

Commissioners' Journal
February 7, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 7, 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 9:39 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Lord,

You are so good to us

We give you thanks for your ongoing faithfulness

Your peace that passes understanding and your immeasurable love

And most of all, we thank you, for the abundant blessings that are ours, because of the life we share in Jesus.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 3, 2023 that included for the Department on Aging to approve the revision to the effective date of hire for Maryann Cassidy to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) to be effective February 27, 2023 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 the promotion of David Craig to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Coordinator (#1004) to be effective February 27, 2023 at the rate of \$22.21 per hour with a 180-day probationary period; and for Water Resources approved hiring Laura Maddox to the position of Full-time Wastewater Plant Operator I (#2326) to be effective February 27, 2023 at the rate of \$24.44 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriations transfers from the Commissioners General Fund miscellaneous operating transfer account to the Maintenance Department's Software Services account to provide the funds to purchase the Brightly Asset Management System (replacement for Facility Dude), Supplemental Appropriation to increase the payroll accounts in Archives to accommodate the hiring of a Temporary Director in the department, Supplemental Appropriation in the Sheriff's 800 Communications Fund to provide funds needed for radio replacements, Cash transfers from the General Fund to the Engineer's office for the Storm Water Management fund per MOU dated April 30, 2013 and 2023 payment for offices expenses per funding agreement allowed by O.R.C. 315.11, Travel request for the Juvenile Court, a payment for the Commissioners to Donley's Independence, LLC for pay request #26 for the new County Office Building in the amount of \$412,963.04, a payment for Community Development Block Grant to Geauga Highway Company for the Womensafe parking lot paving project in the amount of \$30,000.00, a payment for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for services related to the McFarland Upgrades and Renovation project in the amount of \$152,482.71 and Revenue Certifications from Transit in their operating fund for additional state grants and from the Sheriff in their Law Enforcement Block Grant fund for pending Office of Criminal Justice Services awards due to be received in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-016 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 7, 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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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET (CH-0606, SECTIONS A-B) IIN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE COVER PAGE FOR SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING

Deputy Engineer Tim Woodcock asked the Board to approve and execute the resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections A-B in Bainbridge Township, to execute the Cover page for the specifications and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-017 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections A-B) in Bainbridge Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Bid Specifications Cover Page for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:10 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 9, 2023, February 16, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-017

Date: February 7, 2023

RESOLUTION TO ORDER
THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTIONS A-B OF
WASHINGTON STREET, CH-0606 IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21-155 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Washington Street (CH-0606), Sections A-B, from the South Russell Village Corporation Line to Chillicothe Road (SR 306) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvements is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

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 hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:10 P.M. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Bainbridge 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>

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT
RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET (CH-0606, SECTIONS C-E) IN AUBURN AND
BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIPS – EXECUTE COVER PAGE – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Woodcock asked the Board to approve and execute the resolution to order the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships, to execute the cover page for the specifications and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-018 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Bid Specifications Cover Page for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 9, 2023, February 16, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-018

Date: February 7, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING
OF SECTIONS C-E OF WASHINGTON STREET, CH-0606
IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 22 - 140 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Washington Street (CH-0606), Sections C-E, from Chillicothe Road (SR 306) to Bainbridge Road (CH-0011) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, no lands are needed to be taken relative to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and hearing no objections for the improvements is satisfied that the public convenience and welfare require that said improvement be made; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funding has been secured for this project and the cost of such improvement will not be excessive in view of the public utility thereof.

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 hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:15 P.M. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees, the Bainbridge 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>

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VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMISSION – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2023

It was noted that this was to approve the use of credit cards for the year 2023.

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 County Credit Cards (O.R.C. 301.27) for the Year 2023 for a Geauga Credit Union Visa with a not to exceed amount per month per person for the following:

<i>Michele Pemberton</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Stacie Malone</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>John Riha</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>John Brickman</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Charles Boehnlein</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Douglas Lundblad</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Randy McVicker</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>	<i>Doug Hodakievic</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Eric Stransky</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

<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 – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND PAYMENT REQUEST #14 – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT – TECHNICAL SERVICES – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED – FINAL DISBURSEMENT OF LOAN

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #14 for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant renovation and upgrade for HDR Engineering for the final disbursement and remainder of the loan.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize James W. Dvorak to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Fund Payment Request #14 for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project for Technical Services by HDR Engineering, Incorporated for the final disbursement and remainder of loan in the amount of \$127,749.90.

<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>

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – AIRMED HANGAR FUNDING

Commissioner Lennon explained that he had gotten an email from Chip Hess about the AirMed Hangar. Mr. Morgan stated that they were looking to see if ARPA could be used or not. Mr. Spidalieri asked Mr. Walder, present in the meeting about the use of ARPA funds, to which Mr. Walder explained that the State Auditor stated that you cannot move money out of the ARPA funds to any other fund unless you have approval from the Tax Commissioner. Mr. Walder stated that a Township was dinged on their audit, however you can make multiple line item account and pay out of the ARPA funds as long as its an approved ARPA use. Mr. Walder stated that there is no allowance to transfer ARPA funds unless you have permission of the Tax Commissioner. Mr. Morgan stated that we could not transfer the funds to the airport, however we are still trying to figure out if it is an allowable use of funds, and learned that there have been changes again on the use. Mr. Spidalieri asked Ric Blamer what the Airport was in need from the Commissioners. Mr. Blamer stated that they were waiting for permission from the Commissioners to move forward and since its not a typical project there should be a discussion on funding. Mr. Gorton stated that he wanted to interject and state that a majority of the funds has already been transferred to the Airport Construction fund. Mr. Gorton stated that they just need about \$40 - \$50,000.00 more to complete the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move forward with plans to the AirMed Hangar renovations and approve a transfer of the additional funds needed to the airport construction fund.

<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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending January 25, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tues., 2/7 State Auditor's Entrance Conference, 10:00 a.m., 3rd Floor

Mon., 2/13 Board of Revision, Hearings from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 2/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. Conference Room, Third Floor, Room A334

Tue., 2/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 2/20 **County offices will be closed for general business due to the President's Day holiday. Twenty-four-hour operations will continue to operate as usual.**

Thu., 2/23 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 2/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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