

Commissioners' Journal
June 7, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on June 7, 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 9:44 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Prayer about Truth

Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life

Hear our prayer for truth and integrity, in all segments of society today

May the truth be spoken by us and affirmed in others, that in seeking truth,

The world will come to find you, the source of All truth.

Amen

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from June 2, 2022, Resolution #22-105 that included Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts Office and Job and Family Services, a Purchase Order for Water Resources to Junction Auto Sales for the purchase of a 2021 Jeep Renegade Latitude, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence for pay request #19 for the new County Office Building in the amount of \$701,799.51, a payment for Water Resources to Valley Ford Truck for a 2021 model year Ford F150 Extended Cab 4x4 pickup that had been ordered in May of last year and replaced a 2008 Chevy Colorado in the amount of \$35,652.00, and Revenue Certifications for Water Resources in the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewers project fund to adjust revenues to match what will be received and the McFarland Upgrades project fund to recognize additional revenue to be received; 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.

**DEPARTMENT ON AGING – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE –
WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING 2022 SENIOR FARMERS MARKET
NUTRITION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION AGENT AGREEMENT**

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute on their behalf on May 31, 2022 the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging 2022 Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement for 149 coupon sets valued at \$7,450.00 for the period June 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on May 31, 2022 that included for the Department on Aging to accept the resignation of Shari Palumbo, Recreation and Education Assistant to be effective May 31, 2022, and approved and executed the 2022 Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Distribution Agent Agreement between the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Geauga County Department on Aging for the distribution of one hundred forty-nine (149) coupon sets valued at \$50.00 per set for the period June 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$7,450.00 and on June 6, 2022 for the Department on Aging granted permission to advertise for the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1). This position will remain posted until filled; and for the Department of Development (Community & Economic)

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approved and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Brenda M. Powell as the Mortgage in connection with Habitat for Humanity under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1 for new construction assistance in the amount of \$20,000.00 has been satisfied, approved and executed a Satisfaction/ Release of Mortgage for Habitat for Humanity as the Mortgage in connection with Brenda M. Powell under Grant #B-F-10-1AZ-1 for new construction assistance in the amount of \$20,000.00 has been satisfied; and approve and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for J & E &3, LLC as the Mortgage (Cognovit) for a Local Revolving Loan Fund loan for operations of "The Pond" ice rink in the amount of \$75,000.00 has been satisfied; 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a payment for the Commissioners' Office to ThenDesign Architecture LTD for pay request #1 for phase 2 renovations and new construction projects in the amount of \$16,654.06; a payment for the Engineer's Office to Junction Auto Sales / Buick GMC Incorporated for two 2022 model year GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD Crew Cab trucks in the amount of \$84,960.00, a payment for the Juvenile Court to ASAP Sanitary Services LLC for a port a potty expense paid by the Auditor under protest because there was no stated business purpose indicated for the expense in the amount of \$93.00, a payment for the Sheriffs Office to Centurylink Communications, LLC for the Vesta 9-1-1 system support renewal in the amount of \$51,615.71, and a Revenue Certifications for the Commissioners' Office in the General Fund Sales Tax Revenue line, the Sheriff in the Fair Police Rotary Fund fees and Transit in the Operating State Grants and Capital Transfers in revenue account to recognize additional resources to be received in 2022 that was not initially included in the budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-106 itemizing the financials for the meeting of June 7, 2022.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ADVERTISE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 TAX BUDGET

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing for the 2023 Tax Budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Geauga County 2023 Tax Budget to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on June 16, 2022 and on the County website.

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

GEAUGA COUNTY VETERAN'S FOOD PANTRY

Director Lynn Algeri and Chris Larker from the Veterans Food Pantry presented the Commissioners with a certificate of appreciation for everything they have done for the Veterans of Geauga County. The Board posed for a quick picture.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – DECREASE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF AQUILLA ROAD AND BUTTERNUT ROAD

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute Change Order #1 decreasing the contract with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Aquilla Road and Butternut Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Aquilla Road (CH-0005, Sections A-

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B) and Butternut Road (CH-0021, Sections F-H) in Burton and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$1,091.34.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – AERO-MARK COMPANY, LLC – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO VARIOUS ROADS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Aero-Mark Company on the rebid of the Pavement Markings.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to the Aero-Mark Company, LLC for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads (Re-Bid) in the amount of \$353,797.50 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER ASPHALT AND CONCRETE PAVING OF ENGINEER NORTH AND SOUTH YARD AT 12665 MERRITT ROAD – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Resolution to Order the Asphalt and Concrete paving of the Engineer's North and South Yards and set the bid opening for June 29, 2022. This project includes material crib system in the north yard for bulk material, guest parking and the aprons.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-107 to Order the Asphalt and Concrete Paving of the Geauga County Engineer North and South Yard at 12665 Merritt Road, Claridon Township.

Further, this Resolution sets a Bid Opening for Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on June 9, 2022 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 7, 2022
Resolution: #22-107

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT AND CONCRETE PAVING OF THE
GEAUGA COUNTY ENGINEER NORTH AND SOUTH YARD
AT 12665 MERRITT ROAD, CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined that the asphalt improvements at 12665 Merritt Road, in Claridon Township by grading and paving as necessary or otherwise improving the same in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, lands will not be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

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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 in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM on June 29, 2022. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM the same day.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND DIRECT SALE TO BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – FINN T60 HYDRO-SEEDER – EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF EQUIPMENT

Highway Superintendent Rick Weikart asked the Board to declare county property as not needed for public use and direct it's sale to Bainbridge Township for a Finn Hydro-seeder. Mr. Weikart asked the Board to execute the agreement with Bainbridge Township for the sale of the hydro-seeder.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-108 Declaring County Property as Not Needed for Public Use and Directing its Sale to Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, Ohio, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(D), for a FINN T60 Hydro-Seeder.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 7, 2022

Resolution: #22-108

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(D).

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment, identified by the Geauga County Engineer's Office, that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County for public use; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio has a current need for a FINN T60 Hydro-Seeder VIN# 1F9SS1714CF135364 that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Bainbridge Township; and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Engineer's Office has informed the Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners that a specific FINN T60 Hydro-Seeder VIN# 1F9SS1714CF135364 with 761.2 hours, owned and used by Geauga County has served its intended use for the County and is no longer needed by the County for public use, and would be suitable for use by Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, Ohio, with the sale price being \$16,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sells the above-specified equipment to the Township of Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12(D), Ohio for use in the handling of township business; and

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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 Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledging receipt of Resolution #05232022-B from Bainbridge Township who wishes to purchase the FINN T60 Hydro-Seeder in the amount of \$16,000.00 and further approve and execute the Agreement for the Sale of Equipment to Bainbridge Township.

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

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES SUBSIDY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION UPDATE FY2023 – DYS RECLAIM GRANT

Court Administrator Kim Laurie explained that this is a renewal of the reclaim grant. The grant is a two-year cycle and this is a midterm update, with no changes to the services.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant, Juvenile Court Funding Application Update for FY2023 Youth Services Subsidy Grant and DYS Reclaim Grant in the amount of \$322,736.67.

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

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH NEW FUND – SUPREME COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUND

Ms. Laurie stated that they applied for two grants from the Supreme Court and were awarded Both projects, one is for the CourtView case management software and updates to security equipment.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-109 Requesting to Establish a New Fund for the Supreme Court Technology Grant Fund.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #22-109

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners are requesting that a new fund be established and called the Supreme Court Technology Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this new fund is for the deposit of all income and expenditures associated with the Ohio Supreme Court Technology Fund Grant Award Agreements made between the Ohio Supreme Court and the Probate/Juvenile Divisions of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court; and

WHEREAS, the accounts will include revenue accounts including but not limited to revenue from the Ohio Supreme Court Technology Grant Fund awarded to the Probate/Juvenile Divisions of the Geauga County Common Pleas Court; and

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WHEREAS, the accounts will include standard expense accounts including but not limited to those for contracts, materials & supplies, equipment, other expenses and transfers out; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Geauga County Auditor to establish a new fund entitled: Supreme Court Technology Grant Fund.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – PUBLIC HEARING #2 – PROPOSED UPDATES TO PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to waive the reading of the legal notice.

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

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. and Director / Chief Building Official Dan Spada explained this is the second hearing for the proposed increase to the building department fees. Mr. Spada stated that the biggest change is in the commercial side and going off the square footage of the project, and the other changes are very minor but are still less than surrounding areas. Being no questions or comments, the Hearing was closed at 10:02 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING) – ADOPT THE UPDATED PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adopt the updated Permit Fee Schedule to be effective July 1, 2022.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – EXECUTE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement through December 31, 2026.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement between the Ohio Department of Development and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to administer a Housing Revolving Loan Fund using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and/or HOME Investment Partnerships Program Income for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – APPOINT MEMBERS TO REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND LOCAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEES – TWO YEAR TERM

Ms. Hofstetter asked the Board appoint members to the Revolving Loan and Local Revolving Loan Fund committees for a two-year term. Ms. Hofstetter stated that this Board needed to be updated as there is some interest in the loans. Ms. Hofstetter stated that these members have a vested interest in the County and have served on the committees before. Clerk Christine Blair noted that Ms. Briggs works for the Geauga Credit Union and Ms. Cocca-Fulton was on the Board previously as a CIC appointee. Ms. Blair noted that these appointments were not done for

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the Commissioners at the organizational meeting as we were waiting to see what was going to happen with this Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and appoint the following members to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund and Local Revolving Loan Fund committees for a two-year term ending December 31, 2023, including Commissioner James W. Dvorak, (Alternate - Commissioner Timothy C. Lennon), Lisa Briggs, Caterina Cocca-Fulton, Planning Director Linda Crombie and Deputy Treasurer Caroline Mansfield (Alternate – Treasurer, Christopher Hitchcock).

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF PROGRAM COORDINATOR (#1409)

Ms. Hofstetter asked the Board to advertise for Program Coordinator, internally for five days then externally until the position is filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Program Coordinator (#1409) internally for a period of five days with applications accepted from June 13, 2022 through 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2022. If no qualified candidate is found, the position will be advertised externally until filled.

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

Local resident Diane Jones asked about policy and how to moderate income housing and asked for clarifications. Ms. Hofstetter explained that her understanding is that based on the loan there is a job qualification requirement and is reported back to the state of Ohio. Ms. Jones inquired about the Audit and how it is done. Ms. Hofstetter noted that it is done by the State and due to COVID has been being done electronically.

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE SECURITY CAMERAS

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for the Safety Center Security Cameras. Sheriff Scott Hildebrand stated that it was originally put in for VHS tapes and attorneys are asking for footage that we can't provide, so it needs updated and includes additional storage. This new system will be a closed loop system and is primarily in the inmate areas and adds a few additional cameras to the roof for the outside areas. There was a brief discussion about the cost and on the high estimate it could be around \$500,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Security Cameras to be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on June 16, 2022, June 23, 2022 and on the County Website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #6 – HDR ENGINEERING INCORPORATED

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the Payment Request #6 for HDR Engineering for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant renovation.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #6 for HDR Engineering Incorporated for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation an Upgrade Project in the amount of \$31,198.40.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR REFINANCING OF STATE WATER PROJECT OR WASTEWATER PROJECT – USDA REVENUE BOND #92-11 – PARKMAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the Cooperative Agreement for the Refinancing of the USDA Revenue Bond on the Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Cooperative Agreement for Refinancing of State Water Project or Wastewater Project for the refinancing of the USDA Revenue Bond #92-11 for the Parkman Wastewater Treatment Plant project.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE FINAL LIST OF PROPERTIES AND CERTIFY TO AUDITOR TO LEVY ASSESSMENT – CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the final list of properties and certify to the Auditor to levy the assessment for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer project.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the final list of properties and certify to the County Auditor to levy the assessment for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTS 4 BUSINESS (E4b) – ADDITIONAL FURNITURE NEEDS

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve Change Order #1 increasing the Contract with Environments 4 Business for additional furniture.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 increasing the Contract with Environments 4 Business (E4B) for additional furniture needed by ADP, the Health Department and the Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$241,075.63.*

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION REQUESTING BUDGET COMMISSION SUSPEND COLLECTION OF .5 MILL LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2022

Director Craig Swenson explained that this is a unique circumstance but feels it is the best thing to do, and are working with the Budget Commission. Mr. Swenson stated that they have had vacancies in positions for a long time and during COVID the referrals went down. The Budget from Social Services is an eb and flow and currently there is a healthy balance and collected more than they could spend, and with the economy and inflation feels it would best to suspend the .5 mill levy collection for one year. It would have collected \$1.5 Million. The state has increased the funding for social services which could also be a reason their expenses are down. Mr. Swenson stated that it is a commit from the County and good sense of taxpayer dollars.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-110 Requesting the Geauga County Budget Commission Suspend Collection of the Job and Family Services .50 Mill Levy for the Tax Year 2022.*

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #22-110

*A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GEAUGA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION
SUSPEND COLLECTION OF THE JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES .50 MILL LEVY FOR THE
TAX YEAR 2022*

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services collects two children's services levies to support their operations; and

WHEREAS, due to a variety of factors, the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services has accumulated a significant cash carryover in its levy fund: Fund 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services appeared before the Geauga County Budget Commission on May 16, 2022 where options were discussed to address the aforementioned cash carryover; and

WHEREAS, a one-year suspension of collection of the .50 Mill tax levy would serve to reduce the cash carryover in Fund 2029; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.24 of the Ohio Revised Code, which permits the Board of County Commissioners the authority to levy a tax at the rate approved by the electors or at any less rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga Board of County Commissioners hereby request that the Geauga County Budget Commission suspend collection of the .50 Mill Job and Family Services Levy for tax year 2022, collection year 2023.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Commissioners' Clerk to certify copies of this Resolution to the Geauga County Auditor's Office to ensure the accuracy of relevant tax rates and values for the 2023 tax collection period.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Laura LaChapelle. The Board returned at 11:07 a.m. and no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to schedule a special meeting on Friday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m. for discussing the employment of a public employee.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to schedule a Special meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee at the Department of Water Resources.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for April 20, 2022*
- b) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending May 18, 2022 and May 25, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events. Mr. Morgan explained that they were looking at Friday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m. for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

MEETINGS

- 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*
- Tue., 6/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 470 Center St. Building #8 Meeting room*
- Tue., 6/14 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m. Chambers*
- Tue., 6/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Fri., 6/17 NOACA Subcommittee meetings, Cleveland*
- Mon., 6/20 **County Offices will be closed in observance of the June 19th Holiday. Twenty-four Hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***
- Thu., 6/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Mon., 6/27 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room*
- Mon., 6/27 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 6/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Thu., 6/30 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing on Tax Budget for 2023, 10:30 a.m. Portage County*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jones asked when the first meeting in the new building will be. It will be sometime in July and will be pinpointed and everyone will know.

Local resident asked where Commissioner Spidalieri has been, to which it was noted that he is out on medical and are not able to say more, but he will be out the month of June.

Health District Administrator Adam Litke explained that they were working on the outstanding inspections, noting that they are about 5,000 behind, trying to hire people, there are not enough quality people to hire, gas prices are also a factor. They are working on a mailing to go out about the end of the point of sale and getting the Operations and Management system in place.

League of Women Voters Observer Gail Rausey asked when departments were going to be moving into the new business. Mr. Morgan stated that the BMV will be moving in first to be open July 1st.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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