

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**December 7, 2021**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

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

*The President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:39 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Dear God,  
Today is December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day  
80 years ago, today at 7:48 a.m. on a Sunday morning we were attacked.  
Let us all remember a time of great evil in the world  
We also remember those who stood their ground  
Those who fought on all battle fronts to ensure that evil would not prevail  
We thank you that in the hour of need you gave men and women the strength and the resolve to stand, whatever the cost.  
May those brave souls who still remain here with us in mind and in spirit, may we thank them for their bravery and sacrifice.  
Amen*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from December 1, 2021, Resolution #21-159 that included Appropriations transfers to provide funds to complete payments to the Geauga County Agricultural Society prior to year-end and a Supplemental transfer for the Auditor's in their REAF fund to provide appropriations in their payroll accounts to cover expenses to the end of the year and #21-160 that included Appropriation transfers to reverse an Appropriation transfer 2021-3814 from November 23, 2021 that contained a transposition error in the financial system and issue a new one with the correct amount; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #21-003 approved January 5, 2021 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 2021, 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 December 3, 2021 that included for the Department on Aging to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Hannah Heinz, Recreation and Education Assistant for forty hours during the period January 24, 2022 through January 28, 2022. This will extend her probationary period by an additional week (forty hours); and for the Airport Authority approved the request for partial payment #5 for Hummel Construction for the T-Hangar project in the amount of \$269,013.40; as authorized by Resolution #21-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2021 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2021.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #13 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE LLC**

*Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the partial pay request #13 for Donley's on the new office building.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #13 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, for GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$2,029,705.21.*

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

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained that the transfer is on the Financials today for the new Black Box contract.*

*Auditor Charles Walder and Administrator Frank Antenucci explained the Black Box contract appropriation transfer regarding Cyber Security.*

*Auditor Charles Walder explained that there have been a series of events that they have experienced and been in discussions with both the ADP Board and the Commissioners. Mr. Walder provided a print out for the Board regarding the Leadership Geauga Phishing Attack that happened on September 15, 2021. Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about the attack and what happened. Mr. Walder explained that Leadership had a breach which used their address book and sent emails out to everyone as a way to gain access into other people's systems via an invoice that requested you to enter information. After the attack, the ADP Board held an emergency, special meeting on September 22, 2021, on October 20, 2021 they decided to hire an outside corporation and November 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> a Vulnerability Assessment was done by ADP, Black Box and Paranet Corporation. That assessment provided them with a summary on the different departments and agencies along with municipalities on critical issue needs that will need to be repaired first, within sixty days and then six and eighteen months. Mr. Walder explained that the County Engineer's website was also attacked over Thanksgiving and are in process of remediation. Mr. Walder noted that the Prosecutor's office is a little different since they have a division in their office that does cyber checks.*

*Mr. Walder explained that the remediation plan is to have an assessment performed by Black Box and Paranet Corporation. Mr. Walder stated that they are asking to hire Black Box to move forward, adding that they would be working with ADP to develop a cost-effective remediation plan, to implement and correct the critical issues within sixty days, to implement corrections for the high priority issues within six months and then implement corrections to correct the low priority issues and have everything taken care of within eighteen months. A lot of new technology will be going into the new building that will handle a large portion of what needs to be upgraded with the move to the new building. Mr. Walder expressed the central data location and where it will be located and based on that will determine some of the cost. Commissioner Lennon expressed that he may not know everything about technology but he does know about money and we need to understand what we need to do, have a plan going forward and that this is not a blank check! Mr. Walder explained that the critical issues have to be done first, and that it needs to be done in the next sixty days. Mr. Lennon inquired if in three months are we going to see a request for another 60-70,000.00, to which Mr. Walder replied he didn't know that it depends on what the study returns. Mr. Walder stated that we are in triage mode, we are doing what we can but we don't know what were completely looking at.*

*There was a brief discussion about looking at the budget for ADP and how it needs to be funded and maybe make changes. Administrator Frank Antenucci expressed that moving to the new facility will help immensely. Mr. Morgan added that the numbers being discussed need to be noted that the cost of over \$1 million dollars includes all the new technology already going into the new building. Mr. Walder brought up the need to move to more cloud-based type storage.*

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners Contingency account to ADP Contract Services to secure the remediation support necessary to bring the County's network and IT infrastructure up to current security protocols; a Cash transfer out of the General fund to Building Improvements, Capital Reserve Phase 2, 9-1-1, Senior Center Construction and County Facility Bond Retirement funds for future capital expenditures and debt payments; a Cash transfer out of the General fund Capital Transfers account to the Airport Construction fund for the county match on reimbursement request #1 for Grant #21-03 Obstruction Removal; a payment for the*

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*Commissioners Office to Donley's Independence for pay request #13 for the new county office building project in the amount of \$2,029,705.21, a payment for Community Development to Millstone Management Group for Block Grant work done at Womensafe in the amount of \$34,500.00, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Burton Township for the county portion of road work performed on Station Road in the amount of \$100,000.00, and a payment for Water Resources to Viking Painting LLC for pay request #1 for the Water Tower Painting and Improvements project in the amount of \$465,704.00.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-161 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 7, 2021.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE**

*Therese Zdesar, a nurse with Home Instead / QualCare, LLC explained that they were started twenty years ago, as a way to help seniors stay in their own homes. A program was started seventeen years ago, for just one gift, that provided seniors one gift to open on the holidays. Ms. Zdesar briefly explained some stories from over the years, and the types of gifts provided by donors to seniors. A big part of the gift is human companionship, and the continued support from the Commissioners and the partnership with the Department on Aging. Everyone can participate through the trees that are set up throughout the county with names on it, there is still time. Mr. Lennon expressed that COVID has made an even more impact, but they are lonely and the interaction is huge for them.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-162 "Be A Santa to a Senior".*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #21-162*

*Date: December 7, 2021*

**"BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR"**

*WHEREAS, Geauga County seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they are remembered during the holiday season. The well-being of all seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of Geauga County communities; and*

*WHEREAS, The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care is in its eighteenth year. The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program brightens the lives of hundreds of older adults in Geauga County with gifts who otherwise might not be remembered this holiday season and is also designed to help stimulate human contact and social interaction for seniors in Geauga County who may not have companionship during the holidays; and*

*WHEREAS, The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program is a way that we can give back to our community by providing gifts to some of our most treasured residents and guarantee that they will be treated with respect and dignity this holiday season; and*

*WHEREAS, local non-profit organizations will identify the seniors and provide names to Home Instead Care. Look for Christmas trees located in merchant locations throughout Geauga County and will feature ornaments with first names of seniors and their gift request.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim support for "Be A Santa To A Senior Day" from Thanksgiving through Christmas and encourage all our citizens to recognize and celebrate the 2021 holiday season of Geauga County seniors through the "Be A Santa To A Senior" program.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution become part of the permanent record of the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.*

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESCIND MOTION FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2021

*Mr. Morgan explained that this was for an employee under probation and after it was approved, the employee decided she wasn't going to need it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to rescind the motion approved by the County Administrator on November 15, 2021 that read: Approved an unpaid medical leave of absence for Shari Palumbo, Recreation and Education Assistant for up to twelve weeks, beginning January 19, 2022.*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENT – AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE WITH PIERRE J. HODGINS

*Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve the administrative settlement and purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of property of the Hodgins property. This building is located at the entrance and will be removed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Administrative Settlement in regards to a request for additional compensation for Pierre J. Hodgins as extenuating circumstances caused a delay in the purchase of Permanent Parcel #19-072805 and the amount of \$2,850.00 be added to the purchase price of the property.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate with Pierre J. Hodgins, the Geauga County Airport Authority and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in regards to Permanent Parcel #19-072805 in the amount of \$177,850.00, contingent upon the formal approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funding to cover the purchase price.*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION – FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION – FY2022 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – HODGINS PROPERTY

*Mr. Blamer asked the Board to approve the submission of the application for the acquisition of property that includes the settlement agreement and purchase agreement as part of the application to the FAA.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the submission of an Application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FY2022 Airport Improvement Program Grant Application for Property Acquisition – Hodgins Property (a 0.28 acre property, west of the end of Runway 11) in the amount of \$264,410.00 (FAA portion - \$237,969.00, ODOT portion - \$13,220.00 and Local County Match portion - \$13,221.00) and further authorize the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit the application.*

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

**BUDGET COMMISSION – RESOLUTION – AMENDED – ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFY THEM TO THE AUDITOR**

*Christine Blair, Clerk explained that the original resolution was done in September, however the County Engineer had their Road and Bridge levy on the ballot in November, with the passage of that levy, we need to amend the resolution to include it.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-163 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission, Amended, and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 7, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-163*

**AMENDED**

*Tax Year 2021 (2022 Collection Year)*

**<sup>1</sup>RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

**(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)**  
*Revised Code, Secs.5705.34, 5705.35*

*The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, with the following members present:*

*James W. Dvorak*

*Timothy C. Lennon*

*Ralph Spidalieri*

*Commissioner Spidalieri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:*

*WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2022; and*

*WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation; and*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:*

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| <b>SCHEDULE A</b><br><b>SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY</b><br><b>BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITORS ESTIMATED TAX RATES</b> |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
|--|--|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|----|--|-----------------------|
| FUND   | Amount to Be Derived from Levies Inside 10 Mill Limitation |     |     |    | Amount Approved by Budget Commission Outside 10 Mill Limitation |     |     |    | County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied |                       |
|  |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    | Inside 10 Mill Limit                               | Outside 10 Mill Limit |
|  | Column II  |     |     |    | Column IV   |     |     |    | V  | VI                    |
| General Fund (A)   | 8  | 718 | 110 | 00 |   |     |     |    | 2.50   |                       |
| Road & Bridge Fund (D)   |  |     |     |    | 3   | 421 | 284 | 00 |  | 2.50                  |
| District Board of Health (E)   |  |     |     |    |   | 626 | 433 | 00 |  | 0.20                  |
| General Bond Retirement (O1G)  |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
| Senior Citizens Special Levy Fund (T88)  |  |     |     |    | 3   | 132 | 168 | 00 |  | 1.00                  |
| Child Welfare Services Special Levy Fund (SS)  |  |     |     |    | 3   | 765 | 412 | 00 |  | 1.20                  |
| Mental Health & Clinics Special Levy Fund (AA)   |  |     |     |    | 3   | 758 | 601 | 00 |  | 1.20                  |
| Mental Retardation Special Levy (Metzenbaum) (S03)   |  |     |     |    | 12  | 182 | 995 | 00 |  | 4.05                  |
| Geauga County Public Library Special Levy Fund   |  |     |     |    | 5   | 197 | 812 | 00 |  | 1.80                  |
| Geauga County Library Bond Fund  |  |     |     |    | 1   | 422 | 768 | 00 |  | 0.44                  |
| Fund   |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
| Fund   |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
| Fund   |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
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| Fund   |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
| Fund   |  |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |  |                       |
| TOTAL  | 8  | 718 | 110 | 00 | 33  | 507 | 473 | 00 | 2.50   | 12.39                 |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE B</b><br/><b>LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES</b></p>                              |   |  |     |     |    |
|--|---|--|-----|-----|----|
| <b>FUND</b>  | <b>Maximum Rate<br/>Authorized<br/>to Be<br/>Levied</b> | <b>County Auditor's<br/>Estimate of<br/>Yield of Levy</b><br><small>(Carry to Schedule A,<br/>Column II)</small> |     |     |    |
| General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters<br>on not to exceed _____ years  |   |  |     |     |    |
| General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters<br>on not to exceed _____ years  |   |  |     |     |    |
| General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters<br>on not to exceed _____ years  |   |  |     |     |    |
| General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters<br>on not to exceed _____ years  |   |  |     |     |    |
| <b>Total General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation</b>   |   |  |     |     |    |
| Childrens Services Fund: Levy authorized by voters on March 15, 2016<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years  | 0.70  | 2  | 192 | 517 | 00 |
| Childrens Services Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2015<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years  | 0.50  | 1  | 572 | 895 | 00 |
| Road & Bridge Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2021<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years   | 2.50  | 3  | 421 | 284 | 00 |
| Metzenbaum DD Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2008<br>not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years  | 3.30  | 9  | 792 | 711 | 00 |
| Metzenbaum DD Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2015<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years Resolution 21-96 reduce to .75                    | 0.75  | 2  | 390 | 284 | 00 |
| Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 6, 2012<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years   | 0.50  | 1  | 566 | 084 | 00 |
| Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on May 6, 2014<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years  | 0.70  | 2  | 192 | 517 | 00 |
| Senior Citizens Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2014<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years   | 1.00  | 3  | 132 | 168 | 00 |
| Health District Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2013<br>not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years   | 0.20  |  | 626 | 433 | 00 |
| Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2007<br>not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years                                  | 1.00  | 2  | 887 | 673 | 00 |
| Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2010<br>not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years BH 8/27 reduce collection to .81 | 0.81  | 2  | 310 | 139 | 00 |
| Geauga Library Bond Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 7, 2017<br>not to exceed _____ 30 _____ years  | 0.44  | 1  | 422 | 768 | 00 |

*and be it further RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.*

*Commissioner Lennon seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:*

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION – REPLAT – SANDY HILL ESTATES – SUBLOT 11 AND ADJACENT LANDS – CREATE SUBLOT 11-R – CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Morgan explained that this is a lot consolidation replat for Sandy Hill Estates.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Replat of Sandy Hill Estates for Sublot 11 and Adjacent Lands creating Sublot 11-R in Chester Township.*

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

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**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PY2022 PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN  
PROGRAM (PIPP) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

*Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to approve the submission of the PIPP program grant application that allows the administrative grant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the submission of the PY2022 Percentage of Income Payment Plan Program (PIPP) Administrative Grant Application in the amount of \$5,587.00, for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PY2022 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

*Mr. Swenson explained that this is a new grant program under the American Rescue Plans for Low Income Household Water Assistance Program administrative grant to allows them to assist residents with water bills. Mr. Lennon inquired about how much the grant is for, to which Mr. Swenson explained that the funds are being awarded as a one time grant to assist people that are struggling with paying their water bills. The funds have been appropriated by the state, there have been a few people that have applied. Residents have to be income eligible. Mr. Swenson stated that this will just allow the application to be submitted and oversee the program, they just feel that Geauga County will utilize the full amount of the grant.*

*Mr. Spidalieri asked the question about where does the hand out end, as part of the government we are enabling this to continue, and people that don't want to work and then ask for assistance, while other people are out busting their butt to pay for their own and the others. There are certain circumstances that people are in true need, but often programs like this get abused, and people need to be responsible and get back to work. Mr. Swenson added that when they were given notice that they were going to be receiving these funds, the amount just seemed very high for the need in Geauga County, and share in your frustration. It was discussed that this is a new allocation of funding to assist people with their water bills and this will be a one-time award.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the submission of the PY2022 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Administrative Grant Application in the amount of \$196,228.00 for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.*

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| <i>Roll Call Vote:</i> | <i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i> | <i>No</i>  |
|                        | <i>Commissioner Lennon</i>     | <i>No</i>  |
|                        | <i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>     | <i>Aye</i> |

*\*Motion Failed*

*Mr. Dvorak asked to see additional information on the program.*

*There was a brief discussion about the Youth Center.*

*Mr. Spidalieri inquired about whether American Rescue Plan Funds could be used for the ADP Security project with Black Box.*

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL W. HEINO ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AND  
DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY**

*Mr. Swenson explained that Mr. Heino has been with the County for over thirty-six years and is Retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Swenson explained that Mr. Heino has been in several positions over his career, from carpentry to obtaining his technology degree and became the Management Information Systems Supervisor.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-164 Honoring Michael W. Heino on the occasion of his Retirement after Thirty-six Years of Service and Dedication to Geauga County.*

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*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 7, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-164*

***RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL W. HEINO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO  
GEAUGA COUNTY***

*WHEREAS, Mike began his career with Geauga County on September 9, 1985 and will retire from Geauga County on December 31, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike began his tenure as a Laborer with the Geauga County Department of Human Services and is now retiring from the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS) as a Management Information Systems Supervisor and as one of the most dedicated, professional, and knowledgeable employees that GCJFS has had the privilege of employing; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike transitioned from a Laborer to the following positions at GCJFS: Assistant Carpenter, Carpenter, Maintenance Repair Worker, Data Control Technician, Management Information Systems Specialist, and then finally Management Information Systems Supervisor. While holding these positions he obtained both his Associate of Science and Bachelor of Business Administration Degrees from Kent State University. As the rise of technology began to change the workforce Mike's expertise and talents became even more apparent. Mike became the first employee to ever hold the position of Management Information Systems Specialist where he spearheaded GCJFS to the summit of cutting-edge technology. Through his leadership and efforts, he has been able to integrate and leverage technological change and advancement in a truly dynamic fashion that has greatly benefitted GCJFS over the past three decades. Amongst Mike's many achievements was his shepherding of the agency's transition from paper files to an electronic document management system which greatly modernized the way GCJFS employees conduct their everyday work; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike's commitment to public service has earned the utmost admiration and respect of all those who have been lucky enough to work with him and observe his calm, steady demeanor and quiet confidence; and*

*WHEREAS, Mike's contributions to the Geauga County community as a model of consistency, a leader by example, and guiding technological force are unparalleled and will be greatly missed but forever remembered; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honors Michael W. Heino on the occasion of his retirement after thirty-six years of service and support to the children and families of Geauga County; and*

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

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

**MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MCPHILLIPS PLUMBING,  
HEATING AND COOLING**

*Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the service Contract with McPhillips for the 25-ton condenser unit for the Developmental Disabilities workshop building.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with McPhillips Plumbing, Heating and Cooling to Install New 25 Ton Trane Condenser as per the Maintenance Director for a one-year period, beginning December 7, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$47,370.00.*

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

**MAINTENANCE – APPROVE PROMOTION/RECLASSIFICATION – KEVIN CUNNINGHAM TO TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE (#1918)**

*Mr. Vernick explained that Mr. Cunningham is currently a maintenance worker and has excelled since he has been here, so he'd like to promote him and then advertise.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the promotion/reclassification of Kevin Cunningham to the position of Technology Maintenance (#1918) to be effective December 13, 2021 at the rate of \$19.87 per hour with a 180-day probationary period.*

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

**MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER (#1904)**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904). This position will remain posted until filled.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT – AQUILLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE**

*Fiscal and Personal Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the grant agreement for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program Grant Agreement, including Exhibits, I, II and III, between the Ohio Department of Development and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the Aquilla Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade for the period November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$77,500.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR I (#2326)**

*Ms. Miller asked the Board to revise the job description for Operator I.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised job description for the position of Water/Wastewater Operator I (#2326) to be effective December 7, 2021.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADD ADDITIONAL OPERATOR I (#2326)**

*Ms. Miller asked the Board to revise the organizational chart to add an additional Operator I position.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised Organizational Chart to add an additional Water/Wastewater Operator I (#2326) position to be effective December 7, 2021.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE MICHAEL KURZINGER TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE AND SUBMIT SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE CUSTOMER SERVICE ORDER AND SERVICE AGREEMENT**

*Ms. Miller asked the Board to authorize Mr. Kurzinger to electronically execute and submit the spectrum contract making it effective July 26, 2019 for a five-year period. Mr. Lennon inquired about it being approved by ADP, to which Mr. Morgan explained that this is the first step in trying to get the contract handled the way it should have been done a few years back by getting that approval. Mr. Dvorak inquired of Mr. Walder is this was ok with ADP, to which Mr. Walder explained that this was the recommendation and that the ADP Board will review next week.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Michael Kurzinger to electronically execute and submit the Spectrum Enterprise Customer Service Order and Spectrum Enterprise Service Agreement for Fiber Internet and Ethernet Services at the 470 Center Street, Merritt Road and Chagrin River Road locations for a period of five years, effective July 26, 2019.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #9 – INCREASE CONTRACT – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE #1 AND #2**

*Mr. Morgan stated that this is Change Order #9 for the new building to add a window for Community Development in the hallway.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #9, increasing the Guaranteed Maximum Price, Phase #1 and Phase #2 Contract with Donley's Independence, LLC for changes in regards to the addition of a transaction window for Community Development not covered in the original contract, in the amount of \$9,375.00.

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

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE PROMOTION – ASHLEY SERRAGLIO – FULL-TIME ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CLERK (#2607)**

*Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the promotion of Ms. Serraglio to Full-time Archives and Records Clerk, she currently is the Courier for the department and this will replace Ms. Post.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the promotion of Ashley Serraglio to the position of Full-time Archives and Records Clerk (#2607) to be effective December 27, 2021 at the rate of \$13.57 per hour with a 180-day probationary period.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PERMANENT (ANNUAL) APPROPRIATION YEAR 2022  
*Mr. Gorton presented the following information to the Board:*



## 2022 Permanent Appropriations

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

*Mr. Gorton thanked all the Elected Officials, Department Directors, Fiscal Staff, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Blair and Ms. Ashburn for help on the budget process.*



## 2022 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 2022 revenues by fund. Appropriations by fund cannot exceed the certified resources for that fund.*



2022 Permanent Appropriations  
General Fund Certified Resources

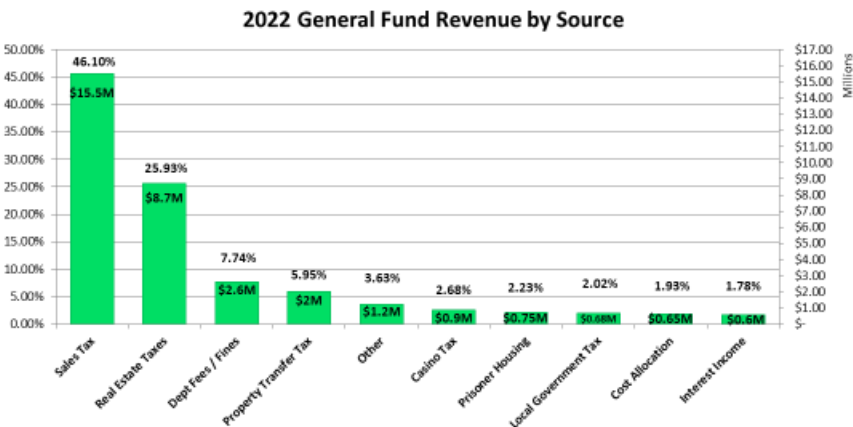
|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Minimum Estimated Carryover Balance | \$12,000,000        |
| 2022 Revenues                       | <u>\$33,623,287</u> |
| Total Resources                     | \$45,623,287        |

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Mr. Gorton noted that for the 2022 Permanent Appropriation we are looking at a carryover balance in the \$12 million dollar range, Revenues are certified at \$33,623,287.00 for total Resources of just over \$45 million.



2022 Permanent Appropriations  
General Fund Revenue Sources



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The 2022 General Fund Revenue is estimated at \$33.6 Million. The chart above shows the breakdown of this amount. A majority (\$15.5 M, a little over 46%) of the revenue is estimated to come from Sales Tax. This is the 1% county portion of the 6.75% sales tax paid Geauga County. The State of Ohio charges 5.75%. Average rate in the State of Ohio is 7.5%, Ohio law allows counties to option up to 2.25% There are only four (out of 88) counties in the State with lower sales tax rate than Geauga (6.5% Lorain, Wayne, Stark and Butler). There are no counties lower than 6.5%. Geauga shares our rate with 14 other counties. Fifty-three counties have a rate of 7.25% including Lake County just to the north of us. There are only four counties in the state above the 7.25% rate (Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton and Montgomery) and only one at the maximum rate of 8% and that is Cuyahoga County just to our west.

Just over a quarter (\$8.7 Million, about 25.93%) of the revenue is coming from the 2.5 mils county general fund portion of the real estate taxes paid.

Departments fees / fines are estimated at about 7.74% or \$2.6 Million for 2022. Included in these fees are those charged by the Auditor, Building Department, Courts, Recorder, Treasurer and the Board of Elections for the services they provide to the residents.

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*Property Transfer Tax is 5.95% or \$2 Million. These are the fees paid when a property transfer to a new owner.*

*Other encompasses several items including rents, gas well proceeds, insurance and 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 counties based on the population. In 2020 the casino tax was very low as a result of the closing of casinos due to the pandemic. 2021 has seen those revenues return and in fact far exceed our expectations probably due to the pent-up demand. For 2022, that amount has been increased to \$900K.*

*Prisoner Housing is the revenue generated from housing inmates at the county jail from other areas. This has taken a hit for this year and next year and are decreasing by \$600,000.00. The decrease was necessary due to the Sheriff's department prisoner housing line item struggling as a result of the change in administration and new policies being implemented in regards to ICE detainees.*

*Local Government tax is a revenue sharing tax that comes back to the counties from the State.*

*Cost Allocation is the chargebacks to County departments outside of the General Fund for services provided by the General Fund.*

*Interest Income is being reduced by \$100K to \$600K for 2022. Interest income has drastically decreased over the past several years as the Fed continued to lower rates. A high of 2.55% was reached on our Star Ohio account in February, March and April of 2019 and has steadily decreased since. The current Star Ohio rate has been holding at .08% since March of this year, this is reflective at rates across the board. We were also lucky enough to have a few longer term notes at slightly higher rates, but most will be maturing soon so the outlook is not great for high returns in the near future.*



**2022 Permanent Appropriations**

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Appropriations, All Funds    | \$125,999,117 |
| Total Appropriations, General Fund | \$37,994,164  |
| General Fund Line Item Requests    | \$40,078,740  |

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*The total Tax Budget for 2022 is just under \$126 Million. This includes the General Fund (\$38 Million), Special Revenue (\$66 Million), Debt Service (\$32 Million), Capital Projects (\$1.6 Million), Enterprise Funds (\$14.2 Million), Fiduciary Funds (\$2.3 Million), and Internal Service Funds (\$0.9 Million).*

*The Genral Fund Permanent Appropriations are submitted at \$38 Million. The requests received from the departments were a little over \$40 Million. Largest items waiting for funding include:*

*\$50K for Juvenile/Probate request for Community Outreach appropriation*

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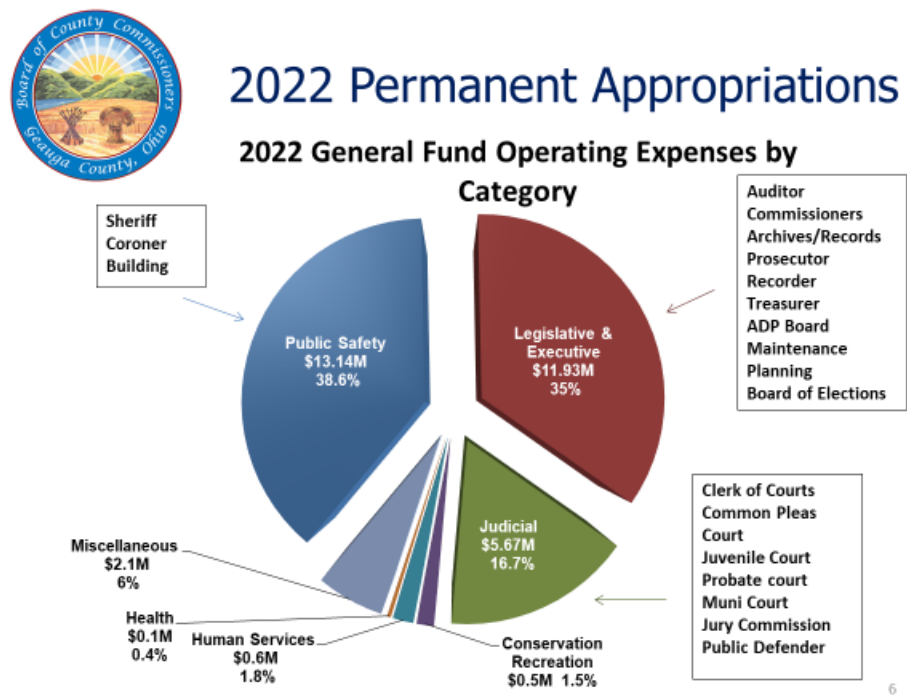
\$250K Sheriff for replacement vehicles

\$1M for Commissioners Emergency and Capital Funds

\$341K for Board of Elections salary and benefits as well as additional contract services and equipment (poll pads and high speed letter opener)

\$443K for Maintenance for salaries and benefits, equipment (vehicles, tractors, mowers, etc) additonal building maintenance, electric, materials and supplies and other expenses, adding that a lot was in anticipation for the new building.

Some increased expense requests were granted.



This pie chart shows the 2022 General Fund operating expenses by category.

The numbers shown here are net of the Commissioners transfers out account which total just about \$4 Million that support various departments outside of the General Fund including 9-1-1, 800 communications, Court Technology, Debt Service, Capital Transfers, Grant Matches, etc.



**2022 Permanent Appropriations**  
**Supplemental Appropriation Process**  
**February, 2022**

| Description   | Estimated Amount |
|---|------------------|
| Estimated 1/1/21 Cash Balance   | \$12,000,000     |
| Reduce for Carryover Encumbrances   | (\$1,200,000)    |
| Net Resources Available as Certified by Budget Commission 1/2022            | \$10,800,000     |
| Plus Certified Revenue for 2022   | \$33,623,287     |
| Less 2022 Appropriations  | (\$37,994,164)   |
| Actual General Fund Unappropriated Balance                                  | \$6,429,123      |
| Pending General Fund Reqs. (incl. Operating, Capital Transfers & Debt Ret.) | (\$6,084,576)    |
| Estimated Unappropriated General Fund Balance remaining 12/2022             | \$344,547        |

Currently we are estimating that the cash balance on January 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$12 million dollars. We are estimating our carryover encumbrances at around \$1.2 Million, leaving \$10.8 Million. The

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*certified revenue for 2022 is \$33.6 Million less appropriations of \$38 Million leaving \$6.4 Million for unfunded requests as well as supplementing contingency, capital and debt retirement transfers out accounts.*



2022 Permanent Appropriations  
Pending Requests for Funding

| Department        | Requests    |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Commissioners     | \$1,000,000 |
| Elections         | \$341,375   |
| Juvenile/Probate  | \$50,000    |
| Maintenance       | \$443,201   |
| Sheriff           | \$250,000   |
| Capital Transfers | \$2,000,000 |
| Debt Retirement   | \$2,000,000 |
| Total Requests    | \$6,084,576 |

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*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.*



2022 Permanent Appropriations  
General Fund Debt

- General Fund will be working to shorten the length of time that we are carrying debt from the new office building.

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2022 Permanent Appropriations  
Future Items

- Move to new building
- Staffing challenges
- Assessment and rehabilitation of some old buildings
- Sale of old buildings and property

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*Mr. Gorton stated that today we transferred about \$8.6 million of funds to various places, \$2.5 million in the building improvements fund, \$1 million into the senior center construction fund, essentially reimburses the Aging portion of the sale on the Ravenwood building, for the building that will be forthcoming, \$2 million for the debt retirement fund and \$3 million for phase 2 for the owners and representative for the next projects that are upcoming.*

*Mr. Gorton explained that prior to this year, the sales tax was over \$1.7 million in one month, this year there has been several months where we have had the highest levels on sales tax, and next year we don't know what will happen, the new collection of online purchases, that has helped greatly. Mr. Gorton noted that they did increase it to match closer to what had been being received.*

*Mr. Morgan added that there is rumor of some big box stores going in down in the Bainbridge area.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-165 (Permanent) Annual Appropriations Resolution in accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5705.38, and 5705.40.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 7, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-165*

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

*The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:*

*James W. Dvorak    Timothy C. Lennon    Ralph Spidalieri*

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

*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, 2022, 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.*

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

*\*\* A complete copy of the Permanent Appropriation will follow this set of minutes.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7, 1941**

*Christine Blair, Clerk was asked to read the following resolution:*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: December 7, 2021*

*Resolution: #21-166*

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*RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR  
ON DECEMBER 7, 1941*

*WHEREAS, just before 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 7, 1941 the U.S. Naval Base near Honolulu, Hawaii, known as Pearl Harbor came under a surprise attack when hundreds of Japanese fighter planes rained bullets and bombs down on the base leaving it devastated; and*

*WHEREAS, in less than two hours, this sunrise attack ended, taking with it the lives of 2,403 military service members and civilians along with 1,178 others injured in the fight; and*

*WHEREAS, this attack on Pearl Harbor left nearly twenty American Naval Vessels either crippled or destroyed, including eight Battleships, the U.S.S. Arizona, the U.S.S. Oklahoma, the U.S.S. California, the U.S.S. West Virginia, the U.S.S. Utah, the U.S.S. Maryland, the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, the U.S.S. Tennessee, and the U.S.S. Nevada, along with destroying 188 aircraft; and*

*WHEREAS, on December 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared War on Japan, and while addressing the U.S. Congress about the attack, proclaimed that "December 7, 1941 – is a day which will live on in infamy"; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress designated on August 23, 1994 that December 7, 1941 would be National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; and*

*WHEREAS, today, December 7, 2021, eighty years after the attack, we remember and honor all those that were injured, those that were lost and all that went on to fight in World War II. We honor all of you with VALOR, for SACRIFICE, and for PEACE; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ask that everyone pause a moment and remember Pearl Harbor, the attack, the loss, and eighty years later, that we continue to honor all those that fought and that are still fighting; and*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-166 in Honor and Remembrance of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of November, 2021.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending November 17, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services SFY2020 Annual Report*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*12/8 – 12/10 CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio*

*Fri., 12/10 NOACA Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*

*Tue., 12/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room*

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*Tue., 12/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Tue., 12/14 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center meeting, 11:30 a.m. Geauga Chambers*

*Tue., 12/14 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*

*Wed., 12/15 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Fri., 12/17 NOACA subcommittee meetings, Cleveland*

*Mon., 12/20 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*

*Tue., 12/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Fri., 12/24 **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., 12/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Fri., 12/31 **County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

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

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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