

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**August 20, 2019**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 20, 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 9:03 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 6, 2019.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 13, 2019.*

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

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

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 19, 2019 that included for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) to approve hiring Tammy Mullin as Full-time Program Coordinator (#1409) at the rate of \$18.24 per hour to be effective September 3, 2019 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 an Appropriation transfer into the General Fund for an encumbrance for NOACA dues invoices; an Appropriation transfer to the Sheriff for reimbursement of web checks fees deposited into the General Fund; a Supplemental De-Appropriation to remove funds from the Board of Elections for equipment that will not be purchased until next year and Commissioners Miscellaneous for estimated carryover in the 2020 tax budget; Travel requests for the Auditor's Office, Common Pleas Court and the Recorder's Office; an Encumbrance increase for Job and Family Services for institutional placement provider contracts; a payment for Department of Emergency Services to W.S. Darley and Company for a drone and operation equipment in the amount of \$3,433.06; a payment for Job and Family Services to Junction Buick for the purchase of a 2019 Jeep Compass SUV in the amount of \$20,348.00; a payment for Job and Family Services to Leadership Geauga for tuition of Sara Shiningier in the amount of \$2,000.00; a payment for Juvenile Court to Courtview Justice Solutions for annual software maintenance in the amount of \$15,882.00; and a payment for Water Resources to GPD for Engineering Services for the Chardon Township WWTP project in the amount of \$34,584.40.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #19-096 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 20, 2019.*

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

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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED 2020 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET

*Mr. Gorton explained that none of the actual accounts have changed, there are changes based on requirements of the Budget Commission to show an ending balance and a beginning balance for next year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #19-097 Adopting the Amended 2020 Annual Tax Budget, in accordance with O.R.C. Sections 5705.28, and 5705.29.*

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

*\*A complete copy of the amended 2020 tax budget will follow these minutes.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – INCREASE MAXIMUM FEE – ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE (#2018 CRB 00664)

*Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained that this is in regards to the Humane Society case involving Bianca Marcellino that was for the mistreatment of horses. Ms. Ashburn stated that Holland and Muirden represents the Humane Society on the case. Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle stated that the Board established a fee cap of \$500.00 on cases where the Humane Society is represented by Holland and Muirden and they are requesting a variance on the fee cap. Ms. LaChapelle stated that this is an animal cruelty case, explaining that Ms. Marcellino has been extremely difficult, that she has refused to take responsibility for her actions, refused any plea bargains, filed 2 separate lawsuits, there was a jury trial, she was convicted and now there are three appeals cases. Ms. LaChapelle explained that there has been a lot of extra filings for search warrants, lots of discovery and tried to disqualify Judge Stupica. Holland and Muirden documented the work they did very well, and their rates are low and usually stay well below the \$500.00 cap. Based on the circumstances we feel the request is reasonable. Ms. Ashburn noted what had been paid on the case to date with the outstanding invoices that are coming in on the appeals cases.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve an increase to the maximum fee to be charged per case for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty cases from \$500.00 to \$4,500.00 in regards to Case No. 2018 CRB 00664 (State v. Bianca Marcellino), as allowed, pursuant to O.R.C. 2931.18.*

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND DIRECT ITS SALE TO MORGAN COUNTY – 2014 CHEVY IMPALA

*Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan explained that we have previously sold several vehicles to them, it helps them and us out, so we are asking to sell another this year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #19-098 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its sale to Morgan County, Ohio as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12, of a 2014 Chevy Impala.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: August 20, 2019*  
*Resolution: #19-098*

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS  
AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO,  
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12**

*WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared “not needed” by the County; and*

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*WHEREAS, The County of Morgan, Ohio has a current need for police vehicles to conduct township police operations and equipment that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan county; and*

*WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2014 Chevrolet Impala that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 2G1WD5E3XE1168294 with 107,134 miles with the sale price being \$2,500.00; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to the County of Morgan, Ohio for use in the handling of county business; and*

*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 Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPROVE SUBMISSION OF PY2020 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT*

*Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to approve submitting the grant for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for PY2020 that allows us to administer the grant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the submission of the PY2020 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Administrative Operating Grant.*

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

*TRANSIT – APPROVE REVISED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORM*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the revised Accounting Forms Authorization Form.*

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

*TRANSIT – INCREASE CURRENT POSTING – FULL-TIME TRANSIT DRIVER (#2210) – ONE TO TWO POSITIONS*

*Mr. Morgan noted that a full-time driver had expressed his desire to resign and before we move forward with any hires, we'd like to increase the current posting to include the anticipated vacancy.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to increase the current posting for Full-time Transit Driver (#2210) from one to two positions. These positions will remain posted until filled.*

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CLOSE CURRENT POSTINGS – SANITARY ENGINEER AND ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to close the current postings for Sanitary Engineer (#2302) and Assistant Sanitary Engineer (#2303).*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – ELECTRICIAN I  
(#2314) INTERNAL 10 DAYS – NO CANDIDATE EXTERNAL UNTIL FILLED

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Electrician I (#2314) internally for a period of ten days in accordance with the union contract, if no qualified candidate is found, then externally until filled.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING ADAM FARRELL FOR  
ACHIEVING RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

It was noted that Mr. Farrell is from Troop #101 in Auburn Township and that he had completed his project at Camp Ho Mita Koda in Newbury Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #19-099 Honoring Adam Farrell for achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #19-099

Date: August 20, 2019

*A RESOLUTION HONORING ADAM FARRELL FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT*  
*THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT*

*WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and*

*WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and*

*WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and*

*WHEREAS, Adam Farrell is a member of Boy Scout Troop #101, Auburn Township, Geauga County, and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and*

*WHEREAS, Adam Farrell provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and*

*WHEREAS, Adam Farrell's Eagle Scout project included planning and constructing a thirty foot bridge over a swampy area on a hiking trail at Camp Ho Mita Koda in Newbury Township; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Adam Farrell for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;*

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

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 7, 2019 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Mon., 8/19    Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*

*Tue., 8/20    Investment Advisory Board meeting 8:45 a.m. Chambers*

*Tue., 8/20    Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors at 1:00 p.m., Warren, District Office*

*Thu., 8/22    Planning Commission, Special meeting 8:00 a.m.*

*Thu., 8/22    Board Check In with Grace Gallucci from NOACA, 2:00 p.m.*

*Fri., 8/23    NOACA Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m. and Executive at 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*

*Tue., 8/27    The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 8/27    Post Audit Meeting with State Auditor's, 10:15 a.m. conference room*

*Thu., 8/29    The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage at the Great Geauga County Fair*

*Thu. 8/29 – Mon., 9/2 – The Great Geauga County Fair, Burton (Fairgrounds)*

*Mon., 9/2    **County Offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

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

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

*Motion:*            *by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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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