

Commissioners' Journal
December 14, 2021

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 14, 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 9:42 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Deborah Ashburn was Acting Clerk today.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Compassionate Lord,

We pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.

We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities.

Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on December 7, 2021 for a Liquor License that concurred with the Troy Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Dolgen Midwest LLC d.b.a. Dollar General Store #20889 located AT 17780 Claridon Troy Road, Hiram, Ohio (C NEW 2234815-8070) for Transit approved hiring Amy Loza to the position of Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) to be effective December 20, 2021 at the rate of \$14.83 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 December 10, 2021 for Job and Family Services acknowledged the following new hire appointment, as the Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners' recruitment and hiring procedures for Timothy Kehres, Family First Coordinator / Program Administrator (replacement) to be effective December 6, 2021; and for Water Resources approved hiring William Reese to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective January 3, 2022 at the rate of \$18.54 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; approved hiring Kyle Cole to the position of Design Engineer (#2305) to be effective January 3, 2022 at the rate of \$31.48 per hour (Grade WR8, Step 3) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and accepted the Retirement Resignation of Glenn Holsclaw, Mechanic (#2310) to be effective December 31, 2021; 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners' contingency account to the Coroner's contract services account; a Cash transfer from the Metzbaum Fund to their Residential Services fund for anticipated client services expenses; a Cash transfer from Water Resources Sewer and Water Funds to their debt retirement fund to pay upcoming OWDA and OPWC debt payments; Then and Now's from the Municipal Court to Beverly Modic; Paul J Mooney; and Jerri Mitchell-Tharp for indigent defendant and appointed counsel fees not previously encumbered; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to Geauga Agricultural Society for 2021 fairgrounds improvement

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stipend in the amount of \$20,000.00; a payment for the Commissioner's Office to Geauga County Airport Authority to pay for Request #5 for the T Hangar project and loan in the amount of \$269,013.40; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to The Safety Company LLC for a Road Sign Maintainer Truck in the amount of \$179,932.00; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Eclipse Co., LLC for the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Section F-J in the amount of \$724,302.85; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Tim Lally Chevrolet for three 2021 Tahoe Police Cruisers, one from General Fund and two from the Sheriff's Rotary fund in the amount of \$114,009.00 (vehicles were ordered back in April) and Revenue Certifications for Water Resource in their Sewer and Water Funds for additional money received in 2021.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-167 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December 14, 2021.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL, DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF BUTTERNUT ROAD IN MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to execute the Change Order #1, final decreasing the contract with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Butternut Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, Final decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Butternut Road (CH-0021, Sections D-E) in Munson and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$1,128.80.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION NO. 1 FINAL, RELEASE FUNDS FOR AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to authorize Commissioner Lennon, Board member and CEO to execute the Ohio Public Works Commissioner Disbursement #1 and final for the Auburn Road resurfacing project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification No. 1 and Final, in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Auburn Road Resurfacing project in Newbury Township in the amount of \$172,152.87.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPENDIX E DISBURSEMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION NO. 2 AND FINAL, RELEASE FUNDS FOR TAYLOR WELLS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to authorize Commissioner Lennon, Board member and CEO to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement #2 and final for the Taylor Wells Road Bridge Replacement.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification No. 2 and Final, in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for Taylor Wells Road Bridge Replacement in Claridon Township in the amount of \$2,778.75.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT MEMBER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE – PROPOSED FARMINGTON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP
Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to appoint Commissioner Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Farmington Road Bridge Replacement and then authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the application for financial assistance. Commissioner Dvorak inquired if this was a 50% match with OPWC funds, to which Mr. Hajjar affirmed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-168 appointing Board Member, Timothy C. Lennon, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Farmington Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #0018-01.96) in Parkman Township and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission application for financial assistance.

Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 14, 2021
Resolution: #21-168

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, MEMBER OF THE BOARD, TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND /OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

Whereas, Geauga County is planning to make improvements to Replace the Farmington Road Bridge BR-0018-01.96 in Parkman Township; and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

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

Section 1: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is hereby appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and is authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above

Section 2: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT MEMBER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE – PROPOSED AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING – MUNSON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to appoint Commissioner Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Auburn Road Resurfacing and then authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the application for financial assistance.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-169 appointing Board Member, Timothy C. Lennon, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Auburn Road Resurfacing (CH 0004, Sections N-O) in Munson Township and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission application for financial assistance.

Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 14, 2021
Resolution: #21-169

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, MEMBER OF THE BOARD, TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND /OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

Whereas, Geauga County is planning to make improvements to Resurface Auburn Road CH 0004, Sections N-O, in Munson Township; and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

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

Section 1: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is hereby appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and is authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above

Section 2: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT MEMBER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE – PROPOSED MUNN ROAD RESURFACING – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to appoint Commissioner Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Munn Road Resurfacing and then authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the application for financial assistance.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-170 appointing Board Member, Timothy C. Lennon, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Munn Road Resurfacing (CH 0032, Sections A-C) in Auburn Township and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission application for financial assistance.

Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 14, 2021

Resolution: #21-170

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, MEMBER OF THE BOARD, TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND /OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

Whereas, Geauga County is planning to make improvements to Resurface Munn Road CH 0032, Sections A-C, in Auburn Township; and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

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

Section 1: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is hereby appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and is authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above

Section 2: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT MEMBER, TIMOTHY C. LENNON, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE – PROPOSED FAIRMOUNT ROAD RESURFACING – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to appoint Commissioner Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Fairmount Road Resurfacing and then authorize Mr. Lennon to execute the application for financial assistance.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-171 appointing Board Member, Timothy C. Lennon, as the Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative for the proposed Fairmount Road Resurfacing (CH 0016, Sections A-B) in Russell Township and further approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the State of Ohio Public Works Commission application for financial assistance.

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Date: December 14, 2021

Resolution: #21-171

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AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIMOTHY C. LENNON, MEMBER OF THE BOARD, TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND /OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

Whereas, Geauga County is planning to make improvements to Resurface Fairmount Road CH 0016, Sections A-B, in Russell Township; and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

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

Section 1: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is hereby appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and is authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above

Section 2: That Timothy C. Lennon, Board Member is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER REPLACEMENT OF WILSON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #0008-04.690) CHESTER TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE COVER SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Replacement of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge in Chester Township. This resolution requests the Board execute the Cover Sheet for the plans and further set a bid opening for the project and advertisement dates.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #21-172 to Order the Replacement of the Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #0008-04.690) in Chester Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Cover Sheet of the Plans for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on January 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on December 16, 2021 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 14, 2021

Resolution: #21-172

RESOLUTION TO ORDER
BR-0008-E-04.690-2022
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WILSON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE,
STRUCTURE #0008-04.690
IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County has determined by Resolution #15-065 that the public convenience and welfare require the reconstruction of the bridge over the East Branch of the Chagrin River on Wilson Mills Road at mile marker 4.69 and

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grading, widening, paving and draining of a portion of Wilson Mills Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, lands needed to be taken relative for this improvement to the bridge on Wilson Mills Road have been secured; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 12, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chester Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT – OLDER AMERICANS ACT / SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that a few months back they had applied for a grant through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for reimbursement funds for services that are provided. They were awarded the grant and this is requesting to execute the grant agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Contract with the Geauga County Department on Aging for the Older Americans Act / Senior Community Services programs for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$348,000.00 (Supportive Services IIIB \$115,000.00, Transportation IIIB \$90,000.00, Transportation IIIE \$120,000.00, Matter of Balance IIID \$15,000.00 and Diabetes Self- Management IIID \$8,000.00).

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE ADDENDUM TO PAYMENT PROCESSING AGREEMENT – GILA LLC D.B.A. MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUREAU (MSB)

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the one-year extension for GILA, LLC (known as MSB) for the credit card processing to accept credit cards for fees, the fee for use is billed back to the customer. Water Resources utilizes a separate company.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Addendum to Payment Processing Agreement with Gila LLC d.b.a. Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) to

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provide Credit Card Payment Processing for Expenses Owed and Donations made to Departments under the Commissioner's Hiring Authority by extending the contract by one additional year from December 14, 2021 up to and including December 14, 2022, with all terms and provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

<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 – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO COMPOSE LETTER AND SUBMIT TO STATE LEGISLATURE ON BEHALF OF BOARD – OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 488

Commissioner Lennon explained that he had heard about a House Bill 488 that is being introduced in Columbus that is about Ohio Guardianship Laws but includes a provision that in his opinion is not related to the Bill, that allows Juvenile Court Judges to hire outside counsel without approval by the Prosecutors and Commissioners' Offices. Mr. Lennon asked the Board to authorize Mr. Morgan to compose a letter of their opposition to this Bill. Mr. Morgan stated that Mr. Leitz from CCAO provided testimony at the last hearing on the opposition the section of this Bill regarding outside counsel. Mr. Lennon expressed that he feels it is being put into place to allow a certain Judge to circumvent the checks and balances. Mr. Lennon wanted it on record that the Geauga County Commissioners are in opposition to that.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to compose a letter and submit to the state legislature on behalf of the Board, expressing their opposition to House Bill 488.

<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>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Local resident Diane Jones brought up discussion at a previous meeting regarding ongoing litigation with two different departments, the Judge and the Auditor and a suggestion was made about compiling a spreadsheet of expenses and if that has been completed. Mr. Lennon explained that it has not been completed but could be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Interim Health Department Administrator Adam Litke mentioned the ongoing vaccine clinics and their next meeting is coming up and that they were still working applications for Health Commissioner.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending November 24, 2021 and December 1, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending November, 2021 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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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.

Tue., 1/4 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. during which they will conduct their Annual Re-Organization meeting.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

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

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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