

Commissioners' Journal
January 19, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on January 19, 2023 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, Ralph Spidalieri 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:

A Morning 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

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from January 12, 2023 Resolution #23-003 that included Appropriations transfers to the Sheriff for miscellaneous refunds, reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Public Assistance for our January – March 2023 mandated share, a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of their 2023 funding; Travel requests for the Clerk of Courts Office, the Commissioners Office and Emergency Services; a payment for the County Engineer's Office to the County Engineers Association of Ohio for annual dues in the amount of \$5,533.85 and a payment for Maintenance to CMRS for a postage refill on the postage machine in the amount of \$50,000.00; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #22-032 approved January 5, 2023 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 2023, 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 January 9, 2023 that included for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) to approve and execute the Notice to Proceed for Driverge Vehicle Innovations, LLC for the Department on Aging Paratransit Van under CDBG Grant #B-F21-1ZA-1, for the Maintenance Department accepted the resignation of Aaron Boalt, Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective January 20, 2023 and accepted the retirement resignation of Robert Anderson, Senior Trades Mechanic (#1905) to be effective February 1, 2023; for Transit approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Christopher Black, Part-time Driver for up to sixty-four (64) hours, not covered by accrued sick and vacation leave and during the period February 5, 2023 (Payroll #4) through March 4, 2023 (Payroll #5) and a Liquor License that concurred with the Huntsburg Township Trustees in requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Outdoor Recreations, LLC d.b.a. Highland Acres RV Resort located at 15560 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, Ohio (C NEW 6650871) and on January 17, 2023 for the Department on Aging accepted the resignation of Edward Shorridge, Maintenance Coordinator (#1013) to be effective February 3, 2023, for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) approved and executed a Satisfaction / Release of Mortgage for Daniel E. Rogal and Nicole Rogal as the Mortgage in connection with the Installation of new septic system for property located at 13404 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland in the amount of \$12,750.00 has been satisfied for Maintenance granted permission to advertise for three (3) positions of Maintenance Worker (#1904), these positions will remain posted until filled; approved an increase in the current posting for the position of Senior Trades Mechanic (#1905) from one to two (2) positions, these positions will remain posted until filled; approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Absolute Septic Pumping, LLC to perform Maintenance on County Grease Traps and Septic Tanks as per the Director for a period of three-years, effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; for Transit approved and executed the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for

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Transit Buses for the period October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$3,684.56 (\$84.14 Diesel and \$3,600.38 Gasoline); and for Water Resources approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Swift First Aid to perform refilling first aid kits at various locations within the department for the period of one-year, effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00; approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Go Green Heating Air Conditioning d.b.a. Auburn Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning to perform the Annual HVAC and Plumbing Maintenance service on furnace, air conditioning and air cleaner at various water locations within the department for a period of one year effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$390.00; and approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Go Green Heating Air Conditioning d.b.a. Auburn Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning to perform the HVAC and Plumbing Maintenance services as needed at various water locations within the department for a period of one-year effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; as authorized by Resolution #23-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2023 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 22, 2022.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of November 29, 2022.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 6, 2022.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations from the Sheriff's Office in their 9-1-1 Fund Equipment account for the Vesta Emergency Call Management equipment refresh; Cash transfer from the General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 4th quarter 2022 interest transfer; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to Family First for January – March 2023 commitment; a Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from October – December 2022; a Then and Now encumbrance for the Common Pleas Court to Averest, LLC for drug test services not previously encumbered, a Contract Purchase Order from the Community Development Block Grant fund to Driverge Vehicle Innovations, LLC for a paratransit van for the Department on Aging; a Travel Request for the County Engineer's Office; a payment for the Commissioners Office to Ravenwood for the first quarter commitment to Youth Center Operations in the amount of \$104,105.00, a payment for the Commissioners Office to Donley's Independence, LLC for pay request #24 and #25 for the new County Office Building Project in the amount of \$250,326.45, and a payment for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for services rendered for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and renovation project in the amount of \$81,269.23.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-006 itemizing the financials for the meeting of January 19, 2023.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2023 BUDGET FUNDING INCREASE – ADP BOARD - SALARIES

Commissioner Lennon explained that he was at the ADP Board meeting last week and that he has had very proactive conversations with Auditor Walder about the initiative they have been working on. Mr. Lennon stated that the Auditor wants to add three additional staff members, a Cyber Security Specialist, a Network Specialist and another support role with it, for an additional \$242,000.00 to the budget. Mr. Lennon feels the Board should agree to the request to get the positions advertised. Mr. Lennon continued that they have an additional request for 2023 that includes a lot of upgrades to security and to be more efficient for an additional \$900,000.00 plus for equipment and contract services. This will be done as part of the supplemental approvals like we do every year regarding carryover money. Mr. Lennon stated that overall, this will be an additional \$1.3 million dollar request.

Mr. Morgan clarified the amount of \$242,104.00 and if the Board approves that then Mr. Gorton can move forward on getting that prepared for next week. Mr. Gorton expressed that hopefully by next Tuesday he can get with the Board regarding the supplemental requests for the carryover. Mr. Lennon stated that he was waiting for information on what is an annual amount versus what is a one-time cost. Mr. Dvorak stated that we are overdue on updating the equipment and security and is comfortable in moving forward.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve a 2023 Budget funding increase for the ADP Board in their salaries account in the amount of \$242,104.00. This includes payroll, Medicare and OPERS.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE – AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - OIL/GAS WELL REVENUE -YEAR 2022

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the transfer of oil/gas well revenue for last year on the well on the fairgrounds property.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the Year 2022 in the amount of \$1,813.28 which is the total oil/gas well revenue received by the County through December 31, 2022 from a well located on the Geauga County Fairgrounds property.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – 2023 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve the 2023 CEBCO Wellness Grant agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2023 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement to promote employee health and wellness lifestyles in the amount of \$15,930.00 Program Funds and \$4,000.00 Administrative Funds.

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

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS – ADULT PROBATION – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT THE USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2023

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to approve the credit card use for the Adult Probation department as they were waiting for Ms. Walker to return for her signature.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Application for Authorization to permit the use of Credit Cards for the Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 per person, per month for Nicole Walker, Danielle Bokar and Matthew Zupancic.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – CENTERRA CO-OP

Human Resources and Fiscal Officer Katie Taylor explained that the Engineer's Office would like to renew their contract agreement with Centerra for the delivery of fuel. Ms. Taylor stated that they learned they needed to go to bid, however they can use state bid pricing, it was found that they can utilize Centerra if their pricing is lower than the state bid price. Ms. Taylor stated that they have renewed for this year with the same rates as last year and asked that the Board approve the contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Centerra Co-Op for the delivery of Gasoline – Ethanol 87 Gasoline (aka 87e10), Premium Diesel Clear, and Premium Diesel Dyed and pursuant to O.R.C. 125.04 (C), that the County will purchase the supplies and services set forth in the State Contract for District 12 upon equivalent terms, conditions and specifications but at a lower price than the State Contract, up to and including December 31, 2023, unless otherwise extended in writing, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE MORGAN ROAD – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajar asked the Board to approve the resolution to improve Morgan Road in Montville Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-007 to Improve Morgan Road (CH-0026, Section A) in Montville Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 19, 2023
Resolution: #23-007

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE
MORGAN ROAD (CH-0026), SECTION A
IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Morgan Road (CH-0026), Sections A, from GAR Highway (U.S. 6) to Leggett Road (CH-0033) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs, and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs, and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Montville Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE REPLACEMENT OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the replacement of the Washington Street Bridge in Auburn Township. Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the cover sheet for the plans and set a bid opening on February 15th.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-008 to Order the Replacement of the Washington Street Bridge (Structure #BR-0606-F-05.310-2023) in Auburn Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Cover Sheet of the Plans for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on January 26, 2023 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: January 19, 2023
Resolution: #23-008

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21 - 156 that the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over Clemens Creek on Washington Street, CH-0606, at mile marker 05.310 and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Washington Street in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, lands will be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof and no special assessments shall be collected to fund this improvement; and

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WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, after reviewing the plans with the County Engineer in public session, is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby approves the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from local and/or state funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby ordered to let this project for bids in accordance with Section 5555.61 of the Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 PM on February 15, 2023. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM the same day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

There was a brief discussion on the bids being opened here as they are working to move to using Bidding Express and everything will be done digitally. It will be hosted in the Engineer's Office and leave the invitation open to anyone who wants to attend in person, but as a member of Bid Express you can watch online.

Mr. Lennon asked Mr. Hajjar to attend the NOACA meeting on his behalf. Mr. Lennon asked about any NOACA funding being award to Geauga County, as he heard something about the Park District and South Russell Village. Mr. Hajjar stated the 20/21 TIP there was funding received for East Washington Street which will happen in 2023. Mr. Dvorak asked how much it was to which Mr. Hajjar stated \$400,000 for one and \$800,000 for the other, so about \$1.2 million in total. The TIP gets renewed every two years to adjust for changes or funding in projects. Mr. Hajjar stated that the Park District got funding for a project, and the project at 306 and Bell Road in South Russell. Mr. Lennon asked about if the Park communicates with the Engineer, to which Mr. Hajjar stated that they can apply and go after the TLCI funding, which is separate competition for funding, likewise South Russell Village submitted for the traffic improvement project. Mr. Lennon asked if there is any coordination on the applications, to which Mr. Hajjar expressed that the funding they apply for comes out of a different pool of money and are always looking for projects like to do outside of Cuyahoga County.

PLANNING COMMISSION – ACCEPT, ADOPT AND APPROVE CHANGES – COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

Director Linda Crombie explained that the General Plan was adopted in October of 21 and has been in effect for a year in October 2022, annual review is required and assess how it is being used. Ms. Crombie stated that the staff used it about 40 times but also referred outside agencies to use it. Ms. Crombie explained that there are not a lot of changes. On page 30 they revised a map and changed how it was labeled to an urban cluster versus urbanized area (50,000 people or more), and now a slight adjustment to the paragraph. On page 50 is a wording change to the bottom paragraph regarding tax exempt conservation easements, removing the 25.5 square miles. On page 96, is the same correction as Page 30 for the change to the map and the language being "and urban clusters". On page 130 under Economic Development, language was added to include development of a county CEDS, this was pulled from the strategic plan from Economic Development. Mr. Dvorak said that Planning Commission may serve, not shall, serve as technical advisor, continuing to thank Ms. Crombie for getting this to them, but feels more comfortable with Economic Development. Mr. Dvorak expressed that two different companies created these two plans, and feels that this section to create a CEDS program should

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be Economic Development. Commissioner Lennon expressed that he agrees to some extent, but that both plans need to be in concert together and that they reference each other is ok. Ms. Crombie stated that the Planning Commission does not want to, nor is trying to do Economic Development. Mr. Dvorak added that if Planning wants to give technical advice, great, work hand in hand with each other, but having our own CEDS with Economic Development taking the lead. Ms. Crombie mentioned another section of the plan with regards to Aging, which talks about senior housing study but is really population based, and they assist Aging with that area. Ms. Crombie added that the other change is on Page 137 and relates to the Amish community regarding scooters and not bikes along with a change to the format of postal costs. The significant change to the plan is every five years. Mr. Lennon commended Ms. Crombie for everything she has done since she started.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak to accept, approve and adopt the recommended changes, except for Page 30, Economic Development for the Geauga County General Plan to be effective January 19, 2023.

Discussion briefly continued regarding the change on Page 130 and the collaboration of the two departments working together.

No second to the motion was made – this motion died.

Mr. Spidalieri asked for a motion on what was presented:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to accept, approve and adopt the recommended corrections and updates by the Planning Commission Board to the Geauga County General Plan to be effective January 19, 2023.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>No</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PERFORMANCE BOND – ADDUS HEALTHCARE (SOUTH CAROLINA) – ASSISTANCE WITH DAILY LIVING

Administrative Services Manager Reba Dykes asked the Board to execute the Contract agreement with Addus Healthcare for the Assistance with Daily Living program. Ms. Dykes stated that this is the fourth contract for this year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Addus HealthCare (South Carolina) 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 1,832 units of service at a reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per unit for a total contract amount of \$54,960.00.

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

Ms. Dykes asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond for Addus HealthCare (South Carolina), Incorporated d.b.a. Arcadia Home Care and Staffing for the Assistance with Daily Living Program for Geauga Residents and further release the Bid Bond.

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

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DEPARTMENT ON AGING – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – PERFORMANCE BOND – SYMBA AND SNAP GOURMET FOODS INCORPORATED – ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM, PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF CATERED MEALS

Internal Operations Manager Karen Stone asked the Board to execute the contract with Symba and Snap Gourmet Foods, formerly Paige Food Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program for a two-year period. Mr. Lennon asked if this was levy funded.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Symba and Snap Gourmet Foods, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals, according to Federal Guidelines for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$987,420.00 (\$4.44 per congregate meal, \$4.73 per home delivered meal, \$4.34 per frozen/holiday meal and \$5.50 for therapeutic meals).

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

Ms. Stone asked the Board to accept the Performance Bond and release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond for Symba and Snap Gourmet Foods, Incorporated for the Elderly Nutrition Program, Preparation and Delivery of Catered Meals and further release the Bid Bond.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – LEASE – BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Ms. Stone asked the Board to execute the lease with Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ for the Bainbridge Senior Center.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Lease with Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ to provide senior programs and services for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$11,022.00 (payable in monthly installments of \$918.50).

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR (#1013)

Ms. Stone asked the Board to advertise for the Full-time Maintenance Coordinator.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Maintenance Coordinator (#1013). This position will remain posted until filled.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT – CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT

Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to execute the subrecipient agreement for Chester Township Board of Trustees for building demolition and site revitalization program. Ms.

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Hofstetter explained that this is an old house that is owned by the Township and needs to be demolished and once complete will be replaced with additional parking near the ball fields.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Subrecipient Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners and the Chester Township Board of Trustees under the Ohio Department of Development, Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant for property located at 8580 Mayfield Road, Chesterland, Ohio, during the period January 1, 2023 through May 1, 2023 in the amount of \$20,700.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – THE BERGREN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED – WATER DISTRICT

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract with The Bergren Associates for the maintenance and installation of telemetry and control systems at various water facilities.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with The Bergren Associates, Incorporated to perform Maintenance service and installation of all telemetry and control systems, including meter calibration, at various Water District facilities within the department for a period of one-year effective January 19, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – HANNON ELECTRIC COMPANY

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract with Hannon Electric Company for electrical work at various locations.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Hannon Electric Company to perform Electrical work including motor and blower service and repairs at various locations within the department for a period of one-year effective January 19, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT - HANNON ELECTRIC COMPANY – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract with Hannon Electric Company to perform SCADA programming services at the McFarland treatment plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Hannon Electric Company to perform 25 days of onsite PLC/HMI/SCADA programming services for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant for the period of one-year effective January 19, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - TABLED

The following item was on the agenda:

The Department of Water Resources is requesting the Board approve the updated Geauga County Department of Water Resources (GCWDR) Fees and Service Rates to be effective February 1, 2023.

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to consider approving and increase to fees and service rates due to costs of materials and supplies continuing to increase, including lab work and testing, equipment for flow testing, and maintenance. Dr. Oluic used a pump as an example that last year was \$5,200.00 and this year is almost \$9,300.00 and the lead time has gone from two weeks to six weeks. Mr. Lennon inquired about they came up with these increases to which Dr. Oluic stated that it was discussions with the Supervisors. Mr. Lennon asked if the costs go to the contractor or the resident and when was the last time they were increased. Dr. Oluic stated that it would depend on the situation, some could be the contractor. Dr. Oluic stated that July 2021 was the last increase, and while it is not significant, but there are more items. Mr. Lennon expressed that he is not in favor of approving the increases without reviewing them further. Dr. Oluic asked if Water Resources could ask for funds from the General Fund. Mr. Lennon asked if they were going to run out, to which Dr. Oluic stated it could get to that point.

After discussion Commissioner Spidalieri proposed to table the item.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 – FUNDS FOR SERVICES CENTER WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-009 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds for the Services Center Water System Upgrade Project, for construction services in the amount of \$560,000.00.

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Date: January 19, 2023

Resolution: #23-009

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS FOR THE SERVICES CENTER WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT P2103

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 is upgrading the Services Center Water System in Claridon Township; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC approved the use of ARPA funds to pay for construction services at the Services Center Water System in an amount of \$560,000.00, in accordance with Resolution #21-095 approved July 20, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of \$560,000.00 to an appropriate fund within Water Resources for the Services Center Water System Upgrade Project P2103.

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

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

TRANSIT – SUBAWARD CONTRACT AMENDMENT - STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OHIO TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to execute the Subaward Contract Amendment to extend the performance deadline. Ms. Santilli stated that these funds were approved for them to purchase a new truck and snowplow, unfortunately there were no trucks available for her to purchase. Ms. Santilli stated that it looks like they will be able to get one this year, so they are extending it through year 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Subaward Contract Amendment under the State Fiscal Year 2022 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Transit (Grant OTPP-0101-GRP-222 and OTPP-0101-GRP-223) to extend the performance end date through December 31, 2023, and further authorize the Director to submit the amendment electronically.

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

TRANSIT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ELDERLY AND DISABLED FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SFY2023 GRANT PROGRAM YEAR, GRANT AGREEMENT

Ms. Santilli explained that this is reimbursement type grant of funds for elderly and disabled fares that are based on the previous year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance Program, SFY2023 Grant Program Year, Grant Agreement (EHTA-4101-GRF-231) in the amount of \$47,568.00 and further authorize the Director to submit the agreement electronically.

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

TRANSIT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public employee.

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

Assistant Prosecutor Laura LaChapelle inquired if the motion included the word dismissal, so the Board took the following action to include dismissal in the motion.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and dismissal of a public employee.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Ms. LaChapelle, Ms. Santilli and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned at 10:58 a.m. no action at this time but will have action after the next executive session.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public employee.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:53 a.m. and no action was taken.

TRANSIT – ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge and accept a written request from Paul Ovark on January 17, 2023 for a voluntary disability separation from his position as Transit Driver at the Geauga County Transit Department.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant Paul Ovark's request for a voluntary disability separation pursuant to OH ADC 123:1-30-02 effective February 3, 2023. The employee retains the right to be reinstated to his position for two years from the date that the employee is no longer in active work status.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and extend an unpaid medical leave of absence for Paul Ovark, Full-time Transit Driver for up to seventy-seven (77) hours not covered by accrued sick and vacation leave during the period January 19, 2023 through February 3, 2023.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</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 January 4, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending December, 2022.*
- c) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending December, 2022 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- d) The Annual Statement of Unpaid Fees for the calendar year 2021 filed by the Sheriff's Office of an accurate account of all fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances and prerequisites that have remained unpaid for more than one year pursuant to ORC 325.31.*
- e) Ohio Department of Agriculture 2022 Annual Monitoring Reports for Kevin D. and Nancy M. O'Reilly, Mark and Kathleen Binnig, Donald E. and Mary Ann Anna and Jerry R. and Jamie R. Davis*

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- f) *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 December, 2022 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 1/19 Destination Geauga Members Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen

Fri., 1/20 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Mon., 1/23 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tues., 1/24 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tues., 1/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 2/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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