

Commissioners' Journal
March 14, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 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 9:33 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Prayer about St. Patrick

God our Father, you sent St. Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland

By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all mankind.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations for a partial General Fund carryover distribution for items that were not included in the permanent appropriations including funds that will be transferred for a 9-1-1 dispatch software enhancement, Court Technology for Office 365 software subscriptions and the Airport for the medical helicopter hangar, Cash transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology for a portion of the 2023 operations funding, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Sheriff to pay local match for VOCA grant period October 2022 through September 2023, Travel request for the Auditor's Office, Emergency Services, Recorder's Office and Water Resources, Then and Nows from Water Resources to the Village of Chagrin Falls for Water Resources' year one 22% share of the 20 year debt incurred by the Village for the upgrades and expansion of their Wastewater Treatment Plant and to the Treasurer State of Ohio for a permit to install application payment for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement plan, a payment for the Auditor's Office to Integrity Appraisal Services for 2023 re-eval and new construction property valuations in the amount of \$56,843.00, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to the City of Chardon for Police Prosecutor and Pretrial Release Officer (\$50,000 in 2023 for Police Prosecutor per Chardon Settlement agreement and Pretrial Release currently capped at \$23,000 annually) in the amount of \$21,179.16 and a payment for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for design services related to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$131,753.05.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-040 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT FOR SERVICES – GILA LLC D.B.A. MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUREAU (MSB)

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to execute the Contract for Services with GILA LLC d.b.a. Municipal Services Bureau for financial transaction devices for county expenses owed to county officials/offices.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract for Services between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Gila LLC d.b.a. Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) to provide Financial Transaction Devices (online payment acceptance solutions, including credit/debit card and E-check) for County expenses owed to County Officials/Offices and accordance with R.C. 301.28 for a period of five years, effective March 14, 2023.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT 2023 APIARIST – PAT MCGUIGAN

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to appoint Pat McGuigan as Apiarist for the County for 2023.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Pat McGuigan as County Apiarist and further approve and execute the 2023 Ohio Department of Agriculture Appointment for County Apiary Inspector form to be effective March 15, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour and a mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.655.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMENT – MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that these items are Highway Easements for two bridge projects. Mr. Hajjar noted that one is for the improvements to the bridge at the intersection of Auburn Road and Sherman Road with the Munson Trustees for \$1.00.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Munson Township Trustees (Parcel #21-703260) for bridge improvements (Structure #BR-0004-13.060) on Auburn Road at the intersection of Sherman Road in Munson Township in the amount of \$1.00.*

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY EASEMENT – ALAN NOWACKI

Mr. Hajjar explained that this was for improvements to the bridge on Haskins Road in Bainbridge Township with Mr. Nowacki.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and execute the Additional Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Alan Nowacki (Parcel #02-239620) for roadway improvements to the bridge (Structure #0191-00.810) on Haskins Road in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$645.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #17 – OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE (RETAINAGE AND FINAL)

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller explained that this is the final payment for TRAX and asking for the request for Partial Payment #17 and the Ohio Water Development Authority Contractors Estimate – retainage and final for the Chardon Township Treatment plant and sewer project.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #17 and Ohio Water Development Authority Contractor's Estimate (Retainage and Final) for TRAX Construction Company for the Chardon Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Project in the amount of \$54,409.58.*

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

Mr. Dvorak asked how many had been connected and if the plant was in full operation to which Ms. Miller stated that there are 41 connections, however there is a big pause due to the weather for lateral connections, once the weather improves there will be a big influx, adding that the plant is not up and running because there has to be 60 houses connected. Mr. Morgan stated that the system is operating but then it gets pumped out and hauled out to be final processed.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – MARK YOUNG GENERAL CONTRACTING LLC

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute the service contract with Mark Young General Contracting LLC for a variety of construction / maintenance projects.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Mark Young General Contracting, LLC to perform a Variety of Construction and / or Maintenance, including providing associated equipment, as needed at various locations within the department for a one-year period, effective March 14, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – LETTER OF SUPPORT – COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – CONGRESSMAN DAVID JOYCE

Ms. Miller asked the Board to execute a letter of support to Congressman Joyce's office for community project funding for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a Letter of Support to Congressman David P. Joyce (OH-14) regarding FY24 Appropriations, Community Project Funding for Geauga County McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Facility.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #6 – INCREASE CONTRACT – EXTEND DATE OF COMPLETION - NV5 – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Morgan explained that this is a contract maintenance form #6 increasing the contract and extending it out for the date of completion with NV5 for the county office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #6 with NV5 for the Geauga County Office Building to extend the completion date of the project from January 31, 2023 through June 30, 2023 and increase the contract in the amount of \$35,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – NV5 – RENOVATIONS OF EXISTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COUNTY BUILDINGS - PHASE II

Mr. Morgan noted that this is Contract Maintenance Form #1, increasing the contract with NV5 on the Phase II projects, which includes bringing an IT person as they discuss the IT in the courthouse.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 increasing the Contract with NV5 for services related to the Renovations of Existing County Buildings and Construction of New County Buildings (Phase II) adding services related to information technology consulting including IT hardware, security, audio/visual and acoustics in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES – BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS – INFINITY CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Morgan explained that this item was not on the agenda, however we need to discuss the construction management at risk services, noting that they had made their presentations but we need to discuss or make a decision on moving forward on a contract. A recommendation was made to choose Infinity, explaining some reasons for not choosing Independence.

Mr. Spidalieri expressed that he was comfortable with Infinity. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he preferred Independence, and that Infinity was the only one who included a price, feeling it was low. Mr. Lennon expressed that he was impressed with the presentation by Infinity, noting that they were organized and presented well. They were the only one that presented an estimate, and since there is finite amount that will be spent on the project, he was pleased to see they were in that range.

Mr. Morgan stated that all three were good contractors to work with.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to begin negotiations with Infinity Construction for Construction Management-At-Risk services for expansion and renovation work at the Geauga County Courthouse Building.

<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 – CANCEL SESSION – LACK OF QUORUM

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to cancel session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 due to a lack of quorum.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending March 1, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the months ending January and February 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- c) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of February 2023 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 3/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334, 3rd Floor Conference

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Tue., 3/14 ADP Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Wed., 3/15 Health District Advisory (HDAC) Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Third Floor – Large Conference Rooms A333-334

Mon., 3/20 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office

Tue., 3/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that includes presentations by Geauga 4H Kids and the Geauga Farm Bureau

Tue., 3/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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