

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 17, 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 9:46 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Dear Jesus,
I thank you for today
I thank you for previous days,
You never forsake me
You are so gracious to me and have shown me your mercy
That I'm alive is not by my powers but by yours, Lord,
For that, I say Thank you!
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on May 11, 2022 for the Department of Development (Building) approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Tina Breunig, Permit Coordinator (#1106) for the period May 18, 2022 through May 27, 2022 (eight days, sixty-four hours). This will extend her probationary period by the eight (8) days, and for the Airport Authority acknowledged receipt of Change Orders #1-4 for the T-Hangar project increasing the total amount of the contract with Hummel Construction Company in the amount of \$33,377.96, and approved the Request for Partial Payment #9 and final for Hummel Construction for the T-Hangar project in the amount of \$42,195.94 and on May 16, 2022 for Maintenance, Accepted the resignation of Russell Kohl, Custodian I (#1906) to be effective June 3, 2022; Granted permission to advertise for the position of Custodian I (#1906). This position will remain posted until filled; and Approved hiring Xavier Albrecht to the position of Full-time Summer Help (#0101) at the rate of \$10.00 per hour to be effective May 23, 2022 through September 30, 2022 (or the start of school, whichever comes first) for up to twenty-one weeks (maximum of 840 hours); for Transit, Accepted the resignation of Steven Corso, Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) to be effective May 7, 2022; and for the Department of Water Resources, Approved and executed the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #19 for Technical Services (Loan #8983) by GPD Group, Incorporated for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers Project (Henning Road) in the amount of \$1,572.48; 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.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE – APPROVE AN ONE-TIME WAIVER OF POLICY – PAY LATE FEES AND FINANCE CHARGES – OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER COURT OF CLAIMS – DISPUTED PAYMENT WITH AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND TRZ BUSINESS SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Mr. Gorton explained that the Auditor's office submitted a Then and Now to pay the State, for the Ohio Judicial Center to pay the Ohio Attorney General's Office for a dispute of payment between the Auditor's Office and TRZ Business Services. Commissioner Lennon inquired why it was going to the Attorney General's Office to which Mr. Gorton stated that it was his understanding that there was confusion over who was paying the bill. Mr. Gorton stated that this was a part of the Auditor's Office and Probate / Juvenile Court dispute. If a bill is not paid within a period of time it is sent to the Attorney General's office for collection.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve a one-time waiver of policy in order to pay late fees and finance charges in regards to the notice from the Ohio Judicial Center Court of Claims for a disputed payment with the Auditor's Office and TRZ Business Services, Incorporated and will be made to the Ohio Attorney General in the amount of \$40.67.

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AWARD BID – MEYER DESIGN
INCORPORATED – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT – BEST BID – BID BOND SHALL
SERVE AS PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT

Mr. Carlson asked the Board to award the Bid for Meyer Design as their bid was the best and will include all the requirements. This playground is completely ADA compliant and is open to the public at any time. Mr. Carlson responded to a question from Commissioner Spidalieri about what is included for all levels and includes sensory as well music.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Meyer Design, Incorporated for the Board of DD playground replacement in the amount of \$394,775.00 as they were the best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT –
MARUCCI AND GAFFNEY EXCAVATING – BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE – PARKMAN
TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to approve a Change Order #1 for the Bundysburg Road Bridge project for Marucci and Gaffney for erosion control that needs added and some fence work. The old bridge will remain as it is historical, but this is a new bridge.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Marucci and Gaffney Excavating for the Bundysburg Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0038-03.080-2021) in Parkman Township in the amount of \$6,850.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL ROAD
FUNDS – NORTH CHESHIRE STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS – VILLAGE OF
BURTON

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the allocation of \$100,000.00 of Municipal Road funds for North Cheshire Street pavement improvements in the Village of Burton. There was a brief discussion about the portion being done, and it was noted that ODOT was also doing around the circle and State Route 87. It was unclear if it would be complete before the Fair or not.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the allocation of Municipal Road Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the North Cheshire Street Pavement Improvements sponsored by the Village of Burton, as this project is scheduled for construction in 2022.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CERTIFY TO AUDITOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL ROAD
FUND – NORTH CHESHIRE STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to certify to the Auditor the use of the Municipal Road Funds for the North Cheshire Street project in the Village of Burton.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to certify to the County Auditor the use of \$100,000.00 from the Municipal Road Fund for the North Cheshire Street Pavement Improvements in the Village of Burton, pursuant to O.R.C. 4504.04.

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

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – REJECT ALL BIDS FOR RE-BID – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET – ALL BIDS RECEIVED WERE IN EXCESS OF ALLOWABLE TEN PERCENT ABOVE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to reject all bids for the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Re-Bid as all the bids received on this were 20% over the estimate. Mr. Gorris stated that there will be some addendums issued for current projects out to adjust estimates, but right now they are seeing a 38% increase over last year, there are a lot of increases for fuel, labor, steel that is being used on the project. Mr. Gorris noted that they are going to hold the project back and look at a fall bid for next year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to reject all Bids for the Re-Bid of 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 received were in excess of the allowable ten percent above the Engineer's estimate.

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

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE AND EXECUTE SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MICHAEL BARDZILAUSKAS D.B.A. BARDZ CONCRETE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the service contract with Bardz Concrete and Landscape for a two-year period, adding that this was being put into place in case they would need concrete work done.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Michael Bardzilauskas d.b.a. Bardz Concrete and Landscape Design to perform Concrete Repair and Replacement Services at various Geauga County Buildings for a period of two years, May 17, 2022 through May 16, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – CORRECT PAY GRADE – SUPERVISOR, MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (#2301) – ADVERTISE POSITION UNTIL FILLED

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve a revision to the Supervisor position at the McFarland Plant, and they include the removal of the CDL requirement and a correction to the pay grade as it was not updated when the Technical Pay Scale was put into place. Mr. Morgan asked to then advertise internally for five days and then external if needed.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the revised job description to correct the pay grade (13 to WR8 - Technical Pay Scale) for the position of Supervisor, McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant (#2301) to be effective May 17, 2022.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Supervisor, McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant (#2301) internally for a period of five days, if no qualified candidate is found, then externally until the position is filled.

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

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #3 – INCREASE
CONTRACT – NV5 – ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR ADP AND IT RELATED
INFRASTRUCTURE WORK AT NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the Contract Maintenance Form #3 increasing the contract with NV5 for Mr. Dooley to some additional work with the ADP changes.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #3, increasing the Contract with NV5 for additional hours performed by Paul Dooley for ADP and IT related infrastructure work at the new office building in the amount of \$9,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – JUNE 2, 2022

Mr. Dvorak noted that he would be out of town on June 2nd and Mr. Spidalieri will also not be available that day, so we will not have a quorum.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to cancel session for Thursday, June 2, 2022 due to a lack of quorum.

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

DISCUSSION – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lennon inquired about the Library Board of Trustees having a Board appointment that will expire at the end of June. This appointment is seven-year term. The Library Board recommended to re-appoint Karen Delano.

Clerk, Christine Blair noted that Mental Health and Recovery Services also has three appointments that will also be up at the end of June. There was discussion about posting notice for applications or word of mouth of applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Beharry from Berkshire Heights Subdivision asked about the waiver of fees and the funding for the tie-ins and whether it needed Board action, to which Mr. Morgan stated that because they are ARPA funds they are working a resolution to be approved. Mr. Beharry asked why they have to get bids and why they can't give each homeowner \$8,000.00, to which Mr. Morgan stated that they are paying for the actual cost of the connection.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending May 4, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending April, 2022.
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending April 2022 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.
- d) 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 April, 2022 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

MEETINGS

- Mon., 5/23 *Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 5/24 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that include a Public Hearing #1 at 10:00 a.m. for the Department of Development (Building) for the proposed changes to the Permit Fee Schedule*
- Mon., 5/30 **The County Offices will be closed in honor of Memorial Day. Twenty-four Hour Operations will continue to operate as usual.**
- Thu., 6/2 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 6/6 *Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 6/7 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that include a Public Hearing #2 at 10:00 a.m. for the Department of Development (Building) for the proposed changes to the Permit Fee Schedule*
- Fri., 6/10 *NOACA Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland*
- Fri., 6/10 *Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening of new Geauga County Facility, at 10:00 a.m. 12685 Merritt Road, Chardon*

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

Commissioners' Journal
May 17, 2022

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK