

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 23, 2019**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 470 Center Street in Chardon, Ohio.*

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

*The President of the Board, Timothy C. Lennon opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 14, 2019.*

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

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on May 16, 2019 that included to concur with Newbury Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Geauga Park District, Clubhouse, Patio, Storage Building and Golf located at 14085 Ravenna Road, Newbury Township (C TRFO 3087552) and for Water Resources approved and executed a service Contract Agreement with Geauga Coatings to perform concrete leveling of the floor at the Kimberly Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant within the Department during the Year 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.00 and May 21, 2019 for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) granted permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #2 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY2019 Allocation Grant program, to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. Notice of this public hearing will be advertised on May 23, 2019 and on the county website; as authorized by Resolution #19-006 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 8, 2019 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from May 21, 2019, Resolution #19-059, that included a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Airport Construction Fund for the grant match on the Runway Lighting project; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Common Pleas Court and the County Engineer's Office; a payment for the Auditor's Office to the Treasurer State of Ohio for expenses related to the 2018 audit and financial reports in the amount of \$6,824.00; \*\*payments for the Juvenile Court that include incorrect G/L dates that the Court refused to change and needed to be manually added to the Journal edit list due to the Court's attempt to circumvent Commissioners' Financial session in the amount of \$4,467.41; a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions for the 800 MHz system annual tower service contract in the amount of \$90,273.04; and a payment for Water Resources to GPD Group for engineering services related to the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system project in the amount of \$32,115.00; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #19-006 approved January 8, 2019 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 2019, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.*

*Commissioner Lennon inquired about the project for Water Resources and if the cost for Engineering Services was coming out of their budget. There was a discussion about the G/L (General Ledger) dates for the Juvenile Court and a difference of opinion on the process for how payments need to be processed for their funds, and until a legal opinion returns that the Juvenile Courts argument is valid, we will continue to process payments as they have been processed in the past.*

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CORRECTED MORTGAGE DEED FOR SUBLOT #309 – CANYON LAKES COLONY SUBDIVISION 13-B

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that the mortgage deed approved for the maintenance guarantees included an incorrect volume and page number, it was caught before it was recorded, so they are asking for the corrected mortgage deed be executed.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve, accept and execute the (corrected) Mortgage Deed for Sublot #309 in Canyon Lakes Colony Subdivision 13-B (PPN #02-421309) to be held as the ten percent Maintenance Guaranty for the Engineer's Office and the ten percent Maintenance Bond for the Division of Water Resources for Canyon Lakes Colony Subdivision 14-A, Clayton Trail Extension (TR 1071) in Bainbridge Township.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – TITLE SHEET – IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR MCFARLAND WOODS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2 – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

*Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the plans for the McFarland Woods Subdivision, Phase 2, noting that it is an extension of Tulip Lane. They were approved by the Engineer in September of 2018 and held on to the plans until they finished surfacing Phase 1, which was completed last week.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Title Sheet for the Improvement Plans for McFarland Woods Subdivision, Phase 2 in Bainbridge Township.*

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

BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTION TO DECLARE IT NECESSARY TO LEVY TAX – REQUEST CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY AUDITOR OF DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED

*Director Jim Adams explained that before the Board today is the .7 mill renewal, noting that the original levy was passed in 1989 and this is the second renewal. In April the Mental Health Board approved a resolution for renewal to place it on the ballot. Mr. Adams noted that they have over 7,500 residents receiving clinical mental health services of some kind and about 12,000 residents for prevention and education. Mr. Adams noted that last night they were reviewing the bids for services this coming year. New agencies this year include Red Tulip for housing, Quick Response program through the Sheriff's Office and Chardon Police Department which is a pilot program, the new Drug Court program through Common Pleas. Mr. Adams noted that in the last three months they have been awarded \$664,091.00 for State Opioid Response grant funding. Mr. Adams stated that the .7 mill renewal can be used for mental health and drug and alcohol, however the other levy, .5 mill can only be used for mental health. There was discussion about the agencies that receive funding and their performance, evidence based, on the use of what they had planned to do with those funds. Former Commissioner Walter Claypool inquired if there was a mechanism in place to eliminate programs that no longer meet those performance levels and reduce the programming that is no longer needed. Mr. Adams stated that in some ways it's a tradeoff, using state hospitalization as an example, using individuals that had been there for 15, 20 and 26 years at a high rate per day, now that individuals are placed in local housing, which has greatly reduced the number of bed days that are paid for, plus a lot of these individuals are working. Mr. Adams cited placing an individual in Lake Geauga Recovery Center residential treatment program, that a year later they are clean and the recidivism rate is 70% higher than the national rate, which provides reduced costs through the police and sheriff costs over time. This is step one of the two step process, this will be submitted to the Auditor's office and once the Certification of the Dollar Amount is received we will do the second step that will place the levy on the ballot.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #19-060 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification of the County Auditor of the Dollar Amount Generated at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, as authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*RESOLUTION #19-060*

*A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT GENERATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26*

*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers, 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:*

*Timothy C. Lennon*

*James W. Dvorak*

*The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.*

*Commissioner Dvorak moved for the adoption of the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, has determined the amount of taxes which may be raised to within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of providing mental health and recovery services in Geauga County as provided and authorized in Chapter 340 and section 5705.221 of the Ohio Revised Code; and*

*WHEREAS, the levy is at a rate of seven tenths (.70) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation which amounts to seven cents (\$0.07) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for a period of five (5) years and is a renewal of a seven tenths (.70) of one mill levy first voted on May 6, 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire County and the tax shall be levied on the entire County; and*

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*WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the November 5, 2019 ballot and shall be first levied in tax year 2019 and begin collection in 2020 within Geauga County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, after meeting in regular session, that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5705.03(B) said board hereby certifies this resolution to the Geauga County Auditor, and requests that the County Auditor certify back to the Board of County Commissioners the total current tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of the revenue that would be generated by a seven tenths (.07) of one mill, five (5) year, levy for the purposes of providing mental health and recovery services in Geauga County as provided and authorized in Chapter 340 and section 5705.221 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*Commissioner Lennon seconded the motion.*

*Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:*

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

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE INCREASE OF HOURS – MAGALY RIOS AND NATHAN GORTON**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the increase of hours of Magaly Rios, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant for up to forty hours per week for the period June 2, 2019 through August 9, 2019.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the increase of hours of Nathan Gorton, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant for up to forty hours per week for the period June 2, 2019 through August 9, 2019.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPROVE TITLE XX COUNTY PROFILES**

*Executive Director Craig Swenson explained that Job and Family Services receives different areas of funding, one of those is Title XX that is Federal funding that comes through the State. Title XX funding requires a more formal process, including holding a hearing where social service organizations in the community can come to the hearing and request Title XX funding. Mr. Swenson noted that some of the agencies that the funds support include Chagrin Falls Park, Womensafe, and Department on Aging. Mr. Swenson asked the Board to approve the County Profile that is submitted biannually to the State in order to receive those funds. Mr. Swenson noted that in total for the two years is about \$400,000.00. Mr. Swenson noted that the only change to the county profile is for an increase for the Department on Aging for transportation for seniors. The 2-1-1 helpline is included through United Way, and the Chagrin Falls Park center utilizes afterschool programs and a social worker to assist members of the community with resources to support their families.*

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*With the senior center moving out of the facility, Director Andrea Pollock is working to utilize that space with programming. Mr. Lennon inquired about Family First, to which Mr. Swenson stated that while Title XX has some TANF obligations, it is not a fit for them.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the recommendation of the Family Services Planning Committee for the proposed social services to be provided using Title XX funds and to further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Title XX County Profiles for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
LGA PAYMENT INSTRUCTION FORM – LOAN FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES AND LAND –  
HENNING ROAD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWERS PROJECT –  
CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the payment instruction form for the OWDA Loan for Technical Services and Land for the Henning Road project. The location has not changed as they are still working on the acquisition and we did file for the extension. Mr. Lennon inquired about any type of assistance, mentioning letters received in the office from the residents. Dr. Oluic explained that another income survey has been completed and only made 40% threshold but needed 51% and that would have provided about a \$7,500.00 grant per household, but we didn't qualify. Dr. Oluic stated that they are still struggling with the costs involved and weighing the options of absorbing some of the costs. Mr. Lennon inquired about the assessment, to which Mr. Morgan explained that it's spread out over the time of the loan which is thirty years. The salary surveys have been completed 3 or 4 times. Dr. Oluic stated that there is a USDA grant for seniors to help them. There was discussion about the rate being \$65.00 a month and the assessment will be put on their taxes and will be about \$1,000.00 a year. Mr. Morgan stated that the program has changed to determine LMI, and households are being treated equally.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority, LGA Payment Instruction Form in regards to the OWDA Loan for Technical Services and Land for the Henning Road Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers project in Chardon Township.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #1 – TECHNICAL SERVICES - HENNING ROAD WWTP  
PROJECT**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #1 for Technical Services for the Henning Road Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project in the amount of \$32,115.00.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO  
APPROVE AND EXECUTE OWDA FUND PAYMENT REQUESTS – LOAN FOR TECHNICAL  
SERVICES AND LAND – HENNING ROAD WWTP PROJECT**

*Mr. Morgan brought up to the Board to allow the County Administrator to execute the Payment Requests going forward since the payment will be on the financials.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to authorize County Administrator, Gerard Morgan, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30 permission to approve and execute the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Fund Payment Requests from the OWDA Loan for Technical Services and Land in regards to the Henning Road Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project once the payment has been processed through financials for all remaining requests through this portion of the project.*

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

**LIQUOR LICENSE – EUROPEAN GOURMET ALMONDS, INCORPORATED D.B.A. NECTAR OF THE VINE – BURTON TOWNSHIP**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to concur with the Burton Township Trustees in not requesting the hearing on the Liquor License being requested by European Gourmet Almonds, Incorporated d.b.a. Nectar of the Vine located at 15010 Berkshire Industrial Parkway, Burton Township (C NEW 2582054).*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) Geauga County Engineer 2018 Annual Report*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending May 1, 2019 and May 8, 2019 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of April 2019, pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events, adding that Planning Commission is on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 5/27    **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Thu., 5/30    The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 6/4     The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. that will include Public Hearing #2 at 9:15 a.m. regarding the CDBG Allocation Grant program*

*Tue., 6/11    The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. and include an update by the Geauga County Agricultural Society*

*Tue., 6/11    Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center meeting, 11:30 a.m. Geauga County – Commissioners Chambers*

*Fri., 6/14    NOACA Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Cleveland*

**ROTARY**

*Mr. Claypool noted that he is the Vice President of the Chesterland Rotary Club and that they were working with the Next Steps Program to see what they can do to help this important program. There was discussion about Next Steps wanting to expand into the former County Home.*

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

*Motion:*        *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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