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April 12, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 12, 2022 at 9:30 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, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:47 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*A prayer to the people
When you update yourself with the word of God
The Holy Spirit will upgrade you with the power of God.
Amen*

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from April 6, 2022, Resolution #22-042 that included Supplemental Appropriations for Board of Elections in the Election Revenue Fund's payroll accounts to pay employees for work being done for hiring and training temporary staff for data entry, voting machine programming, reprogramming, testing and training costs, ensuring accurate voter rolls, poll worker recruitment and training and reviewing and improving processes to promote efficiency for the primary elections; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #22-032 approved March 15, 2022 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 2022, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on April 8, 2022 for Job and Family Services acknowledged the following new hire appointment, as the Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners' recruitment and hiring procedures for Timothy Ryan Jones, Social Services Worker I (replacement) effective May 7, 2022 and April 11, 2022 for the Department on Aging approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Hannah Heinz, Recreation and Education Assistant on May 21, 2022 for eight (8) hours. This will extend her probationary period by an additional one day (8 hours); as authorized by Resolution #22-032 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved March 15, 2022 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of March 15, 2022.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Cash transfers from the General Fund to Public Assistance for our April – June 2022 mandated share, to Community Development for their second quarter 2022 operational funding commitment and their first quarter 2022 payroll funding reimbursement, to Family First for April – June 2022 commitment and to Soil and Water for their 2022 local match funding request; a Contract encumbrance for the Commissioners to NV5 for Phase II construction management services, Then and Now's for the Planning Commission to MNJ Technologies Direct, Incorporated for Docking Stations and for Water Resources to Geauga County ADP Board for Tyler Technologies support services for Utility Management and Permits that were not previously encumbered; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence

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Incorporated for pay request #17 for the new County Office Building project in the amount of \$1,312,132.08, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Bainbridge Township (\$51,914.13) Chester Township (\$55,956.01) and Russell Township (\$31,993.93 for Snow and Ice Removal control agreements for the 2021-2022 season, a payment for Probate Court to Geauga Credit Union for the 2022 NCPJ Spring Conference paid by the Auditor under protest due to the service dates being prior to the encumbrance date in the amount of \$472.24 and Certifications for Transit in their Operating and Capital Expenditures funds for additional revenues to be received in 2022.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-043 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 12, 2022.

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

CORSA RENEWAL

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler introduced Senior Account Executive Gary Wirtz from Insured Partners and CORSA Membership Services Manager Ali Redmond to present information on the CORSA Renewal. Mr. Wirtz explained that the County Risk Sharing Authority is the Risk Management program that handles the property, liability, automobile coverages in place. This year has been a tight year for insurances, the CORSA underwriters did a phenomenal job this year keeping all our coverages in place, including the Cyber Liability. The program overall had about a 5.7% increase, due to increased property and auto rates, public official rates, the increase for Geauga County was 2.6% and a big part of that was the Loss Control Incentive, and credits of about \$18,000.00. Ms. Hostutler added that the Directors, Agencies and employees partnering together. Mr. Wirtz stated that Geauga County is in the upper 20%. Ms. Redmond stated that this is a great advantage of pooling and what it has done for you. Mr. Wirtz noted that they had tried to do some increase to limits and were not allowed. Ms. Hostutler stated that CORSA is on top of things. Ms. Redmond stated that 66 of the 88 counties are included in the pool. Ms. Redmond expressed that with cost they couldn't increase limits. A lot of the Loss Control Incentive program is a big educational piece and to keep the awareness out there. Ms. Redmond noted that the reinsurance saw increases this year, law was a bit of an increase but property will be seeing an increase next year.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept and approve the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, and further authorize the payment of \$360,535.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RELEASE THIRTY-THREE PERCENT MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND TOWNSHIP ROADS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to release the thirty-three percent load limit on all highways and township roads effective today.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to release the thirty-three percent (33%) maximum load limit on all County Highways and Township Roads to be effective April 12, 2022.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – REJECT ALL BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to reject all bids submitted for the resurfacing of Washington Street as all bids were in excess of the ten percent of the estimate.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to reject all Bids for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH 0606, Sections A-B), in Bainbridge Township, pursuant to O.R.C. 153.12(A) as all bids are in excess of the allowable ten percent above the Engineer's estimate.

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

There was a brief discussion about the overall effect of the bids and it being a trend, based on multiple factors, including cost of fuel, workforce. Mr. Hajjar explained that the bids were 16% plus, over and that they will be asking to re-advertise and go back out to bid and try and utilize the Federal funds in the project.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET – RE-BID – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE COVER SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the resurfacing for a Rebid of the Washington Street project, execute cover sheet of the specifications and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-044 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH 0606, Sections A-B), Re-Bid, in Bainbridge Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Bid Specification Cover Sheet for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on April 14, 2022, April 21, 2022 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #22-044
Date: April 12, 2022

RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET
CH 0606, SECTIONS A-B RE-BID
IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21-155 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Washington Street (CH-0606), Sections A-B, from the South Russell Village Corporation Line to Chillicothe Road (SR 306) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvements is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED – MUNN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar explained that this was a positive note, asking to award the bid to Grade Line for the Munn Road Bridge replacements. Mr. Hajjar noted that they had adjusted prices on this project and it came in under the estimate.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Grade Line, Incorporated for the Munn Road Bridge Replacements in Auburn Township in the amount of \$312,046.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACCEPT AND EXECUTE HIGHWAY EASEMENT – JOSEPH A. ORLOWSKI AND SANDRA L. KIMPTON – IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNN ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to accept and execute the Highway Easement for the improvements to Munn Road related to the Munn Road Bridge replacements.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Joseph A. Orłowski and Sandra L. Kimpton (Parcel No. 01-007300) for roadway improvements to Munn Road (CH 32) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$750.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ACCEPT AND EXECUTE HIGHWAY EASEMENT – ANNETTE MARGARET UDIVICH – IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNN ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Highway Easement for improvements to Munn Road related to the Munn Road Bridge replacement.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Annette Margaret Udivich (Parcel No. 01-057200) for roadway improvements to Munn Road (CH 32) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$480.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DRAFT AND SUBMIT LETTER OF SUPPORT – ENGINEER'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING – FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM - WASHINGTON STREET AND AUBURN ROAD PROJECTS

Mr. Hajjar explained that they had been contacted by NOACA regarding some funding through the Federal grant system and asked for projects that could be completed and provided in a short period of time. We submitted Washington Street and Auburn Road and were notified of a positive outcome and asked for letters of support on the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to authorize the County Administrator to draft and submit a letter of support for the Engineer's Office in regards to Regional Infrastructure Funding on the Federal Highway System for the Washington Street and Auburn Road projects.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION -RE-PLAT OF LORIEN WOODS, PHASE 4, SUBLOTS 59 AND 60 – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Replat of Lorien Woods, phase 4 in Auburn Township create revised sublots 59R and 60R to provide additional yard space.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Re-Plat of Lorien Woods, Phase 4 of Sublots 59 and 60 to create Sublots 59-R and 60-R in Auburn Township.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY SURPLUS – DIRECT SALES TO MORGAN COUNTY

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked the Board to approve the resolution to declare property surplus and direct sale to Morgan County, noting that it's a 2013 Ford Explorer for \$8,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-045 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its Sale to Morgan County, Ohio, as Authorized by O.R.C. 307.12.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: April 12, 2022
Resolution: #22-045

**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

WHEREAS, Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio has a current need for a police vehicle to conduct county business 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 2013 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor that includes the light bar, siren, siren controller and front / rear partition

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divider with rear seat, VIN# 1FM5K8AR8DGB54475 with 106,600 miles with the sale price being \$8,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), 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.

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

*SHERIFF'S OFFICE – EXECUTE SOLACOM, SUBSIDIERY OF COMTECH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF WORK – 911 DATAMASTER
IMPLEMENTATION*

Sheriff Hildenbrand asked the Board to replace the servers that house all the 911 information, including house addresses, and this is the just landline phones.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Solacom, a Subsidiary of Comtech Telecommunications Corporation Statement of Work for the 911 Datamaster implementation, including software, hardware and initial configuration, relating to address information received by 911 for all dispatching centers in Geauga County in the amount of \$113,794.00, which includes annual databond support through year five.

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

*DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – AWARD BID – INSPIRON LOGISTICS –
GEAUGA COUNTY EMA – MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR
PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND*

Director Roger Peterson explained that we had gone out to bid this year for the Mass Notification System and Inspiron Logistics was the only bid received.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Inspiron Logistics for the Geauga County EMA – Mass Notification System in the amount of \$23,650, as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Peterson explained that in the specifications we asked for Bid Bond, however there is no need for a Performance Bond and are asking to release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to waive any requirement for a Performance Bond to be provided, and further release the Bid Bond.

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

*DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTE USDA ANNUAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS, CERTIFIED LIST OF GOVERNING BODY AND CONTACT PERSONS*

Mr. Morgan explained that he was asking the Board to approve the required list of governing body representatives for the USDA Annual Reporting.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the USDA Annual Reporting Requirements, Certified List of Governing Body and Contact Persons Regarding the Facility and Financial Information for Geauga County.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE SUMMER HELP (#0101) – CLOSE CURRENT POSTING FOR SEASONAL HELP

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve advertising for Summer Help for this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for Summer Help (#0101) for the approximate period of May 1, 2022 (or the end of the school year) through September 20, 2022 (or the beginning of the school year, whichever comes first) for a maximum of twenty-one weeks (840 hours) at the rate of \$10.00 per hour (first year), \$10.25 per hour (second year) and \$10.50 per hour (third and subsequent years). These positions will remain posted until filled.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to close the posting for Seasonal Help.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to close the current posting for Seasonal Help.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AWARD BID – RCF GROUP – MOVING SERVICES RELATED TO GEAUGA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to award the Bid to RCF Group for the moving services for the new building.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to RCF Group for the Moving Services related to the Geauga County Office Building Project in the amount of \$220,954.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to cancel session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 due to a lack of quorum.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

There was a brief discussion about the parking lot and election day.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to cancel session for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 due to Election Day.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Spidalieri | Aye |
| Commissioner Lennon | Aye |
| Commissioner Dvorak | Aye |

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dvorak explained that he had been in contact with David Joyce's office and spoken with Chris Cooper and because the project is an indebt project there is no extra funding available for this project.

Mr. Lennon expressed that Representative Grendell had put a budget request in but there won't be any answer until about July. Mr. Lennon inquired about any news from the Prosecutor's Office, to which Mr. Morgan stated that he had received a text from Mr. Flaiiz about getting together to discuss it.

Local resident Diane Jones noted that last week there was a writ of prohibition filed on the two cases, and inquired on when the writ was going to be filed. Mr. Morgan stated he will be signed the necessary papers on Thursday and then it will be filed.

Local resident Jim Laudato expressed that David Joyce's office cannot find funding because the project is indebted. Mr. Dvorak stated that the project is indebted, money was borrowed to pay for the project. Mr. Laudato doesn't understand funding being appropriated for 2022 for the treatment plant. Mr. Laudato expressed that there's an amnesia that everyone gets, on the website that there are appropriations of \$3.1 million for 2022 and feels that it's after March 3 and ARPA. Mr. Morgan stated the project has taken several years to complete. The money for the project has been expended over the course of the project. Mr. Laudato keeps stating that it's after March 2021. Mr. Morgan stated that it's appropriated and would be a carryover.

Mr. Laudato expressed that they are hinging on Section 4.7 of the Treasury Inquiry. It does say for projects going forward, it says it hurts him to see the Engineer say that David Joyce calls them and says they have money and asked them for a project and that they are sitting there with a \$54,000.00 debt for each household. Mr. Laudato questioned Mr. Spidalieri about reading and responding to emails and phone calls. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that he hasn't been very vocal with the crowd of people every week, and he is getting frustrated that everyone is coming here thinking that the Commissioners are working against you they can't base a decision on emotion but on law. He's not the Prosecutor and can't make a legal opinion. Mr. Spidalieri doesn't want anymore of being looked at like a bad guy and be disrespected. Mr. Spidalieri stated that you feel we are against you and that is not the case. They have to wait for the Prosecutor to give us an answer, we would like to help you. Mr. Laudato asked Mr. Spidalieri to put himself in his shoes and to talk about disrespect, that the meeting is supposed to start at 9:30 a.m. and Mr. Spidalieri hasn't been here in two weeks, that he doesn't return phone calls, and to call Mr. Hitchcock, stating that he is not paying for a septic system, start the proceeding, I'm not paying. Mr. Lennon responded to Mr. Laudato in disagreeing with him, they are not sitting on their hands. Mr. Lennon stated that if ARPA won't work they are looking at other avenues, that he is working on tie ins, tank crushing, to say they are sitting on their hands, or that the Board is lying to you, Auditor Chuck Walder, is not true. This is not based on emotion, and they are waiting on a legal opinion. Mr. Laudato stated that if ARPA funds cannot be used, he will pay but it needs to be fixed going forward. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he has been listening and they need to go to the root of the problem, and how it started and the process of how we ended up here, the Commissioners didn't put you in this position, the EPA did when they were contacted, we did give push back but they ordered to project and had to get it completed. This is happening everywhere not just here, it does suck, because they don't care who you are. The Board is doing what we can to help you, but it has to be legal, ethical and allowable. Mr. Laudato keeps bringing up the funding in the budget, to which Mr. Spidalieri stated that there are 95,000 residents and it has to be fair and equitable for everyone. There was discussion about the Board not using General Fund money as it is not fair for other taxpayers to pay for their project. Mr. Spidalieri mentioned the Thompson project and this project, that there could be more coming, that they appreciate them coming out, but they have to wait for the legal opinion. Mr. Laudato kept adding that he isn't on the agenda so he has to come back, he knows they agree, but he wants to the Board to do, that he wants to have a voice, be respected, heard like everyone else.

Resident Chuck DiCillo expressed that he did his homework, during the court case, that he knew who hit the pipe, and that the Health Department made the call to the EPA. Mr. Morgan stated that when the pipe was hit, they called the Water Resources department to check the water, the Trustees and the Health Department were notified, but that the Trustees sent the letter to the EPA. The EPA set the precedent and the project and issued the orders.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Geauga County Automatic Data Processing (ADP) 2021 Annual Report*
- b) *Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for February 16, 2022*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending March, 2022.*
- d) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending March, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- e) *The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of March, 2022 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 4/12 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center St., Bldg. 8 meeting room*
- Tue., 4/12 ADP Special meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Office*
- Wed., 4/13 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. EOUV Club*
- Mon., 4/18 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*
- Fri., 4/22 NOACA External Affairs 8:30 a.m., Policy 10:00 a.m., Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 4/25 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 4/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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