

Commissioners' Journal
August 16, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Offices 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 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Psalm 32:8

Your word, O Lord,

Is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path

Dear Jesus, keep me safely in your loving arms

Bless me with your peace that passes all understanding

In Jesus name, I pray

Amen

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 23, 2022.

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

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent for this meeting.*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 15, 2022 that included for the Department on Aging to approve hiring Jayden Norris to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) to be effective August 22, 2022 at the rate of \$15.57 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; for the Department of Development (Building) accepted the resignation of Larry Heiden, Multi-Certified Inspector III (#1111) to be effective September 8, 2022; and for the Department of Water Resources approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Nicholas Gorris for up to forty-eight (48) hours during the remainder of the month of August 2022 for previously planned time off (Sanitary Engineer); 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 Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Sheriff's 800 Communications Fund for their first half 2022 support; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Opioid Settlement Fund to move the settlement money that was deposited into the General Fund; a Travel request for the Recorder's Office; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to NOACA for fiscal year 2023 membership dues (July 2022 – June 2023) in the amount of \$34,629.00, a payment for the Commissioners Office to Environments for Business for office furniture in the new County Office Building in the amount of \$718,987.62 and a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated to pay for the asphalt resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (Sections A-C0 in the amount of \$293,936.60.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-149 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 16, 2022.

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – AVIATION FOR FAA GRANT - ACQUISITION OF THE HODGINS PROPERTY

Mr. Morgan explained that this resolution is to approve the submission of an application to ODOT for the grant regarding the Hodgins property. Clerk, Christine Blair added that this resolution authorizes the Airport Board President to execute and submit the application. Ms. Blair explained that this is the grant match portion of the FAA grant, noting the original grant was 100% with no match, when they split and refiled the second time it included matches, a portion from ODOT and the county, this application is to ODOT for that portion of the grant. Ms. Blair noted that the FAA grant had already been received.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-150 authorizing the Airport Authority Board President to execute and submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation for the FAA grant match for the Acquisition of the Hodgins Property.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 16, 2022
Resolution: #22-150

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OHIO AIRPORT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Airport Authority (“Airport Authority”) and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (“Board of Commissioners”) (hereinafter collectively “Sponsors”), desire to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation (“ODOT”) for Fiscal Year 2023 Ohio Airport Grant Program for General Aviation Airports for funding to be used in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) Airport Improvement Program Grant (3-39-0054-026-2022) for land acquisition, particularly the land acquisition of Parcel Number 19-071805, to protect airspace of the Airport Authority (“Land Acquisition-Hodgins Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to authorize the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit a grant Application to ODOT requesting funds in the amount of \$13,220.00, which sum would cover 5% of the total eligible Land Acquisition-Hodgins Project costs (FAA share is 90% and AA/BOCC share is 5% of the total eligible costs); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit a Grant Application to ODOT for the necessary State funding for the Land Acquisition-Hodgins Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution becomes part of the permanent record of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT – PARCEL NO. 25-079700
The following item was on the agenda:

The Planning Commission is requesting the Board acknowledge the proposed lot split on Parcel No. 25-079700 and that it does not materially affect the Right of Way Easement held by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners.

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Director Linda Crombie explained this property is in Parkman Township that the Commissioners own a Right of Way easement for a communications tower. The property has transferred into a new owner and is in the process of splitting the parcel and putting it up for auction. The easement includes language that says the property cannot be split if it materially affects the use of the easement. Ms. Crombie stated that this was sent to the Prosecutor and the Sheriff for review. This is a different situation, in that the easement takes a large portion of the lot and limits where a driveway can be put into place and it has a twenty-year term and expires in October of 2030 and am not sure about what will happen with the easement. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if it was a radio tower, and is it a possibility or a good idea for us to purchase the property as a way to help the property owner and us. Mr. Spidalieri asked that the item be tabled for additional time to review the options available.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to table the acknowledgement on the property until further investigation can be done including the possibility of purchasing the property with the Easement.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that we are in need to retire some K-9 deputies due to medical issues. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that ARGO, handled by Deputy Goodwin, who are both here today, adding that ARGO is 9 nine years old, and that he worked as a Bond, Drug and Dare dog. Sheriff Hildenbrand added that our other K-9 MINER, who is seven and half is handled by Deputy Dhayer is not here today. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that when Sheriff McClelland passed away there were a lot of donations that came in, including training for a new K-9 and that Ms. McClelland will get to name the new dog. Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that the Deputies are not retiring just our K-9s. Commissioner Lennon mentioned that you don't want to be on the receiving end of one of them, that he put a bite suit on, and expressed gratitude and appreciation for what they do, and if they need support for the K-9 program, to please let the Board know.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION AGREEMENT FOR SALE/PURCHASE – K-9 RETIRING – ARGO – PURCHASE BY DEPUTY FOR \$1.00

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-151 of Agreement for Sale / Purchase of Geauga County Sheriff's Office K-9 – Retiring, ARGO for purchase of \$1.00 by Deputy Travis Goodwin.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 16, 2022

Resolution: #22-151

**RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR SALE / PURCHASE OF
GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 – RETIRING**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 9.62(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff") hereby agrees to sell for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and Deputy Travis Goodwin ("Purchaser") agrees to purchase the K-9, ARGO, ("Dog"). Purchaser has been the handler for Dog who has grown too old for duty. Collectively, the Sheriff and Purchaser shall be referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Purchaser hereby releases and forever discharges Sheriff, its agents, employees, heirs and assigns from any and all claims for injury, disability, loss or property destruction that may occur to anyone as a result of contact with or behavior by the Dog.

WHEREAS, Purchaser accepts full responsibility and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sheriff and its agents, employees, heirs and assigns for any alleged injury or damage to any person or property that may occur or be caused by the Dog after the transfer of ownership, which is effective as of the date listed below, including the reasonable cost of defending such claims.

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WHEREAS, Purchaser is fully aware of the nature of the training Dog received and the nature of the work that the Dog performed during the period of ownership by the Sheriff. Purchaser understands the need to provide the Dog with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parties agree that the laws of the state of Ohio shall govern this Agreement. Any disputes arising hereunder shall be presented in a court of competent jurisdiction of Geauga County

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio agree to the sale of K-9 ARGO to Deputy Travis Goodwin for One Dollar (\$1.00) to be effective August 16, 2022.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - RESOLUTION AGREEMENT FOR SALE/PURCHASE – K-9 RETIRING – MINER – PURCHASE BY DEPUTY FOR \$1.00

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-152 of Agreement for Sale / Purchase of Geauga County Sheriff's Office K-9 – Retiring, Miner for purchase of \$1.00 by Deputy James Dhayer.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 16, 2022

Resolution: #22-152

**RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR SALE / PURCHASE OF
GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 – RETIRING**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 9.62(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff") hereby agrees to sell for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and Deputy James Dhayer ("Purchaser") agrees to purchase the K-9, Miner, ("Dog"). Purchaser has been the handler for Dog who has grown too old for duty. Collectively, the Sheriff and Purchaser shall be referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Purchaser hereby releases and forever discharges Sheriff, its agents, employees, heirs and assigns from any and all claims for injury, disability, loss or property destruction that may occur to anyone as a result of contact with or behavior by the Dog.

WHEREAS, Purchaser accepts full responsibility and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sheriff and its agents, employees, heirs and assigns for any alleged injury or damage to any person or property that may occur or be caused by the Dog after the transfer of ownership, which is effective as of the date listed below, including the reasonable cost of defending such claims.

WHEREAS, Purchaser is fully aware of the nature of the training Dog received and the nature of the work that the Dog performed during the period of ownership by the Sheriff. Purchaser understands the need to provide the Dog with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parties agree that the laws of the state of Ohio shall govern this Agreement. Any disputes arising hereunder shall be presented in a court of competent jurisdiction of Geauga County

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio agree to the sale of K-9 Miner to Deputy James Dhayer for One Dollar (\$1.00) to be effective August 16, 2022.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – GRANT PERMISSION TO RE-ADVERTISE BIDS – AGING PARATRANSIT VAN

Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to allow them to re-advertise for Bids for the Aging Paratransit Van, noting that this was round three for bids.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to grant permission to Re-Advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Department on Aging Paratransit Van to be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 2:20 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on August 18, 2022 and on the County website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – APPROVE REVISED OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Ms. Hofstetter asked the Board to approve the revised agreement with the Ohio Department of Development for the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program grant, noting that the Board had just recently signed the agreement; however, the state made a few adjustments.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Revised 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>Aye</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 #8 – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED

Sanitary Engineer Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund pay request #8 for HDR Engineering for the McFarland plant renovations and upgrades.

Mr. Lennon inquired if they could use ARPA funding on the upgrade projects, to which it was noted that this was for engineering and those funds could not be used, however they can be used towards the actual upgrades.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #8 (loan #9441) for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade project for technical services by HDR Engineering, Incorporated in the amount of \$116,435.61.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #15 – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE #15 (RETAINAGE) AND OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #15 – TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #15, the retainage on the OWDA contractors estimate and fund payment requests for TRAX Construction on the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant that they still have funds being held.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #15 (Retainage), Ohio Water Development Authority Contractor's Estimate #15 (Retainage) and the Ohio Water Development Fund Payment Request #15 for TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$28,922.59.

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

There was a brief discussion about the funding for the tie-ins, to which Mr. Morgan stated that the resolution is being re-worked and reviewed by the Prosecutor and Auditor's office. Mr. Dvorak asked about the man door inside the new plant having a closing issue.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AGREEMENT – AQUA OHIO INCORPORATED – POTABLE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN GEAUGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT – LITTLE MOUNTAIN ROAD AND MENTOR ROAD

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to execute the Agreement with Aqua Ohio to provide potable water system for six parcels on Little Mountain Road. Mr. Gorris explained that Aqua Ohio has water in the vicinity and that Water Resources does not provide water in that area and this will allow the houses to obtain water from them.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Aqua Ohio, Incorporated to provide a potable water distribution system within the Geauga County Water District that includes six parcels on Little Mountain Road and Mentor Road (#09,001536, #09-001503, #09-001500, #09-000700, #09-001400 and #09-001537).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORMS AND AUTHORIZATION FORM AND PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the revised authorization forms for accounting and payroll.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the updated Accounting Forms Authorization Form and Payroll Authorization Form.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – AMEND MOTION- REVISE DATE – RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – DAVID OSBORN – OPERATIONS MANAGER (#2311)

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the revised date of resignation for Operations Manager David Osborn to October 31st. There was a brief discussion about how long Mr. Osborn had been with the county.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to amend the motion from July 27, 2022 to revise the date and read: accept the Retirement Resignation of David Osborn, Operations Manager (#2311) to be effective October 31, 2022.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING AGOSTINO “AUGIE” ROSACE – ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT

Ms. Blair explained that Board had received a request to honor Mr. Rosace for obtaining Eagle Scout, and that his project was completed at the Chardon High School Band room.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-153 Honoring Agostino “Augie” Rosace for Achieving Eagle Scout, the Highest Award of Advancement Bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

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Resolution: #22-153
Date: August 16, 2022

A RESOLUTION HONORING AGOSTINO “AUGIE” ROSACE FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE SCOUT THE HIGHEST AWARD OF ADVANCEMENT BESTOWED UPON A BOY SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts is a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young men to build character, citizenship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each scout must progress through the ranks in order, earn twenty-one (21) merit badges (that include first aid, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communication, environmental science, fitness, camping, family life, management, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and cycling, hiking or swimming), serve six months in a leadership position within in the troop, plan and complete a service project, participate in a scoutmaster conference and complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest advancement and an accomplishment that only around five percent of all those who start Boy Scouting ever attain; and

WHEREAS, Agostino “Augie” Rosace is a member of Boy Scout Troop #190, Chardon, Ohio, Geauga County and has excelled in his search for knowledge, leadership, planning and community support; and

WHEREAS, Agostino “Augie” Rosace provided leadership at meetings, on campouts and has done an excellent job in all aspects of scouting; and

WHEREAS, Agostino “Augie” Rosace’s Eagle Scout Project consisted of overseeing the construction of shelving and storage units for the Chardon High School Band Room; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners salutes Agostino “Augie” Rosace for service to his community and to the Boy Scouts of America;

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – MOVE REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 DUE TO PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DRILL

Ms. Blair explained that the Perry Drill was being held on Tuesday, the 27th and asked the Board to move session that day to Thursday the 29th to accommodate the drill and requested items.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move the Regular Session from Tuesday, September 27, 2022 to Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. due to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill.

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

NAMI – STEPPING UP PROGRAM

Mr. Lennon explained that he had met and discussed with NAMI Director Kim Carter about the Stepping Up program, which is a program that has a mission to help inmates with mental illness get clinical treatment. This is a statewide initiative and after discussing this program with the Sheriff feels we should look at moving forward with the program. Ms. Carter expressed that this is a National initiative that was started to address jails that were becoming mental health institutions. Ohio was chosen as one of five target states and retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton is leading the Ohio project and is being done county by county. This project, once a county becomes registered, then NEOMED will come in and assemble a team across the county and does SIMS mapping which allows a deep survey into the county to review what services are being offered in the county and then propose projects we want to work on in the county and assists with finding funding for those programs. PEGS foundation in Hudson very heavily funds Stepping Up and like NAMI Ohio are very involved in the program. Ms. Carter stated that previously where she worked wanted to do a program just like this but couldn't get it off the ground.

Ms. Carter explained that is the Director of NAMI of Geauga, and that she has been involved with Mental Health issues since she was fifteen with family members including her own son, who has severely mental health issues and for the last nine years has gotten in trouble all over and currently, while homeless, is in jail in Washington D.C. for a crime he committed. Ms. Carter is a huge advocate for mental health and the work that she does, she is very passionate about and feels she is helping save lives including her own son.

Mr. Lennon expressed that what Ms. Carter is doing is very important and the mental health issues are on the rise in the jail and there are challenges when they arrive and how they are housed within in the jail. Mr. Dvorak added that he was very supportive of this program.

Ms. Carter explained that we need to be efficient and effective with what we already have available.

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that this is a problem across the country, that there are no mental hospitals and the jail becomes that and the lack of treatment and follow up after they leave is a huge problem.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to create a resolution and prep for next week's agenda regarding the Stepping Up Program.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Legal Counsel. The Board returned at 11:06 a.m.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTE RETENTION AGREEMENT – RE: LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONERS IN MEDIATION AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION – AUDITOR CHARLES WALDER / ADP BOARD

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to authorize him to execute the retention letter with Roetzel and Endres once it is received.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize County Administrator, Gerard Morgan to execute the Retention Agreement re: Legal Representation of Geauga County Commissioners in Mediation and Potential Litigation Filed by Charles Walder, Geauga County Auditor, and / or the Geauga County ADP Board, pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RE-APPOINT NICHOLAS GORRIS – PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to re-appoint Nicholas Gorris to the Planning Commission Board for the term ending December 31, 2024.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 27, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.
- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of July, 2022 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

Tue., 8/23 The Commissioners' will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Wed., 8/24 Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill (Dry Run)

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

Wed., 8/31 Great Geauga County Fair 200th Anniversary Celebration Ribbon Cutting / Opening 12:00 p.m.

Wed 8/31 – Mon 9/5 – Great Geauga County Fair, Burton, Ohio

Mon., 9/5 County Offices will be closed in honor of the Labor Day holiday, Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal

Wed., 9/7 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

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

Fri., 9/9 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Fri., 9/9 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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