

Commissioners' Journal
August 1, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 1, 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 Dvorak read the following prayer:

Lord,

I pray for joy and peace to abound in our Family relationships.

May any misunderstandings or conflicts be replaced with unity and forgiveness.

Help us to cherish and support one another in every step of our journey together.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on July 26, 2023 for the Maintenance Department to approve hiring Matthew Sieracki to the position of Full-time Contract Coordinator (#1924) to be effective August 14, 2023 at the rate of \$23.32 per hour (Grade 11, Step 1) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; 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.

MAINTENANCE – APPROVE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS – CONTRACT COORDINATOR (#1924) FROM ONE TO TWO – ADVERTISE POSITION UNTIL FILLED

Clerk Christine Blair explained that there was a cross in the approval of Mr. Sieracki and these requests and that Director Vernick would like to increase the number of positions on his organizational chart from one to two and then advertise to hire a second Contract Coordinator. Mr. Morgan added that he received two very good applications and would really like to hire them both to assist with the volume of contracts coming due to bid threshold requirements.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revised Organizational Chart to increase the number of Contract Coordinator (#1024) positions from one to two, to be effective August 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for the position of Contract Coordinator (#1924). This position will remain posted until filled.

<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>

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 6, 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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APPROVE FINANCIALS

Senior Fiscal Specialist Deborah Ashburn explained the financials for today as including a Supplemental appropriation for Mental Health for a cost allocation for SFY2024 Common Pleas – Drug Court Operations, Supplemental appropriations for the Department of Emergency Services for WebEOC software to replace Stormchaser and also for the replacement of thirty (30) computers, Travel request for the Auditor's office, a Then and Now for Clerk of Courts for preparation of reports for 2021 and 2022, two vouchers for the Board of Developmental Disabilities to Dry-More construction for concrete sidewalk work totaling \$41,725.00, a payment for Water Resources to ADP for the Water Resources cyber incident in the amount of \$14,362.50, and a payment for Water Resources to Junction Auto Sales for a 2023 Ram 1500 Tradesman Quad in the amount of \$43,490.00.

There was a brief discussion on the concrete around the playground and the computers at DES being out of life (very old) thin clients that need to be replaced.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-132 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 1, 2023.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE TIMOTHY C. LENNON, BOARD MEMBER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RELEASE FUNDS FOR RESURFACING OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve and authorize Mr. Lennon as Board member and Chief Executive Officer for the OPWC grant reimbursement request for the Fairmount Road resurfacing.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize Timothy C. Lennon, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Fairmount Road Resurfacing (Sections A-B) in Russell Township in the amount of \$200,000.00.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT – ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT – CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE – PUBLIC HEALTH LEVY - .2 MILL RENEWAL

Administrator Adam Litke asked the Board to acknowledge receipt of the estimated property tax revenue from the Auditor's office.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor for the Public Health .2 Mill renewal.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT – RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION – PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE HEALTH PROGRAM

Mr. Litke asked the Board to approve the resolution declaring it necessary to levy the tax for their .2 mill levy renewal. Commissioner Lennon explained that last week they briefly discussed that the levy is about \$650,000.00 collected and that the savings due to the changes made is about \$3-600,000.00. Mr. Lennon asked about their carryover amount being \$3.5 million to which Mr. Litke explained that the carryover includes some COVID dollars, but also sewage

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collection fees that will be being reimbursed to business owners. Mr. Lennon then asked about the balance of the carryover after reimbursements and Mr. Litke stated that they ended the point of sale program and the change over to the operation and maintenance program will be about 4-5 years to get fully up and running. Mr. Litke added that they have to have reserve funds to handle an emergency or crisis. Total budget is about \$3 million – but with the reimbursements and point of sale reduction it drops to about \$2.5 million. Mr. Lennon thanked for the clarification because he was concerned with the large carryover and going back out for the levy. Mr. Litke added that if COVID had not have happened they would not have the carryover balance they have and it would be greatly reduced by the reimbursements to business owners.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-133 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and to Provide for the Necessary Requirements of the Health Program of the Geauga County Board of Health, O.R.C. 3709.29.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-133

Date: August 1, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-133

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 HEALTH PROGRAM OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PER O.R.C. 3709.29

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Geauga, State of Ohio, met in regular session on the 1st day of August, 2023, commencing at 9:30 o'clock 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 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;

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 Health for the purpose of providing the Geauga County Health

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District with sufficient funds to carry out its health program as provided and authorized in Ohio Revised Code § 3709.29 at a rate of two-tenths (0.2) of one mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to five dollars and no cents (\$5.00) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the County Auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years and which levy is a renewal of an existing two-tenths (0.2) of one mill levy first voted on in 2009. The tax shall be levied in tax year 2024 and begin collection in year 2025.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. The Commissioner's Clerk of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, along with Resolution 2023-125 and the certification from the County Auditor received pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.03(B)(2) to the Board of Elections, Geauga County, Ohio on or before August 9, 2023 by 4:00 p.m. local time and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election 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 Ohio Revised Code § 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>

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – LETTER TO OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGENCY – REQUEST SECOND AMENDMENT – CDBG #B-F-21-1AZ-1 – EXTEND DATE OF COMPLETION SIX MONTHS

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to approve and execute a letter to the Ohio Development Service Agency for amendment #2 for the CDBG program grant B-F-21 to extend the date of completion for supply chain issues relating to the DDC generator and the Paratransit Van for Aging. Ms. Malkamaki added that this extension is for six months.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute a letter to the Ohio Development Service Agency requesting a second amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #B-F-21-1AZ-1 for a six month extension through February

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29, 2024 due to supply chain issues for two projects, the DDC Clinic Generator and the Department on Aging Paratransit Van.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND TIME OF AUGUST 31, 2023 REGULAR MEETING – GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR – JUNIOR FAIR STAGE AND 10:00 A.M.

Clerk Christine Blair asked the Board to approve the resolution to establish the date and time for the regular meeting at the Fair to be held at the Junior Fair stage to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-134 Establishing the Location and Time of the August 31, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 1, 2023
Resolution: 23-134

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE AUGUST 31, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE GREAT GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR**

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the Great Geauga County Fair, as Ohio's Oldest County Fair; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to increase public awareness and access to the meetings of the Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby establishes the location of the Thursday, August 31, 2023 meeting of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners be held at the Great Geauga County Fair, located at 14373 North Cheshire Street, Burton, at the site of the Junior Fair Four-H stage and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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	Aye
	Commissioner Dvorak	Aye
	Commissioner Spidalieri	Aye

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL MEETING – AUGUST 29, 2023

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to cancel regular session on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

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

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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.

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Mon., 8/21 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. at Mental Health Offices

Tue., 8/22 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Jones asked who the gentleman was that accompanied Mr. Litke from the Health Department to which is noted Rob Graham, Lake County Health Commissioner.

Howard Newell asked who was overseeing the project on the Geauga Lake Project. It was noted that the Township has jurisdiction over the project, the County is not directly involved. Mr. Morgan responded to Mr. Newell that Planning is involved but they are not under the Commissioners, and that it falls under local planning and zoning regulations. Mr. Morgan added that the development falls under the Bainbridge Township, just like the other project development out there.

Ms. Blair brought up an email about the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Board of Directors meeting for August was cancelled and looked at the November meeting dates to reschedule their meeting for November 14th instead of the week of Thanksgiving.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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