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The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.

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

The President of the Board, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 25, 2017.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget Director Anne Rasic explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for Job and Family Services for Equipment (including phone system and Ipads); a Travel request for the Maintenance department; a Contract with Hershberger Roofing and Siding for the Maintenance department in the amount of \$29,000.00 for roof repairs to the 470 Center Street, Buildings 1, 2, and 3; a Contract with Gottschalk Building Company for the Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$26,000.00 for Interior Remodel of the Business Office; a payment to Ohio State University Extension in the amount of \$68,566.25 for a portion of 2017 funding; a payment to Preston Ford in the amount of \$26,937.14 for the County Engineer's Office for a Ford F150; a payment to Ronyak Paving in the amount of \$662,242.70 for the County Engineer's Office for the Chardon Windsor Road Resurfacing; and a payment to Chagrin Valley Paving in the amount of \$37,171.95 for the County Engineer's Office for the Kirtland Road Resurfacing.

There was a brief discussion regarding the funding for the Ohio State University Extension.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-091 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 1, 2017.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUBMISSION OF THE ISSUE OF BONDS TO THE ELECTORS OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CERTIFYING SAME TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

This item had been placed on the agenda.

The Geauga County Public Library is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #17-092 Confirming Submission of the Issue of Bonds to the Electors of the Geauga County Public Library and certifying same to the Board of Elections.

Library Director Ed Worso was in attendance with several Library Board members.

Mr. Worso explained the Library Board of Trustees started the conversation about a review of the facilities in August 2016 and had a study done and as a result the recommendation came back with \$56 million in building improvements. Mr. Worso explained that they scaled back on that recommendation and looked at what they would need for buildings for Bainbridge and Thompson and improvements to all other facilities. Mr. Worso expressed that they came to a \$24 million bond, noting that they have reviewed the idea of doing one at a time and can still do it as a backup plan, but that will take a considerable amount of time. He added that they chose to put the bond issue before the voters to see if they would support it. Mr. Worso explained that

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with a bond of this nature, 85% of the funds need to be utilized within the first three years. Since they are required to have plans ready to go, Bricker and Eckler are working on developing those plans.

Commissioner Lennon expressed concern over the process being started a year ago and that they had come to the conclusion of these needs and the idea of the bond issue. Mr. Worso noted that Bainbridge first began to be discussed in 1999. Mr. Lennon asked what was wrong with the Bainbridge Library. Mr. Worso provided the Board with a copy of the study that had been completed and explained the current Bainbridge Library building is 10,000 square feet and was not commercial grade construction. When it was constructed thirty-two years ago, they built the most they could with a high interest rate. Mr. Worso stated that there are problems with the roof, windows and HVAC. Mr. Worso noted that in 2013, the Board of Trustees began looking for land and in 2014 purchased the land adjacent to the current building with the idea that, once the new building was complete, everything could be transferred over and then they could demolish the old building.

Mr. Worso explained the current situation with Thompson is that they are operating out of the old school and eventually the kids will all transfer to Berkshire buildings and when that happens the library will need to relocate.

There was discussion about the library having 2 current 1 mill continuous levies that yield about \$8.5 million for the total budget. Mr. Worso stated that they had started to move a million into capital improvements. Commissioner Claypool stated that he had requested the budget from the Budget Commission and that it shows a carryover balance of about 1.7 million and a Capital Improvement fund with about \$1.8 million. Mr. Claypool stated that the State has put the Board into the position of being a part of the bond levy process. The Board is supposed to help evaluate for the citizens of this county, adding that he has several questions. He is concerned that the Board hasn't seen the plan or the justification of that plan.

Mr. Claypool asked the Board to defer until the next meeting on August 8th. Mr. Claypool stated that he had been receiving phone calls about why people who don't live in Bainbridge need to pay for their library. Mr. Claypool asked why something needed to be bonded when you can address the costs in other ways, through fundraisers and other mechanisms. Mr. Lennon noted the example of the Safety Center and that it was paid for with the use of one year Notes and rolled over annually. Mr. Lennon expressed that they were able to pay that off in less than ten years, instead of strapping the residents for the next thirty years. Mr. Lennon stated that architects are going to give you what you want to hear, and that he hasn't heard a lot of public discussion, or a pressing crowd approaching the Board about upgrades to the libraries. Mr. Worso asked the Board to provide any questions. It was noted that the deadline to have everything to the Board of Elections is on or before August 9th at 4:00 p.m.

COMMON PLEAS COURT/ADULT PROBATION – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENTS –NON-RESIDENTIAL MISDEMEANANT AND NON-RESIDENTIAL FELONY

Chief Probation Officer Ryan Franklin explained that these grants have been received since 1997 and include the Intensive Supervision and Pre-Trial Release. The Pre-Sentence Investigation Grant has been received since 2012. Mr. Franklin explained that this grant is now a 2 year grant and is reduced by 20% that was requested to be done by the state. Mr. Claypool asked if we didn't have these grants, would we still be using alternative methods. Mr. Franklin stated that in the beginning these grants started as an incentive and if this funding would be cut, yes we would still be doing the same methods. Mr. Franklin stated that it saves the State money using these alternatives, and that our success is about 50% because you cannot control human behavior, it's a different remedy for each person. Mr. Franklin briefly talked about another program, that is regarding Felony 5 offenders and suggested the Board visit the NEOCAP facility in Warren which is where Geauga sends their clients. Mr. Franklin noted that the Lake County facility that closed is now being used for female population and any time there counts toward jail time credit, which allows them to get help while serving out their sentence.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for Community-Based Corrections Programs, Non-Residential Misdemeanant Programs for FY2018 and FY2019 for the period July 1, 2017

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through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$143,899.00 (\$99,843.00 for Intensive Supervision and \$44,056.00 for Pre -Trial Release) with no local match.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for Community-Based Corrections Programs, Non-Residential Felony Programs for FY2018 and FY2019 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$41,600.00 for Pre-Sentence Investigation with no local match.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – PURCHASE AGREEMENTS – STREAM MITIGATION CREDITS – POPE HOME SITE

Director Dave Dietrich explained that purchase agreements for Stream Mitigation credits are mainly purchased by developers. Mr. Dietrich stated that wetland mitigation credits are sold out at this site and we have some stream mitigation credits remaining. Mr. Dietrich noted when the agreement is signed, we accept the 10% down payment and then when the project gets started they pay the remaining amount. There was discussion about the idea of developers paying for a portion of a stream that will always remain a stream, to which Mr. Dietrich stated that the area will be protected. While developers try to mitigate on site, they often cannot so they have to preserve stream elsewhere. The concept was developed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Most of the developers purchasing credits are located outside of Geauga. These two agreements are for development being done in Aurora.

There was a brief discussion about the funds being put into a separate fund outside of the General Fund. In the past funds have been used for the Local Revolving Loan Fund program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Purchase Agreement for Stream Mitigation Credits, Geauga County, Ohio Upper Cuyahoga Watershed Stream Mitigation Bank, “Pope Home Site” in Troy Township, between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Breezy Pointe Limited Partnership for the purchase of 298 stream preservation credits in the amount of \$22,350.00 (Check #005021 for \$2,235.00 – 10% down payment).

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Purchase Agreement for Stream Mitigation Credits, Geauga County, Ohio Upper Cuyahoga Watershed Stream Mitigation Bank, “Pope Home Site” in Troy Township, between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Hawthorn of Aurora Limited Partnership for the purchase of 371 stream preservation credits in the amount of \$27,825.00.00 (Check #1672 for \$2,782.50 – 10% down payment).

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE – BRIEN CROFF, DESIGN ENGINEER

Director Gerard Morgan explained that Mr. Croff recently got married and will be going on his honeymoon and needs to have the time off without pay. This will extend his probationary period.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Brien Croff, Design Engineer for the period July 28, 2017 through August 7, 2017. This will extend his probationary period by eight days (64 hours).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE – DANA CAVALLARO, LAB MANAGER

Mr. Morgan stated that Ms. Cavallaro is also in need of time off unpaid for medical that will begin on or about November 1st.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Dana Cavallaro, Lab Manager for up to six weeks beginning on or around November 1, 2017. This will extend her probationary period by up to six weeks.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MIDCO DIVING AND MARINE SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Mr. Morgan explained that this service agreement is for internal inspection of the water towers, where they actually go inside the towers.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Midco Diving and Marine Services, Incorporated to perform cleaning, inspection services and installation of a cathodic protection system for the Services Center Water Tower and the Bainbridge Water Tower during the Year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$29,604.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – WATER RESOURCES EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 4340 COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA

Mr. Morgan stated that this is the agreement with the union, noting salary increases of 3%, 2%, 2% which is the match for what the Commissioners gave this year of 3% with a 2% the next two years. Mr. Morgan stated that bonuses were increased for when operator licenses are achieved due to the EPA making it a little more difficult to obtain. They also made changes to the comp time procedures to match Commissioners' policy. Mr. Morgan noted that the contract is retroactive back to January 1st of this year and goes through the end of 2019.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners for Geauga County and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Employees, Local 4340 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINTMENT TO GEAUGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

This item had been placed on the agenda.

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board appoint Keith Werbeach to the Board of the Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority for a five year term ending April 5, 2022.

The Board all noted that they had not contacted Mr. Werbeach and asked that it be deferred until the August 8th meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SCHEDULE WORK SESSION – RICHARD L. BOWEN AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to schedule a work session to meet with Richard L. Bowen and Associates, Incorporated to begin working on the Feasibility Analysis for Geauga County to be held on August 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

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

DISCUSSION

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne provided the Board with copies of a list of items that had been put together by Mr. Lair and the Board decided to review the list.

Chardon Square Wall

Mr. Lennon explained that it is a complicated matter right now and they are still working with Chardon on ideas to do the repair and covering the costs.

Feasibility Study

Just scheduled work session with Bowen and Associates

Communication Strategy

Linda provided information about doing the newsletter in print copy and cost versus using social media and / or email or on the website. Both Mr. Claypool and Mr. Spidalieri both agreed to continue looking at options and thanked Linda for all the time she had put in.

Planning/ Economic Development

Ms. Burhenne explained that several interviews had been completed and asked the Board if they wished to continue with the current posting for Planner or if they wanted to revise the job description or title and re-advertise for a Planner II. Mr. Claypool and Mr. Spidalieri both agreed that we need to keep trying and make sure the locations posted get a lot of exposure.

Fair Board

Ms. Blair explained that the Agricultural Society invited the Board to come to the fairgrounds and go a tour and discuss the projects that have been being worked on. It was noted that the 8th would not work, so tentatively the 15th might be an option to schedule an onsite work session.

Tourism/CIC

It was noted that reports had been submitted from the intern for the Board's review.

Maintenance Consolidation

Mr. Claypool asked that Mr. Vernick look into where they were and provide a report.

Airport Authority

Ms. Burhenne stated that they had received an updated ten year agreement and wanted to know if they wanted to move forward with sending it to the Airport for feedback from them.

Hospitalization Revisions

Once the CEBCO representative comes, which will be on August 9th to provide information on numbers and plans for next year, the Board will then have time to review and make decisions.

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Assistant County Administrator

Ms. Burhenne stated that they had been receiving applications from out of state and asked the Board their feeling on bringing them in and covering travel costs. Mr. Claypool noted that a first interview via skype or phone would be appropriate and if it went to 2nd or 3rd interviews he would consider the cost of travel.

Time Card System

Ms. Burhenne asked if the Board wanted to move forward, to which Mr. Claypool asked for additional information.

Maintenance Office Move

Ms. Burhenne explained that the consideration of a department consolidation is being tossed around and will require a physical move of a department into another area that is currently occupied by a different department. Currently two departments are sharing staff and the move of one department needs to be expedited in order to get administrative help squared away. The Maintenance Department is working on where they will be able to move to.

Mr. Claypool asked that the Commissioners' website be brought up for discussion about getting it up to a better professional standard.

GEAUGA TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Mr. Claypool noted that there has been discussion on getting a hazardous waste facility in Geauga County and asked that it might be added to our list to help get that project moving forward.

Mr. Lennon inquired about an issue with Munson Township Recycling containers and discussion took place about the placement, the odor from trash being mixed in and other items that shouldn't be dropped off that are being left. Interim Director Greg Kovalchick stated that they are working on how Solid Waste can assist with funding for site improvements and if it is allowable in the plan.

RESIDENT CONCERN – PARK ACCESS

Novelty resident Peter Rogers was before the Board representing residents from Music Street who have concern about an access drive the Park District wants to put in as a back entrance to a park. It was noted that they believe it's the West Woods Park and that the Park District wants to add a back entrance into the park and the area has limited site distance. Mr. Spidalieri noted that the Park District has a Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rogers agreed and stated that the concern is about the road, and that where they wish to put that entrance there will be site distance issues coming from both directions. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he would get in touch with the County Engineer's Office and look at who in the section of road belongs to, County or Township. Mr. Rogers feels that the roadway might need to be regraded.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 19, 2017, as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from June 21, 2017.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the prisoner transport for the month ending June, 2017 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Wed., 8/2 NOC COG, 1:30 p.m. OMJ Center, Portage County

Wed., 8/2 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board of Trustees meeting, 4:30 p.m., Detention Center

Tue., 8/8 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

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Tue., 8/8 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 8/11 NOACA Finance and Audit at 8:30 a.m., Governance at 10:00 a.m. and Executive at 11:30 a.m., Cleveland

Tue., 8/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Fri., 8/18 NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian, 10:30 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 8/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Walter M. Claypool

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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