

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**May 22, 2018**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 22, 2018 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, Ralph Spidalieri opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

*Mr. Lair reported on the items approved May 21, 2018 for the Department of Water Resources to amend the motion approved on May 2, 2018 to correct the rate of pay, that read: approved hiring Danna Nottingham to the position of Maintenance Worker (#2330) to be effective May 21, 2018 at the rate of \$17.51 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; by the County Administrator, authorized by Resolution #18-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 4, 2018 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.*

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental Appropriation for the ADP Department to the Equipment Account to pay for project obligations to the Courts; a Supplemental Appropriation for the Clerk of Courts Computerization fund to pay for Courtview support, software and upgraded equipment; a Cash transfer to the Public Assistance Fund for the 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SFY mandated share; a Then and Now for ADP to Innerwireless, Inc. for the Courts video conferencing project; a Then and Now for ADP to Logos Communication, Inc. for the communications system cluster software upgrade project; Travel requests from the County Engineer's and Job and Family Services; a payment to Job and Family Services from ADP to pay for a Cisco Network router that was paid for but never able to be used in the amount of \$8,778.00; a payment to the State of Ohio for the Auditor's Office for services rendered in the 2018 financial audit in the amount of \$13,120.00; a payment to Keystone US Management, Inc. for the Maintenance Department for Indoor/Outdoor security cameras at the Courts in the amount of \$8,859.00; and a payment to Lebanon Ford for the Sheriff's Office for eleven (11) 2018 all-wheel drive police utility vehicles, seven for the Sheriff's patrol and four for Social Security Investigation.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-073 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 22, 2018.*

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

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – UPDATE**

*Sam Plants, President and Paul Harris, Secretary came before the Board to update them on the happenings over the last year at the fairgrounds. Mr. Plants explained that they had a busy year, thanking the Board for their continued support. Mr. Plants explained that in four years they will be celebrating the Bicentennial, and Geauga will be the first one and are already working on planning, and hope to work with the Board and try and do a yearlong celebration. Mr. Plants stated that they spent their capital budget last year on a new entrance to Gate 1 by Kent State along with general maintenance that includes roofing and siding.*

*Mr. Plants stated that recently they had lost Bob Stack and Mary Canfield, which has brought new faces including a new grounds manager.*

*Mr. Plants noted that last year at the OFMA that Paul Harris was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and in four years could be the President. Commissioner Lennon inquired about how long Mr. Harris has been involved. Mr. Harris stated that his great grandfather was on the Board in 1929 and that he personally has been a Director since 1992.*

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*Mr. Plants stated that last year during the fair, the weather was up and down and caused attendance to follow, but came back on Sunday and Monday. Overall attendance was over 208,000 which was down about ten percent from the previous year. Entertainment for this year will include Chris Higbee back for the free Friday night concert, the rodeo was a success and in place of the high wire will be a new trained dog show. The big excitement from last year was the Baked Good Bandit – as a raccoon was getting into the case and cleaned out the Best of Show case. As a joke to get through the fair, they created the sign: Wanted Dead or Alive, but it made national news.*

*Mr. Plants added that the Berkshire Schools passed their bond levy and have approached us and will be sitting down with them once they have some concrete plans.*

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – NOTICE OF AWARD, AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND NOTICE TO PROCEED – SMOLEN ENGINEERING, LTD – PLEASANT HILL HOME REHABILITATION PROJECT – GRANT #B-F-17-1AZ-1**

*Executive Director Dave Favorite and Assistant Program Administrator Kelly Conrad explained the Notice of Award, Agreement and Notice to Proceed for Smolen Engineering to do the County Home Porch Repair Project. Due to historical preservation we are required to have an architect on the project.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice of Award to Smolen Engineering, Ltd. for the Geauga County Pleasant Hill Home Rehabilitation Project, under Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$4,000.00.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Smolen Engineering, Ltd. for Professional Services to Geauga County for the Geauga County Pleasant Hill Home Rehabilitation Project located at 13211 Aquilla Road, under Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$4,000.00.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Notice to Proceed for Smolen Engineering for the Geauga County Pleasant Hill Home Rehabilitation Project, under Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1.*

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

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

*Executive Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to recognize June as Elder Abuse Awareness month, as this is an increasing concern throughout the State, and continue to see reports on investigations increase. Mr. Swenson stated that as of today, so far this month we have had 16 screened in cases. Program Specialist Gina Schultz explained some examples of what the cases include exploitation of finances, self-neglect, including medical and hygiene. While some include preventative measures by providing support. Mr. Swenson noted that recently Lake County just started an Adult Protective Services team, while we have been ahead of the curve having already had that team in place. Ms. Schultz stated that changes in the law are coming in September involving mandated reporters that will include Banks and EMS workers.*

*Ms. Schultz answered a question from Commissioner Claypool about why they were not partnering with the Department on Aging for this resolution, explaining that they do work*

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*closely with each other, meeting to discuss mutual cases once a month. Job and Family Services is charged with the Protective Role and Aging is charged with the supportive role.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-074 Recognizing June 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: #18-074*

*Date: May 22, 2018*

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, We know that our seniors (age 60 and older) have helped contribute greatly to our Geauga County community and to the development of our current and future generations;*

*WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of protecting and supporting our seniors and ensuring that they live in a safe and secure environment without fear of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, Geauga County has a large senior population that has growing needs, but the rising incidence of elder maltreatment has generally remained hidden from the public view; and*

*WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families that take care of our elders, we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some elders in our county endure abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, In the United States an estimated 1 in 10 Americans have suffered some form of elder maltreatment. In 2017, the Geauga County Adult Protective Services Team investigated one hundred fifty-eight (158) separate reports of elder maltreatment in the county.*

*WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to and stop the elder maltreatment where it exists, but we must also be diligent in our efforts to ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing such maltreatment going forward.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize June 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Geauga County.*

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

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

**TRANSIT – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – DRIVER SUPERVISOR (#2207)**

*Director of Administrative Services Linda Burhenne explained that recently the Driver Supervisor position had been updated to include additional duties and at that time question was raised on whether it needed to be overtime exempt, and after some research the Prosecutor's office agreed and determined that it should be an overtime exempt position and ask the Board to approve that change.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised job description for the position of Driver Supervisor (#2207) to be effective May 20, 2018, as it has been determined to be an overtime exempt position.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORMS  
AUTHORIZATION FORM

*Sanitary Engineer Laura Weber asked the Board to approve the updated accounting forms to include Dave Osborn to approve and sign off on purchase orders, invoices and financial paperwork.*

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

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

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*On the Agenda it was listed that the Prosecutor, Jim Flaiz was going to discuss the status of the Decatur investigation. When Mr. Flaiz approached the Board he asked the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation. Clerk, Christine Blair asked for a motion:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to move into executive session to discuss imminent litigation.*

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

*The Board moved into Executive Session with Mr. Flaiz, Mr. Lair and Assistant County Administrator Gerard Morgan. The Board returned at 10:35 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept payment from the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) in the amount of \$465,985.00 (\$468,485.00 settlement, less \$2,500 deductible) in settlement of claim #0370028905, Stephen Decatur, employee theft claim.*

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

FOLLOW-UP ON COMPLAINT – PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

*Local resident Susan Daniels provided the Board with additional information for them review regarding the number of cases from the Municipal Court that are bound over to the Prosecutor's Office, again using Lake County as comparison on the need for the number of investigators that are currently working in the Prosecutor's Office.*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees.*

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

*The Board moved into executive session at 10:41 a.m. with Mr. Lair, Ms. Burhenne and Mr. Morgan. The Board returned at 11:30 a.m. and as a result no action was taken.*

*\*Commissioner Lennon did not return with the Board from executive session.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 2, 2018 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 5/22 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors meeting, 11:00 a.m., Chambers, Geauga County*

*Tue., 5/22 Special ADP Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Auditor's Office*

*Wed., 5/23 Emergency Operations Center Training, DES at 8:15 a.m.*

*Wed., 5/23 NOC COG Board meeting, 1:30 p.m., OMJ Center, Ashtabula County*

*Mon., 5/28 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.***

*Thu., 5/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Tue., 6/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.*

*Thu., 6/7 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Policy Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Warren, District Office*

*Fri., 6/8 NOACA, Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Cleveland*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Walter M. Claypool*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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