

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 30, 2019**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 30, 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 9:07 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 23, 2019.*

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

*\*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from this meeting.*

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

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on May 28, 2019 for Transit that he approved hiring Cornelius Scheid to the position of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective June 3, 2019 at the rate of \$14.54 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and on May 29, 2019 for the Department on Aging approved hiring Hanna Dussing to the position of Part-time Adult Day Service Aide (#1008-1) to be effective June 10, 2019 at the rate of \$10.81 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; 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.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Purchase Order from Aging to Dean Supply for new and replacement equipment at various County Senior Center locations; a Travel request for the Common Pleas Court; a Payment to the Geauga County Airport Authority for Pay Request #6 on the Runway Lighting Project and #1 on the Silo Obstruction Removal in the amount of \$107,956.91; a Payment for the Clerk of Courts and Common Pleas Court to Courtview Justice Solutions for annual service and maintenance of the case management system in the amount of \$33,109.50; and a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (Section D) in the amount of \$97,500.25.*

*There was a brief discussion on the Airport Runway project and that weather and an active runway has caused delays on the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-061 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 30, 2019.*

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

**AUBURN CAREER CENTER – DR. BRIAN BONTEMPO**

*Dr. Bontempo provided the Board with program information for the coming school year, both high school and adult. Dr. Bontempo explained that this year they started the Criminal Justice and Security program and with only 20 spots open, they had 70 students sign up, so next year it is full already. They have experienced the largest school enrollments over the last three years. The programs also provide college credits to the students. Dr. Bontempo expressed that this is a*

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great opportunity for kids and families. Commissioner Lennon briefly mentioned the manufacturing program and that the program is fantastic and is a great opportunity. Dr. Bontempo stated that there are 400 students signed up for next year, which is at about 92% capacity, and right now they are running up against needing more space. Dr. Bontempo stated that experience makes the best decision and so they want to offer more experience. There was a brief discussion about the changes that started in the late 90's early 2000's and that colleges stopped offering vocational as a teaching license and thus reduced the offered electives at schools. Dr. Bontempo noted that now however, families are recognizing the value in the vocational schools and the adult technical programs.

Dr. Bontempo stated that they are working on doing a workforce analysis. Dr. Bontempo stated that they had a signing day for the senior students into an internship so that they have job placement when they graduate. They offer a reverse job fair where businesses come to us as a way to draft the students. Dr. Bontempo stated that in addition to the trades they also serve the IT and Health fields. Dr. Bontempo responded to a question from Walter Claypool regarding shop classes that have been removed from the schools and that businesses are looking for the skills that are no longer offered and what is being done to bring those skills back. Executive Director Dave Favorite expressed that they wanted to be involved in that workforce analysis.

Commissioner Spidalieri inquired about how Auburn Career Center is supported and how they receive their funding. Dr. Bontempo stated that they are a public school and have 11 school districts that feed into Auburn, noting that what they receive is all inside millage. Dr. Bontempo stated that they need support from business when they see a high demand in an area, so they started a Foundation that they then use to offer scholarships to get individuals trained and be able to enter the workforce. The funding is limited so the design they have now allows them to offer 23 programs. Mr. Spidalieri stated that enrollment continues to decline and the schools are always saying they need more money, and with what is being seen at Auburn maybe we need to shift the funding. Dr. Bontempo added that they try and keep the adult programs short so the individual can gain employment and then come back for additional training. Dr. Bontempo stated that they are working to try and put some programs in high schools. Mr. Spidalieri inquired why West Geauga is not connected, to which Dr. Bontempo explained the three models that schools have to choose from, noting that West Geauga is part of Excel Tech. If a school district is big enough they can offer their own, noting that Willoughby used to have their own Technical Program. Mr. Spidalieri inquired if a student at West Geauga could open enroll, to which Dr. Bontempo said yes, that open enrollment can be an option. Dr. Bontempo noted that Commissioner Dvorak was an instructor at Auburn, to which he explained that he taught masonry. Mr. Dvorak inquired about the Great Lakes Cheese expansion, to which Dr. Bontempo stated that they have had conversation with them, since they have a high demand for machining, welding of stainless steel and diesel mechanic for the extra trucking they plan to add.

There was a brief discussion about the future plan with the Berkshire School project. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about an idea of using the current school as a possible future location for another Auburn Career location. Mr. Spidalieri stated that this is something that we need, adding that our country is struggling as a whole and there needs to be refocus, and it would be nice to see support to see them continue to grow.

**AIRPLANE CRASH**

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand briefly talked about the airplane crash, and that it could be up to a year before a determination could be made. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that the weather and fog was giving the drones trouble, but they managed to see something on the drone that when they zoomed in they spotted a part of the plane and then the ground crew found him.

**COMMON PLEAS COURT, ADULT PROBATION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – COMMON PLEAS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION, TARGETED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON (T-CAP) GRANT**

Nicole Walker explained that this is an extension of grant from the last two years, this year's grant for 2020 and 2021 will be for \$284,023.00 with no local match. Ms. Walker stated that lower level, non-violent felons are better managed at the local level instead of sending them to prison. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that the Felony 5 offenders are being shifted back to the County instead of prison and the state is backing it up with financial support.

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Geauga County Commissioners, Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office approving the submission of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Grant, documenting the roles and responsibilities for compliance requirements of the grant, pursuant to O.R.C. 5149.38(A), for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 (FY2020 and FY2021) in the amount of \$284,023.00 with no local match.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – HOAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – STEEL STORAGE BUILDING – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND

*Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to execute the contract with Hoar Construction for the steel storage building located on the Engineer's lot, as the project has already been awarded.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Hoar Construction Company for the Construction of a Steel Storage Building located at 12665 Merritt Road in Claridon Township in the amount of \$297,875.66.

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

*Mr. Gorris asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and release the Cashier's Check that was submitted as the Bid Bond. Mr. Dvorak inquired about the company the Bond was through, to which it was noted Liberty Mutual.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept the Performance Bond from Hoar Construction Company for the Construction of a Steel Storage Building and further release the Bid Bond.

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PHIL MILLER CONSTRUCTION

*Director Glen Vernick introduced Rik Wareham, Grounds Supervisor that handles the grounds and summer help. Mr. Vernick explained that the contract with Phil Miller is to do masonry work throughout the county where there are issues. Mr. Wareham noted that the Youth Center has some large cracks that need to be repaired.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Phil Miller Construction to perform Concrete and Masonry work at various Geauga County locations during the Year 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – BEGIN NEGOTIATING CONTRACT – JUNIPER SOLUTIONS – STRATEGIC PLAN

*Executive Director Dave Favorite explained that after a lengthy process of vetting the companies that submitted proposals for the creation of the Strategic Plan for Economic Development, and through that process we narrowed down from the thirteen companies down to six and interviewed those companies. Following those interviews we narrowed it down to the final three.*

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*Mr. Favorite made a recommendation based on the most important needs relating the planning process for Juniper Solutions and are asking to begin negotiating a contract. Mr. Morgan added that following the interviews of those six, they picked the final three.*

*Mr. Favorite continued to explain that from the original thirteen proposals, and the six companies we narrowed it down to, they came in provided a presentation of the work that they have completed and then from there it was narrowed down to the three. Mr. Favorite then contacted the businesses that the companies had completed work for to get their opinion of the work they had done for them. Mr. Lennon expressed his concern over not receiving a lot of information and that this economic plan and the company chosen needs to mesh and work well with the overall county plan that Planning Commission is working on. Mr. Morgan stated that he was in the presentations that took place at the Planning Commission this week and noted that two of the people from Juniper are on a team that had presented and it was discussed that need of collaboration so we don't have an overlap and duplication of services on the plans. Mr. Favorite added that he wanted to move forward to get on their calendar so that it doesn't get pushed back. Mr. Favorite with bring back a contract to the Board following the negotiations.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the Department to begin negotiating a contract with Juniper Solutions, for the creation of a Strategic Plan for Economic Development for Geauga County.*

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

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of public employees.*

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Favorite. The Board returned at 10:39 a.m. and no action was taken.*

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS – BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF, LLP**

*Mr. Morgan asked the Board to execute the contract with the Commissioners, the Prosecutor's and Benesch to assist the Prosecutor along with the architect, the delivery and financing options on the county facilities project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Engagement Agreement with Terms and Conditions with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP for legal counsel in connection with the provision of legal services to support the design, construction and delivery of the proposed Capital Improvement Project, Phase I in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 without prior approval from the Board.*

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from April 17, 2019.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 15, 2019 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

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**MEETINGS**

- 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 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon*
- 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*
- Mon., 6/17 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Mon., 6/17 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 6/18 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. and include an update by the Lake Geauga Recovery Centers*
- Fri., 6/21 NOACA, Air Quality, Transportation and Water Quality Committees, Cleveland*
- Tue., 6/25 Investment Advisory Committee, 8:45 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 6/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*
- Fri., 6/28 NOACA, Advisory Committee meetings, Cleveland*

*Christine Blair, Clerk brought up an email request received from Commissioner Palivka to get a Solid Waste Management District Meeting to review the applications/ resumes for the Director's position. It was also noted that they wanted to discuss the plans for the building on Merritt Road. The Board agreed to June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 as a possible date and time for the meeting.*

*There was a brief discussion about Board appointments, noting the three positions that are coming due at the end of June for the Mental Health, to which the Board asked for the Ad and Press Release to be posted to receive applications. Mr. Lennon inquired if we had heard anything back on the Library Trustee position, to which Mr. Lennon noted that it is a seven year term and we need to put the thinking cap on for a good reliable person for the Board.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 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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