

Commissioners' Journal
April 18, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on April 18, 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:

Hope

May the Lord show us the greatness of his goodness, that you overflow with thanks everyday. May the Lord bless you abundantly, with rest for the heart, power for virtue, wisdom for life and patience in suffering. May the Lord bless you with joyful hope, and one day with the inexpressible joys of eternal life.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on April 14, 2023 that included for the Department on Aging to approve the promotion of Hannah Heinz to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Coordinator (#1004) to be effective April 17, 2023 at the rate of \$22.21 per hour (Grade 11, Step 1) with a 180 day probationary period; for Transit approved and executed the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax Refund Claim for Transit Buses for the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$3,862.60 (\$83.72 Diesel and \$3,778.88 Gasoline) and several Liquor Licenses including to concur with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Sapphire Creek Operating Company d.b.a. Sapphire Creek Winery and Gardens and Winery Building and Patio located at 16965 Park Circle Drive, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (C STCK 4072621) and concurred with the Chester Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Tasty Times d.b.a. Vino Type located at 8389 Mayfield Road, Unit B3 and B4, Chesterland, Ohio (C RFO 8784430); 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.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Travel requests for the Common Pleas Court, Engineer's Office and Job and Family Services, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Ohio State University for the County's 2nd quarter 2023 program support payment in the amount of \$51,909.92, a payment for Community Development to Kangas Realty Investors, LLC for the Camp Ho Mita Koda Winterization Project in the amount of \$25,627.845, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Junction Buick GMA, Incorporated for a 2023 GMS Sierra 1500 4WD Double Cab pickup truck in the amount of \$22,980.00 less trade in a of 2018 GMS Sierraq 2500 pickup in the amount of \$23,000.00 and a payment for Water Resources to HDR Engineering, Incorporated for design services related to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and renovation project in the amount of \$91,601.97.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-051 itemizing the financials for the meeting of April 18, 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>

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – LOCAL MATCH ON U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT – LAND ACQUISTION

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve the revised local match on the land acquisition for the FAA grant.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge and approve the Local Match on the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program, (AIP) Grant for FY2022 (#3-39-0054-026-2022) for Land Acquisition in the amount of \$9,849.00 (\$13,221.00 – Donation amount of \$3,372.00).

<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>

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – FIRST ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT AGREEMENT – INSPIRON LOGISTICS, LLC – EMA MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Director Roger Peterson asked the Board to approve the first addendum to the contract agreement for the WENS service agreement, adding that this is split between the DES, the LEPC and the Sheriff's office.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the First Addendum to the Contract Agreement with Inspiron Logistics, LLC to furnish the Geauga County EMA Mass Notification System for the first extension of five additional one-year terms, April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$23,650.00 with one third being paid by the Department of Emergency Services (\$7,883.34), one third being paid by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (\$7,883.33) and one third being paid by the Sheriff's Office (\$7,883.33). All of the remaining terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

<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 AGREEMENT – MCMAHON MASONRY RESTORATION LTD

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve a two-year service contract agreement with McMahan Masonry to perform any masonry work that needs repaired or replaced.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with McMahan Masonry Restoration LTD to perform masonry repair and replacement services at various Geauga County buildings for a period of two-years, effective April 18, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

<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 – WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT – SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INCORPORATED – WORKERS COMPENSATION

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve the agreement with Sedgwick Claims Management for workers compensation.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Workers' Compensation Service Agency Agreement between Geauga County and Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Incorporated for Workers' Compensation services for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$9,300.00.

<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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT – SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INCORPORATED – UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Ms. Bidlack asked the Board to approve the agreement with Sedgwick Claims Management for the unemployment services.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Unemployment Compensation Service Agency Agreement between Geauga County and Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Incorporated for Unemployment Services for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$1,205.00.

<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 – COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) INSURANCE PROGRAM RENEWAL

Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler introduced Senior Underwriter Sherry Barboski and Insured Partners Agent Gary Wirtz were present to go over the renewal for Geauga County. Mr. Wirtz explained that he had good news regarding the renewal, noting that it has been a tough year for insurance, adding that CORSA has done a phenomenal job on putting this program together for Geauga County, that ended up being a 5.5% increase which today is unheard of, generally it's a 18% or more increase.

Ms. Barboski provided a 2023 program update to the Board that includes a Program Summary that shows the exposures for Geauga County that are taken into consideration when figuring out the renewal rate. Includes Total Insured Value of \$258,262,484.00, Payroll \$32,737,824.00, Auto 278, Deputies 45 and Detainees 85. Ms. Barboski noted that the county took advantage of grants in 2022 of Cyber \$5,000.00 and Law Enforcement \$14,655.00, adding that there are additional grant funds available. Ms. Barboski explained that they increase some coverage enhancements that include an increase in Land/Water Contamination Cleanup from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and an increase in Schedule I and II Controlled Substance Cleanup from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Ms. Barboski briefly mentioned some instances including detainees releasing substances in cruisers or open areas that need to be cleaned or replaced and felt that the amounts needed to be increased.

Ms. Barboski noted that property was a big driver of increase this year, and noted that total insured values from 2019-2023, and explained how the increases are done, noting annualized amounts versus renewal amounts, that include any changes throughout the year, that the rate is based on current exposures. Ms. Barboski noted that Geauga County came in way less than the average rates, a lot is in part to the Loss Control Incentive credits. The County saw almost \$62,000 in credits along with member equity as a dividend. The portion of the equity is a little less due to the market, and they want to make sure they have enough to pay claims.

Ms. Barboski responded to a question from Mr. Dvorak about the number of counties that joined which brings the number of counties in the program to 72, with 44 affiliates. Ms. Barboski mentioned the reimbursement programs for law enforcement and cyber security. There was discussion about the multi-factor authentication being required in order to continue the cyber security programs, and there is \$456,000.00 available throughout the state. Geauga County got the grant for the initial purchase of the gatekeeper program for that program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and approve the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Insurance Program Renewal for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 and further authorize the payment of \$402,415.00.

<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>

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT MEMBER TO GEAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Dvorak noted that applications have been received for the Public Library Board and he would like to make a motion for Crist Miller to be appointed.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to appoint Crist Miller to the Geauga County Public Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Larry Pitorak through June 30, 2026.

<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>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiffany Broadbent from Newbury explained that she needed to bring up NOACA, even though no one wants to talk about it and we are in a position that it is not fair to us and will never be fair to us now or in the future. There is a huge imbalance in the Board and they have been on a big PR push for their climate agenda. Ms. Broadbent expressed concern that there is not enough push back on them on topics that affect our county and feels that is up to the Board of Commissioners and not them. Ms. Broadbent continued to express the concern over how NOACA treats them at meetings and asked the Board to continue to look at other things we can do or be apart of and work towards getting out of NOACA.

Diane Jones from Auburn Township explained that it was a fine presentation from CORSA but was inquiring about the cyber grants, to which Mr. Morgan explained that CORSA makes it available for counties to utilize. Mr. Lennon stated that there is a max of \$2,750 per member as a reimbursement that can be used for firewall upgrades, dual factor authentication, email upgrades, IT certifications and software.

Mr. Broadbent inquired about where they could find out more about eligibility requirements, to which Ms. Hostutler explained that she receives information from CORSA about what is available and she then sends it on to the Directors. Mr. Spidalieri noted that he feels he looking at what 'strings' are attached, however these are rate based, compliance, and not like a federal or state grant that has specific requirements which is why the county often doesn't take them. Mr. Dvorak added that the counties are a pool in the consortium and that it is a team effort. Mr. Lennon added that being part of CORSA has saved Geauga County a lot of money. Mr. Wirtz explained that if you participate in these it reduces the overall exposure, noting body cameras for deputies. Ms. Barboski briefly explained that they are a non-profit and their dividends that they provide are investment driven, and the better the loss control the better for the pool. Ms. Jones inquired about the percentage, to which Ms. Barboski stated that the percentage is the overall increase the county saw, adding that overall most counties saw over ten percent of an increase.

Chris Lucis from Aquilla Village thanked the Board for engaging with the public, adding that he agrees with Ms. Broadbent on NOACA, adding that he had read the MPO manual and there is no climate mandate in there. Mr. Lennon stated that he agrees that the mission creep over the years has been apparent, but it's a transportation environmental planning for the climate action. Mr. Lennon stated that there is Federal funding coming and everyone is prepping to try and receive it, adding that NOACA was caught off guard by the push back, and not only us there are other counties that are concerned. Mr. Lennon expressed that they handle many Federal funding programs, working with ODOT which includes gas tax that goes back into the roads, and feels that more and more you will see push back on the MPOs.

Howard Newell mentioned a Veterans Program tomorrow afternoon on the first floor from 3 to 6 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending March 2023.*
- b) A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending March 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

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OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Tue., 4/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 5/2 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mon., 5/8 Board of Revision, 9:00 am. Auditor's Office

Tue., 5/9 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room A334

Tue., 5/9 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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