

**Commissioners' Journal**  
**June 15, 2023**

*The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in special session on June 15, 2023 for a re-scheduled regular meeting from June 13, 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 9:43 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:*

*Strength*

*Dear Lord,*

*I pray that you give us strength to be strong for you in the world today*

*Lord, you know the struggles that we will face today*

*Please be with us as we go through them*

*Carry me if I am too weak to move*

*If I stumble in them, forgive me father*

*When I succeed in them, I will praise you!*

*You are worthy of all praise and honor.*

*Amen*

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on June 7, 2023 for the Department on Aging, Granted permission to increase the current posting for the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) from three to four positions. These positions will remain posted until filled and on June 12, 2023 for the Commissioners' Office that per action on June 1, 2023 by the Board: Approved and executed the Engagement Letter with Fishel Downey Albrecht and Riepenhoff, LLP for representation concerning a disciplinary investigation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 unless prior authorization by the Board; 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.*

**FINANCIALS**

*County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from June 13, 2023 Resolution #23-105 that included an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners' contingency to the Coroner's contract services account, a Supplemental from Water Resources in the County Water System Contract Services account, a Formal Contract PO from Maintenance to Integrated Precision Systems, Incorporated for the Upgrade and Maintenance of the Safety Center Security system, Then and Nows from the Sheriff's Office to Union Supply Company, Incorporated for inmate food purchases that were not previously encumbered, Purchase Order from Water Resources to Junction Auto Sales, Incorporated for a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4WD Double Cab truck in the water division, a payment for Aging to Junction Auto Sales for a new 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 4WD Double cab pickup truck in the amount of \$45,205.0 and a payment for the Auditor's Office to Integrity Appraisal Services for a partial payment on the 2023 re-evaluation and new construction valuation project in the amount of \$125,883.00; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #22-032 approved January 5, 2023 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2023, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.*

**MINUTES**

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes 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>

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*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of April 25, 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>

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of May 2, 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 – INCREASE AMOUNT OF ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I – BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF, LLP**

*Mr. Morgan explained that this was a request for an increase to the engagement agreement with Benesch, the legal counsel for the construction projects, this is counsel that the Prosecutor's Office requested to assist them.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve an increase in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Engagement Agreement with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, LLP for legal counsel in connection with the provision of legal services to support the design, construction and delivery of the proposed Capital Improvement Project, Phase I in a new not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00, without prior approval from the Board.

<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 – THE AERO-MARK COMPANY, LLC – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS – VARIOUS ROADS – YEAR 2023**

*Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Aero-Mark Company for the polyester pavement markings for this year as they represented the lowest and best bid.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to The Aero-Mark Company, LLC for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County for the Year 2023 in the amount of \$274,776.00 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>

**PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES, JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT**

*Clerk Christine Blair explained that this is the Ohio Department of Youth Services grant agreement for this year that includes a request for a carryover from 2022.*

*Motion:* by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$316,011.82 for 2024 with a requested carryover amount from 2022 in the amount of \$85,000.00.

<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>

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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTION – CERTIFICATE OF NEED  
– RENEWAL OF EXISTING SEVEN TENTHS (.7) MILL LEVY – FIVE YEARS**

*Director Christine Lakomiak asked the Board to approve the request for the placement of their .7 mill renewal levy on the November ballot. These funds are used for mental health and substance use disorders treatments and prevention. Ms. Lakomiak explained that they provided a list of the agencies that provide direct service to Geauga County residents with these dollars, and a breakdown of programs from 2022 that are covered under the levy. Commissioner Lennon noted that this is renewal.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and execute Resolution #23-106 Certificate of Need, as Authorized by O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25, and .26. This request is for renewal of an existing seven-tenths (.70) of one mill levy for five years.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Date: June 15, 2023*

*Resolution: #23-106*

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED**  
**AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 5705.03, .19, .191, .221, .25 and .26**

*The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon, Ohio, 44024, with the following members present:*

*Ralph Spidalieri      James W. Dvorak      Timothy C. Lennon*

*The Clerk advised the Board of County Commissioners that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.*

*Commissioner Dvorak moved for the adoption of the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services f.k.a. Geauga Community Board of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services established pursuant to Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the operation of community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of alcohol and drug addiction facilities and mental health facilities per Ohio Revised Code section 5705.221; and*

*WHEREAS, the levy is at a rate of seven-tenths (.70) of one mill for each one dollar of taxable value, for a period of five (5) years and is a renewal of an existing levy first voted on in 1989; and*

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*WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Geauga County and the tax shall be levied on the entire territory and within Geauga County;*

*WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 7, 2023 and shall first be levied in tax year 2024 and begin collection in 2025.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, that based on the foregoing and pursuant to R.C. 5705.03 (B), said Board hereby certifies this Resolution to the Geauga County Auditor and requests that the County Auditor certify back to the Board of County Commissioners the amounts described in R.C. 5705.03(B)(2) that would be generated by the levy proposed herein.*

*Commissioner Lennon seconded the motion.*

<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 DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2021 AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET – GRANT #B-F-21-1AZ-1**

*Project Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to authorize the President of the Board to execute the amended scope of work and budget for the CDBG Grant to realign the funds within the grant program.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Office of Community Development 2021 Community Development Program Amended Scope of Work and Budget for Grant #B-F-21-1AZ-1 to realign grant funds, decreasing the Department on Aging Paratransit and Camp Ho Mita Koda projects and increasing the Womansafe Incorporated and DDC Clinic Generator Projects in the amount of \$12,200.00 and keeping the overall projects within the grant amount of \$284,000.00.*

<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>

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR FY22 – CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT REQUEST – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

*Sanitary Engineer Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to execute the Environmental Protection Agency, Certification regarding lobbying in regard to the certification for the congressionally directed spending from Representative Joyce funding that will be used for equipment at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment plant.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Environmental Protection Agency, Certification Regarding Lobbying in regard to Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements for the FY22 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant request for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrade project in the amount of \$800,000.00.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTION INCREASE – CERTAIN PROPERTIES – ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR TWO PARCELS

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve a resolution for an increase in the American Rescue Plan Act funds for additional expenditures for two parcels. Mr. Gorris noted that they have 72 installed of the 113 and a plan for 4 more this week. The original amount of the funding was \$904,000.00 but they have had additional requests, adding that not all of the installs were at the \$8,000.00 per home cost, so there will be an overage but it's not sure yet what the final total will be, as there are 17 that haven't sent quotes in yet for the tie in. The goal is to have them all done by mid-August. The plant has been in operation since May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Morgan added that there will still be trucks taking sludge away which is a normal part of the treatment process.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-107 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Berkshire Heights Sewer Connection Increase for Certain Properties, for an additional expenditure for two parcels, #06-101800 for an increase of \$6,500.00 and #06-093090 for an increase of \$11,100.00 for combined total increase of \$17,600.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: June 15, 2023

Resolution: #23-107

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 BERKSHIRE HEIGHTS SEWER CONNECTION INCREASE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides money to States, Counties and Municipalities to address the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a distribution of monies from the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Title VI section 603(c)(1)(D) of the Federal Register provides for ARPA funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (BOCC) through the Department of Water Resources has constructed a public sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant in Chardon Township; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC approved the use of ARPA funds to pay for sewer service connections within the Berkshire Heights subdivision in an amount up to \$8,000 per connection on (June 28, 2022 in Resolution #22-121- rescinded) revised and replaced on August 23, 2022 in Resolution #22-156; and

WHEREAS, a connection has required additional construction at no fault of the property owner increasing the cost of constructing the service line above the \$8,000 maximum previously set; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC wishes to not require these property owners an added expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an additional expenditure above the \$8,000 grant for the following parcel with a total increase of \$17,600.00:

Parcel #	Increased cost	Total Service Line Cost
06-101800	\$6,500.00	\$14,500.00
06-093090	\$11,100.00	\$19,100.00

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*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>

*JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
SUBGRANT AGREEMENT – FEDERAL FUNDS*

*Executive Director Craig Swenson explained that every two years they have to execute the subgrant agreement with the state to administer the Federal Funds.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant Agreement (#G-2425-11-6138), upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, establishing the terms, conditions and requirements governing the administration and use of Federal Funds by Geauga County Job and Family Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.*

<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>

*JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – APPROVE REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY AND  
PROCEDURE MANUAL SECTIONS 2.11 AND 7.4*

*Mr. Swenson explained that they wanted to make some changes to the policy and procedure manual with regard to the exit interview to bring the questions more current and an update following covid regarding travel reimbursements and after hours.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revisions to Sections 2.11 “Exit Interview Form” and 7.4 “Travel Expenses” of the Geauga County Job and Family Services Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual to be effective June 13, 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>

*JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – 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 10:01 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Mr. Swenson and Ms. Parnaby. The Board returned at 10:38 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director for an overall five percent (5%) increase to the department’s compensation and revise the Classification and Salary Schedule (Appendix A) by four percent (4%), to be effective June 25, 2023, the first day of the 14<sup>th</sup> pay period of 2023. Appendix A is in Section 4.1 of the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Geauga County JFS Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.*

<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>

*Mr. Swenson added that this the five percent that was approved by the Board just being distributed as discussed.*

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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director to grant merit increases of three percent (3%) of the base rate of compensation for four employees, Alyssa Parnaby, Peter Medved, Kelly Thurling and Misty Gotham, to be effective June 25, 2023, the first day of #14 pay period.*

<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 – RESOLUTIONS FOR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD – CORRECTED*

*Ms. Blair explained that this was a follow up request on the Gold Award to correct three troop numbers that were sent with errors.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the following Resolutions, for corrections, including Resolution #23-108 Honoring Caelum Wolak, Resolution #23-109 Honoring Charlotte Hosek and Resolution #23-110 Honoring Lillian Kensicki for Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Highest Honor in Girl Scouting.*

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 23-108*  
*Date: June 15, 2023*

*RESOLUTION HONORING CAELUM WOLAK FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING*

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

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

*WHEREAS, Caelum Wolak is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71738 and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Caelum Wolak completed her Gold Award project titled Project Hope for the Homeless Memorial Garden; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Caelum Wolak for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 23-109*  
*Date: June 15, 2023*

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**RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLOTTE HOSEK FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT  
GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

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

*WHEREAS, Charlotte Hosek is a member of Girl Scout Troop #90537 and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Charlotte Hosek completed her Gold Award project titled Special Goals; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Charlotte Hosek for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

*Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio*

*Resolution: 23-110*

*Date: June 15, 2023*

**RESOLUTION HONORING LILLIAN KENSICKI FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT  
GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR IN GIRL SCOUTING**

*WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are a nationally acclaimed organization known for training young women to build character, citizenship and leadership; and*

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

*WHEREAS, Lillian Kensicki is a member of Girl Scout Troop #71085 and has excelled in leadership, demonstrating strong organizational skills and a sense of community and commitment; and*

*WHEREAS, Lillian Kensicki completed her Gold Award project titled Pop Up Compliment Shop; and*



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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners honor and salute Lillian Kensicki for her service to her community and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.*

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

<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 – LETTER OF SUPPORT – NORTHEAST COUNTIES FARM BUREAU – GRANT APPLICATION – BROADBAND OHIO AND OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT*

*Mr. Lennon explained that this was a letter of support for the Northeast Counties Farm Bureau for a grant application for broadband.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a letter of support for the Northeast Counties Farm Bureau (Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga and Trumbull) for a grant application through Broadband Ohio and the Ohio Department of Development.*

<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 the employment and/ or dismissal of public employees in the Transit Department.*

<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 10:42 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and possibly Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. The Board returned at 11:35 a.m. and as a result the following actions were taken:*

*Mr. Morgan explained that this in regards to the Transit agreement with Laketrans and the Board did a great job with ensuring that the employees retained employment. All of them but two have taken employment with Laketrans except for two, 1 resigned and 1 retired. The agreement was to ensure that services remained in the county, and under Laketrans there will be additional services that can be offered to our residents due to size now under ODOT rules. They will still be operating Transit out of the garage and as Geauga Transit. There are however a process under the Ohio Revised Code that must be followed to eliminate the positions, and that term unfortunately is a layoff, however it maintains the employees rights. Commissioner Spidalieri stated that increasing services is a biggest bonus, the ability to get buses is another benefit, noting that we had to buy a used bus a car lot. Mr. Spidalieri stated that a lot of the employees received an increase and are happy. Mr. Lennon stated that we didn't terminate the employees and they aren't being a lay off however it's the process the code.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to at the advice of the Prosecutor's Office, approve and execute Resolution #23-111 Statement of Rationale for Employee Layoffs in the Geauga County Transit Department, as a formality to meet the O.R.C. requirement, as the employees have been employed by LakeTran under the terms of the Inter-Agency Transit Service Agreement.*

<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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*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to at the advice of the Prosecutor's Office, approve and execute Resolution #23-112 to Layoff All Staff in Geauga County Transit, effective June 30, 2023 as they have been employed by LakeTran under the terms of the Inter-Agency Transit Service Agreement.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to at the advice of the Prosecutor's Office, to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute and issue layoff notification letters to all Transit employees as required.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to at the advice of the Prosecutor's Office, to approve and authorize the County Administrator to approve the Retention Point List, Recall List and any other required documents and further authorize the posting of the Retention Point List, as required.*

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

*Mr. Dvorak stated that it was presented about eight months ago and this will move will allow for better services to the residents of the county.*

**OTHER**

*The Board reviewed upcoming events.*

**MEETINGS**

*Fri., 6/16 NOACA committee meetings, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cleveland*

***Mon., 6/19 County Offices will be closed due to Juneteenth, twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.***

*Thu., 6/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Mon., 6/26 Family First Council 1:30 p.m. Mental Health and Recovery Services*

*Tue., 6/27 Investment Advisory Board meeting, 9:15 a.m. Room B303 Meeting Room, 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon*

*Tue. 6/27 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

*Tue., 6/27 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors Meeting, 11:00 a.m. at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon*

*Tue., 6/27 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 1:30 p.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B200, Chardon*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Gail Roussey from the League of Women's Voters asked for clarification on the increase for Benesch and which project it was for, to which it was noted it was Phase 1, the county office building that Phase 2 is the Courthouse. Ms. Roussey inquired about posting for the vacant position at Water Resources, which the Board was confused and it was noted that it was the Director position. The Board clarified that Dr. Oluic was still the Director, that any letter of resignation had not been formally accepted.*

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*Diane Jones inquired about the facility for Transit, to which it was clarified that they would remain operating out of the current facilities as Geauga Transit just under Laketran.*

**BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

*Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m.*

*Geauga County Board of Commissioners*

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*Ralph Spidalieri*

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*James W. Dvorak*

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*Timothy C. Lennon*

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*Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk*

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