

Commissioners' Journal
August 8, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 8, 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:
O God of Creation
You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons!
Remind us of the wonder of your creation.
Remind us that it is you who give us breath of life.
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 3, 2023 that included a Liquor License that concurred with the Bainbridge Township Trustees in not requesting a hearing on the Liquor License being requested by Hungarian Hostess, Incorporated located at 8564 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (TRFO 4071993-0005) ; 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

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Travel requests for the County Engineer's Office and Probate Court, a payment for the Commissioner's Office to ThenDesign Architecture, LTD for Phase II Basis Services and Design in the amount of \$210,155.38, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Messenger Road, Morgan Road, Leggett Road and Clay Street in the amount of \$1,554,202.71, a payment for the Engineer's Office to Karvo Paving Company for the asphalt resurfacing of Old State Road and Farmington Road in the amount of \$508,483.18 and a Revenue Certification for the Board of Elections in their Special Revenue Fund for additional revenue to be received this year.

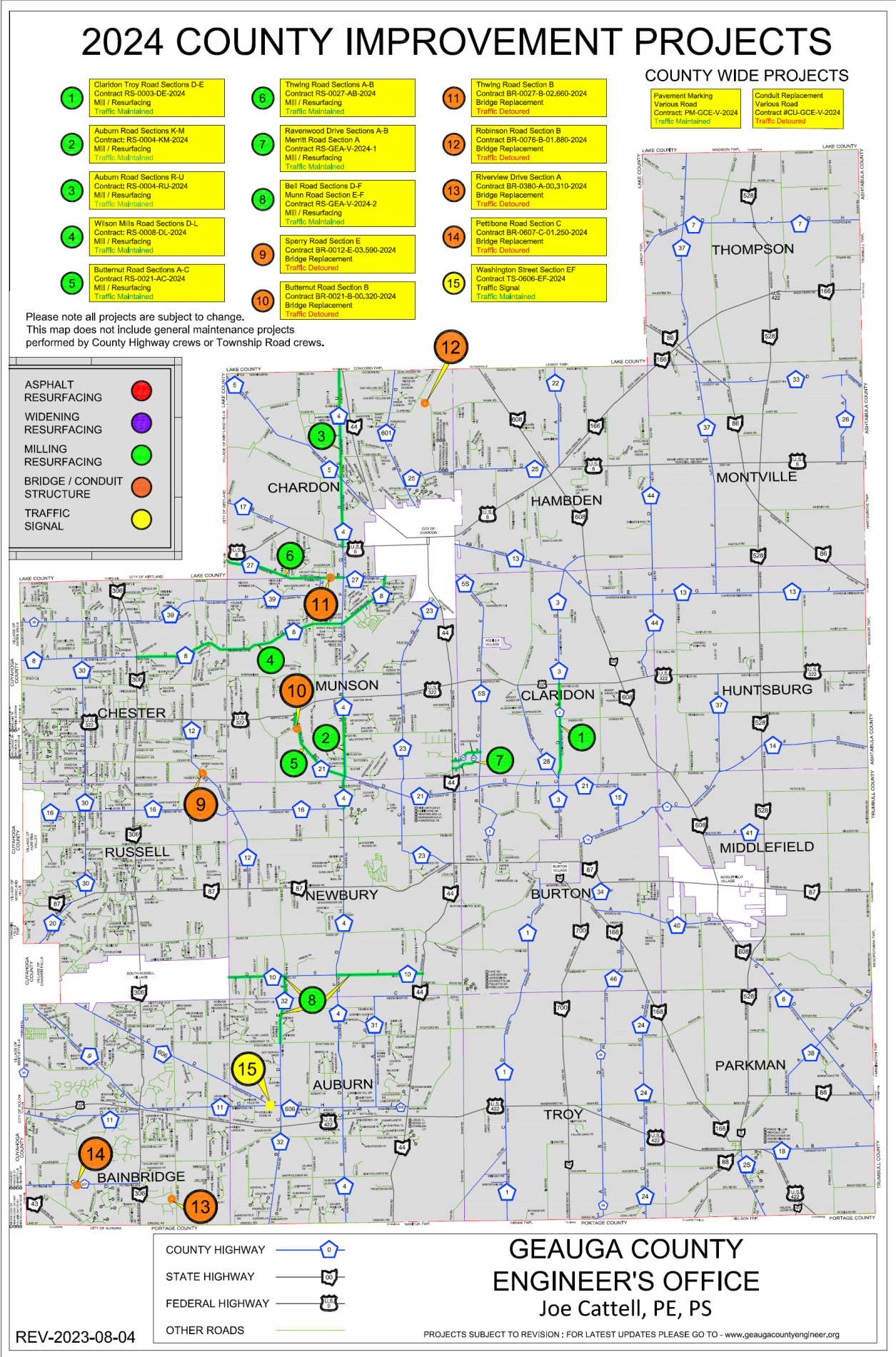
Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-135 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 8, 2023.

<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 – COUNTYWIDE 2024 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar presented the Board with the following map, that is a preliminary plan of upcoming projects, that may be done in 2024 or in 2025. Mr. Hajjar explained that the resolutions to improve allow us to move forward with developing the design and plan for the projects. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if there was outside funding available for these projects, to which Mr. Hajjar explained that the County has been very fortunate through Public Works and through the Federal programs, noting the 4RU project that is Auburn Road from Route 6 to the Lake County line has a \$1.2 million Federal grant from Mr. Joyce's office and we have \$900,000.00 Federal grant due from NOACA that they are working towards the Wilson Mills project. Mr. Hajjar explained that there is Ohio Public Works Funding for the Claridon Troy project and are applying for State funding for the bridges on Sperry and Riverview Roads. Mr. Hajjar stated that there is roughly a \$1 million-dollar Federal grant through CCAO for the Pettibone Road bridge, along some funding from CCAO for the Robinson Road bridge. Mr. Hajjar noted that they have been working several avenues to help fund these projects. They have been lucky to receive the funding but it has also allowed them to move up some of these projects

like the bridges that require a large amount of funding that gets them up to standards. Mr. Dvorak asked which section of Wilson Mills is being discussed, to which Mr. Hajjar stated that it is from State Route 306 to the Chardon corporation line, and it is 6.75 miles of roadway. Mr. Hajjar added that Ravenwood and Merritt is included in the projects, even though it was done in 2013 but with the abuse it has seen lately with the trucks and the new building they are moving it up.



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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AUBURN ROAD – MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-136 to Improve Auburn Road (CH 0004, Sections K-M) in Munson and Newbury Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023

Resolution: #23-136

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AUBURN ROAD (CH 0004), SECTIONS K-M
IN MUNSON AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Auburn Road (CH 0004), Sections K-M, from Fairmount Road (CH 0016) to Mayfield Road (US 0322) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Munson and Newbury Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AUBURN ROAD –
CHARDON TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-137 to Improve Auburn Road (CH 0004, Sections R-U) in Chardon Township.

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Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023

Resolution: #23-137

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE AUBURN ROAD (CH 0004), SECTIONS R-U
IN CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Auburn Road (CH 0004), Sections R-U, from G.A.R. Highway (US 0006) to the Lake County Line in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chardon Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THWING ROAD –
CHARDON AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-138 to Improve Thwing Road (CH 0027, Sections A-B) in Chardon and Munson Townships.

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Resolution: #23-138

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**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THWING ROAD (CH 0027), SECTIONS A-B
IN CHARDON AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Thwing Road (CH 0027), Sections A-B, from the Lake County Line to Auburn Road (CH 0004) to in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, constructing, and reconstructing bridges, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chardon and Munson Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE WILSON MILLS ROAD –
CHESTER AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-139 to Improve Wilson Mills Road (CH 0008, Sections D-L) in Chester and Munson Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023
Resolution: #23-139

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE WILSON MILLS ROAD (CH 0008), SECTIONS D-L
IN CHESTER AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Wilson Mills Road (CH 0008), Sections D-L, from Chillicothe Road (SR 0306) to the Corporation Line of the City of Chardon in

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accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chester and Munson Township Boards of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BELL STREET AND MUNN ROAD – AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-140 to Improve Bell Street (CH 0010, Sections D & F) and Munn Road (CH 0032, Sections E – F) in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023
Resolution: #23-140

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BELL STREET (CH 0010), SECTIONS D & F
MUNN ROAD (CH 0032), SECTIONS E-F IN AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Bell Street (CH 0010), Section D, from the Corporation Line of South Russell Village to Munn Road (CH 0032), Bell Street (CH 0010), Section F, from Auburn Road (CH 0004) to Ravenna Road (SR 0044) and Munn Road (CH 0032), Sections E-F, from Stafford Road (TR 0187) to Bell Street (CH 0010) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing

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drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Auburn and Newbury Townships Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RAVENWOOD DRIVE AND MERRITT ROAD – CLARIDON AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-141 to Improve Ravenwood Drive (CH 0604, Sections A-B) and Merritt Road (CH 0605, Section A) in Claridon and Munson Townships.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023

Resolution: #23-141

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE RAVENWOOD DRIVE (CH 0604), SECTIONS A-B
MERRITT ROAD (CH 0605), SECTION A IN CLARIDON AND MUNSON TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements of Ravenwood Drive (CH 0604), Sections A-B, from Ravenna Road (SR 0044) to Aquilla Road (CH 0005), and Merritt Road (CH 0605), Section A, from Ravenna Road (SR 0044) to Ravenwood Drive (CH 0604) in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the improvements by constructing and reconstructing culverts, performing drainage improvements, subgrade stabilization, asphalt resurfacing, shoulder, and related improvements, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications

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as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Claridon and Munson Townships Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE (RECONSTRUCT) THE PETTIBONE ROAD BRIDGE – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-142 to Improve (Reconstruct) the Pettibone Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0607-C-01.250-2024) in Bainbridge Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023

Resolution: #23-142

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE (RECONSTRUCT) THE PETTIBONE ROAD BRIDGE,
STRUCTURE BR-0607-C-01.250-2024 (SFN 2830493)
IN BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over the Aurora branch of the Chagrin River on Pettibone Road (CH-0607), at mile marker 01.250, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Pettibone Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement and reconstruction of the Pettibone Road Bridge, Structure #0607-C-01.250, by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Pettibone Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

<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 – RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE (RECONSTRUCT) THE SPERRY ROAD BRIDGE – CHESTER TOWNSHIP

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-143 to Improve (Reconstruct) the Sperry Road Bridge (Structure #BR-0012-E-03.590-2024) in Chester Township.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023
Resolution: #23-143

**RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE (RECONSTRUCT) THE SPERRY ROAD BRIDGE,
STRUCTURE BR-0012-E-03.590-2024 (SFN 2830686)
IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Geauga County (Board) has determined the public convenience and welfare requires the reconstruction of the bridge over the Chagrin River on Sperry Road (CH-0012), at mile marker 03.590, and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of a portion of Sperry Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in accordance with Section 5555.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the public convenience and welfare requires the replacement and reconstruction of the Sperry Road Bridge, Structure #0012-E-03.590, by the removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of a new bridge structure and the grading, paving, widening, and draining of Sperry Road in the immediate vicinity of the bridge as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geauga County Engineer is hereby directed to complete necessary surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates of cost and specifications as required for the improvement and to transmit copies of the same to this Board at the time such plans are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no special assessments to real estate will be assessed to cover the damages, costs and expenses of constructing this improvement and that the compensation, damages, costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be appointed

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as follows:

The engineering and right of way costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funding sources. The construction costs shall be paid from local roadway improvement funds and any federal and/or state grants and/or loans that may be secured for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if preliminary designs show that the project cannot be built within the current right of way, pursuant to Section 5555.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Geauga County Engineer is granted permission to negotiate with owners to secure the lands, right-of-way, easements, or work agreements required for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby directed, upon the filing of the plans, specifications, estimates, etc., for the improvement by the County Engineer, to schedule a time at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Board to review the copies of the surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates and specifications for the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chester Township Board of Trustees and the Geauga County Engineer.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – REJECT ALL BIDS – GEAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – MICROWAVE NETWORK UPGRADE

Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Chief Deputy Tom Rowan asked the Board to reject all bids for the Microwave Network Upgrade. Clerk Christine Blair added that due to inconsistencies in the bid specifications and the legal notice and when the bid bonds came in, there was discrepancy in number and percentages which are not allowed. There were two bids received and both companies are out of Texas.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to reject all Bids submitted for the Geauga County Sheriff's Office Microwave Network Upgrade due to discrepancies between the Bid Specifications and the Bonds submitted.

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

MAINTENANCE – ACKNOWLEDGE LETTER FROM DEBRA S. MOLAN – ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE OF PAUL S. MOLAN – TERMINATE EXISTING CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH M & M HOME IMPROVEMENTS – SNOWPLOWING AND SALT /CINDERING FOR 2022-2024 SEASONS – COUNTY OWNED SITE GROUP #1 -CHARDON AREA – UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to acknowledge a letter from Ms. Molan requesting to terminate the contract with M & M Home Improvements for Snowplowing and Salt of the Chardon Area due to unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Dvorak asked what they handled in Chardon, to which Mr. Vernick noted the 470 Center Street, Annex, Courthouse and the pit parking lot.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Debra S. Molan (Administrator for the Estate of Paul S. Molan requesting to Terminate the existing Contract Agreement with M & M Home Improvements for the Snowplowing and Salt / Cinderling for the 2022-2024 Seasons of County Owned Site Group #1 – Chardon Area that was for the period November 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 due to unforeseen circumstances and the company is no longer in business.

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

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

Sanitary Engineer / Interim Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board to approve the Resolution for additional expenditure for three parcels for connection at the Berkshire Heights Sewer project. Mr. Gorris added that two of the parcels are smaller, however one is an estimate due to a need for a possible grinder pump or reconfiguration as the house is lower than the connection. Commissioner Lennon noted that the pump will be covered by the ARPA funds but any additional maintenance is on the homeowner, to which Mr. Gorris stated that is correct. Mr. Dvorak inquired about how many homes remained to be connected. Mr. Gorris explained that there are 93 of the 113 completed, 12 of the remaining are permitted or coming and 6-8 there has been very little to zero communication with. Letters were sent two weeks ago as a reminder, adding that if it comes down to it, they will knock on doors, but the ones that were giving us the hardest time in the beginning are connected or just about to be. Mr. Dvorak asked out of the 12 that remain, are they difficult like these, to which Mr. Gorris responded that it is hard to say if they will be a challenge or not, the houses are slab so until you find a cleanout it is hard to tell.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-144 Approving American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Berkshire Heights Sewer Connection Increase for Certain Properties for an additional expenditure for three parcels (#06-017600 - \$1,500.00, #06-054900 - \$3,250.00 and #06-101900 - \$15,000.00) in a total increase amount of \$19,750.00.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 8, 2023

Resolution: #23-144

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 three (3) parcels with an increase ranging from \$1,500.00 up to \$15,000.00 for a total increase of \$19,750.00 for all three parcels:

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<i>Parcel #</i>	<i>Increased cost</i>	<i>Total Service Line Cost</i>
06-017600	\$1,500.00	\$9,500.00
06-054900	\$3,250.00	\$11,250.00
06-101900	\$15,000.00	\$23,000.00

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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – APPROVE REVISION TO COUNTY 208 PLAN – BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP – REFLECT ADDITION OF PORTION OF PARCEL #02-729397 – EXISTING SEWERED

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to approve a revision to the County's 208 Plan in Bainbridge Township, to include a portion of the parcel to existing sewer, noting that it is on Franklin Street that is owned by the Park District and is part of the Holbrook Hollows. Mr. Gorris stated that currently the entrance comes off county lane road and they have an existing bike lane that they want to add a rest stop that will include a one seat and small sink that will be a single connection, currently not in the 208 plan. Mr. Gorris stated that Chagrin Falls has accepted the flow and Bainbridge has accepted a portion of the parcel. The Commissioners acceptance is next and then it goes on to NOACA.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve the revision of the County's 208 Plan for Bainbridge Township to reflect the addition of a portion of Parcel #02-729397 to "Existing Sewered".

<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 – ADVERTISE BIDS – SLUDGE/BIOSOLIDS/FILTER BED SAND DISPOSAL

Mr. Gorris asked the Board to advertise for bids for the biosolids, sludge and filter material at McFarland and disposed off site.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for Sludge/Biosolids/Filter Bed Sand Disposal to be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening 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>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – STATE OF OHIO SERVICES QUOTATION – SPECTRUM BUSINESS UNDER TERMS OF STATE OF OHIO MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT SPECTRUM SERVICE ATTACHMENT #4, FIBER INTERNET ACCESS – MCFARLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Gorris explained that this is similar to what the County recently did to bring fiber to the McFarland plant, which is part of the split with our systems, which give us a stand alone system and won't be on the county network.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the State of Ohio Services Quotation with Spectrum Business under the terms of the State of Ohio, Master Services Agreement Spectrum Service Attachment #4, Fiber Internet Access for services to the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 17630 Chagrin River Road for a term of sixty (60) months that includes a \$250.00 installation fee and monthly service fees of \$760.00 for a total not to exceed amount of \$45,850.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – WAIVE 200 HOUR MAXIMUM ACCRUAL (VACATION) –
ADRIAN GORTON, BUDGET AND FINANCE MANAGER

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to waive the 200-hour maximum vacation accrual for Adrian Gorton, noting that he had been out on medical leave and was unable to utilize his vacation and allowing him time to take it without losing his time.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to waive the 200 hour maximum accrual (vacation) for Adrian Gorton, Budget and Finance Manager beginning June 26, 2023 (Payroll #14) through December 23, 2023 (Payroll #26).

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

DISCUSSION / UPDATES

Commissioner Spidalieri asked for an update on a recent meeting that Mr. Morgan attended with University Hospitals. Mr. Morgan explained that it went very well, that it was to discuss the options available regarding tying into the County water system and possibly getting some ARPA funds to assist in the cost of that project. Commissioner Spidalieri asked about how much ARPA funds are remaining to which it was noted currently after what has been approved there is about \$6 million left however there are some outstanding requests that once we get updated language from the Auditor's office we can then move forward on those requests. Mr. Dvorak inquired if we would acquire the hospitals well, to which it was noted that it was included in the discussion based on the county wanting to put in another well down here by the new building. Mr. Morgan stated that the water in their well is not contaminated it has iron and causes issues for them in the sterilization process.

Mr. Spidalieri brought up that he had a discussion with Ms. Burhenne about property, noting that there is a need for space to accommodate departments in the courthouse during the construction and the property at 470 Center Street and the need to sell it and handle the departments still there. Mr. Spidalieri stated that he didn't want to make Department on Aging permanent at 470, that they need to sell that property. The Department on Aging needs to be a onetime move and be done. Commissioner Lennon agreed that they need to move on the 470 properties as we don't want to be moving back into the buildings we just moved out of, adding that we need to get the appraisal done and move forward. Mr. Lennon stated that there will be some growing pains with the courthouse project, however it is what they requested up there.

Mr. Dvorak expressed that we are kind of stuck with 470 due to the number of departments in there but feels that the thirty-five acres needs to be appraised and look at being sold. Mr. Dvorak continued to discuss the parking area across from the Courthouse (pit parking lot) and the properties adjacent to it has property for sale, and it might be an option for parking expansion or more in the future. Mr. Dvorak stated that they are in a predicament with 470 right now. The new senior center needs to be the right building and in the right location but selling the 35 acres would give them some funds for wiggle room. Mr. Spidalieri responded to Mr. Dvorak about the 35 acres and the push back about cluster housing going in all over the place and they have a huge concern about it, and while they control it, they need to really consider what to do with it other than just selling it. Mr. Spidalieri stated that people in the county want room and we need to be careful on how we approach this.

Mr. Morgan added that we have a permanent location for the West Geauga Senior Center at the DD Workshop building, and we need to find the right permanent location for the senior center, adding that there is a thought of maybe putting it on the front portion of the thirty-five acres.

Mr. Dvorak asked about the hospital and the water connection, to which Mr. Morgan stated that currently they are doing a four-inch line but eventually they will be putting an eight inch line around the facility.

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There was a brief discussion about the water issue at the fairgrounds and the entrance of the school with the recent rains we have had. Mr. Dvorak stated that the fairgrounds put a new drain line in across the fairgrounds to assist with drainage into the pond. Mr. Dvorak added that both the fairgrounds and the school should submit the bills to the state for reimbursement as it was noted that the school facilities commission has funding to help with these types of situations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending July 26, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

Tue., 8/15 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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.

*Tue., 8/29 **The Regularly Scheduled Commissioners meeting has been cancelled***

Thu., 8/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage at the Great Geauga County Fair, Burton, Ohio

Thu 8/31 – Mon 9/4 – Great Geauga County Fair, Burton, Ohio

Mon., 9/4 County Offices will be closed in honor of the Labor Day holiday, Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal

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

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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