

Commissioners' Journal
December 8, 2020

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 8, 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 9:41 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

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 in them, forgive me father

When I succeed in them, I will praise you!

You are worthy of al Praise and Honor

Amen

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of October 15, 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 Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of October 20, 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 Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of October 27, 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 Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the special meeting of October 28, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners' Office General Fund miscellaneous contingency and operating transfers out accounts to the Clerk of Courts general Salary account to true up to the end of year (reimbursed to the General Fund last week), a Supplemental transfer in the Commissioners' miscellaneous accounts for year end capital transfers, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology to pay a portion of their 2020 funding, a Cash transfer from the Help America Vote fund to the General Fund as a partial re-payment of additional appropriations provided to the Board of Elections for the 2020 election, a Cash transfer 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

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Acceptance #20-165, a Then and Now from the Common Pleas Court to John Bosco for appointed counsel fees not previously encumbered, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to the Village of Middlefield for the Tare Creek Parkway resurfacing project in the amount of \$180,000.00 and a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Burton Windsor Road in the amount of \$437,036.20.

Mr. Gorton explained the reimbursement in the Help America Vote for the Board of Elections, that the County provided the funds for the grant they were receiving and are now reimbursing the General Fund. There is still about a \$30,000.00 difference from what the General Fund provided.

Mr. Lennon inquired about the equipment for the Board of Elections to which Director Pete Zeigler explained that a vendor had been selected and once they get approval from the Secretary of State they will come before the Board for a resolution. Mr. Lennon asked if the equipment was the same as what had been looked at several years ago, to which Mr. Zeigler expressed that it should be the same. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the current events happening with the elections that we will see some changes. Mr. Zeigler explained that process of election equipment and what are approved for Ohio compared to other states. Mr. Zeigler stated that none of the machines regarding counting of ballots are connected to the internet, someone would have to break in to the machine. The machines require cards to be manually programmed to do the ballots. The good thing about paper ballots is that they can be verified. They discussed the need for the new equipment, as the current equipment is about at the end of life, they are about a decade old, they are tested, transported to the polling locations and interfaces with the public. Mr. Lennon added that the State is pushing for the new equipment and is providing funding to do the replacement.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-168 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 8, 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 – ACCEPTANCE APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Gorton explained that the total for the CARES Act Expenditures was \$81,094.90 which includes reimbursement and proposed amounts for various departments. Mr. Gorton provided information on the resident card comment ticketing and the appraisal administration portal for the Auditor's Office.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-169 of Acceptance Approving CARES Act Expenditures.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 8, 2020
Resolution: #20-169

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 \$81,094.90 and include the following:

For Reimbursement \$544.90:

Sheriff \$544.90
PPE and shipping for isolation curtains previously approved in Resolution of Acceptance #20-141

For the Proposed \$80,550.00

Auditor \$80,550.00
Purchase of a Resident Comment Card Ticketing System and Appraisal Administration Management Portal in order to assist the public without the need for in person visits to the County Offices

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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES – RUDY AND REBECCA MILLER – IMPROVE BUNDYSBURG ROAD – CULVERT IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Matthew Johns asked the Board to accept and execute the Easement with the Millers for the improvements on Bundysburg Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak accept and execute the Easement for Drainage Purposes between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Rudy and Rebecca Miller (Parcel #25-007400) for Improvements to Bundysburg Road (CH 38) Culvert #0038-02.55 in Parkman Township in the amount of \$200.00.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE PROMOTION OF LEAH BYLER TO FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005)

Internal Operations Manager Karen Stone asked the Board to promote Leah Byler to Recreation and Education Assistant to help out in the Adult Day Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the promotion of Leah Byler, from Full-time Information and Referral Assistant to Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) at the rate of \$14.54 per hour to effective December 14, 2020 with a 180-day probationary period.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANT (#1017) – ADVERTISE POSITION

Ms. Stone asked the Board to revise the job description for the Information and Referral Assistant to better describe the actual job being performed and then advertise to fill the vacant position left from Ms. Byler's promotion.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the revised job description for the position of Information and Referral Assistant (#1017) to be effective December 8, 2020.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise for the position of Information and Referral Assistant (#1017). This position will remain until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – APPROVE HIRING / APPOINTING MARTINCASTELLETTI – DIRECTOR (#1410)

Executive Director Dave Favorite asked the Board to approve hiring/ appointing Mr. Castelletti to the position of Director of course contingent upon pre-employment conditions. Mr. Favorite explained that he has experience on the grant side and with HUD.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring / appoint Martin Castelletti to the position of Director (#1410) to be effective January 4, 2021 at the rate of \$32.09 per hour (Grade #E15, Step 4). This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions.

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

There was a brief discussion about several businesses in the county and economic development.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Executive Director Craig Swenson briefly updated the Board on how his staff is working, including the office, in the field and from home using Microsoft Surfaces and with the software from the State we are able to see all activity of the employees. Mr. Swenson talked about the sponsor a family program this year and that instead of a one day drop, we are doing several days of pickup times. Mr. Swenson explained the program, which is not just presents, it also

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includes food, which depending on the size of the family is about \$500.00 per family.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND AMEND SECTION 7.4: TRAVEL EXPENSES

Mr. Swenson explained that this has been being worked on for a while, and this new policy is in line with the IRS policy guidelines, it has been approved by Ms. LaChapelle with the Prosecutor's Office and am asking to get it approved which will help with what they have had to do for the Auditor's Office. They discussed the policy and that employees while working from home still have a regular place of work. Mr. Morgan expressed that it appears to have been a misunderstanding of how the code was interpreted. This policy has been being worked on well before the Pandemic started and after going back and forth with the Auditor's Office hopefully this will make travel reimbursement much easier.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director and amend Section 7.4: Travel Expenses (updating the Travel for Routine Work Assignment) to be effective December 8, 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>

TRANSIT – EXECUTE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Director JoAnna Santilli explained that this grant is for the Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance that reimburses the department for the reduced fares given in the previous year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program Grant Contract between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (Contract No. EHTA-4101-GRF-211) in the amount of \$45,180.00.

<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 – AWARD BID – PVS NOLWOOD CHEMICALS, INCORPORATED – WASTEWATER/ WATER CHEMICAL SUPPLIER CONTRACT – ALUMINUM SULFATE AND FERRIC CHLORIDE – THREE YEARS

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to award the Bid to PVS Nolwood for their chemical suppliers for their wastewater and water plants. Mr. Morgan stated that since they have been exceeding the bid threshold amounts they went out for bid for a three-year contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to PVS Nolwood Chemicals, Incorporated for the Wastewater / Water Chemical Supplier Contract for Aluminum Sulfate, for a three-year period, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$190,704.00 (Year 1 - \$57,600.00, Year 2 - \$63,360.00 and Year 3 - \$69,744.00), as they represented the lowest and best bid.

<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 Spidalieri to award the Bid to PVS Nolwood Chemicals, Incorporated for the Wastewater / Water Chemical Supplier Contract for Ferric Chloride, for a three-year period, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$38,639.00 (Year 1 - \$11,666.00, Year 2 - \$12,839.00 and Year 3 - \$14,134.00), as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

*COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #1 –
DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, GMP PHASE #1*

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the partial pay request #1 for Donley's on the office building for GMP Phase #1.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #1 for Donley's Independence LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 in the amount of \$165,057.00.

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

*COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 (PERMANENT)
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION*

Mr. Gorton expressed that he hopes that 2021 is better than 2020, in comparison to what we thought was going to happen in the spring, the finances of the county are doing good. Mr. Gorton presented the following information to the Board regarding the Annual Permanent Appropriation:



2021 Permanent Appropriations

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Gerard Morgan, County Administrator
Adrian Gorton, Budget & Finance Manager



2021 Permanent Appropriations Budget Process

- Budget Commission certifies the revenues expected to be received for the year, along with the unencumbered fund balance identified at the beginning of the year. Together, revenues + beginning balance = Resources
- County Commissioners appropriate funds to county departments. The total amount of the appropriations by fund cannot exceed the certified amount of resources as determined by the Budget Commission.

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Mr. Gorton explained that in August, following the Tax Budget submission, the Budget Commission certified the 2021 revenues by Fund. Appropriations by fund cannot exceed the certified resources for that fund.



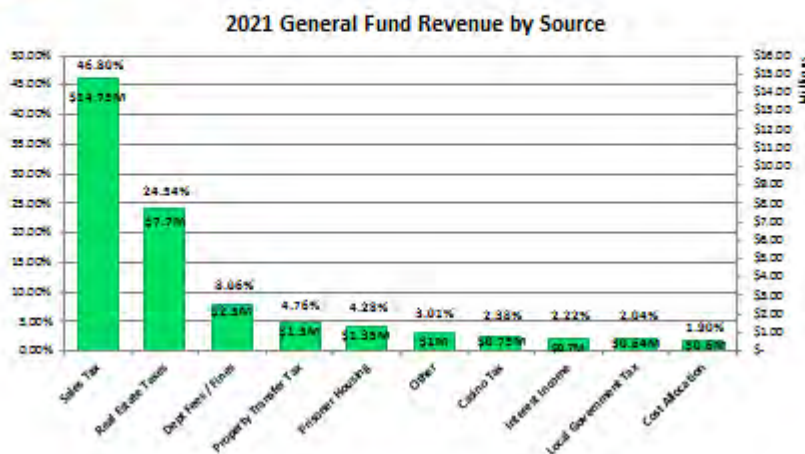
2021 Permanent Appropriations General Fund Certified Resources

Minimum Estimated Carryover Balance	\$10,453,000
2021 Revenues	<u>\$31,529,187</u>
Total Resources	\$41,982,187

Mr. Gorton explained that some of the numbers may be a little higher due to COVID funding, and may change once the actual carryover amount is known. For the 2021 Permanent Appropriations, the Budget Commission Certified \$31,529,187 of resources for the General Fund.



2021 Permanent Appropriations General Fund Revenue Sources



Mr. Gorton explained that this is a graph of the 2021 General Fund Revenue by sources, noting that the total is estimated at \$31.5M. The chart above shows the breakdown of this amount. A majority (\$14.75M, almost 47%) of the revenue is estimated to come from Sales Tax. This is the 1% county portion of the 6.75% Sales Tax paid in Geauga County. The average rate in the State of Ohio is 7.17%. Ohio law allows Counties to option up to 2.25% and currently there are only three (out of 88) Counties in the State with lower sales tax rates than Geauga (6.50%).

There was a brief discussion on the county sales tax portion, the 1% includes the 9-1-1. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the sales tax having a minimum, but it was noted that there is no minimum they just cannot exceed 2.25%.

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There was discussion about the sales tax coming in and that after \$250,000.00 in December it will all be over what was received the previous year. Mr. Morgan noted that one thing that saved counties was the online tax being put into place.

Just under a quarter (\$7.7M, about 24.5%) of the revenue is coming from the 2.5 mils county general fund portion of the real estate taxes paid.

Department Fees/Fines are estimated at about 8% or \$2.5M for 2021. Included in these fees are those charged by the Auditor, Building Dept., Courts, Recorder, Treasurer and Board of Elections for the services they provide to the residents.

Property Transfer Tax is 4.7% or \$1.5M. These are the fees paid when a property transfers to a new owner.

Prisoner Housing is the revenue generated from housing inmates at the county jail from other areas. This has taken another jump for next year, increasing by \$350,000.00. The increase was permitted due to the Sheriff's department prisoner housing revenue line consistently outperforming the budgeted numbers for several years now. It remains to be seen how this will be affected with a new administration coming in, but added that he also has agreements with other entities for housing.

Other encompasses several items including rents, gas wells proceeds, insurance & other reimbursements, misc. grants and County auction proceeds.

The Casino Tax is the tax on the gross earnings of a casino. 51% of the casino tax is set aside for counties, and the amount received is allocated to the counties based on the population. For 2021, that amount has been reduced by 25% to \$750,000.00. Mr. Gorton expressed that they were hit hard when closed during the year.

Interest income is being held at \$700,000.00 for 2021.

Local Government tax is a revenue sharing tax that comes back to the counties from the State. This continues to be a sore spot for the political subdivisions of the State as it used to be a much larger % of the General Fund revenue but was reduced significantly. The Casino tax was expected to make up the difference but the casino tax is not considered a stable revenue source. Cost Allocation is the chargeback to County departments outside of the General Fund for services provided by the General Fund, which is about \$600,000.00.

Mr. Morgan expressed that the Local Government tax was reduced when the County started receiving Casino Tax but it has been lower than originally estimated. Mr. Dvorak inquired about the property transfer tax having a bump, to which Mr. Gorton stated that there was a change made to certain properties, being no longer exempt.



2021 Permanent Appropriations

Total Appropriations, All Funds	\$122,402,621
Total Appropriations, General Fund	\$34,318,304
General Fund Line Item Requests	\$35,027,455

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Mr. Gorton explained that the total tax budget for 2021 of all funds is a little over \$122M. This includes all funds including General Fund (\$34.3M), Special Revenue (\$67.2M), Debt Service (\$2M), Capital Projects (\$4.2M), Enterprise Funds (\$11.7M), Fiduciary Funds (\$2.3M) and Internal Service Funds (\$0.8M). Mr. Gorton stated that there is surplus in all funds for next year of about \$300,000.00.

The General Fund Permanent Appropriations are submitted at \$34.3M. The requests received from the departments were a little over \$35M, which a majority is in the Commissioners Emergency Fund and would like to increase that in that in the Spring Supplemental.

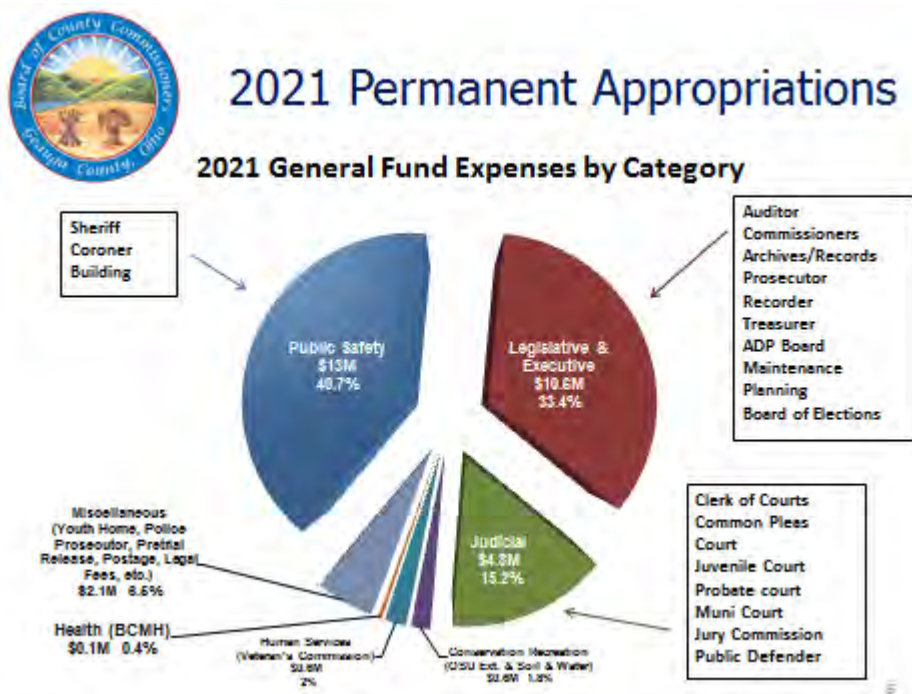
The largest items waiting for funding include:

\$50,000.00 ADP request for Community Outreach appropriation

\$525,000.00 for Commissioners Emergency Fund

\$15,000.00 for Clerk of Courts employee raises and COVID expense appropriations

\$119,000.00 for Maintenance for Salaries & Benefits, additional building maintenance, electric, materials & supplies and other expense



Mr. Gorton noted that this is a chart showing a breakdown of the expenses and what encompasses those departments.

**2021 Permanent Appropriations
Supplemental Appropriation Process
February, 2021**

Description	Estimated Amount
Estimated 1/1/21 Cash Balance	\$11,603,000
Reduce for Carryover Encumbrances	<u>(\$ 1,150,000)</u>
Net Resources Available as Certified by Budget Commission 1/2021	\$10,453,000
Plus Certified Revenue for 2021	\$31,529,187
Less 2021 Appropriations	<u>(\$34,318,304)</u>
Actual General Fund Unappropriated Balance	\$7,663,883
Pending General Fund Reqs. (incl. Operating & Capital Transfers)	<u>(\$6,975,000)</u>
Estimated Unappropriated General Fund Balance remaining	\$688,883

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Mr. Gorton explained that currently we are estimating that the cash balance on January 1st will be \$11.6 million dollars and anticipate it to be a little higher than that. We are estimating our carryover encumbrances at around \$1.15M, leaving \$10.5 million. The certified revenue for 2021 is \$31.5M less appropriations of \$34.3M leaving \$7.6M above that for unfunded requests, restoration of the contingency account and capital transfers. Mr. Gorton stated that the debt payment for the bonds on the new bonds will be about \$1.6 to \$1.7 each year and will come out of the unappropriated balance. Mr. Gorton noted that the balance may be adjusted based on a request that is being considered for the Airport Authority.



2021 Permanent Appropriations Pending Requests for Funding

Department	Requests
ADP Board	\$50,000
Clerk of Courts	\$15,289
Commissioners	\$525,000
Court Technology	\$39,475
Maintenance	\$118,862
Sheriff (9-1-1 & 800MHz)	\$850,000
Total Requests*	\$1,598,626

*Includes requests for funding transferred from GF to other funds and does not include capital transfers

The pending requests above include transfers from the General Fund to other funds. Once the actual amounts are known after the start of the New Year these requests will be evaluated in light of the available resources and considered for possible funding. Mr. Gorton held back on the ADP request and can be considered in the Spring, the Clerk of Courts is their request for pay raises which is held back. The Sheriff request is for 9-1-1 and the 800 MHz. Clerk Christine Blair explained that there was a Communication switch from analog to digital to do the upgrade and the radios that was done through Notes, but this is for tower upgrades and addressing for 9-1-1.



2021 Permanent Appropriations General Fund Debt

- General Fund will be taking on some debt and working to mitigate it early

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Mr. Gorton stated that we have now paid off the water system and tower this year by the services center and will be taking on new debt and will work to mitigate that as early as possible, the bonds have a five year call we can build up a fund to pay a portion off and re-issue them if the financing makes sense. Mr. Lennon inquired if we can invest the funds to earn interest, to which Mr. Spidalieri explained that they had discussed that option with the Treasurer that morning to see if that made sense and fits the schedule.



2021 Permanent Appropriations Future Items

- New buildings
- Retirements & turnover
- Maintenance of old buildings
- Sale of old buildings and property

Mr. Spidalieri expressed that they should consider some of the maintenance costs into budgets of those departments that expressed not wanting to move and be a part of the new buildings, that the decision was to move to a more efficient building to save money, and by remaining in an old building that needs repairs.



2021 Permanent Appropriations

Questions ?

Following no questions, Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the adoption of the resolution for the Permanent Appropriation.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #20-170 Adopting the 2021 (Permanent) Annual Appropriation Resolution, in Accordance with O.R.C. 5705.38 and 5705.40.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 8, 2020

Resolution: #20-170

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(PERMANENT) ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. SECTIONS 5705.38, and 5705.40**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 8th day of December, 2020 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:

Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri James W. Dvorak

Commissioner Dvorak presented the following resolution and moved the adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said County, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, the following sums be and the same hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows, viz:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County 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>

**A complete copy of the Permanent Appropriation will follow these minutes.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADD ELECTED OFFICIALS TO THE COUNTY'S DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION #20-091

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to include all Elected Officials for the use of the new Policy of the Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to add the following Elected Officials to the County's Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Policy in accordance with Resolution #20-091 approved on August 11, 2020 for the newly Elected / Re-Elected terms, including the Clerk of Courts, Commissioners (2), Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney and the Prosecuting Attorney, Furtherance of Justice, Recorder, Sheriff and the Sheriff Furtherance of Justice, Treasurer and Court of Common Pleas, Probate / Juvenile Judge, and further submit the Schedule of Individuals to CORSA.

<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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee in the Department of Development (Building).

<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>

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. with County Administrator Gerard Morgan and Executive Director David Favorite. The Board returned at 11:13 a.m. and as a result took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to grant permission to advertise giving public notice and to hold a public hearing for the proposed rehiring of Larry Heiden as a retirant and employment to the position of Multi-certified Inspector III (#1111), to be effective March 1, 2021. This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The public notice for this issue and the public hearing will be published on December 31, 2020 and on the county website.

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<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>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Appointment by Common Pleas Court, Probate Division of Donna Weiss Carson to the Office of Commissioner of the Russell Township Park District for the term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.*

- b) *Annual Monitoring Reports for 2020 for the O'Reilly Farm and Binnig Farm submitted by the Geauga County Soil and Water Conservation District*

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

Thu., 12/10 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

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

Thu., 12/24 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will close at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Fri., 12/25 County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Tue., 12/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m., Chambers

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

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Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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