

Commissioners' Journal
February 14, 2023

:The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 14, 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 9:36 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

A prayer for Valentine's Day

Heavenly Father

I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me

Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and power and strength that I get from you.

Every single day.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 10, 2023 that included for Maintenance to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with James W. Ross, Incorporated d.b.a. Swift First Aid to supply Geauga County Offices with First Aid Supplies for the period March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and on February 13, 2023 for the Department on Aging accepted the resignation of Natalie Dolezal, Recreation and Education Assistant to be effective February 10, 2023; 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 Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of December 29, 2022.

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

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from this meeting.*

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Cash transfer for Transit from their operating to their capital fund for projects being funded through reimbursement grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation, Travel requests for Common Pleas Court, County Engineer's Office and Job and Family Services, a Then and Now for Emergency Services for fuel expenses from 2022 that were not previously encumbered, a payment for the Auditor's Office to Integrity Appraisal Services for 2023 re- eval and new construction property valuations assistance in the amount of \$50,011.00 and Revenue Certifications from Common Pleas Court in their Automated Outbound Text fund for Federal grant money and from Transit in their Transportation Capital fund for additional money to be received in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-019 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 14, 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 – AMEND MOTION – CORRECT DOLLAR AMOUNT –
REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #26

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to amend the motion to correct the dollar amount for Donley's Independence, as the previous motion was \$421,963.04, adding that the amount paid was the \$412,963.04.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to amend the motion from January 31, 2023 to correct the dollar amount to read: approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #26 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building for GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 in the amount of \$412,963.04.

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

JUVENILE / PROBATE COURT – RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2022
'NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH' AND FEBRUARY 17, 2023 AS GEAUGA COUNTY
ADOPTION DAY

Shawna Myers explained that they have finalized over 22 adoptions this year with four more to go and two will be finalized this Friday, the 17th. Ms. Myers explained that they partner with Jockey being family, Catholic Charities and the Dave Thomas Foundation. Ms. Myers asked the Board to approve the resolution proclaiming November 2022 as Adoption Month and February 17th as Adoption Day in Geauga County. Ms. Myers responded to question from Mr. Lennon in that they are seeing an increase in adoptions annually.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-020 Proclaiming November 2022 "National Adoption Month" and February 17, 2023 as "Gauga County Adoption Day".

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-020
Date: February 14, 2023

*PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2022 "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH"
AND FEBRUARY 17, 2023 AS "GEAUGA COUNTY ADOPTION DAY"*

WHEREAS, in recognition of NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, the Board of Geauga County Commissioners joins the Geauga County Probate Court, the Geauga County Juvenile Court's CASA Program, and Geauga County Children Services, in commemorating the Court's "Our Rockstar" celebration. The objective of NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH is to find loving, permanent families for all children. Every child in America and every child in Geauga County, Ohio, deserves the security of a permanent home and a loving, caring family; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, and Job and Family Services together encourage the community, businesses, groups, schools, faith-based organizations, and families to help secure permanent, loving homes for each and every child in Geauga County, regardless of race, age, gender, health, emotional or behavioral challenge, or past distress; and

WHEREAS, more than 407,000 children are placed into the foster care system in the United States every year. Today in the United States, there are approximately 114,500 children in the foster care system waiting for permanent, loving homes. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than three years, and more than 23,000 children every year turn 18 and leave the system waiting for a family. Since Adoption Day last year, 22 children have been adopted. Three children are currently waiting for adoption.

WHEREAS, Judge Timothy J. Grendell and Magistrate Abbey L. King have displayed compassion for children by working extensively on their behalf in the area of adoption as Geauga County Probate Judge and Magistrate, and have promoted adoption as a means of bringing families together in Geauga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Geauga County Commissioners hereby proclaims NOVEMBER as ADOPTION MONTH and FEBRUARY 17, 2023 as ADOPTION DAY in Geauga County, Ohio

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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 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 ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MORGAN ROAD (CH-0026) AND LEGGETT ROAD (CH-0033, SECTIONS D-E) IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Resolution to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road and Leggett Road in Montville Township, to execute the Title Sheet and set the bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-021 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road (CH-0026) and Leggett Road (CH-0033, Sections D-E) in Montville Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 16, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 14, 2023

Resolution: #23-021

RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF SECTION A OF MORGAN ROAD, CH-0026 AND SECTIONS D-E OF LEGGETT ROAD, CH-0033 RS-GEA-V-2023-1 IN MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21 – 152 and 23 – 007 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Morgan Road (CH-0026), Section A from the Gar Highway (US 6) to Leggett Road (CH-0033) and Leggett Road (CH-0033), Sections D-E from Madison Road (SR 528) to the Ashtabula County Line by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, lands will not 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

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.

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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 March 8, 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 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 ASPHALT RESURFACING OF OLD STATE ROAD (CH-0006, SECTION A) AND FARMINGTON ROAD (CH-0018, SECTIONS A-C) IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute Resolution to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road and Farmington Road in Parkman Township, to execute the Title Sheet and Set the bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-022 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road (CH-0006, Section A) and Farmington Road (CH-0018, Sections A-C) in Parkman Township.

This resolution also requests the Board approve and execute the Title Sheet of Specifications for the same.

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on February 16, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 14, 2023
Resolution: #23-022

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF
SECTION A OF OLD STATE ROAD, CH-0006 AND
SECTIONS A-C OF FARMINGTON ROAD, CH-0018
RS-GEA-V-2023-2 IN PARKMAN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 22 – 132 and 22 – 134 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Old State Road (CH-0006), Section A from the Trumbull County Line to Nash Road (SR 88) and Farmington Road (CH-0018), Sections A-C from Main Market Road (US 422) to the Trumbull County Line by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing and improving shoulders and related improvements as necessary in accordance with Section 5555.06 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, lands will not 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

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.

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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 March 8, 2023. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 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 Parkman 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – PEGGY PETERS, FOOD AND SERVICES AIDE (#1031)

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to approve the retirement resignation of Peggy Peters.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Retirement Resignation of Peggy Peters, Food and Services Aide (#1031) to be effective March 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS – FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005) TO SIX POSITIONS – REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART TO REFLECT CHANGE

Ms. Boalt explained that they will not be filling the Food and Services Aide position but instead. increase the number of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant positions from five to six and revise the organizational chart to reflect the change.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve an increase to the number of positions for Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) from five to six positions and revise the Organizational Chart to reflect this change effective February 14, 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>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE POSITIONS – (2) FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005) INTERNALLY FIVE DAYS – IF NO CANDIDATES – EXTERNALLY UNTIL FILLED

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to advertise for the Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant positions, internally and then if needed, externally until filled. There was a brief discussion on the length of time it is taking to hire employees.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for two (2) positions of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) internally for a period of five days with applications accepted from February 21, 2023 through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023, if no qualified candidates are found, the positions will then be advertised externally until the positions are filled.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ABOLISH POSITION – FOOD AND SERVICES AIDE (#1031) – REVISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, 2023

Ms. Boalt explained that after Ms. Peters reaches her retirement date we would like to than abolish the Food and Services Aide position and revise the organizational chart.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the abolishment of the position of Food and Services Aide (#1031) and revise the Organizational Chart to reflect this change effective March 7, 2023.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – AWARD BID – KANGAS REALTY INVESTORS, LLC – CAMP HO MITA KODA CABIN WINTERIZATION PROJECT – CDBG #B-F-21-1AZ-1

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to award the Bid to Kangas Realty Investors for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization project as they were the lowest and best bid. Mr. Dvorak asked how many bids were received to which Ms. Malkamaki stated three, and explained that they will be installing P-Tack units in twelve cabins and two mini splits. Ms. Malkamaki explained that they were able to the base bid and both alternates.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization project (Re-Bid) under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant #B-F-21-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$58,800.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS, LLC – THREE-YEARS

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to execute the service contract with Fire Protection Solutions to do yearly inspections and maintenance on the sprinkler systems.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Fire Protection Solutions, LLC to perform Inspections, Maintenance, and Repairs on Sprinkler Systems at various Geauga County Buildings as per the Director for a three-year period, effective February 14, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.*

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

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – E TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the service contract with E Technologies for the inspections and maintenance in the UPS Units for two years, noting that they have units at the Sheriff's Office, the Annex and a small unit at the 470 Center Street location. There was a brief discussion about the UPS unit for the new building and that it is currently under warranty. Mr. Lennon noted that the unit in the new building was clogged and needs to be cleaned.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with E Technologies to provide Inspections and Maintenance on Geauga County UPS Units for a two-year period, effective February 14, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 (\$35,000.00 for County Offices and \$13,000.00 for the Safety Center).*

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

TRANSIT – EXECUTE LOCALLY FUNDED SERVICES AGREEMENT – BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT – BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve the Locally Funded Services Agreement with the Board of Developmental Disabilities for transportation services.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Locally Funded Services Agreement and Business Associate Agreement (Attachment A) between Geauga County Transit, Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for transportation services for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT - WORKMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Sanitary Engineer Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to execute the service Contract with Workman Industrial Services for emergency rehabilitation and improvements as needed at wastewater locations.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Workman Industrial Services, Incorporated to perform Emergency rehabilitation and improvements as needed at various wastewater locations within the department for a one-year period, effective February 14, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND ACCEPT RESIGNATION – JENNIFER MALAINEY – BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt and accept the resignation of Jennifer Malainy from the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services to be effective February 8, 2023.*

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

AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING (ADP) BOARD – 2023 BUDGET REQUESTS NOT INCLUDED IN PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

Auditor Charles Walder explained that there were two components in the 23 budget request that were reduced, equipment and contract services and provided a spreadsheet showing the requests, adding that he had felt they answered questions at the budget hearing. Mr. Walder continued to go over the spreadsheet, noting that the first two items on the list come out of a different fund location.

Mr. Walder stated that the first item is to replace the firewall and is vital to be replaced. The next item is a cisco dns that is out of service and needs to be updated. Mr. Walder went on to go over the items listed that includes switches, including DES, the telco room, cabling that needs to be updated in the opera house, the county home and telco room. Mr. Walder stated that there is a firewall at Post #2, and eight servers that are out of service and beyond their life. Mr. Walder stated that they needed additional gatekeeper keys to fully implement the county, we need these to go to the 25 character password and this then only uses a 4 digit key. Mr. Walder stated that there are voice routers that need replaced and the equipment to do the full countywide backup to

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go to the cloud. This is all the capital side of it, the next page is the contract services. Mr. Lennon had inquired about the amount of what is requested is recurring to which Mr. Walder stated that he felt it would be about 60%, adding that the courthouse update is not included in this amount and he's not sure yet what would be needed for that project. Mr. Walder stated that every year there will be capital that needs to be replaced. The most costly are servers. Mr. Walder stated that they didn't anticipate 470 offices being still operational. Mr. Lennon stated that it is not a permanent situation. Mr. Walder stated that they had signed a contract with Spectrum with a grandfather clause for 470 that went through the end of December however, it is still being used and they still have to have servers and internet for Board of Elections. Mr. Walder was talking about the County Home and with Maintenance moving into the facility we have to have equipment to upgrade that for them. Mr. Lennon thanked Mr. Walder for providing a tour and going over the request, adding that this is a big step to move towards improvements and replacements. Mr. Walder stated that contract services will reduce the costs in the capital as we move to the cloud, but you have annual contract amounts for the use of those services, and a majority of those are cyber related. Moving to the cloud will eliminate some and reduce the total number of servers. There was discussion about the total budget amount of about \$3 million with three additional employees for a total of 14 employees. Mr. Lennon thanked Mr. Walder for providing the information, and IT is changing and moving to the cloud and away from the servers however we are playing catch up. There was a brief discussion about the use of ARPA funds and what and how they can be used and that there has been changes made on the requirements.

RESOURCE OFFICER – NEW COUNTY BUILDING

Mr. Dvorak brought up the topic of having a resource officer in the new building, noting that there are over 240 employees in the building and that other buildings have one and that he would like to see the Sheriff's office handle it, add funds to their budget to cover the cost of 10 hours a day with a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 per year. Mr. Dvorak made a motion for this.

Mr. Lennon asked if there was an agreement for this and if he had spoken to the Sheriff. Mr. Dvorak stated that had spoken to the Sheriff and added that Mr. Flaiz stated that an agreement wasn't needed. Mr. Morgan explained that he had spoken to the Sheriff and Chief Deputy and that the amount of was about \$123,000.00 for the year and put together an MOU for the Board with the Sheriff, based on forty hours, and maybe change that to ten hours a day and do 7 to 5. There will be some additional costs in the beginning to get a phone at the desk and monitors to view the cameras in the building. Mr. Morgan wanted to have something in writing to document who is responsible for what to have some documentation. Mr. Lennon agrees that it would be good to have a deputy at the desk, noting an issue that happened the other day. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he feels that deputy could arrive at 7 and check the floors and doors and monitor the cameras during the day. Mr. Lennon asked the Sheriff about his thoughts. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that a phone is needed and monitors to look at the cameras, they will keep him busy, he will walk around but having a deputy as a presence in the building may make someone have second thoughts. Mr. Spidalieri asked what the plan is, are we going to look at metal detectors, if someone comes in with a firearm on them, there needs to be more to have it make sense. Mr. Dvorak states that this could be phase 1 and in a couple months get the metal detectors. Mr. Spidalieri explained that there are different draws for the public to different offices and present different situations. Mr. Spidalieri states that having 1 deputy isn't 100 % the answer either, adding that if there is an altercation he has no back up, then what. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he doesn't want to make a bad decision, and there are a lot of variables, and there needs to be a plan, and if we do move forward with someone down there, will it take time to find someone. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that in the new courthouse every employee will have to go through one entrance, in this building it will be very difficult and costly to do. Sheriff Hildenbrand stated that starting with a deputy, it will be forty hours with one deputy and another to fill in the other ten hours with a part-time deputy and will be handled with the Court Security division.

Mr. Lennon stated that he is in favor of moving forward, but he doesn't want someone to sit there and it needs to be a defined position. Mr. Morgan stated that we can continue to move forward and put something together for next week. Mr. Spidalieri asked if the motion is approved it would allow them to move forward. Clerk Christine Blair stated that it needs to be defined as to what it is the Board is doing. A motion will be put together before the Board to approve. Mr. Spidalieri asked for a security plan. A brief discussion took place about the employees being limited on where they can go and doors they can get into.

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There was a brief discussion on Destination Geauga and them having a presence in the new building. Ms. Blair added that they have a brochure rack in the lobby of the 470 office that could be moved here.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 1, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

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

*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.

Mon., 2/27 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Office

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 Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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