

Commissioners' Journal
May 2, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on May 2, 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 9:35 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Dear Lord,
Afford a spring to us,
Let me feel like what I see.
Speak, and your gracious voice,
Make my soul rejoice
On your garden that needs to smile
Raise the plants
Enrich the soil:
Soon your presence will restore life to what seemed dead before.
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees.

<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 9:37 a.m. with County Administrator Gerard Morgan and Budget and Finance Manager Adrian Gorton. The Board returned at 9:57 a.m. and Commissioner Spidalieri explained that they would have some action after a discussion with the Board. However, he has been here for eleven years, and it has been a struggle every year about increases, which is always based on numbers, but it also can be a struggle with budgeting and hiring. Mr. Spidalieri feels strongly and comfortable to do a multi-year increase like the bargaining units. Mr. Spidalieri stated that after looking at the numbers would like to make a motion for five percent this year, three percent for 2024 and three percent for 2025. This will then help with hiring by letting those new hires that there is an increase coming at the beginning of the next year. In September with budget hearings the numbers will be in the budget.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve a five percent (5%) increase effective with Payroll #1 for 2023 and three percent (3%) for 2024 and 2025 so that departments and elected officials can plan and budget accordingly. Increases in 2024 and 2025 will be effective with the first payroll.

<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 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on April 27, 2023 that included for the Commissioner's Office to approve and execute the Agreement with the Chardon Rotary for use of the Geauga County Parking Lot located at East Park Street for a parking lot fundraiser during the Geauga County Maple Festival during the period April 28, 2023 through April 30, 2023 and on May 1, 2023 for Maintenance accepted the resignation of Kevin Cunningham, Technology Maintenance (#1918) to be effective May 12, 2023, Approved an increase to the current posting for the position of Technology Maintenance (#1918) from one to two positions. These positions will remain posted

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until filled, for the Department on Aging approved hiring Kevin Cunningham to the position of Full-time Maintenance Coordinator (#1013) to be effective May 15 2023 at the rate of \$20.86 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and for Transit accepted the retirement resignation of Joseph Pruzinsky, Service Worker to be effective June 20, 2023; 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.

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AWARD CONTRACT – EXECUTE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – OHIO VALLEY PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Project Manager Dave Carlson explained that they have another paving project, and it was big through Sourcewell, the joint purchasing program. Mr. Carlson explained that this was a larger project, as it is the main parking area for the administration building. This will be a resurfacing and includes a new area that was previously crack sealed. Mr. Dvorak inquired if this was the same contractor who had done work at the fairgrounds, to which Mr. Carlson was not sure, as the bid process was handled through Sourcewell.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Contract to Ohio Paving and Construction Company, Incorporated for the Geauga Co. BODD Metzenbaum Center 2023 Paving as they were the lowest and best competitive bid through Sourcewell (Joint Purchasing Program) and further approve and execute the Contract Agreement in the amount of \$303,572.77.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	Commissioner Lennon	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	No
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Supplemental Appropriations from the Prosecutor's Office into their payroll accounts in support of a 5% cost of living wage increase for their employees in the General Fund and Victim/Witness Assistance Fund; Supplemental Appropriations for the Sheriff's Office in their payroll accounts to allocate the \$150,000.00 for the security officer in the Geauga County Office Building, Appropriation transfer for Archives in order to replace a scanner that is end of life and no longer supported by the current operating system, Appropriation transfer for Board of Elections to cover Board members hospitalization costs for the remainder of the year, Appropriation transfer for Maintenance to allocate additional appropriations needed in various expense accounts including Equipment to cover the purchase of two replacement trucks and an Appropriation transfer for Capital Transfers out to cover a cash transfer to the Computer Equipment Improvements fund to provide money for ADP projects for the remainder of the year; Cash transfer for Metzenbaum Fund to their Residential Services Fund, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Computer Equipment Improvements Fund to provide the remainder of the funding that was requested for 2023; Then and Nows from the Commissioners' Office to Mansour Gavin for appointed counsel fees from 2020 through 2022 that were not previously encumbered, Travel request for the Common Pleas Court, a payment for the Commissioner's Office to Geauga County Airport Authority for the local match amount for the land acquisition airport improvement program grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$9,849.00 and a payment for Water Resources to Dark Water Solutions LTD for the installation of two active water tower tank mixer systems in the amount of \$47,400.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-054 itemizing the financials for the meeting of May 2, 2023.

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

CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE – SECOND ADDENDUM – CONTRACT – JENNIFER CARSON
Clerk of Courts Sheila Bevington asked the Board to execute the second addendum with Jennifer Carson to extend the date of the contract to allow her to finish compiling financial reports.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Second Addendum between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Jennifer Carson to extend the term of the contract up to and including June 15, 2023 to reconcile, balance and prepare required reports for the Clerk of Courts Legal Office Account for year 2021 and 2022. All remaining terms and conditions of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A SUBLEASE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT – OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE – ACQUIRE AND IMPLEMENT VOTING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT

Director Michelle Lane asked the Board to execute the Resolution for participation in a sublease purchase arrangement with the Secretary of State to acquire and implement voting machines and equipment.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-055 Authorizing Participation in a Sublease-Purchase Arrangement with the Ohio Secretary of State for the purpose of acquiring and implementing voting machines and equipment and financing certain costs thereof, a Sublease-Purchase Agreement evidencing such arrangement, and matters related thereto.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

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AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A SUBLEASE-PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND IMPLEMENTING VOTING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING CERTAIN COSTS THEREOF, A SUBLEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT EVIDENCING SUCH ARRANGEMENT, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amended Substitute Senate Bill 135 of the 132nd Ohio General Assembly (as the same may be amended, modified, revised, supplemented or superseded from time to time, the “Act”) and the financing program authorized thereunder (the “SoS Financing Program”), the Secretary of State of the State of the Ohio (the “Sublessor”) is providing financing to Ohio counties for the acquisition of voting systems, including, but not limited to, voting machines, marking devices, automatic tabulating equipment, and direct record electronic voting machines, as defined in Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 3506.01, together with associated allowable expenditures, as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC Section 3506.02, it has been determined that the equipment used by the citizens of the County of GEAUGA COUNTY, Ohio (the “Sublessee”) to vote in federal, state and local elections shall be changed to that equipment described in the Proposal of ES&S (the “Vendor”) dated MARCH 8, 2023 (the “Proposal”); and

WHEREAS, the Vendor has submitted a draft contract for the implementation of the Proposal to the Sublessee (the “Project Contract”), and the Sublessor has reviewed and approved the Project Contract (as it relates to the SoS Financing Program) and the Project Equipment (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the Proposal requires the Sublessee to acquire certain voting machines and equipment (the “Project Equipment”) and pay certain costs related to implementing the Proposal (along with the acquisition of the Project Equipment, the “Project”) and this Board of County Commissioners of the Sublessee (the “Legislative Authority”) desires to accept the Proposal, enter into the Project Contract, undertake the Project, and finance a portion of the cost of the Project by utilizing the provisions of the SoS Financing Program;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of GEAUGA, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary, desirable and expedient, and in the best interests of the Sublessee and its citizens, for the Sublessee (i) to accept the Proposal, (ii) enter into the Project Contract, (iii) acquire the Project Equipment, and (iv) finance a portion of the costs of the Project Equipment (the "State-Financed Equipment") and other costs of the Project by participating in the SoS Financing Program.

SECTION 2. The Sublessee's participation in the SoS Financing Program shall be evidenced by a Sublease-Purchase Agreement between the Sublessor and the Sublessee (together with all exhibits and appendices thereto, the "Sublease"). At least two members of the Legislative Authority and the Sublessee's County Auditor (collectively, the "County Signers") are hereby separately and individually authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver the Sublease on behalf of the Sublessee in substantially the form presently on file with the Legislative Authority, which is hereby approved, with such changes not substantially adverse to the Sublessee as the County Signers may approve; the approval of such changes and that the same are not substantially adverse to the Sublessee shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Sublease by the County Signers.

SECTION 3. All of the obligations of the Sublessee set forth and covenants made by the Sublessee under the Sublease are hereby established as duties specifically enjoined by law and resulting from an office, trust or station upon the Sublessee within the meaning of ORC Section 2731.01 *et seq.*

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the SoS Financing Program, the Sublessee shall not be required to make any scheduled payments towards the purchase of the State-Financed Equipment to the Sublessor or any other entity. To pay that portion of the cost of the Project not financed through the SoS Financing Program, there is hereby appropriated from the Sublessee's General Fund the total amount of \$8,880.00, which shall be paid in 4 annual installments of \$2,220.00. The first installment is due 1 year following delivery of the Equipment described in the Proposal.

SECTION 5. The County Signers and other appropriate officers of the Sublessee, or any of them, are hereby separately and individually authorized and directed to (i) make the necessary arrangements with the Sublessor to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for executing and delivering the Sublease, and delivering the Sublease to, the Sublessor, and (ii) give all appropriate notices and execute and deliver, on behalf of the Sublessee, such additional instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, and other papers as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transaction contemplated thereby in such forms as the official executing the same may approve, and to take all other steps necessary or appropriate to effect the due execution, delivery and performance of the Sublease pursuant to the provisions of this resolution. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall furnish to the Sublessor a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Sublease containing such information from the records of the Sublessee as is necessary to evidence or determine the regularity and validity of the authorization, execution and delivery of the Sublease. Each of the County Signers is hereby separately and individually designated to act as the authorized representative of the Sublessee for purposes of the Sublease until such time as the Legislative Authority shall designate any other or different authorized representatives for such purpose.

SECTION 6. The Sublease shall constitute a special obligation of the Sublessee. Nothing in the Sublease or any agreements or documents relating thereto shall constitute or be construed or deemed to constitute a debt, bonded indebtedness or a general obligation of the Sublessee. Neither the taxing power nor the full faith and credit of the Sublessee are pledged or shall be pledged for the payment or security of the Sublease, or any other related agreement or document.

SECTION 7. The Legislative Authority acknowledges that the Sublessor has obtained funds for the SoS Financing Program by utilizing a sublease-purchase / certificates of participation arrangement, and that the interest component of the Sublessor's lease payments thereunder is intended to be exempt from federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Code"). The Legislative Authority hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the State-Financed Equipment in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Sublease is entered into, so that the interest portion of such lease payments by the Sublessor will not be subject to federal income taxation under the Code. Any

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County Signer or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the execution and delivery of the Sublease is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Sublessee on the date of delivery of the Sublease, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the State-Financed Equipment and other matters under the Code.

SECTION 8. It is hereby determined that the terms of the Sublease and this resolution are in compliance with all legal requirements. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution or the Sublease shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any remaining provisions of this resolution or the Sublease, respectively. Any provisions of any ordinance or resolution inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency; this provision shall not be construed as reviving any ordinance or resolution or any part thereof.

SECTION 9. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Legislative Authority concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Legislative Authority, and that all deliberations of the Legislative Authority and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including ORC Section 121.22.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall take effect and be in force upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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>

Ms. Lane asked the Board to approve and execute the sublease purchase agreement with Secretary of State and ES and S for the voting machines and equipment.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Sublease-Purchase Agreement between the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio and the County of Geauga, Ohio to acquire certain voting machines and equipment from ES & S vendor proposal and costs related to implementation of the project, through the Secretary of State Financing Program in the amount of \$97,667.00 (equipment) with annual software and license fees of \$8,880.00 and ongoing hardware license and support fees of \$2,220.00.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – KARVO COMPANIES, INCORPORATED -ASPHALT RESURFACING FAIRMOUNT ROAD – RUSSELL TOWNSHIP
Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price contract with Karvo Companies for the asphalt resurfacing of Fairmount Road in Russell Township. Mr. Hajjar stated this project will start in late June but may be sooner.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Karvo Companies, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Fairmount Road (CH-0016, Sections A-B) in Russell Township in the amount of \$614,593.00.

<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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING CLAY STREET – HUNTSBURG TOWNSHIP
Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price contract with Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Clay Street in Huntsburg Township.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH-0037, Sections C-D) in Huntsburg Township in the amount of \$431,600.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING CLAY STREET – THOMPSON TOWNSHIP
Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price contract with Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Clay Street in Thompson Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Clay Street (CH-0037, Sections K-L) in Thompson Township in the amount of \$740,605.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – KARVO COMPANIES, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING WASHINGTON STREET – SECTIONS A-B – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Karvo Companies for the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections A-B in Bainbridge Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Karvo Companies, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections A-B) in Bainbridge Township in the amount of \$843,449.11 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AWARD BID – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING WASHINGTON STREET – SECTIONS C-E – AUBURN AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Washington Street (CH-0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships in the amount of \$1,312,655.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – APPOINT SHANE HAJJAR – PREVAILING WAGE COORDINATOR – REMAINDER OF 2023 – UNAPPOINT KATIE TAYLOR

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to appoint Mr. Hajjar as the prevailing wage coordinator for the rest of 2023 and unappoint Ms. Taylor.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint Shane Hajjar as Prevailing Wage Coordinator for the remainder of 2023, and further unappoint Katie Taylor.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – EXECUTE PLAT – CANYON LAKES COLONY SUBDIVISION
14-C – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to execute the final plat for Canyon Lakes Colony 14-C located in Bainbridge Township, that will create 8 new sublots along Hughs way which is about 1/8 mile long.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Plat for Canyon Lakes Colony Subdivision 14-C in Bainbridge Township creating Sublots #388-395 along Hughs Way (private road).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RALPH
SPIDALIERI, PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT –
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND – PLANNING DESIGN AND / OR CONSTRUCTION
OF MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION AND
UPGRADE – FURTHER EXECUTE APPLICATION

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to execute the resolution authorizing President Ralph Spidalieri to apply, accept and enter into an agreement with Ohio Water Pollution Control and the Environmental Protection Agency with DEFA for financial assistance with the McFarland Creek wastewater treatment plant renovation and upgrade.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-056 Authorizing Ralph Spidalieri, President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to Apply For, Accept and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Fund (WPCLF) Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency - Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (OEPA-DEFA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority for Planning, Design and / or Construction of McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-056
Date: May 2, 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RALPH SPIDALIERI, PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (OEPA-DEFA) AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF MCFARLAND CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "LGA", is looking for assistance with the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, the LGA intends to apply for a loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "WPLCF") for the planning, design and or construction of the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (OEPA-DEFA) has indicated its willingness to make a loan for that purpose and on those terms; and

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WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Geauga County Ohio:

Section 1. That the LGA be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, execute all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade project on behalf of the County of Geauga, Ohio.

Section 2. That the dedicated source of repayment will be: (1) revenue collected from sewer customer accounts, (2) Department of Water Resources capital improvement funds, (3) environmental compliance fees, (4) ARPA funds, and/or (5) funding made available through the FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending or any other Federal grants and awards.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Ms. Miller asked the Board to allow the President to execute the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency DEFA financial assistance application.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, Office of Financial Assistance Application in regard to the McFarland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade Project.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENTS – UBUNTU WELLNESS, LLC – PROVIDE CHAIR MASSAGE AND SMOOTH RIDER, LLC – PROVIDE SMOOTHIES – WELLNESS EXPO

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve and execute agreements with Ubuntu Wellness for chair massages and Smooth Rider for smoothies for the employees during the Wellness Expo on May 11th. These agreements are paid for with wellness grant dollars.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Ubuntu Wellness, LLC to provide One Chair Massage Station on May 11, 2023 for employees during the Geauga County Employee Health and Wellness Expo during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$120.00 per hour, for the total sum not to exceed \$600.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between the Geauga County Commissioners and Smooth Rider, LLC to provide a minimum of two hundred (200) 20 oz. smoothies via the Smooth Rider Smoothie Food Truck on May 11, 2023, for employees during the Geauga County Employee Health and Wellness Expo during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$8.50 per smoothie up to 400 or a not to exceed total contract amount of \$3,400.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – UPDATED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION AND PAYROLL FORMS – DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING)

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to execute the updated accounting forms and payroll authorization forms for Building, to bring them to current employees.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the revised Accounting Forms Authorization Form and Payroll Authorization Form for the Department of Development – Building.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPOINT AND DESIGNATE CHRISTINE LAKOMIAK – COUNTY COORDINATOR FOR STEPPING UP PROGRAM

Mr. Morgan explained that the state has asked for a designated coordinator for the county and asked the Board to appoint Christine Lakomiak, Director for Mental Health and Recovery as the County Coordinator for the Stepping Up program.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to appoint and designate Christine Lakomiak, Executive Director for Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services as the County Coordinator for the Stepping Up Program.*

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT OF AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT FINAL APPLICATION FOR GRANT – FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) 2023 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PARALLEL TAXIWAY FOR RUNWAY 11/29

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to execute the Resolution authorizing the Airport Board President, to execute and submit the final application for the grant from the FAA for the design of the Parallel Taxiway for Runway 11/29.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-057 Authorizing the President of the Geauga County Airport Authority Board to execute and submit the Final Application for the Grant through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 2023 Airport Improvement Program, for the design of a Parallel Taxiway for Runway 11/29 in the amount of \$181,500.00 (FAA portion \$163,350.00, ODOT portion \$9,075.00 and Local match portion \$9,075.00).*

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: *May 2, 2023*

Resolution: *#23-057*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE FINAL APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S 2023 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN OF A PARALLEL TAXIWAY FOR RUNWAY 11/29 OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Airport Authority ("Airport Authority") and the Geauga County Board of Commissioners ("Board of Commissioners") (hereinafter collectively "Sponsors"), desire to make application for grant funds through the Federal Aviation

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Administration's ("FAA") 2023 Airport Improvement Program for the design of a parallel taxiway for runway 11/29 of the Geauga County Airport to improve safety, capacity and flow of traffic at the Geauga County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to authorize the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit the final grant application through the FAA's 2023 Airport Improvement Program requesting funds for the design of a parallel taxiway for runway 11/29 at the Geauga County Airport in the total amount of \$181,500.00, of which \$163,350.00 is the FAA portion, \$9,075.00 is the Ohio Department of Transportation's portion, and \$9,075.00 is the local match; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President of the Airport Authority to execute and submit the final grant application to the FAA through its 2023 Airport Improvement Program for the design of a parallel taxiway for runway 11/29 at the Geauga County Airport in the total amount of \$181,500.00, of which \$163,350.00 is the FAA portion, \$9,075.00 is the Ohio Department of Transportation's portion, and \$9,075.00 is the local match.

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>

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - PULLED

The following item was on the agenda:

The Prosecutor's Office is requesting the Board approve Supplemental Appropriations for a Five Percent (5%) Cost of Living Increase in their Salary Accounts commencing January 1, 2023.

Prosecutor Jim Flaiz stated that he had sent an item in for the Board to approve, however based on the action by the Board at the beginning of the meeting is a mute point. Mr. Flaiz explained that budgets are do in a few days and he didn't know how to submit his budget. Mr. Flaiz stated that he appreciated they set some parameters going forward. Mr. Lennon asked what an increase is based on performance, carryover, but with the bargaining units setting a precedent, this will allow everyone to fall in line with each other and provide some certainty. Mr. Dvorak added that this way in January going forward to everyone knows what they will be making.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - PULLED

The Commissioners' Office is requesting the Board move into Executive Session with the Prosecutor for the purpose of discussing the compensation of public employees.

The above item was added to the agenda, however based on the action at the beginning of the meeting, it is no longer needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Local resident Diane Jones inquired about the health fair, to which Ms. Bidlack explained that the fair would be held in the large conference room on this floor and spaces in the parking lot would be set aside for the smooth rider truck for employees to go outside to get their smoothie. There was some discussion about the smoothies and the purpose of the wellness expo as a way for employees to gain information on the services provided through our health care, but local businesses will be on hand to offer their services as well. This expo is optional but does go towards the requirements for employees to obtain the wellness rate for our health insurance.

Claridon Township Trustee Jonathon Tiber briefly explained that Township Association and encouraged agencies to join the organization and work together for the betterment of Geauga County. Mr. Dvorak added that they meet four times a year at different townships within the county and bring in speakers at each meeting to discuss programs that benefit those in the county.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes from March 15, 2023*

- b) *Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water, NPDES Small MS4 General Permit (OHQ000003) Annual Reporting Form, filed by County Engineer and Soil and Water Conservation District*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

5/8 – 5/12 Public Service Recognition Week

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.

Fri., 5/12 NOACA Finance & Audit 8:30 a.m., Governance 10:00 a.m., Executive 11:30 a.m., Cleveland

Mon, 5/15 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Offices

Tue., 5/16 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 5/16 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Warren, District Office

Tue., 5/16 Playground Grand Opening, Metzenbaum Center, 1:00 p.m. 8200 Cedar Road, Chesterland

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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