

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**September 13, 2022**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on September 13, 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 9:42 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons! Remind us of the wonder of your creation. Remind us that it is you who gives us breath of life. Amen.*

**MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – SHEPP ELECTRIC-GENERATOR SYSTEMS DIVISION – CHARDON TOWER SITE**

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Shepp Electric-Generator Systems Division to perform and replacement of Generac 32 kW liquid Cooled Generator located at the Chardon Tower site as described in the description of work attached as Exhibit A and provide any other services as requested by the Director effective September 13, 2022 for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.*

<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>

**APPROVE FINANCIALS**

*Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash Transfer from the General fund to the Victim/Witness Assistance fund to provide resources needed, due to cuts in State funding; an Encumbrance increase from the Commissioners' office for Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis; a payment of \$6,757.50 from the Auditor's office to Appraisal Research Corporation for work performed to investigate lowering the value of properties in the Berkshire Heights subdivision in order to offset assessments for the construction of their sewer system; a payment of \$28,169.00 from the Commissioners' office to NV5 for owner representative services related to the construction of the new office building and Phase 2 projects; a payment of \$374,857.25 from the Engineer's office to Ronyak Paving, Inc for the asphalt resurfacing of Auburn Road, sections N-O; a payment of \$174,140.98 from the Engineer's office to Grade Line, Inc, payment #1 for the Munn Road bridge replacement project; a payment of \$140,049.00 from the Sheriff's office to Motorola Solutions, Inc for trunk 800 mhz radio service and support; and a Revenue Certification from the Commissioners' office for unanticipated sales tax, rent and sale of real estate, refunds and reimbursement, sale of personal property and hospitalization and insurance revenue in 2022.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-164 itemizing the financials for the meeting of September 13, 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>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING – BURTON AND TROY TOWNSHIPS**

*Deputy Engineer, Shane Hajjar explained that this is Change Order #1 and Final.*

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Jug Street (CH-0046-FG) in Burton and Troy Townships in the amount of \$9,957.20.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #2 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – TERRACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED – WASHINGTON STREET AND HASKINS ROAD SIGNAL PROJECT – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #2 Final, decreasing the Contract with Terrace Construction Company, Incorporated for the Washington Street and Haskins Road Signal project in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$663.14.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ACE ELECTRIC LLC

Director Jessica Boalt explained they are making plans to temporarily relocate the Chardon Senior Center to 470 Center Street, Building #8 from the Ravenwood Mental Health building until the construction of a new senior center is complete. Ms. Boalt further explained that the electric at Building #8 must be converted to 208 3-phase in order to run the food operations from that location. Commissioner Lennon asked what the time frame would be on the completion of the remodel to which Ms. Boalt responded two to three months.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with ACE Electric L.L.C. to perform electrical services at 470 Center Street, Building #8, Chardon for remodeling purposes for a Geauga County Senior Center to be completed on or before December 1, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING – 2023 ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE FUNDS

Ms. Boalt stated that they were able to secure a small grant with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging to start funding their Alzheimer's program and the MSI building.

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Purchase of Service Agreement, State Fiscal Year 2023 Alzheimer's Respite Funds, for the purpose of providing Alzheimer's Respite services to eligible Geauga County Seniors for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$8,787.00.

*Roll Call Vote:*

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

TRANSIT - LOCALLY FUNDED SERVICES AGREEMENT - CONTRACT ADDENDUM #1 – INCREASE REVENUE - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve the Addendum to the agreement with MRDD to allow Transit to collect additional revenue for assisting MRDD with transportation services. Ms. Santilli stated that the current limit that MRDD is allowed to pay is \$52,000.00 and the addendum will increase that limit to \$104,000.00.

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Addendum #1 increasing the revenue cap from \$52,000.00 to \$104,000.00 of the Locally Funded Services Agreement between Geauga County Transit, Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for transportation services for the period January 1, 2022 through December 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>

**TRANSIT - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AMENDMENT – EXTEND PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF 2020 FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS**

*Ms. Santilli explained that this is an ODOT contract amendment to the grant that will extend the time period allowable to receive buses. Ms. Santilli added additional information about the research she had done on used buses that are available for purchase from Lake Tran, explaining that each of the three buses had high mileage and needed extensive repairs and regarded them as not good options. After reviewing the repair lists, the Board agreed with Ms. Santilli's assessment. Commissioner Lennon asked if Ms. Santilli had found any other options. Ms. Santilli responded that she had found one at Reel's Auto in Chardon with low mileage and in good condition. Commissioner Spidalieri asked that a motion be made to grant Ms. Santilli authorization to enter into an agreement and then stated that the agreement would be finalized at the next session meeting. Ms. Santilli also wanted to make the Board aware that the 2023 grant amount awarded to Transit from the state is \$200,000.00 less than what Transit was awarded in 2022. She has asked for a review from the state as to a reason for the reduction.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Contract Amendment to extend the performance period of the 2020 Formula Grants for Rural Areas (5311) program grant (#RPTF-4101-0050201 and #RPTM-0101-005-201) from December 31, 2021 through December 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>

**TRANSIT – AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH E350 SUPER DUTY BUS PURCHASE**

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to authorize Transit to move forward on the process of purchasing an E350 Super Duty Bus from Reel's Auto Sales, LLC.

<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 – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #2 – INCREASE CONTRACT – AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION**

*Fiscal and Personnel Specialist, Kathleen Miller presented the motion. Commissioner Dvorak asked if the McFarland plant was the only plant with gates. County Administrator Gerry Morgan responded that all of our plants are fenced and gated. Mr. Morgan further explained that the McFarland plant was not entirely fenced along the river side of the property, so the fencing will be completed and the gate will be upgraded. Mr. Morgan also stated that unlike the other plants, McFarland is manned 24 hours. Commissioner Dvorak asked about gate entry to which Ms. Miller responded the employees carry remotes, similar to a garage door opener.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #2 increasing the Contract with Auburn Fence Corporation for the furnishing and installation of fences and gates at the McFarland WWTP in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a new three-year contract total of \$34,700.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LAPTOP PURCHASE – CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUNDS

Human Resource Specialist, Kelly Bidlack explained that this laptop is a replacement for the wellness laptop that Transit currently has.

Motion:                    by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the purchase of one HP ProBook 450 G9 15.6" Laptop for the Transit Department Wellness Program using CEBCO Wellness Grant Funds in the amount \$1,025.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – PURCHASE OF PATIO UMBRELLAS – CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUNDS

Commissioner Lennon questioned the sturdiness of the umbrellas to which Ms. Bidlack responded that the umbrellas were of good quality. Commissioner Dvorak wanted to confirm that the grant fund would absorb the total cost of the umbrellas to which Ms. Bidlack replied that it would. Ms. Bidlack also informed the Board that the umbrellas are collapsible and Maintenance Director, Glen Vernick acknowledged that his department will manage them. Commissioner Lennon liked the idea of the umbrellas in that the employees will be able to get outside on their lunch hour without baking in the sun.

Motion:                    by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the purchase of two free-standing patio umbrellas for use in the employee outdoor seating area at 12611 Ravenwood Drive using CEBCO Wellness Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – VACCINATION TERM SHEET – GIANT EAGLE, INCORPORATED

Motion:                    by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Giant Eagle, Incorporated Vaccination Term Sheet for the purpose of administering flu vaccinations to Geauga County employees at the employee's personal expense at 12611 Ravenwood Drive on a date prior to March 1, 2023.

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

OTHER

Commissioner Dvorak asked Health District Administrator, Adam Litke if he had anything to report. Mr. Litke stated that they would soon be holding a meeting to replace Board members that had resigned. Mr. Litke also stated that the Health District finalized a contract with the Ohio EPA and the governor's office to help drill new wells in Parkman due to contamination as these residents have no drinking water right now. First part of the funding is a grant for \$300,000.00 which they hope to receive the executed contract for within the next couple of days so that testing and the drilling of 8 pre-approved wells can begin. Commissioner Lennon inquired into the depth of the wells to which Mr. Litke responded that they would need to drill deep, up to 300+ feet in some cases. Mr. Litke also stated that the Ohio EPA has been helpful in expediting the contract process.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*League of Women Voters representative, Gail Rausey asked for clarification on the temporary senior center. Another local resident also asked for clarification on the temporary senior center vs. the senior center at Ravenwood. Mr. Morgan explained that the senior center at Ravenwood would be moving to the new temporary senior center location at 470 Center Street until a new senior center is built.*

**MEETINGS**

- Wed., 9/14 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Fri., 9/16 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Fri., 9/16 NOACA committees, Air Quality, Water Quality and Equity, Cleveland*
- Mon., 9/19 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Mon., 9/19 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices*
- Tue., 9/20 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Tue., 9/20 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting, 1:00 p.m. Warren, District Office*
- Wed., 9/21 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Fri., 9/23 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 9/27 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 11:46 a.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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*Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk*  
*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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