

Commissioners' Journal
February 28, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on February 28, 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 Vice President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Spidalieri was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father

Yesterday was the 11th year since the Chardon High School shooting.

We all lost 3 students that day.

The hardest thing in the world is to lose your own child.

Before February 27, 2012, some people in the county said a school shooting would never happen in Geauga County, well it did.

My heart goes out to these families!

Please pray for their loss

Let's be – One Heartbeat

Let's be – Geauga Strong!

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on February 24, 2023 that included for Transit to accept the resignation of Douglas Hodakievic, Part-time Driver to be effective February 21, 2023 and on February 27, 2023 for the Department of Development (Community & Economic) approved and executed the Notice to Proceed for Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization project, under CDBG #B-F-21-1AZ-1; 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 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>Absent*</i>

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including an Encumbrance increase for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for additional services that were requested that were outside the scope of the original contract, a contract purchase order for Community Development to Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Cabin Winterization project, a Purchase order for Job and Family Services to Junction Buick GMC, Incorporated to purchase a 2023 GMC Terrain replacement vehicle, a payment for Maintenance to Nelski, Incorporated of which \$12,425.89 was for remodeling at the Auditor's Office in the Annex and the bathroom restoration at the County Youth Center in the total amount of \$27,017.12 and a payment for Transit to Junction Buick GMC, Incorporated for a new 2023 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD service replacement vehicle in the amount of \$49,694.46.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-030 itemizing the financials for the meeting of February 28, 2023.

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

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Superintendent Don Rice asked the Board to approve the resolution recognizing March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Clerk, Christine Blair read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2023
Resolution: #23-031

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities mission and purpose is to provide vital support, services, and resources to more than 900 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Also known as The Metzenbaum Center, it is Geauga County's epicenter for individuals with developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people and to provide opportunities to function as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

WHEREAS, continued public awareness and understanding are effective and informative ways to help address the challenges faced by people with developmental disabilities in being fully included in society; and

WHEREAS, Disabilities do not prevent individuals from being fully included in school, in the workplace, at home, as members of their families and communities, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to promote and protect the human rights of all persons with disabilities and hereby proclaims March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners desires all residents to support individuals with developmental disabilities as they live, learn and earn in our community. We want to build a caring County where individuals of all ages are integrated, accepted, and achieving their full potential in community life, education, and employment. We encourage all citizens to recognize that our communities are stronger when everyone works together towards equality, opportunity, and inclusion.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-031 Recognizing March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

The Board presented the resolution and posed for pictures with Board members and clients.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (CH-0016, SECTIONS A-B) – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET OF SPECIFICATIONS – SET A BID OPENING

Bridge Engineer Jacob Scotese asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road, to execute the title sheet for the specifications and set a bid opening.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-032 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH-0016, Sections A-B) in Russell Township.

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

Further, this Resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 2, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2023

Resolution: #23-032

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF
SECTIONS A-B OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD, CH-0016
RS-0016-AB-2023
IN RUSSELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 22 - 133 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Fairmount Road (CH-0016), Sections A-B from County Line Road (TR-0093) to Chillicothe Road (SR 306) 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.

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 22, 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 Russell 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>Absent</i>

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT
RESURFACING OF CLAY STREET (CH-0037, SECTIONS C-D) – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET
OF SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING**

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Mr. Scotese asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street, Sections C-D in Huntsburg Township, to execute the title sheet for the specifications and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-033 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH-0037, Sections C-D) Huntsburg Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 2, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2023

Resolution: #23-033

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF
SECTIONS C-D OF CLAY STREET, CH-0037
RS-0037-CD-2023
IN HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 21-153 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Clay Street (CH-0037), Sections C-D, from Mayfield Road (US-322) to Chardon Windsor Road (CH-0013) 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.

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 22, 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 Huntsburg 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>Absent</i>

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER ASPHALT RESURFACING OF
CLAY STREET (CH-0037, SECTIONS K-L) – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET FOR
SPECIFICATIONS – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Scotese asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street, Sections K-L in Thompson, Township, to execute the title sheet for the specifications and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-034 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH-0037, Sections K-L) in Thompson Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:10 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 2, 2023 and on the County website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2023

Resolution: #23-034

**RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF
SECTIONS K-L OF CLAY STREET, CH-0037
RS-0037-KL-2023
IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has determined by Resolution 22-139 that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvement of Clay Street (CH 0037), Sections K-L, from Rock Creek Road (SR 166) to Thompson Road (CH 0007) 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.

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 22, 2023. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:10 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 Thompson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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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>Absent</i>

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – RESOLUTION HONORING PEGGY PETERS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY AND ITS SENIORS

Director Jessica Boalt explained that Peggy Peters will be retiring and enjoy spending more time on hobbies, grandchildren and camping. Ms. Peters has been with the county 21 years today, she has been reliable, dependable, the seniors loved her, and it was such a pleasure to work with her.

Ms. Boalt expressed how happy she was for Ms. Peters but will miss her. Ms. Boalt read the following resolution:

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: February 28, 2023
Resolution: #23-035

RESOLUTION HONORING PEGGY PETERS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO GEAUGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Peggy Peters began her service at the Department on Aging on February 28, 2002 as a Maintenance and Food Aide and then moved into her role as Food and Services Aide where she has been helping serve Geauga County Seniors; and

WHEREAS, over the years Peggy Peters has responded to seniors in need by assisting with the home delivered meals program, serving congregate meals at the Senior Center and with curbside meals during the COVID pandemic. Peggy Peters could always be found at the Chardon Senior Center helping in the kitchen or with the seniors during programs; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Peters truly has a caring heart and a desire to help every senior in the community. Peggy Peters over the years has also assisted with the Senior Services levy and by supporting the Alzheimer's and Home Delivered meal fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Peters, along with her husband of 46 years, Mike, have enjoyed raising their family in Geauga County, which includes two daughters, Sandy Peters and Lisa Hostutler. Peggy Peters was an Advisor for a 4H Group over small animals and continues to be an active volunteer on the Junior Fair Board with the Great Geauga County Fair. Peggy Peters is very involved with the St. Helen Catholic Church in Newbury; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Peters is looking forward to spending more time with her family, especially with her grandchildren, Christopher, Ella and Emily Hostutler, camping with friends and family along with her hobbies of drawing and painting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honors Peggy Peters on the occasion of her retirement of twenty-one years of service and dedication to Geauga County and its Seniors; and

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-035 Honoring Peggy Peters on the occasion of her Retirement of Twenty-one Years of Service and Dedication to Geauga County and its Seniors.

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

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The Commissioners presented her with the resolution and posed for pictures. Ms. Peters was given flowers from her fellow staff members.

TRANSIT - AUTHORIZE VICE PRESIDENT OT EXECUTE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM, CY2023 GRANT PROGRAM YEAR SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT – 5311 GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to approve a portion of the rural grant program from ODOT, they have decided to move to a quarterly process, this includes operating expenses and preventative maintenance.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation Rural Transit Program, CY2023 Grant Program Year Subaward Grant Agreement for 5311 Grants for Rural Areas in the total amount of \$254,363.00 (\$135,000.00 in Federal Funds and \$55,000.00 in State Funds for Operating Expense and \$57,000.00 in Federal Funds and \$7,363.00 in State Funds for Preventative Maintenance Expense) and further authorize the Director to submit the Grant 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>Absent</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REVISION TO 208 FACILITIES PLANNING AREA – BURTON TOWNSHIP

Sanitary Engineer Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve a revision to the 208 Facilities Planning Area for Burton Township to include a parcel for existing sewers. Mr. Gorris noted that this parcel is at Kinsman and White Roads.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Revision of the 208 Facilities Planning Area for Burton Township, to reflect the addition of Parcel #04-150595 to “Existing Sewers”.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION – ASSISTANT WATER SUPERVISOR (#2352)

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve the creation, title and job description for a Assistant Water Supervisor.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Assistant Water Supervisor (#2352) to be effective February 28, 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>Absent</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISIONS TO ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – NEW POSITION – ASSISTANT WATER SUPERVISOR (#2352) INCREASE DESIGN ENGINEER (#2305) – REMOVE ENGINEER SECTION MANAGER (#2350)

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve revisions to their organizational chart to include the new position of Assistant Water Supervisor, removing the Engineer Section Manager and increasing the number of Design Engineer positions.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the following revisions to the Organizational Chart: to include the new position of Assistant Water Supervisor (#2352), to increase the number of positions for Design Engineer (#2305) from one to two (2) positions and remove the Engineer Section Manager (#2350) position, to be effective February 28, 2023.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING MADELINE RAMSEY, KENSTON SERVICE UNIT TROOP #71146 – ACHIEVING HER GOLD AWARD

Clerk, Christine Blair explained that after session last week a request to recognize Ms. Ramsey for achieving her Gold Award, who is a part of the Kenston Service Unit. Ms. Blair explained what Ms. Ramsey did to complete her Gold Award.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-036 Honoring Madeline Ramsey, Kenston Service Unit, Troop #71146, on achieving her Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-036
Date: February 28, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING MADELINE RAMSEY FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING

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 Gold Award is earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in ninth through twelfth grade (Ages 14-18). In order to achieve the individual Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or earned the Silver Award and completed a Journey, that helps solve a community problem, and is set forth from the National Girl Scouts of the United States of America organization to inspire leadership and contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Ramsey is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71146, from the Kenston Service Unit, and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Ramsey completed her Gold Award project in February 2022 which consisted of constructing a Compost Bin for Kenston High School and implementing its use by working with the Nutrition Services Director in the kitchen for food scraps, the Envirothon Club to transport the food scraps to the bin and the Giving Garden Club to use the decomposed compost in the school gardens. Madeline Ramsey will be implementing a Butterfly Garden at the school in the spring through a grant she received from Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District for education about the importance of pollination; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Madeline Ramsey for her service to her 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.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION HONORING MARY BETH O'NEILL – 2023 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER

Mr. Dvorak explained that every year Leadership Geauga chooses an award winner and this year Mary Beth O'Neill was selected, this resolution recognizes her for this honor.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-037 Honoring Mary Beth O'Neill as the 2023 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award Winner.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-037

Date: February 28, 2023

**RESOLUTION HONORING MARY BETH O'NEILL
AS THE 2023 LEADERSHIP GEAUGA EMERALD LEADER AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, each year since 2001, Leadership Geauga County has recognized community leaders who have significantly enhanced the quality of life in Geauga County. The Emerald Leader Award is presented annually to an individual, a business and / or a non-profit agency that exemplifies outstanding leadership by positive contributions through volunteerism, philanthropy, or innovation that impact the quality of life in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth O'Neill along with her husband Jim, have lived in Geauga County since 1991. Mary Beth O'Neill work in retail management for twenty-five years and in 2001 received her real estate license; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth O'Neill is a 2008 Leadership Geauga Signature Program Graduate, volunteers on the Leadership Geauga Advancement Committee and supports the Emerald Ball; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth O'Neill served nine years as a trustee with the Geauga Park District Foundation, where she now volunteers with the Foundation for Geauga Parks, has served since 2013 on the Ravenwood Mental Health Board and appreciates the mission of 4H and each year helps support the 4H livestock auction; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize Mary Beth O'Neill for her service and dedication to the community and being the recipient of the 2023 Leadership Geauga Emerald Leader Award.

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>Absent</i>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand introduced Deputy Brian Sebor who will in the lobby of the new building starting tomorrow, in the new security position.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations with the Sheriff's Office.

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan. The Board returned at 10:43 a.m. and no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a) Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for January 18, 2023.

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 2/28 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Director's meeting, 1:00 p.m., Warren, District Office

Tue., 3/7 Investment Advisory Committee, 9:00 a.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303

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 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, 3rd Floor Conference

Tue., 3/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 3/21 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 10:44 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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