

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**July 27, 2022**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in special session on July 27, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303 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 11:37 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:*

*A prayer for strength*

*Our father, sometimes the cares of the day seem to multiply, while the blessings fade so quickly  
Our bodies grow tired and our minds even more tired.*

*Jesus, help us*

*Give us strength you've promised in your word*

*Give us the power to take the next step*

*Give us your grace...for we know that in our weaknesses.*

*Your strength is revealed*

*May we receive it today*

*Amen*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from July 20, 2022, Resolution #22-127 that included appropriation transfers in the Commissioners miscellaneous General Fund accounts to provide for an encumbrance and July 26, 2022, Resolution #22-128 that included Cash transfers out of the General Fund to Community Development for their third quarter 2022 operational funding commitment and their second quarter 2022 payroll funding reimbursement; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2022 funding; a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from April – June 2022; a Contract PO from the Commissioner's office to Meyers, Roman, Friedberg and Lewis for legal representation outside counsel services; a Purchase Order for Water Resources to Buckeye Power Sales Co, Incorporated for new generator for the Bellwood Lift Station; a payment for the Commissioners to Ohio State University for the County's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 program support payment in the amount of \$65,102.75, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Chagrin Valley Paving Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Jug Street, Sections F-G in the amount of \$365,548.20, and a payment for Water Resources to the Cleveland Division of Water for master meter water purchases in the amount of \$59,363.10; 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.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 17, 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>

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 24, 2022.*

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<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 approve and execute the minutes 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 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 22, 2022 for the Department of Development (Community and Economic) approved the promotion of Elaine Malkamaki to the position of Full-time Program Coordinator (#1409) at the rate of \$20.98 per hour (Grade 9, Step 3) to be effective July 25, 2022 with a 180-day probationary period, for Job and Family Services acknowledged the following new hire appointments, as the Director of Job and Family Services complied with the Board of Commissioners' recruitment and hiring procedure for: Michael Chicarell, Social Services Worker II (replacement) effective July 6, 2022, Kennedy Rondini, Part-time Seasonal Social Services Student Intern effective June 30, 2022, Alex Koppel, Part-time Seasonal Social Services Student Intern effective June 29, 2022 and Kylie McCann, Eligibility Referral Specialist II (replacement) effective June 27, 2022 and July 25, 2022 for the Commissioner's Office approved and executed the Letter for Legal Representation: Outside Counsel with Meyers, Roman, Friedberg and Lewis for the year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; 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.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #4 – INCREASE CONTRACT – NV5 – POST OCCUPANCY CHANGE MANAGEMENT – EXTEND COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT

Mr. Morgan explained that this change order is to extend the services to oversee items as departments are moving in and to help finalize anything as we near completion.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #4, increasing the Contract with NV5 for Post Occupancy Change Management, additional time for Move Management and Contract Administration and Closeout, and extending the completion date of the project through September 30, 2022 for the Geauga County Office Building in the amount of \$74,686.00.

<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 – CHANGE ORDER #2 – INCREASE CONTRACT – MARUCCI AND GAFFNEY EXCAVATING – BUNDYSBURG ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve Change Order #2 for an increase with Marucci and Gaffney for the Bundysburg Road bridge replacement. Mr. Hajjar explained that the bedrock was not what was expected and further excavation was needed.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #2, increasing the Contract with Marucci and Gaffney Excavating for the Bundysburg Road Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$15,901.60.

<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>

Mr. Hajjar presented a map to the Board of Commissioners with projected projects to be completed through 2024. Mr. Hajjar noted that the projects are part of the five-year plan and will be done as soon as fiscally possible.

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE  
– CHARDON TOWNSHIP

*Mr. Hajjar explained that this was a replacement for the Robinson Road Bridge and includes federal funding and is a significant project on Robinson Road.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-129 to Improve the Robinson Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0076-01.880-2023) (Replacement) in Chardon Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-129*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE,  
STRUCTURE BR-0076-01.880-2023 (SFN 2831104)  
IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over Big Creek on Robinson Road (TR-0076), at mile marker 01.880, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Robinson Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement and reconstruction of the Robinson Road Bridge, Structure #0076-01.880, by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Robinson Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS – YEAR 2023

*Mr. Hajjar explained that this is the annual pavement markings resolution to do a third of the roads for the year.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-130 to Improve Various Sections of County Roads by Applying Pavement Markings, Year 2023.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-130*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
VARIOUS SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS  
BY APPLYING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2023**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare require safety improvements on various county roads in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires require an improvement to various highways by applying pavement markings to county highways within the County as determined necessary by the Geauga County Engineer.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Engineer.*

<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 IMPROVE CLARIDON TROY ROAD – BURTON AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIPS

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution for 2.6 miles for Claridon Troy Road in Burton and Claridon Townships.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-131 to Improve Claridon Troy Road (CH-0003, Sections D-E) in Burton and Claridon Townships.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-131*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
CLARIDON TROY ROAD (CH-0003), SECTIONS D-E  
IN BURTON TOWNSHIP AND CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Claridon Troy Road (CH-0003), Sections D-E, from Taylor Wells Road (CH-0028) to Mayfield Road (U.S. 322) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE OLD STATE ROAD –  
PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution for improvements to Old State Road, 0.43 miles from the Trumbull Line to State Route 88.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-132 to Improve Old State Road (CH-0006, Section A) in Parkman Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-132*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
OLD STATE ROAD (CH 0006), SECTION A  
IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Old State Road (CH 0006), Section A, from the Trumbull County Line to Nash Road (SR 88) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE FAIRMOUNT ROAD –  
RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Fairmount Road for 2.23 miles from Hunting Valley Village Line to State Route 306 in Russell Township.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-133 to Improve Fairmount Road (CH-0016, Sections A-B) in Russell Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-133*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH-0016), SECTIONS A-B  
IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Fairmount Road (CH-0016), Sections A-B, from County Line Road (TR-0093) to Chillicothe Road (SR 306) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, bridge, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE FARMINGTON ROAD –  
PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Farmington Road for 2.68 miles from State Route 422 to the Trumbull County Line and there is a bridge replacement project in that portion that has already been bid out and will be completed prior to the resurfacing.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-134 to Improve Farmington Road (CH-0018, Sections A-C) in Parkman Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-134*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
FARMINGTON ROAD (CH-0018), SECTIONS A-C  
IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Farmington Road (CH-0018), Sections A-C, from Main Market Road (U.S. 422) to the Trumbull County Line in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE BRAKEMAN ROAD –  
HAMB DEN TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Brakeman Road for 2.36 miles from State Route 168 to the Lake County line.*



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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-135 to Improve Brakeman Road (CH-0022, Section A) in Hambden Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-135*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
BRAKEMAN ROAD (CH 0022), SECTION A  
IN HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Brakeman Road (CH 0022), Section A, from Rock Creek Road (SR 166) to Radcliffe Road (TR 0200) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE MUMFORD ROAD – TROY TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Mumford Road for 2.03 miles from the Portage County line to State Route 422.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-136 to Improve Mumford Road (CH-0024, Sections A-D) in Troy Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-136*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
MUMFORD ROAD (CH 0024), SECTIONS A-D  
IN TROY TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Mumford Road (CH 0024), Sections A-D, from the Portage County Line to Main Market Road (SR 422) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE MESSENGER ROAD –  
AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Messenger Road for 1.71 miles from Washington Street to Stafford Road.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-137 to Improve Messenger Road (CH-0031, Section A) in Auburn Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-137*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
MESSENGER ROAD (CH 0031), SECTION A  
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Messenger Road (CH 0031), Section A, from Washington Street (CH 0606) to Stafford Road (TR 0187) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE FRANKLIN STREET –  
BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Franklin Street for 1.96 miles that runs from Chagrin River Road to the Chagrin Falls line.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-138 to Improve Franklin Street (CH-0035, Sections B-C) in Bainbridge Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-138*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
FRANKLIN STREET (CH-0035), SECTIONS B-C  
IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Franklin Street (CH-0035), Sections B-C, from Chagrin River Road (TR-0188) to South Street (TR-0169) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs, and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs, and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

*The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE CLAY STREET – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Clay Street for 2.72 miles from State Route 166 to Thompson Road.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-139 to Improve Clay Street (CH-0037, Sections K-L) in Thompson Township.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-139*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
CLAY STREET (CH 0037), SECTIONS K-L  
IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Clay Street (CH 0037), Sections K-L, from Rock Creek Road (SR 166) to Thompson Road (CH 0007) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 IMPROVE WASHINGTON STREET – AUBURN AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIPS**

*Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve resolution to improve Washington Street for 3.5 miles from State Route 306 to Bainbridge Road.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #22-140 to Improve Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: July 27, 2022*

*Resolution: #22-140*

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE  
WASHINGTON STREET (CH-0606), SECTIONS C-E  
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Washington Street (CH-0606), Sections C-E, from Chillicothe Road (SR 306) to Bainbridge Road (CH-0011) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs, and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs, and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:*

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*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.*

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

<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 – AGREEMENT – HAMB DEN TOWNSHIP –  
REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT – IN RIGHT OF WAY CHARDON WINDSOR ROAD – AS  
PART OF IMPROVEMENT TO HOLI DALE DRIVE**

*Mr. Hajjar explained that this agreement with Hambden Township is for work that was completed to replace the culvert in the right of way of Chardon Windsor Road as part of the improvement to Holi Dale Drive.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between Hambden Township and Geauga County for Non-Emergency Road Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, Improvement, Repair or Maintenance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5535.08 for the replacement of Culvert #CU-0735-00.0005 situated in the right of way of Chardon Windsor Road as the part of the improvement of Holi Dale Drive in Hambden Township in the amount of \$43,090.29.

<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) – REJECT ALL PROPOSALS – WOMENSAFE ASPHALT PROJECT**

*Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to reject all proposals submitted for the WomenSafe project as were in excess of the ten percent allowable.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to reject all Proposals submitted for the WomenSafe Asphalt project (CDBG – PY2021), pursuant to O.R.C. 153.12, as all proposals received were in excess of the allowable ten percent above the estimate.

<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) – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT**

*Ms. Hofstetter asked the Board to execute the grant agreement for the Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization program. Mr. Morgan added that this was started over a year ago and they reached out to the townships for projects and three were submitted, that included a small house, the West Geauga schools on the old Newbury school project and someone with the Geauga Lake project.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Development Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023 in the amount of \$500,000.00.

<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 – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – DAVID OSBORN, OPERATIONS MANAGER**

*Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to accept the retirement resignation of David Osborn, Operations Manager. It was noted that he has been with the county for thirty-five years.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Retirement Resignation of David Osborn, Operations Manager (#2311) to be effective October 3, 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 WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE POSITION – OPERATIONS MANAGER (#2311)**

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to advertise for the position of Operations Manager.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Operations Manager (#2311). This position will remain posted 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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UN-APPOINT GERARD MORGAN – SANITARY ENGINEER (#2302)**

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to un-appoint Mr. Morgan as the Sanitary Engineer.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the un-appointment of Gerard Morgan as Sanitary Engineer (#2302) to be effective August 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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE APPOINTMENT – NICHOLAS GORRIS – SANITARY ENGINEER (#2302)**

*Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the appointment of Nicholas Gorris as Sanitary Engineer.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the appointment of Nicholas Gorris to the position of Full-time Sanitary Engineer (#2302) at the rate of \$46.58 per hour (Grade WR17, Step 4) to be effective August 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>

**DESTINATION GEAUGA**

*Kathy Schimer explained that when she was here in May they had 155 members and she set a goal to have 200 members by the Fair. She was very excited after she left in May and got busy and is here to say not only did she achieve it she exceeded that number and they have 207 members. Ms. Schimer stated that she went to new areas of the County including Chesterland and Auburn and everyone at Auburn Corners except the Inn are new members. She is currently working on the Bainbridge area.*

*Ms. Schimer explained that they were doing a passport program with restaurants, Taste of Geauga in the County over a course of two – three months. They will be handed out at the fair, as a way to get people to visit Restaurants, there are 32 locations in the passport for a chance to win gift cards. Ms. Schimer briefly mentioned doing a magnet for the fair. Ms. Schimer asked the Board if they had friends or family coming to visit, where would they suggest them visiting, she started with Mr. Morgan who said the Parks, there are 26 parks in Geauga County, Mr. Lennon said he wasn't sure, Mr. Dvorak said there is park across the street from his home, however, the bike paths. Ms. Schimer stated that Mr. Lennon could send them to her and she would help them at Destination Geauga to find unique and fun places to visit in Geauga County.*

*Mr. Dvorak expressed gratitude for Ms. Schimer for her hard work and with people getting out of COVID people are looking to venture out.*

***Due to today being a Special Meeting, the Board cannot do anything further.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Vicki Clark from Ravenwood wanted to express the point of view of those that offer services that are funded by the Mental Health Levy. There is a significant need for behavioral health services and they are all struggling to make ends meet and while she understands the need to not move forward, however she doesn't want to lose sight of the need.*

*Michelle Berger from Catholic Charities expressed that the complexity of issues that they have never seen before, and what is coming will need to be addressed and they will need the funds to*



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*address those, adding that they have had staff issues, along with insurance rates are not changing and so therefore cannot raise rates. Ms. Berger expressed that they didn't feel they could express the need for additional funding. Ms. Clark expressed that it was not presented that they could request additional funding, and will be going back before the board and ask for additional. Ms. Clark noted that the field is way underpaid and staff is a problem as they can't increase payroll.*

*Kimm Carter from NAMI is different from the other two, the other organizations refer people to them, the phone rings off of the hook and are paddling as fast as they can, the services and what they offer is prevention as much as possible. Ms. Carter explained that she has been in Geauga for about a year and a half, and are trying to move away from being dependent from the Mental Health Board, as they cut their funding \$40,000.00. NAMI has signature federal programming and there are constraints that make it difficult to offer, as the people delivering the services need to be trained by NAMI to deliver the services. Due to COVID the demand is high and no people to help deliver those services. NAMI Services are free to the community and they get paid for the services they deliver. Ms. Carter explained that she had developed some new programming for the County and didn't need NAMI signature programming, three of the four were not picked up or funded by the RFP. Ms. Carter stated that she has been told there are other buckets of funding that she might be able to get funds from, but it's not a guarantee. Ms. Carter said she heard the reason why they were not funded, and other county Mental Health boards would have funded all but one of them.*

*Andrea Gutka from Womensafe, she comes at it from a different angle and only receives about \$45,000.00 and fights hard for it. Ms. Gutka explained that it goes beyond the money, but rather the system of care that she relies is provided in the wrap around services, adding that she is an expert in Domestic Violence and often calls Ravenwood when they have psychiatric emergencies that they need help on, they are the experts and are not being asked and their voices need to be heard. Ms. Gutka questioned the ORC and if they were even allowed to reduce levy amounts. Mr. Lennon added that it was at the recommendation of the Budget Commission and the Board of Mental Health made the decision. Ms. Gutka explained that every year she has gone and asked for an increase and am finally up over \$40,000.00. Ms. Gutka stated that they give a little here and there and say you got an increase, but it's not enough.*

*Mr. Lennon asked if they made budget requests, to which Ms. Gutka said are you asking if I got an increase, was it what I asked for no, I asked for \$52,000.00 but received around \$45,000.00. Mr. Lennon stated that historically salaries have always been low, then COVID hit and now everything has skyrocketed and then with inflation, we understand. There was a brief discussion about the Mental Health Board's RFP process for the funding of services, with applications due in March, questions are answered in April / May and then awarded July 1<sup>st</sup>.. Mr. Lennon stated that he feels they need to move forward, but there is concern over the reduction of the levy and while it's early, but doesn't feel they will have any issues with services. The funding of their services is a different conversation all together. Ms. Gutka asked Mr. Dvorak why he was not wanting to move forward.*

*Mr. Dvorak stated that the Budget Commission opened a lot of questions about the Board of Mental Health, they both agreed they had too much money, then they reduced it, then all the employees will receive a bonus and while he doesn't begrudge anyone a bonus or pay increase, but here are 4 agencies that receive funding for services that you provide and are asking for additional funding for services and you are not receiving it. Mr. Dvorak expressed that they didn't have a plan for the excess funding, and that there is a plan for capital projects. Mr. Dvorak stated that the people pass the levy for services and you request funds for the services you provide and you're not getting the funding to provide the services that the taxpayers need. They want the levy to come a year early, so he has told them to come back next year. Mr. Lennon stated that they have been receiving funding from grants which is offsetting the budget and that they cannot rely on those grants.*

*Ms. Berger explained that State funding limits them on the things they can do, however local funding allows them to be more flexible and the needs that are coming, they need more local less restrictive funds. Mr. Lennon asked Ms. Clark about her budget from Mental Health, to which Ms. Clark stated that is around \$3 million and has been there for the last ten years and that is where her frustration lies. Mr. Lennon expressed that a lot of funding costs have been the same and has asked if they have enough and are told yes, and wonders how that can be. Mr. Lennon expressed excitement over working on building a new Youth Center. The Commissioners don't*

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*control the Mental Health Board, and not all 14 members of the Board needs to have mental health backgrounds, you need good business members as well. Ms. Carter added that she runs a non-profit and she has an MBA, however if you acknowledge that mental health exists, how can you be on the Board and not vote for mental health services, noting that they have quotes from several board members.*

*Dr. Steven Oluic stated that he is the current chair of the Mental Health Board and has only been in the position for about three weeks, but has been on the board for two years. The Board's responsibility is to ask questions, and he doesn't always agree with what they come up with, but the assumption that they have millions of dollars to give away, noting a lot of money has been moved to capital to handle the housing crisis. Dr. Oluic stated that they are very aware of the salary issues. Ms. Gutka stated that she felt it was a concern when a member of the Board didn't know that there was a domestic violence shelter in the county. Mr. Lennon noted that the Board members are volunteers.*

*Mr. Lennon wanted it to be clear, asking are we missing services, are there new gaps, the needs are increasing. Mr. Lennon expressed that he appreciated them coming in and talking to the Board, and that if they want to have discussion to reach out to them.*

*There was a brief discussion about the parking lot at WomenSafe and that through CDBG we are working to get it accomplished. Ms. Blair explained that we are working on moving forward and due to todays meeting we couldn't meet advertisement requirements, but we are working on it and get it done.*

*Mr. Lennon hopes that moving forward things will improve and continue to get better. Mr. Dvorak brought up the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting where the officer was asking for \$6,000 for the DARE programs from the State and got verbally beat up in uniform and that he would hate to see the sharp edges and barbs that they give other agencies.*

*Mr. Dvorak expressed that he wants to pause and not put the levy on early. There was some discussion about the possibility of losing state funding and some homestead exemption. Mr. Lennon expressed that he does have some concern, but it is a renewal. The deadline to file is August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. so there is still some time to get it in before the deadline.*

*There was a brief discussion about the former County Home, and renovation of an old building or looking at a new facility for the Youth Center and then using the old facility for some housing needs. Mr. Lennon added that he feels that the kids should be here and close to family.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending July 13, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Tue., 8/2 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Wed., 8/3 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Table Exercise, 8:00 a.m., Mentor, Ohio*

*Mon., 8/8 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*

*Tue., 8/9 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Mon., 8/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices*

*Tue. 8/16 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

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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 1:03 p.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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