

Commissioners' Journal
September 24, 2019

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 24, 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 9:08 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on September 20, 2019 that included concurring with the Parkman Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license being requested by Parkman Market Xpress, LLC located at 16250 Main Market Road, Parkman, Ohio (C NEW 6705405) and for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) to accept the resignation of Tammy Mullin, Program Coordinator (#1409) to be effective September 16, 2019 and then granted permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Program Coordinator (#1409), Internally for a period of five days, with applications accepted Monday, September 23, 2019 through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019. If no qualified candidate is found, the position will be advertised externally until filled; 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 an Appropriation transfer for Archives into their General Fund Equipment account for the purchase of new copiers, Supplemental Appropriations for Common Pleas Mediation, Fair Police Rotary and VAWA Funds to true up payroll for end of the year; Supplemental Appropriations for the Mental Health Adams Fund Contract Services account for grant renewals and State Fiscal Year 2020 spending; Travel request for the Common Pleas Court; a payment for the Common Pleas Court to Vista for their digital scanning software maintenance contract for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$30,231.09 a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for pay application #1 on the asphalt resurfacing of Sections G-J in the amount of \$377,623.28; a payment for Job and Family Services to Geauga Board of Mental Health for 3rd quarter 2019 therapeutic services in the amount of \$32,000.00; a payment for Water Resources to GPD Engineering Services for Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collections System Project in the amount of \$61,370.50 and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health for additional State Grant and Lake Board awards in their Adams Fund.

Commissioner Lennon inquired about the therapeutic services, to which Mr. Gorton explained that this is a quarterly payment for the Youth Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-120 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 24, 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>

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – AMEND BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to amend the budget hearing schedule to adjust the time of the Prosecutor's hearing and then move Transit into the time slot.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to amend the Budget Hearing Schedule to move Transit from Tuesday, September 24, 2019 to Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. and change the time of the Prosecutor's Office to Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-121 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 24, 2019
Resolution: #19-121

Tax Year 2019 (2020 Collection Year)

¹RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)
Revised Code, Secs.5705.34, 5705.35

The Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 24th day of September, 2019 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, with the following members present:

Timothy C. Lennon Ralph Spidalieri James W. Dvorak

Commissioner Dvorak moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Geauga County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitation; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

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SCHEDULE A										
SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITORS ESTIMATED TAX RATES										
FUND	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Inside 10 Mill Limitation				Amount Approved by Budget Commission Outside 10 Mill Limitation				County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied	
									Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
	Column II				Column IV				V	VI
General Fund (A)	7	884	072	00					2.50	
Road & Bridge Fund (D)					3	352	489	00		2.50
District Board of Health (E)						614	868	00		0.20
General Bond Retirement (O1G)										
Senior Citizens Special Levy Fund (T88)					3	074	349	00		1.00
Child Welfare Services Special Levy Fund (SS)					3	695	929	00		1.20
Mental Health & Clinics Special Levy Fund (AA)					1	537	174	00		0.50
Mental Retardation Special Levy (Metzenbaum) (S03)					12	697	496	00		4.30
Geauga County Public Library Special Levy Fund					5	669	520	00		2.00
Geauga County Library Bond Fund					1	455	221	00		0.50
Fund										
Fund										
Fund										
Fund										
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Fund										
TOTAL	7	884	072	00	32	097	046	00	2.50	12.20

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SCHEDULE B LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES					
FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)			
General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years					
General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years					
General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years					
General Fund: Current expense levy authorized by voters on not to exceed _____ years					
Total General Fund outside 10 mill Limitation					
Childrens Services Fund: Levy authorized by voters on March 15, 2016 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	0.70	2	152	042	00
Childrens Services Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2015 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	0.50	1	543	887	00
Road & Bridge Fund: Levy authorized by voters on March 15, 2016 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	2.50	3	352	489	00
Metzenbaum DD Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2008 not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years	3.30	9	609	719	00
Metzenbaum DD Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 3, 2015 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	1.00	3	087	777	00
Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 07, 2017 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	0.50	1	537	174	00
Mental Health Fund: Levy authorized by voters on May 6, 2014 not to exceed _____ Expired _____ years	0.00			0	00
Senior Citizens Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2014 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	1.00	3	074	349	00
Health District Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 6, 2018 not to exceed _____ 5 _____ years	0.20		614	868	00
Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 5, 2007 not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years	1.00	2	834	760	00
Geauga County Library Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2010 not to exceed _____ continuing _____ years	1.00	2	834	760	00
Geauga Library Bond Fund: Levy authorized by voters on November 7, 2017 not to exceed _____ 30 _____ years	0.50	1	455	221	00

and be it further *RESOLVED*, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Commissioner Spidalieri seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LEASE AGREEMENT – RAVENWOOD MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INCORPORATED – SPACE LOCATED AT 470 CENTER STREET, BUILDING #1
Mr. Morgan explained that this lease agreement is for space in Building #1 in exchange for the senior center being in their building, noting that this is part of the sale agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Lease Agreement between the Ravenwood Mental Health Center, Incorporated and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for space located at 470 Center Street, Building #1, Chardon, for a period of three years, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

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

CASA FOR KIDS OF GEAUGA – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND UNITE TO END THE SILENCE AND STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-122 Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and unite to **END THE SILENCE AND STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 19-122
Date: September 24, 2019

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2019 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND UNITE TO END THE SILENCE AND STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a public health problem that affects millions of people each year, affecting people of all races, ages, gender and income levels, often resulting in physical and emotional injuries and even death; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence, Rape and Sexual Assault are often labeled “crimes of silence” due to low reporting rates and social discomfort with public discussions; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence touches every one of us, that one in four women and one in nine men will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in their lifetime, with an average of three women killed every day at the hands of a current or former intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding partners, including the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office, the City of Chardon Police Department and Prosecutor, CASA for Kids of Geauga, Next Step, WomenSafe, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Geauga County Job and Family Services, Geauga County Juvenile Court and Ravenwood Health are uniting to END THE SILENCE AND STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE by launching a movement to bring awareness and understanding to the public about Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, these VOCA Partners are asking you, the residents of Geauga County to join them to STOP THE SILENCE, to show support and help survivors know they are not alone and where they can go for help; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Chardon Square you can help STOP THE SILENCE by attending a family-friendly event that will include information, activities, service awards and an Awareness walk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Geauga County to wear PURPLE to show support and that they unite to END THE SILENCE AND STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AQUILLA ROAD (CH 5, SECTIONS D-E) IN CLARIDON TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that they are planning three projects that will include Federal funds from CEAO. The first is to improve Aquilla Road for a resurfacing project from State Route 322 to the City of Chardon corporation line.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-123 to Improve Aquilla Road (CH 5, Sections D-E) in Claridon Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 24, 2019

Resolution: #19-123

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AQUILLA ROAD (CH 5), SECTIONS D-E
IN CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement to Aquilla Road (CH 5), Sections D - E from Mayfield Road (US 322) to the Chardon City corp line in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to pursue the utilization of federal aid funding to help fund a project for the limits of the project as described; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer (Engineer) wishes to administer this project locally in order to ensure compliance with local construction standards and methods considered acceptable by the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving the shoulders and related improvements as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer may enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to administer this project locally under the LPA policy as adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvements and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES BY IMPROVING GUARDRAILS

Mr. Hajjar explained that every few years CEAO puts forward funding for safety improvements to guardrails so we are hoping to utilize those funds to do some improvements throughout the County.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-124 to Improve Various Sections of County Roads and Bridges by Improving Guardrails.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 24, 2019

Resolution: #19-124

*RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES
BY IMPROVING GUARDRAILS*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined that the public convenience and welfare require safety improvements on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to pursue the utilization of federal aid funding to help fund a project for the limits of the project as described; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer (Engineer) wishes to administer this project locally in order to ensure compliance with local construction standards and methods considered acceptable by the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements to various highways by repairing or replacing guardrails within the County as determined necessary by the Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer may enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to administer this project locally under the LPA policy as adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvements and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2020

Mr. Hajjar explained that the County has a program each year to do line stripping and with funds being available from CEAO we will be able to utilize those funds in place of using all local funding.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-125 to Improve Various Sections of County Roads by Applying Pavement Markings, Year 2020.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 24, 2019

Resolution: #19-125

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS
BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined that the public convenience and welfare require safety improvements on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to pursue the utilization of federal aid funding to help fund a project for the limits of the project as described; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Engineer (Engineer) wishes to administer this project locally in order to ensure compliance with local construction standards and methods considered acceptable by the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare require an improvement to various highways by applying pavement markings to county highways within the County as determined necessary by the Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer may enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to administer this project locally under the LPA policy as adopted by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvements and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special assessments to real estate will not be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal aid or state grants that may be secured for the project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION (LPA-ODOT-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT) (PARTICIPATORY) FOR GEAUGA COUNTY-WIDE SAFETY PROJECTS AGREEMENT (NO 33413) – PROJECT AGREEMENT

Mr. Hajjar explained that there are two items that allow Geauga County to participate in a Federal Safety program aimed at non-vehicular transportation, noting that NOACA applied for funding that will allow for widening shoulders on several roads for Amish buggy safety lanes. As an effort to cooperate the County Engineer's Office will administer over the project that will bring \$14 million in funding for this project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #19-126 for Preliminary Legislation (LPA – ODOT-Let Project Agreement) (Participatory) for the Geauga County-Wide Safety Projects Agreement (No. 33413).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: September 24, 2019
Resolution: #19-126

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION
(LPA-ODOT-Let Project Agreement)
(PARTICIPATORY)

PID No. : 110164

County/Route/Section : GEA-County Wide Safety Projects Agreement No: 33413

The following is a resolution enacted by Geauga County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA).

SECTION I – Project Description

WHEREAS, the (LPA/STATE) has determined the need for the described project:

Engage a design consultant to prepare plans for the above referenced project. The project involves safety improvements for motorized vehicles, Amish buggies, and pedestrians in Geauga County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by Geauga County, Ohio.

SECTION II – Consent Statement

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project as detailed in the LPA-ODOT-Let Agreement entered into between the parties, if applicable.

SECTION III – Cooperation Statement

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The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the development of construction plans for the above described project and shall enter into a LPA Federal ODOT Let Project Agreement, if applicable, as well as any other agreements necessary to complete development of construction plans in a timely manner.

The LPA agrees that if Federal Funds are used to pay the cost of any consultant contract, the LPA shall comply with 23 CFR 172 in the selection of its consultant and administration of the consultant contract. Further the LPA agrees to incorporate ODOT's "Specifications for Consulting Services" as a contract document in all of its consultant contracts. The LPA agrees to require, as a scope of services clause, that all plans prepared by the consultant must conform to ODOT's current design standards and that the consultant shall be responsible for ongoing consultant involvement during the construction phase of the Project. The LPA agrees to include a completion schedule acceptable to ODOT and to assist ODOT in rating the consultant's performance through ODOT's Consultant Evaluation System.

SECTION IV Authority to Sign

The LPA hereby authorizes the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to enter into and execute contracts with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to develop plans for the above-described project; and to execute contracts with ODOT pre-qualified consultants for the preliminary engineering phase of the Project.

Upon request of ODOT, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is also empowered to execute any appropriate documents to affect the assignment of all rights, title, and interests of the County to ODOT arising from any agreement with its consultant in order to allow ODOT to direct additional or corrective work, recover damages due to errors or omissions, and to exercise all other contractual rights and remedies afforded by law or equity.

SECTION VII - Emergency measure

The resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the LPA Federal ODOT-LET Project Agreement for the County-wide Safety Projects.*

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

GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH /AUDITOR'S OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RESOLUTION #2019-10 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF NEW FUNDS – AUTHORIZE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH NEW FUNDS IN NEW WORLD ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Mr. Morgan explained that the Health Department requested four new funds to be created and the Auditor's Office is requesting approval from the Commissioners to authorize them to create those new funds in New World.

Motion: *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to acknowledge Resolution #2019-10 authorizing the creation of new funds: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Fund, Injury Prevention Fund, Workforce Development Fund and Population Health Fund and further authorize the County Auditor to establish these new funds in the New World Accounting System.*

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION – APPROVE AND EXECUTE GREAT LAKES CHEESE COMPANY
SUBDIVISION – REPLAT OF SUBLOT 7 AND 8 – TROY INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION –
OF OTHER LANDS – TROY TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to approve the re-plat for Great Lakes Cheese, noting that it had gone before Troy Township zoning several times for the relocation of Blazin' Bills and the expansion of the existing facility and the location of the new office headquarters.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Great Lakes Cheese Co. Subdivision being a Replat of Sublot 7 and 8 of "Troy Industrial Park Subdivision" and a subdivision of other lands, located in Troy Township.

<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 ON AGING – EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT PROPOSAL
APPLICATION FOR 2020-2021 TITLE IIIB AND TITLE IIIE TO WESTERN RESERVE AREA
AGENCY ON AGING

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to approve the President, Mr. Lennon to execute a grant proposal application once completed to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for their transportation and evidence based disease prevention programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute all documents included in the Grant Proposal Application for 2020-2021 Title IIIB and Title IIIE for Transportation and Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

<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) – AUTHORIZE
PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2017 AMENDED
SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR GRANT #B-F-17-1AZ-1 – EXTEND GRANT
DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION

Executive Director Dave Favorite and Program Administrator Jessica Kaluga explained that they had requested an extension on the deadline for completion of the five projects that had been awarded for the B-F-17 grant. Ms. Kaluga stated that there are 3 projects remaining, they include the paving project for DDC Clinic, the Opera House elevator project, noting that any overages on that project can utilize funds from the Revolving Loan Funds, and the last project is the strategic plan for economic development. Mr. Favorite commended Ms. Kaluga on her efforts with this grant in a short period of time. There was a brief discussion on the elevator project.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri 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 extending the grant deadline for completion through April 30, 2020.

<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) – APPOINT DANIEL
PLANT – GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

Ms. Kaluga explained that since they receive CDBG funding for Fair Housing, they are required to have a Fair Housing Commission. The Commission was first established back in the 70's to address the need of how to handle Fair Housing in the County. Ms. Kaluga explained that one of the members will be stepping down at the end of the year and recommended Mr. Plant as a

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replacement, so they would like to appoint him to a current vacancy through the end of the year and then members will be reappointed for next year. Our Fair Housing Commission does a lot of education programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Daniel Plant to the Geauga County Fair Housing Commission to the current term, ending December 31, 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>

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – CERTIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF OHIO REVISED CODE 5108 PERTAINING TO BIENNIEL REVIEW OF PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN

Program Specialist Rex Brobst explained that they have completed the Biennial Review of the Plan and are not making any recommended changes at this time, adding that changes can be made if needed at any time, and are asking the Board to approve the renewal of the plan. The Plan is reviewed by the Family Services Planning Committee and they review the plan and make any recommended changes to the Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to certify that the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 5108 pertaining to the Biennial Review of the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan by the Family Services Planning Committee have been fulfilled and that the PRC Plan is approved to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and further approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan Biennial Renewal 2019 of Ohio Revised Code 5108.

<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 WATER RESOURCES – AWARD BID – WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED – AUBURN CORNERS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND TROY OAKS PUMP STATION – INCLUDE BIDS FOR ALTERNATE 2, 5 AND 7 – BID BOND HELD TO SERVE AS PERFORMANCE BOND

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to award the Bid for the Auburn Corners plant expansion to Workman Industrial, and to include Alternates, 2, 5 and 7. Mr. Morgan explained that the Troy Oaks plant was due for replacement, and working with ODOT to run the force main across La Due, noting that this will eliminate one plant and serve both sides. Water Resources is financing the project, that funding doesn't come out of the General Fund. Dr. Oluic briefly explained the alternates and that they have worked with Workman before.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to award the Bid to Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated for the Auburn Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Troy Oaks Pump Station in the amount of \$3,991,848.00, as they represented the lowest and best bid and further include the bids for Alternate 2, Alternate 5 and Alternate 7 in the amount of \$32,000.00 for a total project cost of \$4,023,848.00. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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>

GEAUGA COMMUNITY ACTION – DENY APPROVAL – LETTER OF SUPPORT – MERGE GEAUGA WITH LIFELINE, INCORPORATED OF LAKE COUNTY

Gauga Community Action President Linda Toth explained that they were requesting a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to merge with Lifeline in Lake County, who will take over administering the CSBG grant but that the funding will stay in Geauga County. Ms. Toth explained that they needed 60% of support for the merger, adding that Burton Village, City of

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Chardon and South Russell Village have submitted their letters of support to the State. Commissioner Dvorak asked if they could have in writing that Lifeline would retain the employees and an office in the County, which Ms. Toth stated that they don't have it, that until approval has been made their Board has only verbally agreed to increase the number of Board members to include presence from Geauga, and an office in Geauga County. Ms. Toth indicated that the current office location is ideal and a couple times a month at Chagrin Falls Park and the monthly meeting in Middlefield. Ms. Toth expressed that Lake County does in home visits and with the larger staff they would hopefully be able to start that here.

Commissioner Spidalieri expressed that he would not be in support of this and that it doesn't have the warm feeling, that it feels like money grab from Lake County and that we need to take a step back on this. Mr. Spidalieri explained that he was not impressed with the representative that was present and the lack of answers to the questions he asked. Mr. Spidalieri stated that we are small drop of money in the bucket and that he feels like they would want to go after more funding that could take away from current programs in our County, bringing up an example of a recent incident of a person getting rent assistance. While he understands you are trying to do good, but there is no such thing as free money from the State, we are all paying for that, there needs to be accountability, and there are people out there that will take until they can't take anymore. Everyone should carry their weight, and while sometimes there are circumstances like medical that can happen, but to just provide funds with no commitment is frustrating. The amount is very small; Ms. Toth added that it gets smaller with overhead. Mr. Spidalieri stated that sometimes you just have to look at something and decide whether it's even worth it. Bob Voss stated that over the two years is \$275,000.00 and they cannot pull more than 6% for administrative costs, to which Mr. Spidalieri asked why you would take on a project for another county for \$16,000.00, this is simple business. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he doesn't want to be argumentative, but just trying to be sensible. Mr. Voss stated that some costs are considered operational, presenting a draft of expenses for 2018, noting salary and benefits were around \$21,000.00 for himself, with office rent, depreciation, professional fees for payroll, audit and accounting for about \$8,000.00, all total it was \$48,000.00, we spent \$193,000.00 which is about 20% for all administrative costs and the state says it has to be 6%. This requirement has been the same and they have never been able to meet that requirement.

Mr. Voss expressed that the rent assistance program is going away and will be done at the end of the year, adding that they want to work on the transportation programs. Mr. Voss agreed that they don't want to do programs for someone who is not trying to help themselves. Lifeline is a 501c3 is a non-profit that is located in Lake County. Mr. Lennon expressed his concerns over giving up local control, noting that he feels that they may be looking at this as an opportunity to grow, and there are strings attached. Mr. Lennon expressed that he too was not going to approve it. Ms. Toth again expressed that the majority of counties in the state are merged counties for Community Action Boards.

Mr. Brobst explained that the grant is not large in this County, and the State said it needed to be a Community Action agency, so the Board was formed and contracted with JFS to distribute the funds which started back in the 1980's, and while JFS did the majority of the administrative work and made the best use of the funds to assist the community. Some people just can't work, elderly and handicapped and this was the only program that allowed them to get assistance if they fell behind. The Feds made changes on the Community Action agencies on who could operate and the Board pushed for their own agency, they no longer contracted with JFS and took it on themselves. Ms. Toth stated that the State and Feds will not allow JFS to run the program. Ms. Toth stated that the grant for the coming year has to be applied for by the end of October, if no community agency is designated, noting that Geauga Community Action is not allowed to apply due to noncompliance. Ms. Toth explained that over the last four years they feel that in order to best serve the residents of Geauga County to make it more accessible is to merge with Lifeline. Ms. Toth continued to say that they are required to have representation on the Board in each category. After discussion back and forth, Mr. Spidalieri expressed that if it is a business that is failing, you close it down. Discussion continued about the grant and the concerns over the grant moving to Lifeline and what programs will they offer to the residents of Geauga County. Mr. Lennon while it may be the best of intentions but the way it is implemented is not the best. The State makes the decision, not the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Voss added that they will never get under the 6% max for administrative services. Mrs. Toth added that the State will find an agency to handle the grant, they will make the decision, to which Mr. Lennon asked why we are going through all this process, why are we wasting this time.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to deny approval of a request for a letter of support to merge Geauga Community Action, Incorporated with Lifeline, Incorporated of Lake County.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT JOANNA SANTILLI, DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT
Mr. Morgan asked the Board to promote Ms. Santilli to the Director of Transit.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint JoAnna Santilli, Director of Transit to be effective September 22, 2019 at the rate of \$31.79 per hour (Grade E16, Step 1).

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION TO SCHEDULE EVENING MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Mr. Morgan explained that due to a conflict in scheduling, we ask to rescind the motion to schedule the evening meeting.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to rescind the motion from September 17, 2019 that read: to schedule an evening meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building #8, Chardon.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS'S OFFICE – MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute letters to Board members, Nichol Mikolay and Jeffrey Kline of the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, notifying them of their removal from the Board, in accordance with Section 2.6 of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services By-laws.

<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. Morgan noted that Section 2.6 is attendance. Mr. Lennon then asked to move to appoint Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Shumway to the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Greg O'Brien to fill the unexpired term of Nichol Mikolay, ending June 30, 2021.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to appoint Mary Ruth Shumway to fill the unexpired term of Jeffrey Kline, ending June 30, 2022.

<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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE HIRING LAW FIRM OF MANSOUR, GAVIN LPA – REPRESENT BOARD ON ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve hiring the law firm of Mansour, Gavin LPA to represent the Board in the Annexation proceedings recently filed by Deborah D. Demko, Trustee and Paul D. Demko, Trustee regarding 13483 Kinsman Road, Burton Township, Ohio, and to execute an Engagement Agreement with the firm. The Compensation to be paid to Mansour Gavin for legal services shall be fixed so as not to exceed the sum of \$4,500.00, as required by O.R.C. 305.14(C).

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PETITION FOR ANNEXATION – DEMKO PROPERTY FROM BURTON TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF BURTON

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to formally acknowledge receipt of the Petition for Annexation (R.C. 709.02) filed by Paul D. Demko, Jr. as agent for the petitioners on September 20, 2019 and enter the petition upon the Journal of the Board, as required by O.R.C. 709.03 and further acknowledge that on September 20, 2019 the petition, legal description and map were referred to the County Engineer's Office for a report on accuracy.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to set Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Petition for Annexation filed by Paul D. Demko, Jr., agent, for Annexation of 40.4667 acres (PPN # 04-034300 - 33.770000 acres at 13483 Kinsman Road, PPN #04-15096 - 3.53 acres at 14655 Bigelow Road and PPN # 04-150928 - 3.170000 acres at 14673 Bigelow Road) in Burton Township to the Village of Burton and shall also notify the agent for the Petitioner of same. This Public Hearing will be held in Commissioners Chambers at 470 Center Street, Building #4, Chardon, Ohio.

<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>

There was a brief discussion on extending the meeting of October 1, 2019 to an evening portion for a discussion on the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board being held in Building #8 meeting room.

The Board moved to recess at 10:51 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing.

The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a motion to re-open the meeting:

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to re-open and reconvene meeting from this morning.

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

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from the evening portion of the meeting which included the Public Hearing.*

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PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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


Commissioner Spidalieri opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and asked Water Resources Director Steven Oluic to present information.

Dr. Oluic reviewed the following information regarding the project:




Geauga County Department of Water Resources

Chardon TWP WWTP & Sewer Project
Public Meeting



Geauga County Offices Bldg #8 Conference Room
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Project Scope:

Henning Drive(43 lots)
Helmut Drive (18 lots)
Olmar Drive (18 lots)
Howard Drive
10776-10954 (13 lots)
Thwing Road
10774-11008 (22 lots)


114 parcels - 113 households

Estimated cost

\$4,523,000



Dr. Oluic reviewed the boundaries and some background of the proposed project.



Geauga County Department of Water Resources

Funding Plan

• Ohio Water Development Agency - approved

• Parcel purchase loan

\$ 75,600.00

• Planning, design & fees loan

\$ 423,358.00

• Ohio Public Works Commission - approved

• Construction loan

\$ 700,000.00

• Construction grant

\$ 300,000.00

• Ohio-EPA DEFA - nominated

• Construction loan

\$ 3,024,000.00

\$ 4,523,000.00

• Special assessment, grants, and sewer fees

• Bi-monthly \$109.00 sewer bill

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Dr. Oluic explained that this is the proposed funding of the project. The loans listed will be paid through the special assessment and sewer fees. Currently the bimonthly sewer bill is \$109.00; monthly rates range from \$52.00 to \$70.00+, this district is the \$109.00 and will start once the plant is operational, every other month.



Geauga County Department of Water Resources

Assessment

- Estimated total project cost \$ 4,523,000 = \$40,027 per household
- Recommended assessment is \$28,000 per parcel (decrease from \$30K)
- Annual cost per household on 30 year assessment is \$1,245.68
- Estimated annual assessment cost is based on 30 years at 2.00%.
- Draft final costs for engineering & construction, final numbers will be available when engineering and construction contract bid is complete.
- These numbers assume (1) no additional grant money for this project and (2) uses current interest rates.
- Six months after construction is complete 12/20; posted to taxes and payable year later (6/21); assume no earlier than mid-year 2022.

Dr. Oluic explained that the gross estimate is \$40,027 per household, and is recommending an assessment is \$28,000.00 which is a decrease from the \$30,000.00 from three weeks ago. This is about \$1,200 a year for thirty years at a 2% rate. The project must be complete by end of January of 2021 and assessment will begin June of 2021.



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Income & Expenses

Special assessment per household	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,245.68	\$ 140,761.84
Sewer service charges, bi-monthly	\$ 109.00	\$ 654.00	\$ 73,902.00
Total income			\$ 214,663.84
Annual finance charges			\$ 175,460.00
Annual O&M			\$ 64,400.00
Total GCDWR expense			\$ 239,860.00
Net difference			\$ (25,196.16)

The difference will be addressed by GCDWR budget

Dr. Oluic went over the income and expenses breakdown explaining how the assessment and sewer fees will cover the expense of the project.



Geauga County Department of Water Resources

Property Owner information

- Written objections to the following may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for a period of 5 days following this hearing (until 9/29)
 - o the proposed improvement
 - o its character and termini
 - o the boundaries of the assessment district
 - o the tentative assessment
- Any time prior to the expiration of the 5 day objection window noted above, any property owner to be assessed may file a written request for deferment.
- The Board shall promptly consider the request and may defer up to 75% of the assessment.

After this meeting today you have five calendar days to submit an objection to the Board of Commissioners, you can ask for deferment before the five days are concluded.

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After the five day period

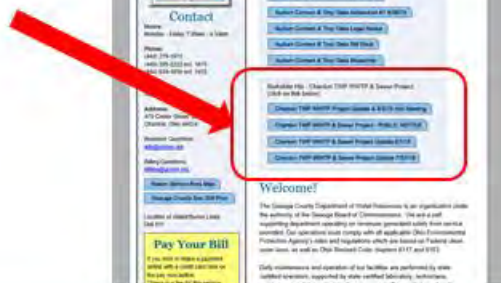
- After the 5 day period has run, the Board shall determine whether it will proceed with the improvement, and will provide notice to all persons who filed written objections of the time and place of any meeting at which the resolution to proceed with the improvement will be considered.
- The Board will ratify the plans for the improvement, either as originally presented or amended. Thereafter the Board will consider the resolution to proceed with the improvement.
- After the resolution to proceed with the improvement is adopted, property owners may appeal to the probate court in regard to either of the following matters:
 - o Boundaries of the assessment district
 - o Tentative apportionment of assessment

Dr. Oluic explained that anyone filing and objection will receive notice of the resolutions to proceed and once those have been considered and approved they can then appeal to the Court. Updates are listed on the Water Resources website.



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Updates



Dr. Oluic noted that Director of the Department on Aging Jessica Boalt and Reba Dykes are present that will be helping with a grant that is available through the USDA for assistance. Dr. Oluic noted that in addition to the assessment there is a tie in cost of about \$7,500 and that it might be suggested for a group of homeowners to consider choosing a contractor to do the install that might allow for a better rate.

Resident Mike Beharry on Thwing Road asked for further information on the deferment, to which County Administrator Gerard Morgan explained that you can defer 75% of the assessment for five years, so while you get a benefit up front, the remaining is spread out over the remaining 25 years.

Resident Todd Smith asked what the cost for the hook up will be, to which Dr. Oluic explained that the cost ranges from \$4,500-\$7,500.00. Mr. Smith asked if a permit was required, to which Dr. Oluic explained that there was because it needs to be inspected and to ensure that the old tank is collapsed.

Resident Chuck DiCillo on Helmut Drive asked about the objection process and if they all object what happens. Commissioner Spidalieri explained that he has been here for almost eight years, contamination levels were being reported and continued to increase which causes health concerns and the Ohio EPA ordered the project. Mr. Morgan added that there must be specific reasons for the objection, the size of the assessment, character and termini, boundaries, cost of the tentative assessment. A letter will be written in response to the objection. The Commissioners then have to vote for the final project, the issue becomes if you say no, do you accept the \$1,000.00 a day fine from the EPA for non-compliance, and you can appeal to the Probate Court. Mr. DiCillo expressed that the cost is on the residents, the EPA writes orders but doesn't pay for it, originally the estimates for \$20-\$28,000 and it went up and now back down to

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the \$28,000.00 and they will never get the money out of their house even if they live there for 100 years.

Resident Joe Coyote from Henning Road asked where the soil samples were taken, noting that the EPA was never at their house taking samples, to which a group of residents agreed they were never at their homes.

Resident D J Green presented a list from the EPA of the addresses and levels reported. Why the addresses with the highest levels were have corrections made to their systems, noting that 5 houses of the 114 properties are listed with issues. An inspection was completed on the home, when he purchased the house two years ago, his system passed and now he has to pay for issues from five homes.

Resident Debra Calabrese added that a 1/3 of the homes have new septic systems.

Mr. Green asked to be proved wrong, that its education and you never stop learning.

Mr. Morgan explained that the EPA was brought into the picture, they came in an issued the findings and orders based off their testing, we have fought with the EPA and asked them to allow us to do individual testing and they noted that a majority of the systems would need to be off lot NPDES systems and will need to be permitted with the EPA. What is allowable is about 600 parts per billion of Ecoli and what they found were a million parts per billion and you don't get that from one system.

Dr. Oluic noted that they went out in January and did testing on outfalls to see if there was still an issue and the levels were still very high. Dr. Oluic noted that when Mr. Green purchased his house there should have been a disclaimer.

Resident William stated that he spoke with the EPA this week and that this is a County issue that they are not forcing the residents into this and that any closed lot system is supposed to be grandfathered. Mr. Morgan asked who he spoke with, to which the resident stated he has his name and phone number.

Resident responded that he too had spoken with the EPA, and they said they were going to do this and that you will need to tie in, and eventually your system will fail.

Mr. Spidalieri noted that this has been a battle over this, that Mr. Morgan was the Director of Water Resources before becoming the County Administrator, and at the end of the day you can argue, but the EPA says we understand but this is going to be court ordered to be done. We agree with what you are saying, but the EPA is lying to you if they say this is a county issue and that they are not forcing it. Mr. Morgan noted that the EPA is basically Judge Jury and Executioner.

Mr. Smith explained that he is on Thwing Road and the problem is east of where he is located, noting that water drains west of his driveway, and asked for clarification of where the issue is happening. Mr. Morgan stated that the EPA issued the order and the addresses included.

A resident asked if anyone was willing to be inspected to show that they do or don't have issues with the systems, Mr. Beharry added that they did not correctly identify Berkshire Estates and the houses on one side all flow into the creek, pointing out several houses that are not included that he feels should be and a few that shouldn't be.

Resident Dan (DJ) Green pointed out that the Commissioners signed the orders, noting that the corrected action is to be taken, adding that it lists alternative option, so he bought the house and if the issue is his he will fix the problem. Mr. Spidalieri added that they pushed back as far as they could but the EPA has us stuck, they will push the position of it's a danger of health. Mr. Green expect people to be upset, we understand you are upset, but something in the area is contaminating the area, so the EPA draws a circle around the area that is contaminated and says this now must be sewerred, and the situation is tough but needs to be a shared cost.

Mr. Coyote inquired about the appeals process, that the EPA has claws in us and there is nothing we can do, and inquired why Deep Springs is not included as the creek begins there. If you can't pinpoint where the problem is and if we throw all this money into the project and once

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complete it doesn't solve the problem. We need to stand and fight the EPA and their big claws, noting that Kirtland is having a similar issue; government doesn't make money they just take it from someone and put it into another's pocket. Dr. Oluic noted that Water Resources operates from user fees, not tax dollars. Mr. Coyote inquired how many people are sick from effluent. Mr. Morgan asked them if they drink water from the stream, noting that the septic is flowing into the stream. Mr. Coyote inquired again how we know if this will solve the problem, and if testing can't pinpoint why we are saying this is the border.

Mr. Morgan explained that it was determined early on that the common tile line is coming from the subdivision.

Mr. Smith explained that it has been dragged out, the government is making us do this, we are a low income area and why don't the Federal government put the system in.

Ms. Boalt explained that the USDA offers a grant and loans for assistance, and while they usually help seniors, this program isn't just for seniors. This program is based on income requirements; we did bring some applications tonight. The grant program is up to \$7,500.00 for ages 62 and over with an income requirement, the loan is for up to \$20,000.00 with a 1% rate. A resident inquired if the program can be used for the tie in or can it be used towards the assessment. It does say can be applied together for a max of up to \$27,500.00. A resident inquired about the income threshold, to which Ms. Boalt mentioned that a one person household maximum is \$25,800.00 for grant eligibility, age 62, but others with the income are eligible for the loan. Ms. Boalt added that for two people its \$29,500.00, for three people its \$33,200.00 and four people its \$36,850.00. Ms. Boalt added that her office is also working with the Department of Water Resources to look for other resources in the area. Applications are available year round as long as there is funding.

Mr. DiCillo from Helmut Drive explained that he will compile a form letter and drop off to each household, fill out the address and mail it back.

Mr. Green inquired about the \$109.00 sewer bill, so why if a household is one member and asked why he is paying the same as a household with nine.

Resident Laura Radebaugh inquired how the assessment was decreased from the \$30,000 to \$28,000 over the last three weeks, and can we get the numbers down farther, to which Dr. Oluic stated they looked at what they could absorb in the department.

Ms. Blair asked for clarification of the meeting on September 5th, to which Dr. Oluic stated that it was done at the request from Chardon Township. Chardon Township Trustee explained that they went door to door leaving flyers on doors trying to get information out. Chardon Township Trustee Tim McKenna explained that a flyer was put together that was done by hand bill, Mr. Strazinsky went house by house, and apologized if a resident did not get one. Mr. Spidalieri added that tonight's meeting was done by certified mail.

Resident Kim Lorenz stated that her neighbors are a rental home and they have a slum landlord and that she's pretty sure that house is at fault, and that it hurts the responsible home owners.

Commissioner Dvorak expressed that he was a realtor and understands the point of sale process and while his heart goes out to them, the EPA is strong but as a community they are holding together. Mr. Dvorak stated that he would have to check with the Health Department on the point of sales to see what was done as he doesn't want to see money wasted. Mr. Dvorak brought up a project with Aquilla Village over twenty years ago.

Mr. Green inquired about the Casino Money, to which Mr. Spidalieri explained that it is the biggest scam for counties, that this money replaced what used to be a Local Government Fund, but those funds dwindle and are not stable, and goes into the general operations. Mr. Spidalieri explained how tax dollars are received from sales tax and what the county actually receives, and suggested that the residents look at the tax bill to see where their tax dollars go, noting the Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, School District and the Park District. That it is important to know where your dollars are going. Mr. Spidalieri added that he wanted them to know that they are in the residents' corner, but it's an end road and they have to deal with the EPA.

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Dr. Oluic asked for any further questions, adding that in closing, it was not our decision, but we are the executor, we aren't happy about it, adding that they did the income surveys four times and had 103 of 113 households respond, but only had 40% of threshold and needed 51%, and that how the survey worked hurt us, so they are working through that with the state. It's tough, but this is also being driven by the O.R.C., get the letters in and that they did get the deadline extended out to the end of January, that they should have been done by July. There are issues at Berkshire Heights, and they are under constraints of timing. Don't leave here thinking the EPA is going to give up, and asked that they talk to their neighbors to make sure they get the information. Mr. DiCillo noted he was doing the form letter. Mr. Coyote added they also have hard deadlines called paydays that they aren't complaining because it's expensive, it's a hardship. Being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:28 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 28, 2019 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the inmate meals for the month ending August 2019.*
- 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 August 2019 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 9/24 Budget Hearings, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thu., 9/26 Budget Hearings, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Fri., 9/27 NOACA, Business Advisory 9:00 a.m., Community Advisory 10:30 a.m., and Rural Advisory 1:00 p.m., Cleveland

Tue., 10/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. with a discussion at 6:30 p.m. at the 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room in regards to Mental Health and Recovery Services

Tue., 10/1 Budget Hearings 12:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Thu., 10/3 Budget Hearing, 1:00 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Timothy C. Lennon

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Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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