

Commissioners' Journal
July 18, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 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 9:43 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Father,

Thank you that the truth is living in us

Help me to relate to the truth living in me and may my lifestyle be consistent with this truth.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 17, 2023 for the Department on Aging rescinded the motion from July 10, 2023 that read to approve hiring Christina Cunningham to the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective July 31, 2023 at the rate of \$16.35 per hour with a one year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions. Mr. Morgan added that Ms. Cunningham was unable to accept the position; a Liquor License that concurred with the Claridon Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by S & L Fuel, LLC located at 12797 Mayfield Road, Unit A, Chardon, Ohio (C TRFO 7701614) and for the Department on Water Resources approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Gillmore Security Systems, Incorporated to perform maintenance services and installation of all fire and burglar alarm systems in the Water District section within the department for a period of one year effective July 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 and approved and executed the service Contract Agreement with Gillmore Security Systems, Incorporated to perform maintenance services and installation of all fire and burglar alarm systems in the Wastewater section within the department for a period of one-year effective July 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; 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 May 23, 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 June 1, 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

Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers to the Sheriff for miscellaneous refunds, reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund, Appropriation transfers for Job and Family Services to support continued contract services, phone services and foster parent recruitment, Supplemental Appropriation for Water Resources to make debt payments for Chagrin Falls Park water construction, Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Public Assistance for our July – September 2023 mandated share, Travel requests for ADP, Common Pleas Court, Drug Court, County Engineer's Office and Public Defender, a Then and Now for Water Resources for Cyber

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Incident ADP hours, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Ravenwood Mental Health Center for 3rd Quarter Youth Center Operations in the amount of \$104,105.00, a payment for the Commissioner's Office to Lake Geauga Recovery Centers for support of the Jail Treatment Program in the amount of \$46,358.00, and a Revenue Certification for the Common Pleas Court Technology Fund for salaries, Medicare, insurance and OPERS.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-124 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 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>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESCIND MOTION FROM JULY 6, 2023 – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – WOODFORD EXCAVATING – REPLACEMENT OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar explained that due to complications with the contractor, we are asking to rescind the original approval on July 6th for the change order for the replacement of the Washington Street bridge.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to rescind the motion from July 6, 2023 that read: approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with Woodford Excavating for the Replacement of the Washington Street Bridge (Structure #BR-0606-F-05.310-2023) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$13,110.95.

<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 – CHANGE ORDER #1 – REVISED AND FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT – WOODFORD EXCAVATING – REPLACEMENT OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the revised Change Order #1 and Final for the replacement of the Washington Street Bridge for Woodford Excavating.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1, Revised and Final, increasing the Contract with Woodford Excavating for the Replacement of the Washington Street Bridge (Structure #BR-0606-F-05.310-2023) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$16,605.35.

<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 – THE AERO-MARK COMPANY – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS – VARIOUS ROADS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Aero-Mark Company for the application of polyester pavement markings. Mr. Dvorak asked a question about the price, to which Mr. Hajjar stated that this was lower than last year, however up from the 2021 numbers.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with The Aero-Mark Company for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads in Geauga County for the Year 2023 in the amount of \$274,776.00.

<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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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING,
INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING BRAKEMAN ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Brakeman Road.

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 Brakeman Road (CH-0022, Section A) in Hambden Township in the amount of \$578,165.00.

<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 MUMFORD ROAD

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving for the asphalt resurfacing of Mumford Road.

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 Mumford Road (CH-0024, Sections A-D) in Troy Township in the amount of \$467,785.00.

<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 – APPROVE PLANS – ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve the plans and execute the cover sheet for the replacement of the Robinson Road Bridge.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the plans for the Robinson Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #0076-01.880) in Chardon Township and further execute the Cover Sheet of the Plans for the same.

<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 PUBLIC HEALTH – RESOLUTION – CERTIFICATE OF NEED – RENEWAL OF
EXISTING .2 MILL LEVY - FIVE YEARS

Administrator Adam Litke presented the Board with some information regarding their services and budget for 2024 which includes what if's due to the new O&M program. Mr. Litke added that he also provided a copy of their 2022 Annual report. Mr. Litke stated that this is a renewal levy of .2 mill for five years. Commissioner Lennon asked what the total budget was, to which Mr. Litke stated it was around \$3 million depending on operation and maintenance, but fluctuates between \$2.5 and \$3 million adding that the majority of revenue is permit and inspection fees, which is expected at over \$1 million (former point of sale, now Operation and Maintenance). Mr. Litke noted that salary has gone down from previous years, but has expectations drop significantly. Expenses were expected to exceed Revenue however with the changes that were made, they are looking to break even, however, realistically it will take about two years to recover from the changes that get made. Mr. Litke explained that the levy is an important part of the revenue even with the agreement with Lake County.

Lake County Health Commissioner Rob Graham introduced himself to the Board as the Health Commissioner for Geauga Public Health and thanked them for their support of the Geauga Health District. Mr. Graham explained that they want to remain independent from the State, and a lot of the savings was in administrative and has kind of set a model for the state in the process. Mr. Lennon asked about where they were on the inspection fees for the business permit fees to be reimbursed. Mr. Litke stated that it will be a large hit to the cash carryover, however they are ready to do a contract with a company to do the reimbursements. There was discussion on

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whether any of the inspections were being done, to which it was noted that it was mainly new construction. Mr. Litke asked the Board to approve the certificate of need, and it was noted that this is the first step in the process.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-125 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 two-tenths (0.2) of one mill levy for five years.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 18, 2023

Resolution: #23-125

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 18th day of July, 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 Ohio Revised Code § 121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Commissioner Lennon 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 an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Geauga County Health District, organized pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3709.03, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Health with sufficient funds to carry out its health program as provided and authorized in Ohio Revised Code § 3709.29; and

WHEREAS, the levy is at a rate of two-tenths (0.2) 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 2009; and

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.

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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 Ohio Revised Code § 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 Ohio Revised Code § 5705.03(B)(2) that would be generated by the levy proposed herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Ohio Revised Code § 121.22.

<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>

BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTION – AMENDED – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

Clerk Christine Blair explained that there was a recent change to a House Bill that changed the process for levies, and while working on Public Health's levy and on Mental Health's the two Assistant Prosecuting Attorney's looked over the process and in conjunction with the Auditor's Office to make some changes to the resolution, that will amend the resolution step two done last week by two words.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-126 Amended – Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the County's Community Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service District at the Request of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-126
Date: July 18, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-126

AMENDED

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT AT THE REQUEST OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES, O.R.C. 5705.221 and .25

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 18th day of July, 2023, commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the

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*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 Lennon moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services with sufficient funds for the operation of mental health programs at a rate not exceeding seven tenths (.70) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to nineteen dollars and no cents (\$19.00) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the Auditor's appraised value ~~valuation~~, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of seven tenths (.70) of one mill. The tax shall be levied in tax year 2024 and begin collection in year 2025. The subdivision has territory affected in Geauga County.

Section 2. The question of levying additional taxes shall be submitted to the electors of said Geauga County and if passed the tax shall be levied upon the territory of Geauga County at the general election to be held at the usual voting place of Geauga County on November 7, 2023.

Section 3. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list of the tax year 2024 ~~2023~~ if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 4. The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of levying the tax pursuant to this resolution and Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.221 and .25 to the electors of Geauga County at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023.

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Section 5. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections not less than ninety (90) days before the general election to be held on November 7, 2023 and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of elections on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including O.R.C. 121.22.

Commissioner Dvorak seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

<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 – ADVERTISE BIDS – SAFETY CENTER HVAC MAINTENANCE AND ON CALL SERVICES

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to approve going out for bids for the HVAC on the Safety Center for maintenance and on call services. Mr. Vernick explained that he would be going out for bids on a lot more services to due thresholds on cost.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for Safety Center HVAC Maintenance and On Call Services. This Bid Opening will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on August 3, 2023, August 10, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – REVISED ACCOUNTING FORMS AND AUTHORIZATION FORM AND PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve the revised forms for the Auditor for accounting and payroll authorization forms.

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.

<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 #29 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING GMP #1 AND GMP #2

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve the request for partial payment for Donley's Independence on the County Office Building for GMP phase #1 and #2.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #29 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP #1 and GMP #2 in the amount of \$114,605.90.

<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 – GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN

Human Resources Administrator Kathleen Hostutler explained that the County has been a part of the CCAO Bureau of Workers Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program and have been invited again to be part of the program, which is doing very well. Account Executive Todd Keserich is here today to provide an update on the program and how it's working for the county. Mr. Keserich provided an executive summary report which includes a six year look back on how claims are looked at. Mr. Keserich explained that claims, not just number but severity stay in your look back period for about five years and the County had some pretty severe claims that we are now beyond and are starting to see some beneficial numbers which results in better premium rates for the county. Mr. Keserich stated that we have moved into a discounted rate for 2023 and projecting to continue for 2024 as we move forward.

Mr. Keserich explained that the group of counties are included in a group retro rating program that takes all numbers into one pot and at the end of the four-year lookback if they are good then counties will see premium refunded by the Bureau. This program has been in existence since 2010 and Geauga County has been involved since the beginning. Geauga County has received over \$1.4 million in premium refunds since being in the program. In 2018 and 2019 those years we hit the bump in the road with those severe claims and are starting to recover. Mr. Lennon inquired about payroll, to which Mr. Keserich stated that the premium is driven by payroll and the rate, and the counties rate fluctuates based on the Bureau's rate and the rate based on fluctuations, which helps explain that payroll isn't driving it, it's been stable. This is a fantastic program for the County be a part of and now there are 56 counties included in the program. Mr. Keserich briefly discussed that program when it got started in 2010 and the types of programs that are offered for the counties, the program is stable and has a good group of counties in the group but also statewide. Mr. Keserich stated that counties with larger populations participate in a different program or went self-insured. Every year we look at all the programs available and which is the best fit and the risks for Geauga County to choose the best program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the 2024 Geauga County / County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Employer Statement of Group Retrospective Rating Program between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the CCAO Service Corporation.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending June 14, 2023 and July 5, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Mon – Fri 7/17-7/21 Board of Revision, Daily, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Parkman WWTP Hearings

Tue., 7/25 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 8/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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Tue., 8/8 *Planning Commission 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B333-334*

Tue., 8/8 *The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Alusheff from Aquilla Village inquired about a public comment policy and if they planned to approve one, and reminded the Board they have a seat on the Health District Advisory committee. Diane Jones inquired about the Addendum with Transit and Laketrans, to which Clerk Christine Blair explained that the Addendum was approved at the meeting on the 11th, however, it was missed being signed by the entire Board, it was stuck in a pile of documents that had stickies and had gotten missed, so I am just having them sign the document that was approved for signature on the 11th. Ms. Blair also noted to Ms. Jones that it was the last document of her public records request and instead of providing an unsigned version, she waited to provide it to her until it was signed.

Mr. Dvorak mentioned that he had been notified by the Auditor's Office that there was a transfer of \$275,000.00 to Transit and they had been making payments back, and as a Board we try and assist departments to continue to operate, there is about \$205,000.00 left, and that he had spoken with Mr. Kepple and that Laketrans didn't need the funds, to which Mr. Dvorak added that he wanted the money back from Transit. Mr. Dvorak stated that Mr. Morgan can reach out to Mr. Kepple and he will reiterate what Mr. Dvorak stated and that he wants to start with a clean slate in the partnership. Mr. Morgan added that he would speak with Mr. Kepple and now that Ms. LaChapelle is back from vacation, he will also discuss the issue with her. Ms. Jones added that right in the agreement it states that Laketrans will not bear any responsibility to any previous debts. Mr. Dvorak added that he feels that it aligns with what he is asking for, to get the \$205,000.00 back to the county. Mr. Morgan added that the addendum extended the time frame through the end of September for the final transfer of transit funds.

Gail Roussey from the League of Women Voters asked about the pay request for Donley's to which Mr. Morgan stated that it is for the office building punch list of remaining items that need completed, and with each payment a portion of retainage is held back until the final payment would be made once it is complete.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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