

Commissioners' Journal
November 15, 2018

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 15, 2018 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, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:52 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of October 23, 2018.

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

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from this meeting.*

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from November 7, 2018, Resolution #18-150, as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the Juvenile Court Care and Custody Fund in their Salaries, Medicare and OPERS Intensive Monitoring accounts; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #18-077 approved June 5, 2018 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 2018, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved November 7, 2018 for the Department on Aging that included accepting the resignation of Thomas McGrew, Transportation Driver to be effective November 7, 2018 and November 8, 2018 for the Department on Aging that included granting permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Transportation Driver (#1020). This position will remain posted until filled; by the County Administrator, as authorized by Resolution #18-077 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved June 5, 2018 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 General Fund to the Sheriff's Salary, Supplies and Contract Services accounts to reimburse them for ICE transports; an Appropriation transfer from the Sheriff's Office from Hospitalization to the salary account to true up for yearend needs; a Supplemental Appropriation for ADP to allow for encumbrances to be set up in the new Contract Services Fund; Cash transfers from various funds for the October Windstream bill; a Cash transfer to the Public Assistance Fund for the 2nd quarter SFY mandated share; a Cash transfer to the Sewer/Water Debt Retirement fund for the 2018 second half debt payment; Travel requests from the Auditor's Office, Job and Family Services and the Juvenile Court; a payment for ADP to SHI International for a CISCO 48 port fiber switch in the amount of \$7,162.60; a payment to the City of Chardon for the 4th quarter share of the pre-trial release officer in the amount of \$1,934.24; a payment for Maintenance to Lebanon Ford for a 2019 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$28,427.00; and a Revenue Certification for Transit to certify additional revenue received from the State.

Commissioner Lennon inquired about the Explorer for the Maintenance Department being a replacement vehicle and about going with the State Bid dealers versus local dealerships. It was noted that the vehicle is a Police Interceptor model that is a heavier duty vehicle just not outfitted with the law enforcement equipment.

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Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-152 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 15, 2018.

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

NOCCOG-AREA 19 – ANNUAL WORKFORCE UPDATE

NOC COG Area 19 Executive Director Craig Sernik provided the annual report on the state of Workforce noted the budget for Adult and Dislocated Worker and Youth Services, noting that \$43,551.34 will go towards operating the OMJ Center, which is the WIOA share, \$20,000.00 for a third party to handle the business services, \$145,000.00 for staffing the OMJ center, \$6,000.00 for subscriptions, \$5,000.00 for equipment and supplies, \$40,000.00 to help educate individuals, pay for tuition, \$5,000.00 for on the job training, \$10,000.00 for incumbent worker training, new starting in January, \$15,000.00 for a Boot Camp, Apprenticeship or specialized training, \$10,000.00 for special initiatives that involves working with the school districts, including job fairs, with 3 possible this year, the reverse job fair with Auburn Career, Chardon and a combined fair with all the school districts. Mr. Sernik noted a snapshot of the Help Wanted Online Job Postings that shows a breakdown of the employers, positions in Geauga County. Mr. Sernik provided a performance report on revenues and expenses for the area, including the performance measures that they are required to meet for the State.

Ohio Means Jobs Manager, Margo Reda with Job and Family Services provided a handout to the Board, noting the specialized training program that they did for CDL training with Great Lakes Truck Driving school, which included six weeks of class, transportation, overnight accommodation, meals, work boots, testing fees, and job placement assistance. Ms. Reda explained that they sent a mailing to about 2,000 homes that had individuals eligible to participate, spoke with between 50-60 individuals with a large number being over the age of forty. Ms. Reda stated that they had twenty-six go through the program, including an orientation, interviewed, background checks and school processing. The schools were held in February and April. All total they spent \$250,000.00, 78% completed the program and passed the CDL exam, two are still in school and will bring the percentage to 85%. Ms. Reda is predicting in a year's time about \$1.2 million in wages. Commissioner Spidalieri asked when they are going to start paying us back, explaining that they should be paying it forward, to help cover the next group to go through the program. Commissioner Claypool agreed with Mr. Spidalieri, and understands that there is a shortage of truck drivers, noting that there are companies that will pay to train drivers, if this money was invested in making connections, you could double and triple the number of people that could be trained. It's a great idea, drivers are needed and can make a decent wage, but we need to look at how the program can pay for itself, over the course of time, even if a percentage could be paid back, it would be a payback that could be used for others. Commissioner Lennon added that drivers are in high demand, and that there are companies that will invest in it, and not using taxpayer dollars. Mr. Lennon mentioned his grandfather helping to pay for his employees to go to college because he knew he was going to get a payback on the investment. Mr. Sernik stated that they would look into what they could do to leverage private business or as a loan. Mr. Lennon stated that this was successful, but there needs to be some sort of repayment.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING CATHERINE ANN (HART) POLITZER ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Clerk, Christine Blair noted that the office had been contacted with a request for a resolution in honor of Ms. Politzer's 100th Birthday to be presented at a party they are having for her. Mr. Spidalieri stated congratulations on another 100 years. It was noted that when Mr. Politzer retired from a career in the Air Force, they purchased a farm in Parkman and some of the family members still live on the property.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-153 Honoring Catherine Ann (Hart) Politzer on her 100th Birthday.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #18-153

Date: November 15, 2018

*A RESOLUTION HONORING CATHERINE ANN (HART) POLITZER ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY*

WHEREAS, Catherine Ann Hart was born on January 12, 1919 at St. Ann's hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, the oldest of seven children, growing up in and around Cleveland, with two remaining siblings, Rita M. Flanagan and Robert Hart; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Ann Hart attended Ursuline Academy and graduated in 1935 at the age of sixteen, worked as a desk clerk for a hotel in Cleveland, and then worked for the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Ann Hart loved to dance and while at the Aragon ballroom in Cleveland, met Lawrence Politzer, whom she married December 2, 1950 in San Angelo, Texas, becoming an Air Force wife, a full-time homemaker traveling between military bases and being the mother of six, Eric, born 1952 in Savannah Georgia, Judith, born 1954 in Biloxi, Mississippi, Bruce, born 1955 in Youngstown, Ohio, Brent, born 1958 and Susan, born 1960 both in Fairborn, Ohio, and Thomas, born 1961 in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, After Lawrence retired from a career with the Air Force in 1968 the family moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland before moving to Geauga County purchasing a farm in 1969 on State Route 700 in Troy Township, the family became members of St. Edward's Catholic Church, where many are still active members today. Three of the six children still live on the family property and two others live within a two mile radius; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Ann Hart Politzer loves to travel and explored many places with her sister Rita, including Ireland, Portugal and Alaska, the family took many trips to Cape Cod, and in later years Lawrence and her spent many winters in Florida, has a love for music, including Lawrence Welk and Bid Band Era, along with a passion for reading, including history, historical fiction, biographies and the local papers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate and honor Catherine Ann Hart Politzer on celebrating her 100th Birthday surrounded by her loving family and friends,

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

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

*COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASING THE
CONTRACT - CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING – RESURFACING OF AUBURN ROAD
(SECTION P) AND THWING ROAD (SECTION C)*

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris explained that this is the final change order for the resurfacing of Auburn Road and Thwing Road which is a decrease of over \$11,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, Final, decreasing the Contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH 4, Section P) and Thwing Road (CH 27, Section C) in Chardon and Munson Townships in the amount of \$11,764.45.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASING CONTRACT – CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING – RESURFACING OF JUG STREET (SECTIONS A-B) AND GROVE ROAD (SECTION Z)

Mr. Gorris explained that this was the final change order with an increase for the resurfacing of Jug Street and Grove Road of just over \$4,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order # 1, Final, increasing the Contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Jug Street (CH 46, Sections A-B) and Grove Road (CH 46, Section Z) in Troy Township in the amount of \$4,336.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASING THE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING – RESURFACING KILE ROAD

Mr. Gorris stated that this is a decrease to the contract with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Kile Road of over \$82,000.00, noting that they non-performed the guardrail work because it was still in speck so they did not have to replace it.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Kile Road (CH 44, Sections A-B) in the amount of \$82,148.60.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES – STEVEN J. SAUNDERS – NEWBURY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris stated that this easement with Mr. Saunders is part of the ongoing responsibility of the Engineer in making the roads safer. This property is on Auburn Road near Kimberly Estates. There was a brief discussion about the process of eliminating the guardrail and extending out the culvert, and putting in side slopes on the shoulder.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept and execute the Easement for Highway Purposes (CU-004-09.96 Easement #1) between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Steven J. Saunders (Parcel #23-033100) for a perpetual easement for constructing and maintaining the roadway, in, upon and over the lands, to eliminate guardrail at culvert 9.96 along Auburn Road (Section J) in Newbury Township in the amount of \$336.00.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – REJECT BID – NUTRITION GROUP – ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF CATERED MEALS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that they had gone out for Bid for the Elderly Nutrition Program for home delivered and congregate meals. Ms. Boalt asked the Board to reject the Bid from the Nutrition Group as they did not meet the bid specifications. Ms. Boalt stated that while they were the lowest bid, they did not have the freezer that is required to blast chill the food.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to reject the Bid from the Nutrition Group in the amount of \$868,898.00 for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals, according to Federal Guidelines as they are the lowest bid, but did not comply with and follow bid specification requirements.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – AWARD BID – PAIGE FOOD SERVICES – ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF CATERED MEALS

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to award the Bid to Paige Food Services as they were next of the three bids. Ms. Boalt noted that these amounts are maximum amounts for the two year period. Ms. Boalt stated that last year 429 seniors were served for a total of 50412 meals for home delivered meals and congregate meals at the senior center 680 seniors with 15410 meals served. There was a brief discussion on receiving donations from those that are willing to help cover the costs of the meals.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Paige Food Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals according to Federal Guidelines for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4.23 per congregate meal, \$4.55 per home delivered meal, \$4.20 per frozen/holiday meal and \$5.45 per therapeutic meal for a total contract amount of \$953,980.00, as they represented the best bid.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE PLACEMENT ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE – CHRISTINE BACON

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to place Christine Bacon on paid administrative leave until further notice.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the placement of Christine Bacon, Senior Center Supervisor on paid administrative leave effective November 13, 2018 until further notice.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – AGREEMENT – LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE – YEAR 2019

Director Roger Peterson explained that annually there is an agreement with the Local Emergency Planning Committee to cover the costs of DES handling the planning, filing and handling of the compliance reports and records. Mr. Peterson stated that the information is then shared with the local fire departments for pre-planning and location of all chemicals within the county. This year's agreement is for \$10,000.00, which is less than previous years. This allows for funding to purchase supplies for the responders.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute an Agreement between the Department of Emergency Services and the Geauga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to provide the following services to LEPC: Administrative Support; Emergency Response Coordinator (if elected by the Geauga LEPC); Secretarial / Treasurer Responsibilities; Information Coordinator (if elected by the Geauga LEPC); Compliance; Plan Development and Exercising; Grant Applications; Training and the maintaining of all required chemical filing forms and records, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Year 2019.

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

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TRANSIT – APPROVE PROBATIONARY FAILURE – PATRICIA DENNIS, PART-TIME DRIVER

Director Mike Kasper asked the Board to approve the probationary failure of Ms. Dennis, as they made several attempts at contact with no response.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the probationary failure of Patricia Dennis, Part-time Driver, to be effective November 8, 2018.

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

There was a brief discussion about Mr. Kasper working on getting advertising on the sides of the buses to bring in revenue, and that now Department on Aging is also working on the same.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF LIST OF DELINQUENT SEWER USER FEES, WATER FEES, TAP-IN INSTALLMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATION TO AUDITOR

Sanitary Engineer Gerard Morgan asked the Board to approve the submission of the list of delinquent fees to the Auditor. This is added on the property tax bill and they are then paid in the two installments over the next year. There is a six percent fee for not paying and another six percent when it's certified.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the submission of the list of delinquent sewer user fees, water fees, tap-in installments and subsequent certification to the Geauga County Auditor, in accordance with O.R.C. 6117.02 and the Geauga County Department of Water Resources Rules and Regulations (Section F.501) in the total amount of \$469,288.98 (\$442,725.49 arrearage and \$26,563.49 penalty).

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – WAIVE MAXIMUM VACATION ACCRUAL – MICHAEL MIHALISIN

Executive Director Dave Favorite asked the Board to waive the maximum vacation accrual for Michael Mihalisin. Mr. Favorite noted that he reached a milestone and will be receiving a dump of additional hours that he will not be able to use before they are added. Mr. Lennon added that it's meant to be used, not as a 401K investment opportunity.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to waive the maximum vacation accrual of two hundred hours for Michael Mihalisin, Director and Chief Building Official for a six month period, effective with payroll period #23.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – CHANGE ORDER #2, FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – LAKELAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED – BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OFFICE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES PROJECT

Mr. Favorite asked the Board to approve change order #2 to increase the contract for the Berkshire Schools Board Office for a sink valve that was damaged. Office Coordinator Jessica Gillenwater noted that the valve broke from age when they were replacing the sink. There is funding from the elevator project to cover the increase.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #2, Final, increasing the Contract with Lakeland Management Systems, Incorporated for the

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Berkshire Local Schools Board Office Accessibility Upgrades Project under Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$938.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET – GRANT #B-F-17-1AZ-1

Ms. Gillenwater explained that this agreement is for the amendment to the Grant that removes the County Home project, increase the DDC clinic project and to include the economic development plan to cover the consultant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Community Development, 2017 Community Development Program Amended Scope of Work and Budget for Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1 that includes removing the County Home project and the addition of the Planning Activity for the Countywide Economic Development Plan.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY – OCEAN USERS AND ROLE ASSIGNMENT FORM

Mr. Favorite asked the Board to approve the changes to the OCEAN users that removes Ms. Conrad and adds Ms. Gillenwater.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Development Services Agency / Office of Community Development Organization Contacts Form, OCEAN Users and Role Assignment form, which is used to apply for and maintain Ohio Department of Development programs and grants.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee in Community Development.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. with Mr. Lair, Assistant County Administrator Gerard Morgan and Mr. Favorite. The Board returned at 11:17 a.m. and as a result took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise internally for the position of Full-time Program Administrator (#1402) for a period of five days with applications accepted November 16, 2018 through 4:30 p.m. on November 20, 2018.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER OF RESPONSE TO COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGES IN REGARDS TO REPAIR OF CEILING ON FIRST FLOOR OF COURTHOUSE

Mr. Lair asked the Board to consider executing a letter of response to Judge Burt and Judge Paschke in response to the letter they sent last week regarding the ceiling in the Courthouse lobby and hallway.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute a letter of response to Judges Burt and Paschke in regards to the repairs of the ceiling in the lobby and hallway on the first floor of the Courthouse.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE PRESS RELEASE REGARDING STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COUNTY FACILITIES

Mr. Lair asked the Board if they wished to execute a press release regarding a statement of commitment on construction of new county facilities. Mr. Lair stated that a decision would then have to be made in regards to what that new construction will be, that this is just to make a statement that we are moving forward with building new. Mr. Lennon added that this decision is on the future for Geauga, and the expense of keeping what we have and continuing to put a band aid on it, is bad money, and that money can be better spent.

Local resident Diane Jones inquired about the contract that had been tabled regarding the Courthouse hallway ceiling. Mr. Lennon noted that it had been tabled so that the Board could view what was being proposed. Both Mr. Lennon and Mr. Claypool went to the Courthouse and looked at what is being done. The cost of the contract is what was of concern at first, but if this is a safety issue, something will have to be done to resolve the issue. Mr. Morgan stated that Maintenance is continuing to evaluate the area, but something might have to be done fairly quickly. Mr. Vernick has to continue to try and maintain the current buildings to make them safe for not only employees but the public that is being served. Ms. Jones asked for a copy of the letters from and to the Judges.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the press release regarding a Statement of Commitment on the Construction of New County Facilities.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CCAO WINTER CONFERENCE –APPROVE EXPENSES FOR COMMISSIONER ELECT JIM DVORAK

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to consider approved of the expenses associated with Commissioner Elect Jim Dvorak, noting that the expenses had been previously covered for both Mr. Claypool and Mr. Lennon. There was discussion regarding CCAO adding additional programs for new incoming Commissioners. Mr. Lair noted that under the O.R.C. the Board has discretion on covering those expenses. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if anyone had contacted Mr. Dvorak and if he had any interest in attending. Ms. Blair stated that she had spoken with Mr. Dvorak following the election, about the conference and if he had any interest, to which he did and that he would like to attend.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve the request from Commissioner-Elect Jim Dvorak to cover the expenses associated with travel to the CCAO Winter Conference in Columbus being held December 9-11, 2018, pursuant to O.R.C. 325.10, 901.10.

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

Local resident Richard Newell noted that South Russell would be paying for their portion of the USGS well monitoring.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *The Monthly Financial Report from the County Building Department for the month of October, 2018*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 31, 2018 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon., 11/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services

Tue., 11/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Thu., 11/22 County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Fri., 11/23 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Tue., 11/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Thu., 11/29 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Warren, District Office

Thu., 11/29 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Meeting, 1:00 pm. Portage County Commissioners' Office

Tue., 12/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 9-11 CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Thu., 12/13 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 12/13 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Gauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Timothy C. Lennon

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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