The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on December 20, 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 9:37 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

"For the message of this most joyous holiday is that we are all...

Loved by a force greater than ourselves, a love that surpasseth all understanding, a love that provides all the answers for those who feel lost and alone during these remarkable days. We are not alone; we're never alone."

Amen

- President Ronald Reagan

December 1988, Radio Address to the Nation on the Holiday Season

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from December 15, 2022, Resolution #22-196 that included Appropriation transfers from the County Engineer's Office in their Road and Storm Water fund for the final OPERS payment for 2022 and various payments for the Auditor, Building Department, Commissioners, Job and Family Services and Maintenance that needed to be done before year end; 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.

<u>COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</u>

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on December 19, 2022 that included for Transit to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Paul Ovark, Full-time Driver for up to one hundred hours (100), not covered by accrued sick and vacation leave during the period December 12, 2022 through December 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 Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute the minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent*

Commissioner Lennon Aye
Commissioner Dvorak Aye

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriations transfers from Transit into their hospitalization account to cover a shortfall of funds for December's payment and for the ADP Contract Services Fund into their contract services account to cover website conversion contracts that need to be opened before the end of the year, Supplemental Appropriations and de-Appropriations to true up funds and accounts for year end, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Victim Witness Assistance fund to pay local match for VOCA grant period October 2022 through September 2023 with an additional approved amount to cover cuts in State funding (\$16,552.00 local match plus \$34,360.00

additional = \$50,912.00), and Revenue certifications and de-certifications in various funds including ADP in their contract services fund to recognize additional revenue received in 2022 in order to supplement an expense account and replace their services vehicle as well as JFS, Juvenile Court, Sheriff, Transit and Water Resources to true up their revenues for year end.

There was discussion about the transfer for ADP contract services for the contracts being opened before the end of the year and for their vehicle purchase.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #22-0197 itemizing the financials for the meeting of December

20, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

> Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - RELEASE BID / PERFORMANCE BONDS - MULTIPLE

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to release the Bid / Performance Bonds for multiple projects that have been completed and that all specifications on the project have been completed.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to release the Bid/

Performance Bonds for the following projects, as all specifications have been

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Thompson Road (CH-0007, Sections A-E)

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Auburn Road (CH-0004, Sections N-O)

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH-0032, Sections A-C)

Eclipse Co, LLC – Replacement of Farmington Road Bridge (Structure #0018-01.960

Grade Line, Incorporated – Wilson Mills Road Bridge (Structure #0008-04.690

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing Aquilla Road (CH-0005, Sections A-B) and Butternut Road (CH-0021, Ssections F-H)

Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Chagrin Road (CH-0009, Section A)

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Bass Lake Road (CH-0023, Sections A-C)

Chagrin Valley Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt Resurfacing of Jug Street (CH-0046, Sections F-G)

Grade Line, Incorporated – Munn Road Bridge Replacements

The Aero-Mark Company, LLC – Application of Polyester Pavement Markings Various Roads

Ronyak Paving, Incorporated – Asphalt and Concrete Paving Engineers North and South Yards Grade Line, Incorporated – Drainage Improvements to Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E)

> Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT –</u> SFY2023 HEAP OUTREACH

Director Jessica Boalt explained that this is a reimbursement grant from the WRAAA which provides funds for our office to assist seniors with their applications for Home Energy Assistance Program – HEAP.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency

on Aging Contract with the Department on Aging for SFY2023 HEAP

OUTREACH for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in the

amount of \$3,695.72.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING SFY 2022-2023 MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA)</u> <u>MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS, LOW-INCOME SUBSIDY AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG</u> <u>ASSISTANCE</u>

Ms. Boalt explained that this is a grant from WRAAA that provides funds to assist seniors with completing applications for low income seniors to get a reduction in their Medicare and prescription plans.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging SFY 2022-2023 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Medicare Savings Programs, Low-income Subsidy and Prescription Drug Assistance through the Aging Network, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers Grant Agreement for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$3,067.02.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONTRACT – OLDER AMERICANS ACT / SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>

Ms. Boalt explained that this is a reimbursement grant for supportive services, their social workers, including transportation and their matter of balance and disease management programs.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Contract with Department on Aging for the Older Americans Act / Senior Community Services for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$348,000.00 (Supportive Services IIIB \$115,000.00, Transportation IIIB \$90,000.00, Transportation IIIE \$120,000.00, Matter of Balance IIID \$15,000.00 and Diabetes Self-Management IIID \$8,000.00).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – AGREEMENT – VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD – MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS</u>

Ms. Boalt explained that this lease is with the Village of Middlefield for the community center that is used for the Middlefield Senior Center. Ms. Boalt noted that this is a one-year renewal on the lease. Mr. Dvorak asked if this included an increase, to which Ms. Boalt affirmed that it was an increase from about \$9,000.00, adding that they typically pay around 75% of the building utilities.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement for Services between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Department on Aging and the Village of Middlefield for the use of the Middlefield Village Community Center to provide senior programs and services for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at an annual amount of \$13,000.00 (paid quarterly).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY</u> <u>LIVING PROGRAM FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER – THE HILLS AT HOME</u> <u>INCORPORATED D.B.A. OHMAN FAMILY LIVING AT HOME – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE</u> <u>BOND – RELEASE BID BOND</u>

Ms. Boalt explained that back in September we had gone out to bid for the Assistance with Daily Living Program and awarded contracts with four providers, before the Board today is three of the four contracts and acceptance of their performance bonds. There is one missing due to legal discussing the performance bond but will be before the Board soon.

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with The Hills at Home Incorporated d.b.a. Ohman Family Living at Home for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 for 4,160 units of service at a reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per unit for a total contract amount of \$124,800.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond for The Hills at Home Incorporated d.b.a. Ohman Family Living at Home for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents, authorizing the President of the Board to execute the Change Rider and further release the Bid Bond.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING PROGRAM FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER – QUALCARE, LLC (D.B.A. HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE SERVICES, INCORPORATED) – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND</u>

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with QualCare, LLC (d.b.a. Home Instead Senior Care Services, Incorporated) for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 for 5,768 units of service at a reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per unit for a total contract amount of \$173,040.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond / Bond Rider for QualCare, LLC for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents and further release the Bid Bond.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING PROGRAM FOR GEAUGA RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER – CHERISHED COMPANIONS HOME CARE, LLC - ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND</u>

Motion:

by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Cherished Companions Home Care, LLC for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents Age 60 and over for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 for 14,864 units of service at a reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per unit for a total contract amount of \$445,920.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the

Performance Bond for Cherished Companions Home Care, LLC for the

Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents and further release

the Bid Bond.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye
Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC) – FIRST</u> <u>ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT AGREEMENT – WOMENSAFE, INCORPORATED – GEAUGA</u> <u>HIGHWAY COMPANY – WOMENSAFE PAVING PROJECT UNDER CDBG #B-F-21-1AZ-1</u>

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to execute an addendum to the agreement with Geauga Highway Company for the project at the WomenSafe which allows us to do a partial payment for the project and hold the final payment until the spring so that the remaining part of the project is completed and any repairs that are needed.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute the First Addendum to the Contract Agreement between the County of Geauga, WomenSafe, Incorporated and Geauga Highway Company for the WomenSafe Paving Project under CDBG Grant #B-F-21-1AZ-1 for a partial payment of \$30,000.00 with a final payment of \$5,100.00 (CDBG) and \$11,190.00 (WomenSafe) will be paid upon completion of project and when all specifications have been completed, with all remaining terms and conditions of

the original contract in full force and effect.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPOINT AMY BURESCH – RE-APPOINT SARA SHININGER – OHIO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL – TWO YEARS</u>

Clerk Christine Blair explained that this action is to appoint Amy Buresch and re-appoint Sara Shininger for a two-year term on the children's trust fund child abuse and neglect prevention council.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the

appointment of Amy Buresch and the re-appointment of Sara Shininger to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention

Council for a two-year term.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN</u> <u>RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 – BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTION INCREASE</u> <u>FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES</u>

Sanitary Engineer Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve the resolution approving the use of ARPA funds for a property in the Berkshire Heights subdivision for additional funds that are needed for the connection.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

execute Resolution #22-198 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Berkshire Heights Sewer Connection Increase for Certain Properties, (PPN #06-

106900).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: December 20, 2022

Resolution: #22-198

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTION INCREASE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES

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 Board of Commissioners (BOCC) through the Department of Water Resources has constructed a public sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant in Chardon Township; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC approved the use of ARPA funds to pay for sewer service connections within the Berkshire Heights subdivision in an amount up to \$8,000 per connection on (June 28, 2022 in Resolution #22-121- rescinded) revised and replaced on August 23, 2022 in Resolution #22-156; and

WHEREAS, a connection has required additional construction at no fault of the property owner increasing the cost of constructing the service line above the \$8,000 maximum previously set; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC wishes to not require these property owners an added expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an additional expenditure above the \$8,000 grant for the following properties at the following additional expenditure:

Parcel # Increased cost Total Service Line Cost

06-106900 \$1,200.00 \$9,200

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 Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR YEAR 2023 – SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to execute the letter of engagement with Squire Patton Boggs for 2023 to assist with the continuing disclosure and economic development matters.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the Letter of Engagement for Year 2023 with Squire Patton Boggs for assistance with Continuing Disclosure and Economic Development Matters in an amount not to exceed \$8,200.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #24 AND #25 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – GMP PHASE #1 AND PHASE #2</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the request for partial payments #24 and #25 for Donley's Independence on the new building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #24 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building for

GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 in the amount of \$129,950.45.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #25 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building for

GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 in the amount of \$120,376.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – INDEPENDENCE</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION, PANZICA CONSTRUCTION AND INFINITY CONSTRUCTION – PHASE 2</u> <u>COURTHOUSE PROJECT</u>

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the issuance of request for proposals to the three companies that submitted statement of qualifications for the Phase 2 Courthouse project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the

issuance of a Request for Proposals to Independence Construction, Panzica Construction and Infinity Construction for the Phase 2 Courthouse Project, as these three companies were determined to be the top three firms from the Request for Qualifications submitted. Deadline for Proposals to be submitted is 4:00 p.m.

on Friday, January 27, 2023. Interviews will be held on January 31, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye Commissioner Dvorak Aye

<u>DOG WARDEN – AUTHORIZE MATT GRANITO TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS</u> <u>RELATED TO BEQUEST FROM ED PLOTKE – HELP HOMELESS DOGS – DEPOSIT INTO</u> <u>THE DOG AND KENNEL FUND</u>

Ms. Blair explained that a resident passed away and included in his will was a bequest to help homeless animals to the Dog Shelter and this request is to authorize Mr. Granito to execute the documents related to the bequest and then the funds received would go into the Dog and Kennel fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and

authorize, Matt Granito to accept and execute documents related to a bequest from Ed Plottke to help the homeless dogs at the Dog Shelter and deposit the

funds received into the Dog and Kennel Fund.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Spidalieri Absent

Commissioner Lennon Aye
Commissioner Dvorak Aye

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending November, 2022.

- 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 November, 2022 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).
- c) Village of South Russell, Ordinance No. 2022-96 Approving the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove Snow and Ice and Apply Control Material on State Highways inside the Village Corporation.

<u>OTH</u>ER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Mon., 12/26 County Offices will be closed in honor of Christmas. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.
- Thu., 12/29 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.
- Mon., 1/2 County Offices will be closed in honor of New Year's Day. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.
- Thu., 1/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. and will include the annual organizational meeting.
- Mon., 1/16 County Offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as normal.
- Thu., 1/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Howard asked about migrants crossing the Rio Grande, to which it was suggested he speak with the Sheriff.

A local resident asked the Board who oversees the Common Pleas Court, to which Mr. Morgan stated it's the State and the Supreme Court. This resident inquired about who he needed to speak to about trying to get his situation involving the Probate/Juvenile Court and Job and Family Services.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion:	by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.
	Geauga County Board of Commissioners
	James W. Dvorak
	Timothy C. Lennon
	Ralph Spidalieri

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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