

Commissioners' Journal
February 23, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 23, 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:

Dear God,

I pray that you grant President Zelensky boldness, as he stands up to forces of wickedness in high places and as he stands up for the beloved country of Ukraine. By the power of blood of the lamb. I pray that God gives you grace to overcome these forces. I pray that you grant peace and safety for Ukraine and the countries people.

Lord, I give you all the glory, honor and praise.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clerk, Christine Blair reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 15, 2023 concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC d.b.a. Chipotle Mexican Grill 3725 located at 7020 Aurora Road, Aurora, Ohio (C NEW 14374151265) and on February 21, 2023 for Maintenance approved hiring Gary Merker to the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 13, 2023 at the rate of \$16.71 per hour (Grade 6, Step 3) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; approved hiring Jerry Tayerle to the position of Full-time Maintenance Worker (#1904) to be effective March 20, 2023 at the rate of \$16.71 per hour (Grade 6, Step 3) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; and for a Liquor License, concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Spice King LLC d.b.a. Paradise Indian Cuisine located at 18815 N. Market Place Drive, Aurora, Ohio (C NEW 8828815); 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.

MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 5, 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of January 10, 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>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court, Department of Emergency Services and Job and Family Services, a Purchase Order for Job and Family Services to Junction Buick GMC Incorporated for the purchase of a 2023 GMC Terrain replacement vehicle, a Purchase Order for Transit to Junction Buick GMC, Incorporated for a new 2023 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD service vehicle, a payment for the Commissioners to Portage/Geauga Juvenile Detention Center for our first quarter 2023 operational commitment in the amount of \$116,797.35, and a Revenue Certification for the Sheriff in their 9-1-1 fund for additional revenue to be received this year.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-023 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 23, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – GRADE LINE, INCORPORATED – REPLACEMENT OF ROLLING BROOK DRIVE BRIDGE – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve Change Order #1 increasing the Contract with Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Rolling Brook Drive Bridge for just over \$1,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Grade Line, Incorporated for the Replacement of the Rolling Brook Drive Bridge in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$1,080.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID TO WOODFORD EXCAVATING, LLC – REPLACEMENT OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #BR-0606-F-05.310-2023) IN AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the bid to Woodford Excavating, LLC for the replacement of the Washington Street Bridge in Auburn Township and accept the Bid Bond as the Performance Bond for the project.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Woodford Excavating, LLC for the Replacement of the Washington Street Bridge (Structure #BR-0606-F-05.310-2023) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$312,416.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ANNUAL FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF FY ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand asked the Board to approve the equitable sharing agreement that is an annual certification in regard to the funds they receive.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Annual Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification of FY ending December 31, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Lennon	Aye
Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE / SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SHERIFF TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING SECURITY POSITION FOR COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

County Administrator Gerard Morgan explained that there had been discussion regarding a security position with a Deputy in the downstairs lobby. Mr. Morgan stated that a motion has been put together for the Board to approve that establishes the parameters of the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Sheriff to establish a Building Security position for the County Office Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive that covers the hours of 7:00

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a.m. through 5:00 p.m. (maximum of fifty hours per week) effective on or about February 27, 2023, with a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 per year.

<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>

Sheriff Hildenbrand expressed that they already had Deputies that had expressed interest and they need to work on a computer, monitors, phones and working on calendar and keeping it up to date to keep them aware of what is happening in the building. They will work through the schedule with Deputies to cover the shifts. Ms. Blair added that they will be working to establish a committee for the building for security and safety.

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – FIRST AND SECOND AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT – SECTION 1 AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS – EXTEND DATE OF COMPLETION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to execute the First and Second Amendments for the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization program grant agreements that revised the amount of the award of grant funds and to extend the date of completion through June 30, 2024. There was discussion about the awarded funds to Chester Township to demo a small house and ICP, LLC which is the Geauga Lake properties.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the First Amendment to Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement for the Section 1 Award of Grant Funds in the amount of \$4,140,641.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Second Amendment to Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program Grant Agreement extending the date of completion through June 30, 2024.

<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) – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – KANGAS REALTY INVESTORS, LLC – CAMP HO MITA KODA CABIN WINTERIZATION PROJECT – CDBG GRANT #B-F-21-1AZ-1 – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE BOND – RELEASE BID BOND

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to execute the contract with Kangas Realty Investors for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin winterization project and accept their Performance Bond and release the Bid Bond.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization Project under CDBG Grant #B-F-21-1AZ-1 in the amount of \$58,800.00.

<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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance Bond from Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization Project, and further release the Bid Bond.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT USE OF COUNTY CREDIT CARDS – YEAR 2023

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to approve their application for 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 form, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.27 for the Year 2023 for a Geauga Credit Union Visa with a not to exceed amount per month as follows: \$2,000.00 – Steven Oluic, PhD, Nicholas Gorris and David Osborn and \$1,000.00 - Linda Paranish and Kathleen Miller.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS – C.U.E. EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS, LLC – WATER AND WASTEWATER LOCATIONS

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to execute the service contract agreements with C.U.E. Excavating for both the water and wastewater locations.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC to perform General Excavating Services as needed at various Water locations within the Department for a period of one-year, effective February 23, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with C.U.E. Excavating Contractors, LLC to perform General Excavating Services as needed at various Wastewater locations within the Department of a period of one-year, effective February 23, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – HDR ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED – MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND RENOVATION PROJECT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the change order #1, increasing the Contract with HDR Engineering for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for additional work performed outside the original scope.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with HDR Engineering, Incorporated for the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation Project for additional work performed outside the original scope of work, in the amount of \$147,500.00.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF RETAINER FUNDS – TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
– CHARDON TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND SEWER PROJECT

Dr. Oluic asked the Board to approve the application for release of retainer funds for TRAX Construction for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment plant and sewer project. There was a brief discussion about moisture on the masonry at the building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Water Development Authority Application for Release of Retainer Funds for TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$49,324.55.

<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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – LINDA BURHENNE, TEMPORARY DIRECTOR, ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve an unpaid leave for Linda Burhenne.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Linda Burhenne, Temporary Director, Archives and Records for the period February 21, 2023 through 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS HONORING KENSTON SERVICE UNIT TROOPS – SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS

Ms. Blair explained that there are several awards for the Kenston Service Unit Troops that earned Silver and Bronze Awards. Ms. Blair noted the Troop, the Award and the Projects completed to earn the Award.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-024 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #71307 on achieving their Silver Award. The Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-024
Date: February 23, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71307 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71307, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71307 earned their Silver Award by meeting with the One Step at a Time, an organization that helps aged out foster kids that often can't drive and lack life skills, as a result Troop #71307 created a "How to" Library with books that covered multiple topics including cooking, resume writing and interviewing along with home

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improvement. Troop #71307 did research and put together a binder with local tech school and career programs, including Drivers Education. Troop #71307 purchased items including cleaning supplies and kitchen items, delivered everything to the donated house and spent the day cleaning and assisting with the house. Cadette Scout Troop #71307 award recipients are Madelyn Foerster, Blue Hill, Sarah Miller, Helena Haar and Audrey May and were led by LouAnn Foerster and Emily Hill; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71307 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-025 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #71522 on achieving their Silver Award. The Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-025
Date: February 23, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71522 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71522, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71522 earned their Silver Award by attending a presentation at the Geauga Park District about bringing back the American Kestrel population and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo about bird of prey and decided to research and examine the food sources, habitat and nesting habits. Troop #71522 with help from the Cleveland Audubon Society chose Bluebirds and Wood Ducks in addition to Kestrels to assist with nesting habitat and building nesting boxes. In total Troop #71522 built fifteen Bluebird nesting boxes, three large Kestrel boxes and four large Wood Duck boxes and installed them in the appropriate habitat locations and had successful nesting in them. Cadette Scout Troop #71522 award recipients are Brynn Krahe, Sophia Anderson and Peyton Corcoran and were led by Shawn Krahe; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71522 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-026 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #71279 on achieving their Silver Award. The Highest Honor for a Cadette Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-026

Date: February 23, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP #71279 FOR ACHIEVING THE SILVER AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A CADETTE GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership. The Girl Scout Silver Award is earned by Cadette Girl Scouts, who are in sixth, seventh or eighth grade (Ages 12-14). In order to achieve the Silver Award, the girls must complete a Cadette Journey along with their Silver Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Award was earned by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #71279, Kenston Service Unit, Geauga County, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cadette Scout Troop #71279 earned their Silver Award by visiting the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center and discussing with the Director how they could help improve the community. Troop #71279 chose to design and place two banners with the purpose of spreading the girl scout message including spreading kindness and color to the playground area. Troop #71279 also donated much needed basic school supplies. Cadette Scout Troop #71279 award recipients are Brooklyn Alexander, Dani Pierce, Payton Timmons, Quinn Robertson, Reagan VanFossen and Grace Elizabeth Voudris and were led by Julie Voudris and Dana Robertson; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Cadette Scout Troop #71279 for service to its community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-027 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #71484 on achieving their Bronze Award. The Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-027

Date: February 23, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71484 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local

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community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 completed their Think Like an Engineer Journey and the skills they learned from that Journey helped them earn their Bronze Award by building an emergency outdoor structure and a feral cat shelter that were donated to Rescue Village. Troop #71484 attended the Bird Quest at the West Woods, met with a member of the Cleveland Audubon Society to learn about the types of birdhouse structures that are required for the different types of birds and chose to build bluebird houses for the Society. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 Award recipients are Elizabeth Davis and Jillian Plavcan and is led by Colleen Sharp; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71484 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-028 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #70822 on achieving their Bronze Award. The Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-028

Date: February 23, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #70822 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #70822; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #70822 earned their Bronze Award by meeting with Homeless HookUp to help identify needs of the homeless community and assist them with daily struggles. Troop #70822 purchased supplies and put together 80 first aid kits to be distributed and then designed, built and painted a mobile free library for use on all Homeless HookUp stops in Cleveland. Troop #70822 felt that those on hard times still need respect and education. Junior Girl Scout Troop #70822 Award recipients are Piper Robertson, Parker Timmons, Charlotte Lateulere, Nadia Silla, Leah Marra, Emerson Bargiel, Madalynn Krukowski, Anya DeWitt and Ella Morin and is led by Dana Robertson and Sandy Dezman; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #70822 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-029 Honoring Kenston Service Unit Troop #71487 on achieving their Bronze Award. The Highest Honor for a Junior Girl Scout.

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RESOLUTION HONORING JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71487 FOR ACHIEVING THE BRONZE AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR A JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award is earned by Junior Girl Scouts, who are in fourth, fifth or sixth grade (Ages 8-12). In order to achieve the Bronze Award, the girls must complete a Junior Journey along with their Bronze Award project, which is done in a local community, as set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Bronze Award was earned by Kenston Junior Girl Scout Troop #71487; and

WHEREAS, Junior Girl Scout Troop #71487 earned their Bronze Award by gaining approval from the School Building Principal to improve the flower beds in the front of their school. Troop #71487 researched the best types of plants and flowers that would grow in the conditions, then cleaned out the beds and purchased and planted new flowers and trees. Junior Girl Scout Troop #71487 Award recipients are Harper Alexander, Bailey Bisanz, Georgia Burke, Jazmine Duncan, Jordan Fladger, Ella Heaser and Evy Kraemer and is led by Becky Alexander; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Junior Girl Scout Troop #71487 for service to their community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - TREASURER HITCHCOCK AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT IN REGARD TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS BY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE – REVIEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AND ACCEPT THEM AND CHOOSE TO CONTRACT WITH GILA LLC D.B.A. MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUREAU, STURIS POWERED BY PAYPAL AND CSG FORTE – REJECT PROPOSAL FROM FINET PAYA

Mr. Gorton explained that for the last several months the Commissioners office has been working with both the Treasurer's Office and the Prosecutor's Office to solicit proposals from

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companies that provide credit card and payment processing services. Mr. Gorton stated that the request for proposals was advertised and four proposals were received back, including Gila (MSB), Sturgis, CSG Forte and FiNet Paya. Mr. Gorton noted that Treasurer Hitchcock had submitted a recommendation, however it is up to the Commissioners to decide. Currently the providers being used are MSB, Forte and Sturgis. The Commissioners contracted with MSB and signed a four-month extension to get through this process. Mr. Gorton noted that they all had plus and minuses about their proposals, and utilizing the three companies gives multiple options for the departments that handle credit card processing services. Commissioner Lennon inquired about Mr. Hitchcock's letter, to which Mr. Gorton responded in that Mr. Hitchcock recommends the Board contract with Sturgis to provide processing for the County that elects to join. Mr. Gorton stated that every department that signed on to the original resolution needs to confirm in writing that they are joining us for processing. Mr. Gorton also recommended rejecting the proposal from FiNet Paya due to the charges and rates for services.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of the letter of recommendation from Treasurer, Christopher Hitchcock as Administrative Agent in regard to the acceptance of Payments by Financial Transaction Device (credit cards).

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to review the proposals submitted and accept them and choose to contract with Gila LLC d.b.a. Municipal Services Bureau (MSB Payment Processing), Sturgis powered by PayPal, a Catalis Company and CSG Forte as they are appropriate financial institutions, issuers and processors that submitted acceptable proposals in response to the County's Request for Proposals for the payment of county expenses by financial transaction device, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.28.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to reject the financial transaction device payment proposal of FiNet Paya, pursuant to O.R.C. 301.28 (C) and to provide the required notice to FiNet that its proposal is rejected as the fees and charges within the terms and conditions of its proposal were considered to be unacceptably high.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

<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 10:20 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Attorney Stephen Funk. The Board returned at 11:47 a.m. and no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending February 8, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

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- 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 January 2023.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Thu., 2/23 ADP Special meeting, 2:00 p.m. Auditor's Appraisal Conference Room

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.

Tue., 3/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Fri., 3/10 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Tue., 3/14 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 Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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