

Commissioners' Journal
March 21, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on March 21, 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 9:37 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We remember that "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10-17), so when discouragement comes and you find that you have been walking by sight, instead of by faith, head back to the scriptures and let the promises of God build your faith, back to strength. Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clerk Christine Blair reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on March 14, 2023 that included for Water Resources to approve and execute the service contract agreement with Generator Systems, LLC to perform Preventative Maintenance and Inspections of the 100 kw diesel generator located at the Bainbridge Booster #2 and the 125 kw diesel generator located at the Bainbridge Booster #1 for a period of three-years, effective March 14, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$8,296.00 (2023-\$3,215.00, 2024 - \$2,538.00, 2025- \$2,543.00); 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 31, 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 an Appropriation transfer for the Auditor's Office for the purchase of a new Weights and Measures replacement vehicle (replacing a 2012 Dodge Ram Pickup), a Supplemental Appropriations for the Engineer's Office to fully appropriate their Maintenance and Road and Road and Bridge Funds, Cash transfer from the General Fund to Soil and Water for their 2023 local match funding request, a Travel request for the Common Pleas Court, a payment for the Auditor's and ADP offices to Classic of Streetsboro LLC for a new 2023 Honda Ridgeline truck as an addition to their fleet to be driven by Frank Antenucci in the exercise of his duties in the amount of \$43,865.00, a payment for the Commissioners Office to River City Furniture for payment #1 for move management services related to the new County Office Building project in the amount of \$200,315.00 (balance remaining \$20,639.00) and a payment for the Maintenance department to CMRS for additional postage for the mail machine in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-041 itemizing the financials for the meeting of March 21, 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 – CHANGE ORDER #17 – INCREASE CONTRACT – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to authorize the President to execute Change Order #17 increasing the Contract with Donley's Independence, LLC for the County office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute Change Order #17 increasing the Contract with Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 for changes made for Board of Elections that was not covered in the original contract, in the amount of \$277,877.00.

<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 – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #27 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the Request for Partial Payment #27 for Donley's Independence on the county office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute to execute the Request for Partial Payment #27 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and #2 in the amount of \$1,030,542.74.

<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>

CLERK OF COURTS – FIRST ADDENDUM – JENNIFER CARSON – EXTEND TERM OF CONTRACT

Clerk of Courts Sheila Bevington asked the Board to execute the First Addendum to the agreement with Jennifer Carson extending the date of completion for reports for the clerk of courts legal office.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the First Addendum between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Jennifer Carson to extend the term of the contract up to and including April 15, 2023 to reconcile, balance and prepare required reports for the Clerk of Courts Legal Office Account for year 2021 and 2022.

<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>

COMMON PLEAS COURT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – COURT OF COMMON PLEAS – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE WITH DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

Probation Officer Maureen Maruna asked the Board to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance with Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program for a 48-month grant period for \$500,000.00 for the Drug Court.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas to document the roles and responsibilities set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance with Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program for the 48 month grant period, effective October 1, 2023 in the awarded amount of \$500,000.00 to the Court of Common Pleas, that

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includes an twenty-five percent (25%) in-kind match that utilizes the services of existing employees in the Geauga County Drug Court Treatment Team.

<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 – AWARD BID – KARVO COMPANIES, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF OLD STATE ROAD AND FARMINGTON ROAD – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Karvo Companies for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road and Farmington Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Karvo Companies, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road (CH-0006, Section A) and Farmington Road (CH-0018, Sections A-C) in Parkman Township in the amount of \$971,225.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MORGAN ROAD AND LEGGETT ROAD – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road and Leggett Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road (CH-0026, Section A) and Leggett Road (CH-0033, Sections D-E) in Montville Township in the amount of \$1,109,840.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 – REJECT ALL BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, SECTIONS A-B – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to reject all bids submitted for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections A-B due to bid irregularities. Mr. Hajjar stated that it was in receiving and processing of the bids. Mr. Hajjar responded to Commissioner Lennon about the number of bids being received and if the companies were the same to which it was noted that the number of bids has been favorable and a mix of bidders.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to reject all bids submitted for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections A-B) in Bainbridge Township, due to bid irregularities.

<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 – REJECT ALL BIDS – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, SECTIONS C-E IN AUBURN AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to reject all bids submitted for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E due to bid irregularities.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to reject all bids submitted for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships, due to bid irregularities.

<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 WASHINGTON STREET, SECTIONS A-B – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET FOR SPECIFICATIONS AND SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections A-B – for a RE-BID, execute the title sheet and set a bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-042 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections A-B) in Bainbridge Township.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening (Re-Bid) on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 23, 2023, March 30, 2023 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 21, 2023

Resolution: #23-042

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:00 P.M. on April 19, 2023 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is

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hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO ORDER THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET, SECTIONS C-E – EXECUTE TITLE SHEET – SET BID OPENING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the resolution to order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E for the RE-BID, execute title sheet and set bid opening.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-043 to Order the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships.

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

Further, this resolution sets a Bid Opening (Re-Bid) on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 2:05 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 23, 2023, March 30, 2023 and on the county website.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 21, 2023

Resolution: #23-043

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with Section 5555.13 of the Ohio Revised Code hereby orders that such improvement proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications for such improvement, the costs of which shall be paid from federal aid and local funding sources in accordance with Section 5555.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. The bids shall be let upon a unit price basis. Bids shall be received until 1:45 P.M. and opened at 2:05 P.M. on April 19, 2023 at which time bids shall be read aloud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Geauga County Board of Commissioners is

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hereby instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Auburn Township Board of Trustees, the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS) SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT – GRANT #2022-JG-A030-6468E- IN CAR CAMERA REPLACEMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Subgrant Award Agreement for Grant #2022-JG-A03-6468E for In Car Camera Replacement for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$47,066.88 (\$35,300.16 from OCJS, \$11,766.72 Local County Match).

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING -RESCIND THE APPROVAL TO HIRE – MARYANN CASSIDY – PART-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANT (#1005-1)

Director Jessica Boalt asked the Board to rescind the approval of hiring Maryann Cassidy, as she is unable to accept the position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the approval to hire Maryann Cassidy to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) as she is unable to accept the position.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION – AMBER WEINHART – RECREATION AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR (#1004)

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to accept the retirement resignation of Amber Weinhart to be effective June 5, 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Retirement Resignation of Amber Weinhart, Recreation and Education Coordinator (#1004) to be effective June 5, 2023.

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

DEPARTMENT ON AGING – ADVERTISE POSITION – FULL-TIME RECREATION AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR (#1004) – INTERNALLY FIVE DAYS – IF NO CANDIDATE – EXTERNAL UNTIL FILLED

Ms. Boalt asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for the position of Recreation and Education Coordinator internally for five days, then if needed externally until filled.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Coordinator (#1004) internally for a period of five days, with applications accepted March 27, 2023 through 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2023. If no qualified candidate is found, then advertise externally until the position is filled.

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

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ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – CONTRACT AGREEMENT – SHRED-RITE, LLC

Temporary Director Linda Burhenne and Archives and Records Supervisor asked the Board to Approve the service contract agreement with Shred-Rite for shredding services in about \$2,000.00. There are close to 500 boxes that need to be shredded.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Contract Agreement with Shred-Rite, LLC to perform shredding services at a rate of \$23.00 per 96 gallon tote (approximately ten boxes per tote) for a one-year period, effective March 21, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING #1 – 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #1 for the CDBG Small Cities Programs.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise to hold Public Hearing #1 for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Programs to be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised on March 23, 2023 and on the county website.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERING FIRMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROJECTS - REMAIN ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR

Ms. Malkamaki asked the Board to acknowledge receipt of statements to be held on file for one year for Architects and Engineering firms.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of Statements of Qualifications for Architects and Engineering Firms to be considered for projects by the Departments under the Commissioners Hiring Authority and remain on file for one year, through March 21, 2024 including, Architects: CT Consultants, Envelope Consulting Services, Fogle/Stenzel Architects, Incorporated, GPD Group, LDA Architects, TDA – ThenDesign Architecture and Engineers: CT Consultants, Envelope Consulting Services, GPD Group, TEC Incorporated Engineering and Design and Smolen Engineering.

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

DOG WARDEN – APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – DOG WARDEN (#1601)

Dog Warden Matt Granito asked the Board to approve the revised job description for Dog Warden to bring it up to current requirements.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised job description for the position of Dog Warden (#1601) to be effective March 21, 2023.

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

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DOG WARDEN – APPROVE CREATION, TITLE, JOB DESCRIPTION – CHIEF DEPUTY
DOG WARDEN (#1605)

Mr. Granito asked the Board to approve a new position as a “second in command” to the Dog Warden position that can make decisions, including payroll. Mr. Granito responded to questions, that their carryover has been just about \$100,000.00 per year and they can handle the new position without increasing any fees.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the creation, title and job description for the position of Chief Deputy Dog Warden (#1605), Grade 11, to be effective March 21, 2023.

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

DOG WARDEN – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – INCLUDE NEW
POSITION – CHIEF DEPUTY DOG WARDEN (#1605)

Mr. Granito asked the Board to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the new position.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised Organizational Chart to include the new position of Chief Deputy Dog Warden (#1605) to be effective March 21, 2023.

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

DOG WARDEN – ADVERTISE POSITION – CHIEF DEPUTY DOG WARDEN (#1605) –
INTERNALLY FOR FIVE DAYS

Mr. Granito asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for the new Chief Deputy Dog Warden position internally for five days.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Chief Deputy Dog Warden (#1605), internally for a period of five days, with applications accepted March 27, 2023 through 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2023.

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

DOG WARDEN – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE DOG WARDEN, MATT GRANITO TO
ACCEPT AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO BEQUEST FROM MARY L.
BLALOCK TO DOG SHELTER

Mr. Granito asked the Board to authorize him to execute the documents related to the bequest from Ms. Blalock to the dog shelter and then deposit it into the dog and kennel fund.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize Matt Granito, Dog Warden to accept and execute documents related to a bequest from Mary L. Blalock to help the dogs at the Dog Shelter and deposit all funds received into the Dog and Kennel Fund.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS CHILD
ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Director Craig Swenson asked the Board to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mr. Swenson thanked Junction Auto for their continued support in allowing them to put up the Pinwheels on the hill that represent the cases investigated. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the number compared to last year, to which Mr. Swenson stated that it is up but was over 400 that

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was investigated. Mr. Swenson expressed to Mr. Lennon that they haven't gotten back to the outreach event due to covid.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-044 Recognizing April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-044

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, We know that our children are our future and that it will someday fall to them to shape our community, our nation, and the world for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County values the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment in which families can nature, love, and parent their children; and

WHEREAS, Children who are loved and nurtured grow to love and nurture others and to provide the love and care bestowed upon them to their children, their family, and their community; and

WHEREAS, While as a community we are blessed to have many wonderful, nurturing families we must recognize that Geauga County is not immune from the reality that some children in our county endure abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, As a caring community we must not only respond to stop abuse and neglect where it exists, we must also be diligent in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners recognize April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Geauga County.

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>

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT – ORKIN, LLC – PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve the service contract agreement with Orkin to do pest control for all the county buildings.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Orkin, LLC to perform Pest Control Services on County Buildings and Safety Center per the Maintenance Director for a three-year period, effective March 21, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 (\$25,000.00 for County Buildings and \$15,000.00 for the Safety Center).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – 2023 LAWN MAINTENANCE – NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS

Director Steven Oluic asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for Bids for lawn maintenance for this year for the north and south locations.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for 2023 Lawn Maintenance of the North and South Areas, Geauga County Department of Water Resources to be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on March 23 2023, March 30, 2023 and on the county website.

<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>

GEAUGA COUNTY 4-H – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 4-H WEEK IN GEAUGA COUNTY
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development Alisha Faudie explained that each year we like to come and speak with the Board and say thank you for their continued support in the Ohio State Extension and with Geauga County 4-H. Ms. Faudie brought members today who are going to introduce themselves and talk a little about what they do.

Everyone stood and did the 4-H pledge.

Augusta Halle explained that she is in her second year of 4-H, Ride with Pride club and does horses for her project. Ms. Halle explained corn and cattle, before moving to Ohio two years ago from California, she thought Ohio was a big field of corn with animals sprinkled here and there and didn't know what 4-H was, upon joining she was hesitant because she didn't know about farming or livestock and was a bit of a horse girl. First, she learned about the diverse group that 4-H is and while Ohio is filled with fields, her corn assumption was wrong, although it is one of Ohio's largest industry is food and agriculture. Ms. Halle explained that 4-h helped her make friends with a diverse group of people and the outlets it provides for leadership and education, along with real life experiences.

Brady Ross explained that this was his second year in 4-H and is President of his club, Geauga Prime Time, where does Turkeys, Ducks and will be doing a Goat this year. Mr. Ross stated that 4-H has taught him responsibilities, taking care of his animals properly. Mr. Ross thanked the Board for letting 4-H happen.

Daniel Novak is in the GEAR 4-H club – Geauga Engineering and Robotics and is the Vice President in his club. Mr. Novak stated that he joined six years ago, he does robotics. This club has helped him with the career path he would like to take, showing the Board a robot he had built. Mr. Novak thanked the Board for keeping 4-H a living viable program for kids to get into.

Milo Morgan-Ard started 4-H around seven years ago as a Cloverbud and is a member of the Buckeye Showmen and the Totally Dogs 4-H clubs. Mr. Morgan-Ard has raised rabbits, dogs, poultry, goats and pigs. Mr. Morgan-Ard has helped him be a more rounded person in the community, through helping with projects, leadership roles from positions in his club, and things he has learned has helped him with unexpected events. Fair is his favorite part of 4-H.

Tatum Poff explained that she has been in 4-H since she was a cloverbud, about eleven years, but has been involved in 4-H and agricultural industry as part of the sixth generation on the family farm. Ms. Poff is part of the Geauga Beef and Swine and Junior Leaders (Secretary for both), and is also a Junior Fair Board member. Ms. Poff shows cattle at local, state and national level and market chickens at the local county fair. Ms. Poff took part in a STEM project, through the Ohio STEM Challenge. Ms. Poff stated that 4-H has given her opportunities that she might not have been able to do, including the Ohio Farm Bureau new capital challenge, which included creating new policies and present to the state. Ms. Poff express her gratitude to the Board for keeping the 4-H programs going, as it has allowed her to travel to many states, make great memories and the best of friends.

Holly Phillips is in her sixth year in 4-H, is a member of the Feathers and Fleece club, of which she is the President. Ms. Phillips explained that she got started in 4-H by her grandparents, who owned a farm, where advisors and her grandfather was a poultry judge. Ms. Phillips projects include market and fancy chickens, a mentoring project, and this year will be doing a leadership and self-determined project which includes introducing a new breed of chicken that is dual purpose, meat and egg laying. Ms. Phillips explained that 4-H has helped her become more self confident, break out her shell and get out in the community and share her passion for agriculture and 4-H, and in being a part of growing a community that she wants to a part of. 4-H is much

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more than animals, agriculture or sewing, it's about making a family in your community.

Taylor Poff is sixteen, a sophomore at Chardon High School, but also takes classes at Lakeland. Ms. Poff has been in 4-H for eleven years, where she showed beef, swine and sheep in Cloverbuds and now her main projects are cattle and chickens. Ms. Poff is a member of the Geauga Beef and Swine 4-H club, where she has been President for the last four years. Ms. Poff is also a member of the Junior Leaders and also President of the club, which are the ones that make the wonderful milkshakes at the Fair. Ms. Poff is also a member of the Junior Fair Board. Ms. Poff explained that she grew up on a farm and is a sixth-generation farmer, so it's something she has always known, and while it has allowed her to travel to many different places, the biggest part is the friendships she has made as they are always there for each other and each other's number one fan. Ms. Poff stated that 4-H has taught her many things, and that it is not always about the showing of animals there is so much more, but will always be thankful for the Board, because without them we wouldn't have the 4-H program we have today.

Ben Stone is a member of the County Coyotes Shooting Sports and archery is his favorite sport.

4-H Advisor Jeanne Jefferson explained that she has been an advisor for 29 years, including having Mr. Dvorak's children. Ms. Jefferson started in 4-H at 9 years old with beef and continued, was Junior Fair Queen in 1989. Ms. Jefferson's son joined 4-H and showed Turkeys and Ducks. Ms. Jefferson talked about market projects and the many things that it teaches you starting from an egg or as a baby and taking it to market, teaching you how to care for something that can't care of itself. Ms. Jefferson's son was the Fair King last year and unfortunately has aged out of 4-H, and keeps getting questioned are you giving it up and the answer is no, she can't, she loves what 4-H teaches kids and watching them grow up, and being apart of that makes her feel good. Her club is Geauga Prime Time and their motto is 4-H is family and family sticks together.

Ms. Faudie presented everyone with a little 4-H token, thanking the Board for their continued support. Commissioner Lennon expressed the importance of what having animals teaches kids, the responsibilities. Ms. Jefferson thanked the Board for always supporting the kids at the livestock show. Mr. Dvorak added that we are in great hands for the future with these kids, and the small business that each of them have and the business mind and compassion for what they have to do.

The Board posed for a few quick pictures with the 4-H Kids and the resolution.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-045 Recognizing 4H week in Geauga County, March 8 – March 14, 2023.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 21, 2023

Resolution: #23-045

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 4-H WEEK IN GEAUGA COUNTY
MARCH 8 – MARCH 14, 2023

WHEREAS, 4-H began in Ohio, back in January 1902, in Clark County, when Albert Belmont Graham organized a meeting for boys and girls as a way to learn more about harvesting corn, planting a garden, testing soils, tying knots and identifying wildlife like weeds and insects, eventually becoming an "Agricultural Club"; and

WHEREAS, the first "Agriculture Club" in Geauga County was held in Thompson Township, with twenty-seven members and they met to discuss corn and tomato crops; and

WHEREAS, in 1914 Geauga County had its first sponsored clubs, with corn for boys and tomato's for girls, ten years later in 1924 seven townships organized seven clubs with a focus on poultry, calves, canning and clothing projects, in 1929 they organized the first forestry club. In 1938 they had the first Junior Fair Board and by 1939 there were fifty (50) clubs with 745 members; and

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WHEREAS, the first 4-H camp was held in 1928 on the Grand River in Ashtabula County, and in 1948 Camp Whitewood was established by county agents in Geauga and Ashtabula; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in Geauga County in 2022 was represented across thirty-two (32) clubs with 785 members, 120 youth participated in camp (4-H and non-4-H members), 154 youth participated in school enrichment programs (4-H and non-4-H members) and 125 volunteers helped oversee the clubs and assisted at camp; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize and celebrate 4-H week in Geauga County, and Ohio, March 8 through March 14, 2023; and

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>

GEAUGA COUNTY FARM BUREAU – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK – 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL AG DAY

Kristen Sirna and Dale Baker with the Geauga County Farm Bureau asked the Board to approve a resolution recognizing National Agriculture Week with runs from March 21st through 27th, and today is the 50th Anniversary of National Agricultural Day. Thanked the Board for supporting the Farm Bureau. Mr. Baker added that he has been to Columbus fighting for funding, and 4-H is included and a Judge from Lorain County that said he had never seen a 4-H member in his court, because they are taught respect and honor. Agriculture is the number one industry in the state.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-046 Recognizing National Agriculture Week, March 21 – March 27, 2023 and the 50th Anniversary of National Ag Day.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: March 21, 2023

Resolution: #23-046

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK,
MARCH 21 – MARCH 27, 2023 AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL AG DAY**

WHEREAS, The Agriculture Council of America recognizes and celebrates National Agriculture Week as a way to remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us, this year on March 21, 2023, will be the 50th Anniversary of National Ag Day, and will be celebrated across the country as “Growing a Climate for Tomorrow”; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the foundation of our country, the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation all made possible thanks to the hard work of America’s farms and farm families. Each American farmer today feeds more than 165 people, a dramatic increase from just 25 people in the 1960’s, so simply put, American agriculture is doing more...and doing it better; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture plays an important role in our economy, by providing food, fiber and renewable resource products, along with the jobs involved in the processing, distribution and marketing of the food and fiber products. Agriculture touches everyone in almost every way; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture plays an important role here in Geauga County, with 1,049 farms totaling 69,907 acres of land being farmed for crops, livestock and other products. The top three agriculture producers are Dairy cattle and Milk production, Farm inputs, equipment and professional services and Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture production; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize National Agriculture Week as March 21 – March 27, 2023 and encourages the residents of Geauga County to celebrate the achievements of the many working together, including our local farms that produce the abundance of agricultural products that strengthen and enrich our community and our nation; and

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>

The Board posed for a few quick pictures.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT REBA DYKES – BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF JENNIFER MALAINEY

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Reba Dykes to the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Malainey through June 30, 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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak 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 10:30 a.m. with Attorney Stephen Funk. The Board returned at 11:24 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 March 8, 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 Inmate meals for the month ending February 2023.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Fri., 3/24 NOACA, Air Quality 9:00 a.m., Water Quality 12:00 p.m., Equity Subcommittee 1:30 p.m., Cleveland*
- Tue., 3/28 The Commissioners regular session has been cancelled due to a lack of quorum***
- Mon., 4/3 Board of Revision, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Office*
- Tue., 4/4 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m. that will include a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.*
- Tue., 4/11 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A333-A334*
- Tue., 4/11 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- Fri., 4/14 NOACA, External Affairs, 8:30 a.m., Policy Committee 10:00 a.m., Planning & Programming 11:30 a.m., Cleveland*

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Tue., 4/18 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 11:24 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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