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November 8, 2022

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 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 President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak explained he was from Burton Township and that they had recently lost a former Fire Chief for the Burton Fire Department, John C. Blair and read the following prayer:

A Firefighter's Prayer

*When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.*

*Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person from
the horror of the fate.*

*Enable me to be alert and
Hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor
And protect their property.*

*And if according to your will
I have to love my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.*

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from October 25, 2022, Resolution #21-180, that included a payment for Water Resources to GPD Group, Incorporated for additional construction inspection and administration performed at the Troy Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant replacement project in the amount of \$61,746.78; November 2, 2022, Resolution #22-181 that included Supplemental in the General Fund for additional appropriations in the Sheriff's Department's vehicles expense account due to increased acquisition costs, Cash transfers from the General Fund to Community Development for their fourth quarter 2022 operational funding commitment and their third quarter 2022 payroll funding reimbursement, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from July and September 2022, and Cash transfer General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 3rd Quarter 2022 interest transfer, a Cash transfer from the Metzenbaum Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities Residence Service fund for Medicaid waiver match obligations, Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court and Juvenile Court, a payment for the Auditor's Office to various contractors out of the American Rescue Plan Fund for Berkshire Heights connection contracts in the amount of \$34,700.00, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence Incorporated for pay request #23 for the new county office building in the amount of \$254,166.83, a payment for the County Engineer's office to the Aero-Mark Company LLC for polyester pavement markings to various roads in Geauga County in the amount of \$337,818.95, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions Incorporated for annual Spillman

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software maintenance in the amount of \$119,681.35 and a Revenue Certification for the Common Pleas Court in the Pre-Sentence Investigation Report fund; and November 2, 2022, Resolution #22-184 that included a payment for the Building Department to the Ohio Building Officials Association for conference registration expenses in the amount of \$375.00; 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.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on October 26, 2022 for the Department on Aging to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Jayden Norris, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant for the period October 24, 2022 through October 28, 2022. This will extend her probationary period by an additional five days, and Accepted the resignation of Jayden Norris, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant to be effective October 25, 2022; for Transit approved hiring Nicole Sounik to the position of Full-time Transit Driver (#2210) to be effective November 7, 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; Approved hiring Mark Kimborowicz to the position of Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) to be effective November 14, 2022 at the rate of \$15.57 per hour with one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; Concurred with the Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Burrito Express Fresh Mexican Grill d.b.a. Burrito Xpress located at 8399 Mayfield Road, Unit Chesterland, Ohio (C N 1127856), Concurred with the Auburn Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by T F Suglia Properties, LLC located at 9899 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C TREX 8680080), Concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by DAMNEET, LLC d.b.a. Bainbridge Food Mart located at 17800 Chillicothe Road, Unit 109, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C STCK 1914681); on October 31, 2022 for the Department of Water Resources, Accepted the resignation of John Sency, Wastewater Operator II (#2313) to be effective October 25, 2022; Granted permission to advertise for the position of Wastewater Operator II (#2313) internally for a period of five days with applications accepted from November 1, 2022 through November 7, 2022 and externally, concurrently, until the position is filled; and on November 3, 2022 for Transit, Accepted the resignation (retirement from OPERS) of Daniel Stefancin, Part-time Transit Driver (#2210-1) to be effective October 29, 2022; 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.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of August 30, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of September 8, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the minutes 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>

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MAINTENANCE – APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – M & M HOME IMPROVEMENTS – SNOWPLOWING AND SALT/CINDERING FOR 2022-2024 SEASONS – COUNTY OWNED SITE GROUP #1 – CHARDON AREA

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the Contract Agreement for M & M Home Improvements for the snowplowing for the Chardon Area, noting that he added \$40,000.00 for salt and cleanup for both years.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements for the Snowplowing and Salt /Cindering for the 2022-2024 seasons at County Owned Site Group #1 – Chardon Area (including Geauga County Offices, Courthouse, Opera House, Courthouse Annex and Parking Lot) for the period November 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 in the not to exceed amount of \$124,803.25 (including snowplowing, salt / cindering and spring cleanup). The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

MAINTENANCE – ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND – M & M HOME IMPROVEMENTS – 2022-2024 SNOWPLOWING AND SALT/CINDERING SITE GROUP #1 – RELEASE BID BOND

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the Performance and Payment Bond for M & M Home Improvements for the 2022-2024 Snowplowing and Salt/Cindering of County Owned Site Group #1 and further release the Bid Bond.

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

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MCCASKEY LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN, LLC – SNOWPLOWING AND SALT/ CINDERINGS FOR 2022-2024 SEASONS – COUNTY OWNED SITE GROUP #2 – 24 HOUR SERVICE AREA

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the Contract Agreement with McCaskey Landscape and Design for the 24-hour Service Area, noting that he added \$80,000.00 for salt and cleanup for the both years. Mr. Vernick added that these are not to exceed amounts on both locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with McCaskey Landscape and Design, LLC for the Snowplowing and Salt/Cindering for the 2022-2024 seasons at County Owned Site Group #2 – 24 Hour Service Area (including Department of Emergency Services, Transit, Animal Shelter, County Office Building, County Home, Patterson Center, Safety Center and Sheriff's Post 2) for the period November 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 in the not to exceed amount of \$246,282.00 (including snowplowing, salt / cindering and spring cleanup).

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

MAINTENANCE – ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND – MCCASKEY LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN LLC – 2022-2024 SNOWPLOWING AND SALT/CINDERING SITE GROUP #2 – RELEASE BID BOND

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to accept the Performance and Payment Bond for McCaskey Landscape and Design, LLC for the 2022-2024 Snowplowing and Salt/Cindering of County Owned Site Group #2

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and approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the acceptance further release the Bid Bond.

<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>

MAINTENANCE – RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR USE AND HAS NO VALUE

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve a resolution declaring the items left at the former Job and Family Services building as obsolete and not needed for public use. Mr. Vernick stated that they have had it on Gov Deals twice in lots and they have gotten rid of a portion of the lots, however, we need to get it removed from the building.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-183 Declaring County Property as Not Needed for Public Use, is Obsolete or Unfit or Use and Has No Value, as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12(I).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: November 8, 2022

Resolution: #22-183

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR USE AND HAS NO VALUE, AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12(I).

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has sold the former Job and Family Services building located at 12480 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio to University Hospitals, office furniture and fixtures that were left behind have served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared “not needed” by the County for public use; and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Commissioners placed the items on auction through GovDeals and the items remaining did not sell, those items are deemed obsolete and / or unfit for use and no longer needed for public use; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby directs the Geauga County Maintenance Director to discard or salvage that property, in accordance with O.R.C. 307.12(I); and

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 WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #2 – ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – GPD GROUP

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the Contract Maintenance Form with GPD Group for Engineering extending the agreement and increasing the amount for services through the end of year.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #2 for the Engineering Agreement with GPD Group for General Engineering Services extending the agreement for an additional nine weeks from October 28, 2022 through December 30, 2022 and increasing in the amount of \$21,657.60.

<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 – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – G.A.R. PAVING – ASPHALT REPAIRS

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the contract agreement with G.A.R. Paving to do some asphalt repairs at various locations within the department.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with G. A.R. Paving to perform asphalt repairs at multiple locations, as outlined in the proposal, for the department for the period of one-year, effective November 8, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$11,505.00.

<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 Supplemental Appropriation in the Juvenile Court Supreme Court Technology Grant contract services expense account, Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts and the County Engineer's Office, a payment for the Auditor's Office to various contractors out of the American Rescue Plan Fund for Berkshire Heights connection contracts in the amount of \$34,750.00, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Ohio State University for the county's 4th quarter 2022 program support payment in the amount of \$65,102.75, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Junction Buick GMC Incorporated for a 2023 Model year GMC Acadia in the amount of \$11,621.00 (two vehicles were traded in – 2008 Chevy Silverado \$8,000.00 and a 2017 Ford Explorer \$18,000.00 for a total price \$37,621.00), a payment for Transit to Great Lakes Gutters, LLC for gutter repair and replacement paid for by a reimbursement grant coming from the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$21,367.00, and a Revenue Certification for the ADP Board in their Computer Equipment Improvements transfers in and from Board of Developmental Disabilities in their Residential Services transfers in revenue accounts for additional revenue received in 2022.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-185 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 8, 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 – DECREASE CONTRACT – ECLIPSE CO., LLC – ASPHALT RESURFACING WASHINGTON STREET

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute Change Order #1 final, decreasing the contract with Eclipse Company for the resurfacing of Washington Street due to cost savings during construction.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Eclipse Co., LLC for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections F-J) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$133,950.96.

<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 – DECREASE CONTRACT – AERO-MARK COMPANY – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS VARIOUS ROADS YEAR 2022

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute Change Order #1 final, decreasing the contract with Aero-Mark for the application of payment markings for year 2022.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Aero-Mark Company for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads for the Year 2022 in the amount of \$4,637.18.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RELEASE FUNDS FOR MUNN ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission disbursement request to release funds for the Munn Road project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission, Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Munn Road Resurfacing (Sections A-C) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, APPENDIX E – DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RELEASE FUNDS FOR AUBURN ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to authorize Mr. Lennon as the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission disbursement request to release funds for the Auburn Road project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission, Appendix E – Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Auburn Road Resurfacing (Sections N-O) in Munson Township in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENTS – 2022-2023 SEASON – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, CHESTER TOWNSHIP, CLARIDON TOWNSHIP, MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, RUSSELL TOWNSHIP AND TROY TOWNSHIP

Highway Superintendent Rick Weikert asked the Board to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreements for the 2022-2023 winter season with the Townships of Bainbridge, Chester, Claridon, Montville, Russell and Troy.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 13.42 miles of township roads (Chagrin Road, Bainbridge Road and Washington Street) for the winter season of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$53,064.69.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye
Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Chester Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 15.09 miles of township roads (Wilson Mills Road, Sperry Road, Mulberry Road and Caves Road) for the winter season of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$59,668.12.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and Claridon Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 9.32 miles of township roads (Ensign Road, Forrest Road (two sections), Hall Road, Spencer Road, Stillwell Road, and Taylor Wells Road for the winter season of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$29,700.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and Montville Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 10.712 miles of township roads (Burrows Road, Dewey Road, Hart Road, Hautala Road, Joann Road, Kile Road, Murphy Road, Sun Road, and Whitney Road) for the winter season 2022-2023 in the amount of \$32,450.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and Russell Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 8.628 miles of township roads (Fairmount Road, Russell Road and Caves Road) for the winter season of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$34,116.41.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and Troy Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 11.830 miles of township roads (Stafford Road, Fox, Winagle, Patch, Nash, Tilden, Hoover, Grove and Greystone Roads) for the winter season of 2022-2023 in the amount of \$32,450.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – AWARD BID –
DRIVERGE VEHICLE INNOVATIONS, LLC – AGING PARATRANSIT VAN
Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to award the bid to Driverge Vehicle Innovations for the Aging Paratransit Van as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to award the Bid to Driverge Vehicle Innovations, LLC for the Department on Aging Paratransit Van under CDBG Grant #-B-F-21-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$66,000.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.

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

TRANSIT – SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT CY2022 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve the amendment for the CY2022 bus and bus facilities grant for an additional \$5,600.00 towards the buses due to increase costs.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Subaward Grant Agreement (Contract #101-BABF-22-0100) Amendment under CY2022 Bus and Bus Facilities Program between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Project Number BABF-0101-0100-221 and BABF-0101-010-222 to modify the federal grant amount awarded for replacement vehicles for a total of \$157,064.00 (increase of \$5,600.00), and further authorize the Director to submit the document electronically.

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

TRANSIT – DISCUSSION – FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETED BY RLS AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Director JoAnna Santilli explained that ODOT hired RLS and Associates to do a Feasibility Study to do a review of the Transit Department. Ms. Santilli explained part of the study included looking at continuing how we are operating but with not having local funding matches they can't increase our funding, so they also looked at contracting with other agencies, to which Ms. Santilli added that they already do shared services with LakeTran. Ms. Santilli noted that an option that was proposed was to contract with LakeTran to be part of them but still branded as Transit, and if it didn't work they can still remain as Geauga Transit. Ms. Santilli explained that a big portion affects the number and kinds of buses that they can get but allows them to offer different types of runs for people going back and forth to work, not stopping wheelchair service but could end up being a savings. Ms. Santilli stated that LakeTran does Medicaid billing, which would allow us to work more with MRDD, which would give us additional revenue coming in. Ms. Santilli explained that parts and fuel would be better pricing. Ms. Santilli stated that no staff would be let go, benefits and OPERS, they would become employees of LakeTran.

Commissioner Lennon asked how it would work, would they become part of Lake County, to which Ms. Santilli stated that we would be contracted under LakeTran but the MOU would still allow an out for both agencies and still stay Geauga Transit. Mr. Lennon understands what the idea is but still wants to remain separate and have an identity. Ms. Santilli stated that the grant to ODOT would be joint and the urban and rural funding has to remain separate but gives the opportunity for larger funding from ODOT. Ms. Santilli explained that her end goal is to get as many Geauga County residents to as many places as they can go. Mr. Lennon inquired about dipping the toe instead of five years, to which Ms. Santilli expressed that you need to do multiple years because she doesn't feel you will see any results in the first year. Commissioner Spidalieri added that it would be tough to move all the employees over for only one year. Ms. Santilli agreed. Mr. Lennon stated that he had sat in on the meetings with ODOT, but feels he would to get input and feedback from employees. Ms. Santilli stated there would no routes, it would still be on demand, it's getting more drivers out in smaller vehicles to get more buses on the road. Things will still be here, but as employees retire things could change but the facility and buses will be here. Ms. Santilli stated that our mechanic is here and will still be here and buses would be maintained here, with the ability to get parts and do larger repairs if needed. In essence we would still be Geauga Transit, here but we become part of LakeTran but will have the crossover into the other county. Mr. Lennon asked if there were any other counties in the state that have merged like this. LakeTran CEO Ben Capelle explained that Zanesville has eleven rural transit systems that have consolidated and merged but no rural and urban forming a partnership like we

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are looking at doing. Mr. Capelle expressed that they spent a lot of time talking to RLS and what they put together and agree that it makes sense in a lot of ways and there is a benefit for LakeTran as well, and when you increase numbers you get better pricing and will benefit both of us. Mr. Capelle stated that when you work together it will allow us to get better points for grant funding and will allow us to draw down more funds for both. Mr. Capelle added that having the ability to take clients into Geauga or Lake for doctor appointments can expand the rider base. Mr. Capelle stated that there will be 2 bank accounts and they would not touch unless Transit pays LakeTran to do something, or a joint grant application for buses, but it will still have a clear path for the funding. Mr. Lennon asked if they were truly merging, to which Mr. Capelle stated that LakeTran would run Geauga Transit under a contract and if it doesn't work it can be separated. Mr. Capelle added that ODOT has offered funding to help with up front costs to assist with bringing the two together with software, servers, computers and phones. Mr. Spidalieri applauded them for looking at this, not having the mentality of but we have always done it this way. Mr. Spidalieri thanked Lake County for their assistance. Mr. Lennon and Mr. Dvorak asked what the next step would be. Ms. Santilli stated that RLS put together a generic MOU to send to legal on both sides and begin the process of putting things together, but we wanted to hear what your thoughts are first. Mr. Capelle stated that they share the same concerns as the Commissioners regarding branding and separation and giving the right message. Mr. Capelle stated that LakeTran has two levies, a continuous and one that is every ten years for budgeting, their annual budget is about \$22 million versus Transit that has \$2.6 million. Mr. Capelle stated that staff and buses would remain here, the only slight change could be some administrative functions. Ms. Santilli stated that the employees would become LakeTran, with benefits and OPERS. Mr. Capelle stated that drivers are Union but the Transit employees would be given an option to be union or not. Ms. Santilli stated that she will move forward with working on an MOU with legal. The timeline they are looking at would give them the ability to do a joint grant together and not have to wait another year to apply. Mr. Capelle noted that ODOT has asked for any transition to begin on the State Fiscal year which starts July 1st.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #11 – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED - MCFARLAND
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment request #11 to get a disbursement for paying HDR Engineering for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant renovation and upgrade project.

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 #11 for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project for technical services by HDR Engineering, Incorporated in the amount of \$89,512.55.

<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 – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #6 –
WOODFORD EXCAVATING, LLC – BAINBRIDGE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT –
OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE #6 – OHIO
WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #6

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment #6, the Ohio Water Development Authority Contractors estimate and fund payment request #6 for Woodford Excavating for the Bainbridge waterline loop closure. Mr. Dvorak asked when it would be finished, to which Director Steven Oluic noted that for all intense purposes it is complete, the water is turned on and ready for tie ins, and should be accepting the project by the end of the month. Dr. Oluic stated that it is Bainbridge Road and crosses over State Route 306. Dr. Oluic answered a question about tie in costs, a homeowner is about \$9,000.00 but larger facilities is substantially more.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #6 for Woodford Excavating, LLC for the Bainbridge Waterline Extension Project, the Ohio Water Development Authority Contractor's Estimate #6 and the

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Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #6 in the amount of \$126,212.76.

<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 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 EXPENDITURE – WATER RESOURCES MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NPDES PERMIT AND INSTALL EXPENSES

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve a resolution for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds for fees for the NPDES permit and install expenses for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #22-182 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Expenditure – Water Resources McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit and Permit to Install Expenses in the amount of \$15,300.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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Resolution: #22-182

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 EXPENDITURE – WATER RESOURCES MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NPDES PERMIT AND PERMIT TO INSTALL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, The President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides money to States, Counties and Municipalities to address the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a distribution of monies from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Title VI section 603(c)(1)(D) of the Federal Register provides for ARPA funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County's McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant was constructed in 1976 as an extended aeration treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the County's McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant was upgraded in 2005 to a membrane style wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the County's McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1.8 MGD is the County's largest wastewater treatment plant services numerous properties in Bainbridge Township, Auburn Township, South Russell Village and Russell Township; and

WHEREAS, the County's McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant is under a consent decree with the National EPA (USEPA); and

WHEREAS, the County's McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant is in need of replacement and upgrades to remove the membrane style treatment system to achieve the required compliance with the USEPA consent decree; and

WHEREAS, all upgrades or changes to wastewater treatment plants require submission to and approval from the Ohio EPA through a Permit to Install (PTI) application and a revision to the NPDES Permit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the use of ARPA funds for the fees associated with the PTI application and revision to the NPDES

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Permit for replacement and upgrades of the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners requests the County Auditor to transfer \$15,300.00 from the ARPA fund to an appropriate fund within Water Resources out of which the Department can pay the fees associated with the NPDES Permit and PTI application to the Ohio EPA.

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 WATER RESOURCES – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations with Local 4340 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC for the next contract period effective January 1, 2023.

<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>

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:34 a.m. with Dr. Oluic and Ms. Miller. The Board returned at 11:18 a.m. with no action taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

<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>

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Attorney Stephen Funk. The rest of the Board returned at 11:55 a.m. and no action was taken. Commissioner Spidalieri left during Executive Session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending October 19, 2022 and October 26, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for September 21, 2022.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 11/8 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Conference Room A334, 3rd Floor*
- Wed., 11/9 Geauga County Township Association Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen*
- Fri., 11/11 County Offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day. Twenty-four operations will continue to operate.*
- Tue., 11/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

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Tue., 11/15 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District meeting, 1:00 p.m. District Office, Warren

Mon., 11/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 11/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Thu., 11/24 County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Fri., 11/25 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Tue., 11/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrator Adam Litke explained that they will be awarding the bid for the Parkman Well bid and hopefully get a contract in several weeks and start drilling a test well and then get the rest drilled. There is a minimum of six approved by the EPA, and then depending on the drilling goes and testing they can do more.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

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James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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