

Commissioners' Journal
August 8, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in special session on August 8, 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 Vice President of the Board, Timothy C. Lennon opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Lennon explained that today's meeting was called to accept the Certificate from the Auditor's office as to the dollar amount that would be generated by the levy and to move on the resolution that would then place the levy on the ballot.

Mr. Lennon asked the Clerk when the resolution requesting the Certificate was delivered. Christine Blair, Clerk stated that she delivered the resolution to the Auditor's Office last Wednesday morning and explained that I needed the Certificate back by Friday in order to try and meet the deadline next week for the Board of Elections filing. The deadline is this Wednesday, August 10th by 4:00 p.m. Ms. Blair was told this morning by the Auditor's Office it was not ready, that she had something on her desk she needed to get completed and would try and get the certificate completed today. Ms. Blair noted that because this was called as a Special Meeting and the only items on the agenda were the two regarding the levy, no other actions can be taken today.

There was a brief discussion on whether an Emergency meeting could be called if needed. Commissioner Spidalieri is not able to be present tomorrow for the regular meeting due to a conflict. Ms. Blair noted that until the certificate is received from the Auditor's Office all action is on hold. Mr. Lennon expressed frustration about not allowing the voters to make the decision on the levy. Mr. Spidalieri agreed, adding that there are people out there in need and the voters need to be making the decision. Mr. Lennon asked Ms. Blair about having this issue any other time, to which it was noted, in the years she had been clerk she had never not received the certificate in time. Ms. Blair added that the only other time she experienced a delay on a levy was with a Mental Health levy that they wanted to add on to a renewal, and the Commissioners at the time would not approve it together, but caused the renewal and additional to be split into two as a way to protect the renewal. Change in the law language could have jeopardized the loss of all funding if it failed. The levies were split, the renewal passed and the additional failed.

Mr. Lennon inquired if someone from the office could reach out to Commissioner Dvorak and talk to him about allowing the voters to be given the opportunity to decide.

Items on the Agenda included:

BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

The Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services is requesting the Board acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor for the Mental Health .5 mill renewal.

The Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services is requesting the Board approve and execute Resolution #22-145 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the County's Community Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service District at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25.

Mr. Lennon stated that with no action being allowed, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

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MEETINGS

Tue., 8/9 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, 3rd Floor

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

Fri., 8/12 NOACA Finance & Audit, 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m. and Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland

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.

Tue., 8/16 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, 1:00 p.m. Warren, District Office

Mon., 8/22 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

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

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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