

Commissioners' Journal
August 31, 2017

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage, at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, 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 Vice President of the Board, Walter Claypool opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPENING / WELCOME TO THE FAIR

Michelle Stys from the Auditor of State, Dave Yost's Office presented a Resolution to the Geauga County Auditor, Frank Gliha for a Clean Audit, noting that less than 5% of Government entities receive this award. Ms. Stys explained that a Clean Audit means that it was filed on time, no Findings of Recovery, no material citations, weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or questions of cost. Ms. Stys applauded the efforts to strive for accountable tax dollars.

Ms. Stys presented a Resolution to Agricultural Society President, Sam Plants congratulating them on their 195th Fair, thanking them for their commitment to community development and the celebration of Ohio's proud agricultural tradition. Mr. Plants welcomed everyone, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support and to the Sheriff's Office for their excellent service. Commissioner Claypool thanked them for all the hard work, as we have the greatest fair in the state.

Mr. Claypool recognized the Elected Officials in attendance and thanked everyone for coming.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved August 24, 2017 by the County Administrator that included for the County Home, the approval of hiring James Deans to the position of Full-time Cook (#1503) to be effective August 28, 2017 at the rate of \$11.58 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 for the Transit Department, the approval of hiring Jennifer Rice and Mark Zimmerman to the positions of Part-time Driver (#2210-1) to be effective August 28, 2017 at the rate of \$13.97 per hour with a one year probationary period. These offers of employment are contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions, authorized by Resolution #17-006 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 9, 2017 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Lair reported on financials from August 29, 2017, Resolution #17-101 that included an Appropriation transfer request from the General Fund Contingency to the Maintenance Department in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Safety Center maintenance; a Supplemental Appropriation request for the Sheriff's Concealed Carry Fund; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology in the amount of \$75,000.00 for a portion of 2017 funding; Travel requests for the Office of Community and Economic Development, Job and Family Services and the Probate Court; a Contract with Geauga Coatings, LLC for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$10,000.00; a payment to Junction Buick for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$39,751.30 for a 2017 GMC 3500; and a payment to Jack Gibson Construction for the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$34,961.00 for the Russell Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to the motion approved December 29, 2016 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2017, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

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MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 8, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2017.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute the minutes for the work session of August 15, 2017.

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

DOG WARDEN'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING THE TOTALLY DOGS 4-H CLUB FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY DOG SHELTER AND SHERIFF K-9 UNITS

Dog Warden Matt Granito explained that the Totally Dogs 4-H Club holds an event every year, for at least the last ten to twelve years, that raises \$3 – 5,000.00, with over \$40,000.00 total being raised. Mr. Granito noted that County Recorder Sharon Gingerich helps out with the event, and the Sheriff's Office K-9 unit also receives support from the event. Mr. Granito noted that the Club is low on numbers, so anyone with a dog can join on the fun. Mr. Claypool added that Ms. Gingerich promotes and helps a lot with the event, and it wouldn't happen without the help of everyone involved.

Mr. Claypool read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: 17-102

Date: August 31, 2017

RESOLUTION HONORING THE TOTALLY DOGS 4-H CLUB FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY DOG SHELTER AND SHERIFF K-9 UNITS

WHEREAS, the Totally Dogs 4-H Club in conjunction with Geauga County Recorder, Sharon C. Gingerich hosted their ninth annual "Tail Waggin' Good Time" dinner and fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, the Totally Dogs 4-H Club raised \$5,736.05 during their "Tail Waggin' Good Time" event held June 15, 2017 at the Century Village in Burton; \$1,000.00 was given to the Sheriff's K-9 Units which uses the funds for training and medical expenses, and \$4,736.05 was given to the Dog Shelter which uses the funds to cover medical expenses of stray dogs; and

WHEREAS, over the last nine years of holding their "Tail Waggin' Good Time" event, the Totally Dogs 4-H Club has raised over \$45,000.00 and contributed to the group Wags for Warriors, the Dog Shelter and the Sheriff K-9's; and

WHEREAS, the Totally Dogs 4-H Club consists of Megan Maddox, Dana Chapin, Laney McBean, Julia Schwab, Meghan Martin, Alyssa Duncan, Haley Cox, Julie Duncan, Jacob Brown, Caleigh Davis, Addie Miniard, Noah Pitsenbarger, Kiera Keene, Kaylee Keene, and Trevor Gottiebowski, and are under the direction of Advisors Alicia Lucarelli, Sarah Morgan, Sandy Cox and Dalene Becka; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and applaud the Totally Dogs 4-H Club for their continued hard work, support and dedication to all Geauga County dogs; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Resolution #17-102 Honoring the Totally Dogs 4-H Club for their continued support and dedication of the Geauga County Dog Shelter and Sheriff K-9 Units.

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

The Commissioners posed for pictures with members of the 4-H Club, the Dog Warden, Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and County Recorder Sharon Gingerich.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RESURFACING OF CLARIDON TROY ROAD

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to allow Walter M. Claypool, CEO and Board Member to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request for the resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and authorize Walter M. Claypool, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission, Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road (CH 3, Sections F-H) in Claridon and Hambden Townships.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – MONTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – CAVES ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the final change order for Monte Construction Company for the Caves Road Drainage Improvements, which is a decrease of the original contract amount.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, decreasing the Contract with Monte Construction Company, Incorporated for the Caves Road Drainage Improvements in Chester and Russell Townships, in the amount of \$2,278.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF NELSON ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the final change order for Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Nelson Road, which is an increase of the original contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, increasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Nelson Road (CH 2, Sections A-C) in Parkman Township in the amount of \$7,064.50.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF THOMPSON ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the final change order for Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Thompson Road, which is a decrease of the original contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve and execute Change Order #1 Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Thompson Road (CH 7, Sections F-H) in Thompson Township in the amount of \$8,648.20.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE REMOVAL OF POSTED LOAD REDUCTION – STAFFORD ROAD BRIDGE – TROY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Gorris explained that this request is to remove the load reduction of the Stafford Road Bridge, noting that it was inspected, reinforced and reload graded. Mr. Gorris stated that the load reduction can now be removed.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the removal of the posted load reduction of 25% for the Stafford Road Bridge (Structure #187-7.69) in Troy Township to be effective September 1, 2017.

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

Mr. Claypool explained that he had recently attended an event at the White House with other County Commissioners from Ohio to meet with the President's staff. Mr. Claypool added that they were told they would have direct connection with his directors, one of which is Transportation. Mr. Claypool stated that he had the opportunity to speak with him and they talked about Rural funding, and the programs being looked at are for improvements, and he wants to take them up on this opportunity.

Mr. Claypool added that the County Engineer's Office deserves recognition for taking the best care of our roads.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MSB MUNICIPAL SERVICES – CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PROCESSING

Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that she has been working on the Process for the Departments under the Board's hiring authority to accept credit card processing services. We are ready to negotiate a contract with a vendor and recommend MSB Municipal Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to approve the recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with MSB Municipal Services Bureau to provide Credit Card Payment Processing for expenses owed and donations made to the departments under the Board's hiring authority.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – ELECTED OFFICIALS
AND RICHARD L. BOWEN AND ASSOCIATES - DISCUSS PROCESS OF FEASIBILITY
STUDY

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to schedule a special meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. to be held at 470 Center Street, Building #8 meeting room with Geauga County Elected Officials, Departments and Richard L. Bowen and Associates to discuss the processes of the Feasibility Study.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SCHEDULE WORK SESSIONS – RICHARD L. BOWEN AND ASSOCIATES – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Claypool to schedule work sessions with Richard L. Bowen and Associates at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Tuesday, October 17, 2017 and Tuesday, October 31, 2017. These work sessions will be held at the 470 Center Street, Building #4 office.

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

INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Claypool expressed that he was impressed with the President and his staff and in addition to meeting with them, they were able to collaborate with other Commissioners from 80 counties on delivery of services and ways they could work together to better assist their residents.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu – Mon 8/31 – 9/4 Great Geauga County Fair, Burton

*Mon., 9/4 **County Offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Thu., 9/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Public Hearing #1 at 9:30 a.m. for the proposed “Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2017”

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

Mon., 9/18 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services

Tue., 9/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Public Hearing #2 at 9:30 a.m. for the proposed “Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations, Amended 2017”, with additional Public Hearings (1st set) for the proposed issuance of the additional annual county motor vehicle license taxes at 9:40 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.15 (\$5.00 First New Tax), at 9:45 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.16 (\$5.00 Second New Tax) and at 9:50 a.m. for O.R.C. 4504.24 (\$5.00 Third New Tax).

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: *by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.*

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Ralph Spidalieri

Walter M. Claypool

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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