

Commissioners' Journal
July 25, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on July 25, 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 9:33 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Lennon was absent from today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*Heavenly Father
Thank you for your goodness and faithfulness in my life
Thank you for refreshing and renewing my heart
Fill me with your peace
Fill me with your strength
Help me to do good and stand firm
Until I see my harvest of blessing in Jesus name
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 21, 2023 for the Department on Aging to approve an unpaid personal leave of absence for Laura Reed, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant for up to thirty hours during the period August 7, 2023 through August 11, 2023 for pre-arranged time off prior to employment; as authorized by Resolution #23-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2023 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained the financials for today as including an Appropriation transfer from Contingency to Maintenance to cover increased electric services, Supplemental Appropriation for Metzenbaum to replace the playground and make environmental and accessibility improvements, Travel requests for Common Pleas, Common Pleas Drug Court, and the County Engineer's Office, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Ohio State University for the county's 3rd quarter 2023 program support payment in the amount of \$51,909.92, a payment for Water Resources to O'Reilly Equipment, LLC for a 2023 NEO trailer in the amount of \$17,999.00 and a Revenue Certification for Mental Health to certify a drug court allocation from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Recovery Services.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-127 itemizing the financials for the meeting of July 25, 2023.

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

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – ADVERTISE BIDS – GEAUGA COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR 1 IMPROVEMENTS

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to advertise Bids for the Hangar 1 Improvements.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Airport Hangar 1 Improvements to be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on July 27, 2023, August 3, 2023 and on the County website.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - EXECUTE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT QUOTE FOR VESTA MISSION CONTROL SUPPORT, MANAGED SERVICES, ONSITE STD, SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE SUPPORT AND 9-1-1 DISPATCH SERVICE

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand explained that this is an upgrade and will include the pre-arrival instructions for dispatchers, eliminating the need to look up instructions in order to provide it to the caller, it will be all on one screen now.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Motorola Solutions Service Agreement Quote for VESTA Mission Control Support, Managed Services, Onsite-STD, Software Firmware Support and 9-1-1 Dispatch Service for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028 in the amount of \$306,342.02.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – RESOLUTIONS DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY SURPLUS – DIRECT SALE TO MORGAN COUNTY – 2014 FORD EXPLORER POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR, AND THREE (3) 2017 FORD EXPLORER POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTORS

Sheriff Hildenbrand explained that Morgan County had reached out and asked if we had any vehicles getting ready to be sold, and we said 4, and they want to purchase all of them. The previous cars we had sold them have the frames rotting out. The one is older and is a lower price than the rest, but the prices are comparable to what is online.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-128 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its Sale to Morgan County, Ohio as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12 for a 2014 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor (Vin # ending 1081) in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 25, 2023
Resolution: #23-128

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COIUNTY, OHIO,
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12**

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared “not needed” by the County; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio has a current need for a police vehicle to conduct county business that has been declared by Geauga County as “not needed” can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2014 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor that includes a console (unmarked unit), VIN# 1FM5K8AR5EGC61081 with 103,930 miles with the sale price being \$6,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; and

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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>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-129 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its Sale to Morgan County, Ohio as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12 for a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor (Vin # ending 4208) in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 25, 2023

Resolution: #23-129

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
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AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12**

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio has a current need for a police vehicle to conduct county business that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor that includes the light bar and front / rear partition divider with rear seat, VIN# 1FM5K8AR5HGA24208 with 150,104 miles with the sale price being \$7,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; and

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

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-130 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its Sale to Morgan County, Ohio as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12 for a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor (Vin # ending 4209) in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 25, 2023

Resolution: #23-130

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COIUNTY, OHIO,
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WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County; and

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WHEREAS, Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio has a current need for a police vehicle to conduct county business that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor that includes a light bar and front / rear partition divider with rear seat VIN# 1FM5K8AR7HGA24209 with 120,787 miles with the sale price being \$7,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; and

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

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

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-131 Declaring County Property as Surplus and Directing its Sale to Morgan County, Ohio as authorized by O.R.C. 307.12 for a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor (Vin # ending 3140) in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: July 25, 2023

Resolution: #23-131

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND DIRECTING ITS SALE TO MORGAN COIUNTY, OHIO,
AS AUTHORIZED BY O.R.C. 307.12**

WHEREAS, The County of Geauga has equipment that has served the intended use for the County and is hereby declared "not needed" by the County; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio has a current need for a police vehicle to conduct county business that has been declared by Geauga County as "not needed" can be put to productive use by Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Board of Geauga County Commissioners has identified a specific vehicle suitable for sale to Morgan County, Ohio, namely a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor that includes a light bar and front / rear partition divider with rear seat VIN# 1FM5K8ARXHGC63140 with 138,370 miles with the sale price being \$7,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, hereby sell the above-specified equipment to Morgan County, (Sheriff's Office), Ohio for use in the handling of county business; and

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

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS – SEAL AND STRIPE GEAUGA COUNTY PARKING LOTS – GROUP #1 AT 2:10 P.M. AND GROUP #2 AT 2:15 P.M.

Director Glen Vernick explained that he was requesting to go out to bid for seal and striping of the parking lots but added some patch work as alternates to the bid.

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Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for Seal and Stripe of Geauga County Parking Lots. These Bid Openings will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 with Group #1 at 2:10 p.m. and Group #2 at 2:15 p.m. Notice of these Bid Openings will be advertised on August 10, 2023, August 17, 2023 and on the county website.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – VIVINA LLC D.B.A. DELISH MOBILE KITCHEN – PROVIDE PARKING LOT SPACE – FOOD TRUCK

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve an agreement with Vivina LLC d.b.a. Delish Mobile Kitchen for parking lot space for a food truck at the new building.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement with Vivina LLC d.b.a. Delish Mobile Kitchen to provide parking lot service with their catering food truck for sale of food and beverage to the public at the Geauga County Offices Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio through the Year 2023.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – BARRIO BROS, LLC – CATERING SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEE WELLNESS LUNCHEON

Ms. Bidlack explained that several employees expressed an interest in celebrating being in the new building for one year and in collaboration of the wellness grant, they gave us permission to do a wellness luncheon for the employees in the new building, so she was asking the Board to approve an agreement with Barrio Bros to cater that lunch and it will be paid through the wellness grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Agreement with Barrio Bros, LLC to provide catering services for an employee wellness luncheon located at the Geauga County Office Building, 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon in the amount of \$2,921.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #7 – NV5 – EXTEND DATE OF COMPLETION AND INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT

Mr. Morgan explained that this is a change with NV5, our owner's representative on the county office building and with the changes for the Board of Elections and punch list items we are asking to extend the contract through January of next year and an additional increase of \$107,000.00. Commissioner Spidalieri asked for the reason of the increase, to which Mr. Morgan stated that it is mainly due to the Board of Elections changes and the delay in getting the punch list items by Donley's. Mr. Spidalieri asked if we can recover some of the costs on the contract with Donley's.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #7 with NV5 to extend the date of completion from June 30, 2023, for an additional 215 days through January 31, 2024 and increase the amount of contract for additional post occupancy change management in the amount of \$107,280.00.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE PLACEMENT OF MIKE KURZINGER ON UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Mr. Morgan explained that this was to place Mr. Kurzinger on unpaid administrative leave effective July 20, 2023 at noon. Mr. Dvorak asked if this was for sixty days, to which Mr. Morgan replied that according to the ORC, it could be, but it depended on the disciplinary process. Mr. Dvorak continued to ask questions about actions the Board could take, including to terminate the employee.

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the placement of Mike Kurzinger on Unpaid Administrative Leave, effective 12:00 p.m. (Noon) July 20, 2023, pursuant to O.R.C. 124.388 (B).

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

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - FAIR BOARD UPDATE

Secretary Paul Harris came in to provide the Board with the annual Fair update. Mr. Harris explained that the fair never falls asleep, it's always moving now and that they are just 36 days away from the opening day, back to only five days this year. Mr. Harris noted that the Sea Lions were coming back this year along with nights of demolition derby, on Thursday and Saturday nights. Mr. Harris noted that the Natural Resource area took a hit during COVID, but this year will be back at 100% and it is the only one in the state and have extra fish coming this year. Mr. Harris explained that they have a fantastic crew and have two new Amish guys helping on the grounds crew, with 151 acres and 71 buildings there's a lot to work on and are able to pick and choose improvements, but they did put a new roof on the antique hall, new foundation by the arena, ramps and posts at the small grandstand which was surprised to discover rotting boards to they got them replaced, resided the First Aid building, about \$25,000.00 in electrical updates and LED lighting, including the midways, and a draft horse barn. Mr. Harris noted that there was some talk about the fountain, and the auxiliary decided to redo it this year.

Mr. Harris said that in a marketing standpoint, Geauga Fair is a leader in the industry with moving to electronic tickets and promotions on ticket sales and continue to run fiber out to the gates for the scanners to work better. They ran a flash sale and sold over 7300 tickets in four days.

Mr. Harris explained that the ground rentals are up and the calendar is full of events, noting that they just had a bike rally with over 1,000 bikes. Mr. Harris did say that while the grounds are open, and that people are on them every day enjoying the grounds, and of course with that comes continued vandalism, and is at an all-time high and they have seen a significant increase with the school next door. Mr. Harris added that they expanded the number of cameras and are now up to twelve and were able to catch one of the people doing the vandalism due to the cameras. They are still planning to do the multi-purpose building with 25,000 square feet, however funding is an issue, but that they did receive \$250,000.00 of funding from the state capital budget, but it will only be a scratch. Mr. Spidalieri asked about the total on the cost of the new building, to which it was noted about \$4 million or more. Mr. Harris explained that he wasn't going to get into the details, however the issues that they have had have tapped them out of extra funds.

Mr. Harris invited the Board to attend the Ohio Fair Managers Convention on January 5-7, 2024. Mr. Harris thanked Mr. Morgan for all his help with the issues that they have had, and he was a huge asset to them. Mr. Dvorak asked about their bid draw, being a derby or do they have a big-name entertainment, to which Mr. Harris explained that they did it last year with the Anniversary, however when the stands only seat 1800 and it costs \$80,000.00 to bring someone in, you can do that math, it doesn't work out. Mr. Harris noted that they do have Country Fest coming to the grounds in a couple weeks. Mr. Harris stated that the demo on Saturday will sell out and be sold out before fair even starts. Mr. Harris stated that advance sale tickets are currently \$8.00 for admission and are on sale now.

Mr. Spidalieri asked about the online bidding again for 4-H, to which Mr. Harris yes, that they would have Friday at 2:30 small and Saturday at 4:00 for large and it has been a huge option for the auction. It does include the add-on option for the kids. The option cost them \$3,500 however the kids got over \$15,000.00. Mr. Dvorak asked about the scholarship fund, to which

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Mr. Harris stated that yes, it is also online and anything that comes in, everything goes out, and its \$1,000.00 per kid and usually is 5-10 kids that get them each year.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for June 21, 2023*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending July 12, 2023 and July 19, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- c) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of June 2023 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Roussey from the League of Women Voters inquired about NV5 and Donley's, and whether that was Donley's Independence for this county building and the punch list of items, to which Mr. Morgan replied yes that it finalizes the original construction and each pay request withholds retainage. Ms. Roussey inquired about the issue to the north, with Mr. Spidalieri expressed that it has been on going issue with flooding near the new school. Mr. Spidalieri briefly explained that issue with the retaining pond and the flow onto the fairgrounds when it rains. Both sides are working towards a solution to get the issue resolved.

Skip Claypool stated that he wanted to talk about professional decorum and comments that have been in the paper by a Commissioner about the County Administrator and personnel at Water Resources. Mr. Claypool wanted to remind everyone that individuals are innocent until proven guilty, and that no comments that should be being made as they could impact the outcome, and asks the Board to refrain from making comments that would put your thumb on the scale that could tip it, and anything else is irresponsible. Mr. Claypool stated that we have great employees that have been here a long time and are due the respect to defend themselves.

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

- Tue., 8/1 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.*
- 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.*
- Tue., 8/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m*
- Tue., 8/15 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, 1:00 p.m. Warren, District office*

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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