

Commissioners' Journal
October 2, 2018

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 2, 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 9:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 20, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 25, 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>

FINANCIALS

County Administrator David Lair reported on financials from September 26, 2018, Resolution #18-130, that included an Appropriations transfer for the Sheriff's Office Fair Rotary Fund for salaries and Medicare accounts in order to process payroll; a Cash transfer to the Care and Custody fund to reimburse for an allocation issue stemming from the May hospitalization invoice; and a Revenue Certification for the Sheriff's Office to recognize additional revenue required to pay for their operations at the Fair; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #18-077 approved June 5, 2018 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 2018, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lair reported on the items approved September 28, 2018 by the County Administrator, concurred with Munson Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the liquor license requested by the Sisters of Notre Dame d.b.a. Sister of Notre Dame, located at 10950 Pine Grove Trail, Chardon, Ohio (C NEW 8198155); authorized by Resolution #18-077 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved June 5, 2018 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT, FINAL – VALENTINE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to approve Commissioner Claypool to execute the Ohio Public Works Disbursement request for the Valentine Road Bridge Replacement.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon 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, Final, in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Valentine Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #52-0.21) in Thompson Township in the amount of \$60,000.00.

<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>

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS NEXT GENERATION VESTA 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand noted that this agreement is just for the Motorola Solutions portion for the software and equipment, that furniture and fiber were separate.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Motorola Solutions Next Generation Vesta 9-1-1, Communications Systems Agreement for software, equipment, professional services (installation) and one year of on-site maintenance in the amount of \$299,533.66.

<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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING SFY2019 AGREEMENT – HEAP OUTREACH FUNDS

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to execute the agreement for HEAP Outreach funds for staff to help seniors complete their applications.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging SFY 2019 Agreement for HEAP Outreach Funds with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Department on Aging for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$3,695.72.

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL – SECTION 2.4 AND SECTION 4.2

Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to approve the changes to the Policy manual, that include under employment, bringing things in line with the Boards policy regarding probationary period, and the second is regarding retirement recognition. It was noted that if they have a policy in place they could administer it. Commissioner Lennon inquired about what they have figured to which Mr. Swenson stated that starting at fifteen years it is \$100.00 and thirty years is \$250.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director and amend Section 2. Employment, 2.4 Job Postings, Transfers and Promotions and Section 4. Compensation, 4.2 Employee Recognition Program of the Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, as provided to be effective October 2, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfer from the General Fund Miscellaneous to Maintenance Salaries, Medicare and OPERS accounts to cover costs of Janitors and Additional Seasonal Help; an Appropriation transfer to the Sheriff's Office for miscellaneous payments deposited into the General Fund; a Contract increase for Job and Family Services for Mental Health for Youth Center expenses; Travel requests for the Building Department and Department of Emergency Services; a payment to Woolpert, Incorporated for the Auditor's office for the 2017 flyover project services in the amount of \$84,761.70; a payment to the Department of the Interior USGS for the remaining installments of the 2017 long term ground water level monitoring in the amount of \$10,750.00; a payment to Great Lakes Growers for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) for the revolving loan for machinery and equipment for their greenhouse operation; a payment to Courtview Justice Solutions for the Juvenile Court for the 2018/2019 Courtview Maintenance Agreement; a payment to Motorola Solutions for the Sheriff's Office for the 800 MHz system tower upgrades in the amount of \$86,000.00; a payment

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to NOACA for Water Resources for the 2018/2019 annual dues in the amount of \$6,355.00; and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health to true up revenue accounts to more accurately reflect expected receipts through year end.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-131 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 2, 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>

MAINTENANCE – LICENSE AGREEMENT – JACOB P. MERKLE AND SHAWN MARUNA – HUNT LEGAL GAME ON COUNTY PROPERTY

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve the agreement for Mr. Merkle and Mr. Maruna to hunt on the County Home property, noting that it was behind the golf course and not located near the house or the barn.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the License Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Jacob P. Merkle and Shawn Maruna to allow the right to hunt legal game via bow on County owned property located at 13211 Aquilla Road, Clairdon Township (Parcel #13-705200) for the period October 2, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO STATE ISSUE 1

Mr. Claypool expressed that State Issue 1 will be a horrible thing for the State of Ohio, among the many issues is that it is a Constitutional Amendment, it lets people off the hook for their decisions on drug use, adding that Law Enforcement, Judges and Prosecutors are all in agreement that this is not good for our state. Mr. Lair added that CCAO has chosen to oppose this issue across the State.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-132 of Opposition to State Issue 1.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #18-132
Date: October 2, 2018

RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO STATE ISSUE 1

WHEREAS, Ohio voters will decide on a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as Issue 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1, if passed, will have disastrous results for the residents of Geauga County and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, those results include exposing Ohioans to an increase in substance abuse activity and criminal behavior as there will be little to no consequence for engaging in such; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would impose a substantial unfunded mandate upon Geauga County which would be obligated to pay for the treatment services mandated by its provisions; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County would incur significant costs for the court proceedings necessary to comply with Issue 1's retroactive application that would require courts to re-sentence and/or release any individual convicted of an offense of possessing, obtaining or using drugs; and

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WHEREAS, Issue 1 mandates that the possession of Fentanyl, K2, Cocaine, LSD, Methamphetamines, Heroin, and other controlled substances be classified as a misdemeanor with mandatory probation; and

WHEREAS, the additional misdemeanor classifications will further financially burden Geauga County and other counties in Ohio already faced with significant funding reductions; and

WHEREAS, such lenient laws on lethal drugs will attract those with nefarious and criminal intentions to Geauga County and the great state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would virtually eliminate “drug courts” in the State of Ohio utilized by our State’s judges to effectively treat substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, constitutional mandates brought forth by Issue 1 will prevent the State Legislature from maintaining the needed flexibility to legislate the fight against crime and drugs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 negatively and materially impacts the safety and well-being of the residents of Geauga County.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners declares is opposition to Issue 1 and they strongly encourage the voters of Geauga County, Ohio to vote NO on Issue 1.

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>

RECORDER’S OFFICE – RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW ESCROW FUND

It was noted that this fund had been reviewed and is an allowable fund that will be used to deposit revenue from recording and copy fees.

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #18-133 Requesting to Establish a New Escrow Fund.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 2, 2018

Resolution: #18-133

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW ESCROW FUND

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Recorder’s Office is requesting that a new fund be established and called the Recorder Escrow Fund; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this new fund is to deposit funds that will be distributed to the correct fund at a later date, including the General Fund, Equipment Fund and / or Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the source of revenue for the deposited funds will be from collected Recording and Copying Fees of the Recorder’s Office; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Geauga County Auditor to establish a new fund entitled: Recorder Escrow Fund

<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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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property.

<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 9:26 a.m. with Mr. Lair and Assistant County Administrator Gerard Morgan. Executive Director Dave Favorite joined the Board in Executive Session. The Board returned at 11:15 a.m. with no action at this time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Department on Aging 2017-2018 Annual Report*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending September 19, 2018 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for July 18, 2018*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

*Tue., 10/2 The Commissioners will hold budget hearings from 12:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. Dept. of Development – Com Dev & Bldg.
1:30 p.m. Soil & Water 2:00 p.m. Water Resources
2:30 p.m. BOCC / Archives 3:00 p.m. Maintenance - Projects*

Tue., 10/2 ADP Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office

Wed., 10/3 Ohio Public Works Commission Integrating Committee, 10:00 a.m. County Engineer's Administration Office, Conference room

*Mon., 10/8 **County offices will be closed for general business due to Columbus Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.***

Thu., 10/11 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission meeting room, Bldg. #1C, 470 Center Street, Chardon

Thu., 10/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. regarding Amendment #1 to the CDBG Allocation Grant #B-F-17-1AZ-1

Thu., 10/11 Fair Board Annual meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary Yoder's

Fri., 10/12 NOACA Committee meetings, 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 10/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 10/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

Wed., 10/17 Budget Hearing – Common Pleas Court / IT

Thu., 10/18 Waste Management Chardon Hauling Open House, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hambden Township

Mon., 10/22 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Policy meeting, 10:00 a.m. Warren, District Office

Tue., 10/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

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Tue., 10/30 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:00 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Claypool, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

Timothy C. Lennon

Walter M. Claypool

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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