treatments and distribution operations.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #20-167 Authorizing Steven Oluic, PhD, Director for the Department of Water Resources to execute any/all instruments and indemnify for the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Regarding the Bond Posted to the Ohio Department of Health, BEH Private Water Systems for a Private Water Systems Installers License Regarding Water Treatments and Distribution Operations.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STEVEN OLUIC, PhD, DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO EXECUTE ANY /ALL INSTRUMENTS AND INDEMNIFY FOR THE GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES REGARDING THE BOND POSTED TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BEH PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS FOR A PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLERS LICENSE REGARDING WATER TREATMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, be it hereby resolved that Steven Oluic, PhD, Director for the Department of Water Resources, is hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and indemnify for the Geauga County Department of Water Resources in order to obtain a bond being posted to the Ohio Department of Health, BEH Private Water Systems regarding the application for a Private Water Systems Installers License to cover activities of the Department regarding water treatments and distribution operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution authorizes the Director of the Department of Water Resources to use funds to cover and pay the bond premium.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, in Geauga County, Ohio, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, has caused this instrument to be executed this December 3, 2020.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF LIST OF DELINQUENT SEWER USER FEES, WATER FEES, TAP IN STALLMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the submission of delinquent sewer, water and tap in fees to the County Auditor. There was discussion about this year including a decrease but that anyone who doesn't pay their bills incurs a late fee and then it goes on their taxes.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the submission of the list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$399,932.64 (\$377,294.85 arrearage and \$22,637.79 penalty).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1, INCREASE CONTRACT – THENDESIGN ARCHITECTURE (TDA)

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the change order for TDA which is an increase to cover the revisions to relocate offices.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) for revisions to the design that include relocating offices on the First Floor to the basement and offices on the Ground Floor to the First Floor, revise construction documents related to these changes in the amount of \$56,050.00.

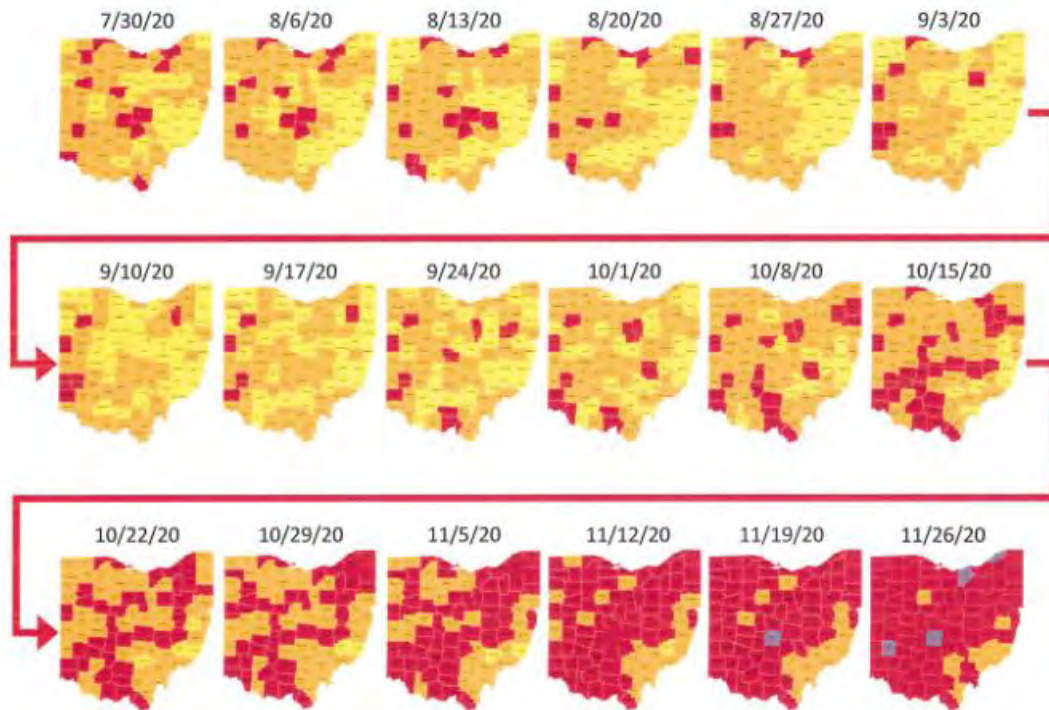
<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

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HEALTH COMMISSIONER THOMAS QUADE – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC UPDATE

There was discussion about the recent weather issues and power outages.

Mr. Quade provided some information to the Board, the first is a representation of the state, and while we are not purple, he feels we may reach that in the next coming weeks. Mr. Quade says we don't enforce, and getting the message out of staying home and not going out unless you have to is all we can do.



Healthcare access is being challenged, not only in bed space but personnel. This is chart shows just Geauga County and that we've had more cases in November than any month. If the trend continues for December we won't have any bed space. There was discussion about will everyone get it, but in looking at that if 1 in 20 people have it and are hospitalized and of those then 1 in 20 die, that could be 1,000 cases, multiply it by 100, we have had 50 deaths in Geauga County, but if multiply that by 100, that's huge with our population. There have been 2 deaths in November, none in October but a few in September. We have a small population so there is less of a chance for a trigger to hit the blip, but when you have an outbreak in a nursing home, you can only do so much you can do based on the facility and staff. If we see a critical mass in a facility, the numbers will increase again, and then we will start catching up to the rest of the state.

Commissioner Lennon expressed that the numbers from the state versus ours are just not the same, to which Mr. Quade stated that we are protected to some degree because we don't have high population density, work exposures are less, right now in rural counties like our transmission is in social gatherings, friends and family. Mr. Lennon added that there was a lot of cut back on Thanksgiving. Mr. Quade stated that they did a reverse parade approach, drove up swapped dinners, talked for a few minutes outside and then went home and ate dinner. Mr. Quade stated that when you go to work or the store people are wearing masks, but generally people are doing what they need to do, but no one calls and says were having a birthday party. All we have at our disposable is messaging, the first call today with local business leaders, a COVID defense team.

Mr. Lennon expressed that you can lay down in a fight, you have to live your life, work and provide for your family, Mr. Quade expressed put up your fist by putting your mask on and keep your distance or we are going to keep losing the fight. We need to keep the economy going and keep the kids educated. Mr. Lennon inquired about how much of the population has had the virus, because testing is a fraction of what is really going on, to which Mr. Quade says we do our best guess with the data at hand and operate under the assumption that 20% of the population who gets it is asymptomatic, so unless your exposed why get tested. The positivity rate has increased to about 12% now, so maybe 1 in 50-60 has it, the idea of herd immunity.

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Commissioner Spidalieri says I get the idea of being safe, but there was a study that said 71% of the people wore a mask everywhere and got the virus. Mr. Quade stated that of the folks that got it, that is not of the general population, so that is not how you calculate the value of wearing a mask. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he gets the idea of trying to control this but asked Mr. Quade if he did not agree with the medical professionals that have said we have prolonged this by not having an outbreak and everyone is sick, protect the most susceptible, that are high risk, Mr. Quade said he agreed with some of it, but the vast majority of folks would agree with what he said, but does that mean this is what we should do, taking off your mask and getting it like a chicken pox party, that's not going to change the mortality rate, if we say let's get it to get it over with, we are ignoring what it will cost us, the amount of deaths that would occur would be increased. Mr. Quade stated that if we can stretch this to get the vaccine, it has been proven that vaccine save lives. The vaccine is coming, then what we can do is get the true herd immunity and control it with the vaccine without the cost of a million Americans die. Mr. Lennon inquired about the common flu, to which Mr. Quade said yes, but the flu is no reportable unless there is a hospitalization, and with mask wearing the numbers should be down. There was discussion about the differences in how COVID is affecting people, which it can be real mild right up until it's not. With COVID a death is an affect, primarily it attacks the respiratory system, and if you have underlying conditions it can affect you harder.

Mr. Lennon expressed concern over the vaccine, and Mr. Quade says that they do share some skepticism, the challenge is going to be the update, a portion says no to vaccine, portion is skeptical of anything the government is doing now, and if you take all those with skepticism, who is left to take it, and we need people to take it. Mr. Quade says staying at home is the same aspect of the vaccine because the virus has no place to go, if what they say is accurate for the vaccine that just makes it easier. Mr. Quade says if you can't wear a mask, then don't wear it, so if you can work from home, do it, if you can't then don't. Mr. Quade used the analogy of a scratch off ticket; sometimes you have to take a chance, but if you don't need the ticket, don't take it. There was discussion about schools, it's not black and white, and there is a structured environment on a plus side, the flip side, there is almost zero good data on the prevalence of the virus in the schools. The kids are contagious just not symptomatic, the schools have done everything they can to reduce, however the staffing became an issue due to quarantine. The schools are looking at breaks coming up and the risk is then, we hope they don't get together and socialize. Mr. Quade added that they are also seeing get together after the games, or if the game is cancelled.

Mr. Quade stated that another issue they will run into with the vaccine is I had it, so I don't need to get it again, or I'm not going to get it, and they don't know yet how long it will last. Mr. Lennon asked about death numbers yet for flu season for 2020, which it just got started, and the bulk is November to March.

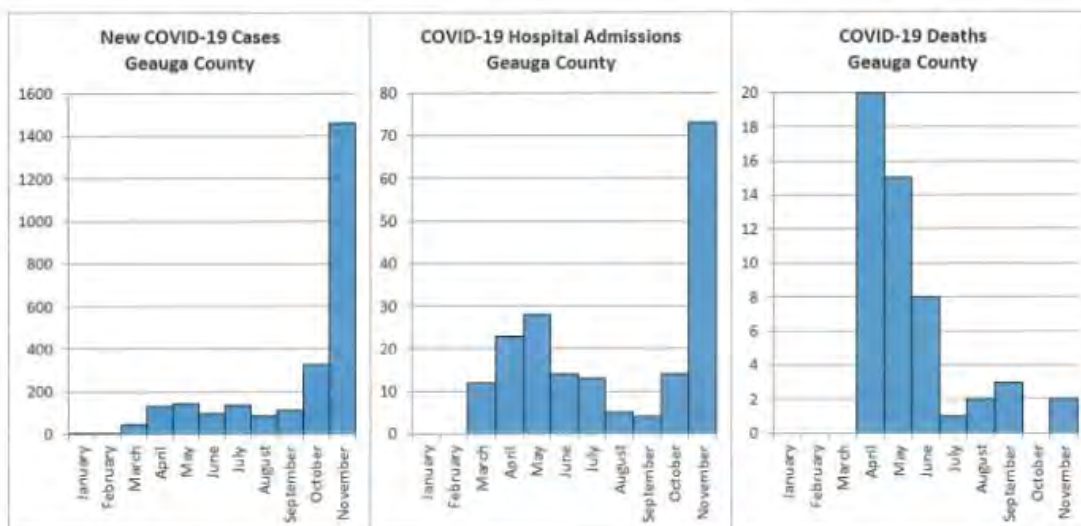
There was a discussion about employees that are able to work from home or spacing out in the buildings, wearing a mask in the common area to limit as much as possible. Mr. Morgan noted that JFS is pretty much working from home and the system is set up for verification, and that is a big point of it. Mr. Morgan expressed that it is one thing that he has been doing with those that are working from home, are they checking in, doing what they need to do.

Mr. Morgan added that JFS has found they their employees are getting more done, adding that some office jobs just cannot be done at home. It all depends on what they are doing. Mr. Lennon expressed that there are a lot that can't work from home, noting the linemen and the guys working on the sewers.

Mr. Quade expressed that it's getting closer to home; it used to be you know someone, now it's you work with someone, and most have been exposure outside of the office. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about an employee in the office that tested positive, we are not entirely sure that they got rid of it, or if symptoms went away and still be positive, there is the possibility that they can become re-infected, as the immunity doesn't last forever. Mr. Quade expressed that there is still a lot we don't know and the prevention tools are old school, if you're sick you stay home. Mr. Quade said they were still waiting for the Ohio Department of Health to find out how they plan to roll out the vaccine and distribution. Geauga County will receive 100's of doses but they are going to first responders and healthcare workers, so likely the first batch will go to the hospital, and then to long term facilities. There was discussion about the plan and how and who the vaccine will be distributed. Mr. Quade explained that we are on the front end of what would have happened if we had not flattened the curve, but we started to open up and then people think

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they can go back to life as normal, and the weather changed and the kids went back to school and sporting events. Mr. Lennon expressed that it is important for kids to still get out and do things and not just sit and stare at a screen all day. Mr. Quade explained that they need to find a way to get physical activity and not intermingle with other kids from other schools. Mr. Lennon expressed a lot of concern with the kids today and how it is affecting them. Mr. Quade expressed that when they push out the health part, we are doing what we can without enforcing things. Our cases are higher in November because people are behaving differently, they are interacting with each other.



In November alone we have seen 1,463 new cases of COVID-19 and 73 hospital admissions due to COVID-19. Both of these numbers eclipse what we have experienced in any previous month. For cases, it surpasses what we have seen in every prior month combined. We have been getting urgent calls from long-term care facilities regarding staffing shortages and have seen an increase in cases in long-term care facilities, again eclipsing the previous counts of both residents and staff. This does not predict good outcomes for the mortality data in the weeks to come as that is where most of our Geauga County COVID-19 mortality is originating.

Long-Term Care Facilities	NEW CASES (prior week)		CUMULATIVE CASES (Since April 15, 2020)	
	Residents	Staff	Residents	Staff
Amelia Grace	0	0	7	3
Arden Courts of Chagrin Falls	6	2	8	2
Burton Healthcare and Rehab	2	2	2	3
Chardon Healthcare	27	12	27	12
Heather Hill Care Communities	19	10	19	10
Jennings at Notre Dame	0	2	0	2
Mapleview Country Villa	2	0	2	0
Maplewood Senior Living	29	12	29	12
Ohman Family at Blossom Hill	35	9	35	9
Ohman Family at Holly Hill	6	2	6	2
Residence of Chardon	13	4	13	4
South Franklin Circle	0	2	0	2
The Weils	1	3	1	3

Mr. Lennon expressed that it's always good to do the updates and keep in touch and that if the health department needs assistance to let the Board know if there is anything they can do. Mr. Quade stated that they heard they were going to receive more cares act funding in 2021 than they received in 2020 and aside from additional contact tracers which quite honestly, they are beyond. They are now sending in the quarantine letters with a positive to have people contact people they were with and notify them. Mr. Quade noted that the CDC is changing quarantine

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due to people that can't stay home for fourteen days. We need the generation that did what they did during World War II and push to the line to do what we need to do. Mr. Lennon said we are still trying, is it perfect, no, and a piece of fabric on your face is not 100%, it just reduces the risk. Mr. Quade expressed that they would need help with the vaccine and getting the messaging out.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE PROSECUTOR TO PREPARE CARES ACT FUNDING SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize Prosecutor Jim Flaiz to prepare CARES Act Funding Subgrant Agreements with not to exceed amounts for University Hospitals for \$250,000.00, Geauga County Agricultural Society (Fair) for \$175,000.00, Soil and Water Conservation District for \$10,506.18 and for the Historical Society for \$10,000.00.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Appointment by Common Pleas Court, Probate Division of John A. Ralph as Chairperson to the Geauga County Sewage Treatment Systems Appeals Board for a two-year term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending October 28, 2020, November 4, 2020 and November 11, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending October, 2020.*
- d) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending October, 2020 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 12/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission, Bldg. #8 meeting room, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- Tue., 12/8 Investment Advisory Board, 9:15 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 12/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m., Chambers*
- Fri., 12/11 NOACA Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Cleveland*
- Tue., 12/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m., Chambers*
- Mon., 12/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m.*
- Tue., 12/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m., Chambers*
- Tue., 12/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m., Chambers*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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