

Commissioners' Journal
August 22, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 22, 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 Vice President of the Board, James W. Dvorak opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We remember that "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10-17) So when discouragement comes and you find that you have been walking by sight, instead of by faith, head back to the scriptures and let the promises of God build your faith, back up to strength.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 8, 2023 for the Department of Development (Building) approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Michael Davet, Multi-Certified Inspector IV for up to thirty-two hours, during the period August 18, 2023 through August 23, 2023. This will extend his probationary period by the number of hours used, up to thirty-two, on August 10, 2023 for the Department on Aging approved an unpaid personal leave of absence for Betty Conti, Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant on August 9, 2023 for five hours and during the period September 1, 2023 through September 11, 2023 for thirty hours for a total of up to thirty-five hours for pre-arranged time off prior to employment. This will extend her probationary period by the number of hours used or seven days. For Maintenance approved hiring Lauren Petit to the position of Full-time Contract Coordinator (#1924) to be effective August 21, 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. On August 14, 2023 for the Department on Aging approved hiring Nancy Niehus to the position of Part-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005-1) to be effective August 28, 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. For the Department of Development (Community & Economic) accepted and approved the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program Income Report and the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Semi-Annual Report for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 and further authorize the electronic submission of these reports; as authorized by Resolution #23-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2023 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

FINANCIALS

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from August 15, 2023 Resolution #23-145 that included Appropriation Transfers to the Sheriff for miscellaneous refunds, reimbursements and web checks that were deposited into the General Fund, Supplemental Appropriation in the Transportation Capital Fund to facilitate the transfer of funds for Geauga Transit from Geauga County to Laketran, Cash transfer out of the General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 2nd Quarter 2023 interest transfer, a Cash transfer out of the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from April – June 2023, a Then and Now for the Common Pleas Court to Michael Isaac Marein for appointed counsel fees from 2022 that were not previously encumbered, Travel request for Job and Family Services, a payment for the Commissioners' Office to NOACA for fiscal year 2024 membership dues (July 2023 – June 2024) in the amount of \$34,629.00, a payment for Community Development to ICP Geauga Lake LLC for pay request #1 for the Geauga Lake District Demolition Project – paid for by State grant money in the amount of \$1,224,258.34 and a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Woodford

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Excavating, LLC for the replacement of the Washington Street bridge in the amount of \$329,021.35; as approved by the County Administrator pursuant to Resolution #23-003 approved January 5, 2023 to authorize the County Administrator to execute, in the case of a lack of quorum of Commissioners and / or if session is cancelled on a regular financial day or on a day when financials need to be approved, the required approvals for county financials on behalf of the Board during the Year 2023, as authorized by O.R.C. 305.30.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE VIA ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SUBMIT THE FAA GRANT OFFER FOR 2023 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Airport Manager Ric Blamer asked the Board to approve the resolution authorizing the Vice President of the Board to electronically sign and submit the FAA grant offer from the FAA for the Airport Improvement program.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-148 authorizing the Vice President of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to execute via Electronic Signature and Submit the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer for the 2023 Airport Improvement Program (Grant No. 3-39-0054-027-2023).

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 22, 2023

Resolution: #23-148

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE VIA ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SUBMIT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT OFFER FOR THE 2023 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRANT NO. 3-39-0054-027-2023)

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Airport Authority (“Airport Authority”), on its own behalf and on behalf of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners (“Board of Commissioners”) (hereinafter collectively “Sponsors”), submitted to the Federal Airport Administration (“FAA”) a Grant Application for the 2023 Airport Improvement Program on May 10, 2023, for a grant of federal funds to be used to rehabilitate the runway, taxiway, and concrete apron at or associated with the Geauga County Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, the FAA extended a grant offer to the Sponsors and the Sponsors desire to accept the FAA’s grant offer; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsors are required to each electronically execute and submit the acceptance of the grant offer to the FAA no later than August 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to have the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners execute the grant offer on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to accept and electronically execute and submit the grant offer referenced herein to the FAA for processing.

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>Absent*</i>

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 15, 2023.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 22, 2023.*

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of June 27, 2023.*

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including a Contract purchase order from Transit to Laketran to setup the transfer of funds to them for Geauga Transit operations, Then and Now's for Water Resources to Chagrin Falls Village for Geauga County's share of the Village's treatment plant improvements project that were not previously encumbered, a payment for the Auditor's Office to iWorQ Systems, Incorporated for a one year support renewal for the County's public works software package in the amount of \$26,000.00, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to University Hospitals for inmate medical care in the amount of \$9,151.13, a payment for Water Resources to Cleveland Division of Water for bulk water purchases in the amount of \$54,528.00 and a Revenue Certification for the Common Pleas Court in their Intensive Supervision Probation fund for additional State Revenues to be received this year.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-146 itemizing the financials for the meeting of August 22, 2023.*

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REVISED ACCOUNTING FORMS AUTHORIZATION FORMS AND PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORMS – COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AND ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve the revised accounting and payroll forms for the Commissioner's Office and Archives to include Ms. Burhenne.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the revised Accounting Forms Authorization Forms and Payroll Authorization Forms for both the Commissioners' Office and the Archives and Records Center.*

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

BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2023, AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Executive Director Christine Lakomiak asked the Board to approve a resolution recognizing August 31st as International Overdose Awareness Day, noting that this is the worlds largest annual campaign to end overdose. Ms. Lakomiak explained that this year they are recognizing the unseen and honor them and those that have been touched by overdose, reminding them that we see you. Those include family members, co-workers, friends and those on the front lines, like caregivers and first responders.

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Ms. Lakomiak stated that they had received funding from the State Mental Health Board and will be passing out items on the 31st to bring awareness, including the DOTERRA bags, presenting them to the Board and explained that they are a biodegradable option for getting rid of old medications and how it works. Ms. Lakomiak stated that Geauga County is lucky that we have permanent locations that also take medications.

Ms. Lakomiak explained that in sponsorship with Lake Geauga Recovery services will be doing a joint event at their Chardon location as well as handing out giveaways including the bags at the Great Geauga County Fair.

Mr. Dvorak expressed that this is an important topic and when you lose someone it affects the whole family, in combination of mental health and drug use, he and his wife lost their daughter on February 1, 2017, the stats were 40% of those with a drug problem have mental health issues, now it's 75-80% and a dual diagnosis.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-147 Recognizing August 31, 2023 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-147

Date: August 22, 2023

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2023, AS
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, People in our community are affected by overdose in a variety of ways, it could be a family member grieving the loss of a loved one, a friend or even a co-worker, but also those that are on the front line, as a first responder or caregiver that selflessly assume the role of lifesaver; and

WHEREAS, As a community Geauga County wants to "Recognize those people who go unseen" and honor those whose lives have been changed as a result of an overdose; and

WHEREAS, We want express to them, that they are not left to bear this burden alone, that we see them, we hear them and offer strength to help them stand and raise awareness about the hidden impacts of overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose is public health crisis and we want to send a strong message about overdose being not only tragic, but also preventable, and through education we can raise awareness; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services will be raising awareness in Geauga County on August 31, 2023, in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day, with events held at 209 Center Street in Chardon from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in the Bicentennial Building at the Great Geauga County Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners along with the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services recognize August 31, 2023, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution become 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>Absent</i>

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF MESSENGER ROAD AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the Change Order #1 and final for an increase to the contract with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Messenger Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, increasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Messenger Road (CH-0031, Section A) in Auburn Township in the amount of \$623.48.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – RESURFACING OF MORGAN ROAD AND LEGGETT ROAD – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to approve Change Order #1 and final for a decrease to the contract with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Morgan Road and Leggett Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Morgan Road (CH-0026, Section A) and Leggett Road (CH-0033, Sections D-E) in Montville Township in the amount of \$11,826.45.

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

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CENTER – MERIT INCREASE – ELEANOR ZAVADA, MICROGRAPHICS SPECIALIST

Archives Supervisor Clair Wilson asked the Board to approve a merit increase for Eleanor Zavada, explaining that when she started, she didn't know anything about micrographics and has overcome that learning curve and now you are hard pressed to have a conversation about it without her.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve a Merit Increase (one step) for Eleanor Zavada, Micrographics Specialist to Grade 9, Step 2 (\$21.28 per hour) to be effective September 3, 2023 (Payroll #19).

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET – AMENDMENT #2 – SIX MONTH EXTENSION

Program Coordinator Elaine Malkamaki asked the Board to authorize the Vice President to execute the amended scope of work and budget for the CDBG 2021 program year amendment #2 for a six-month extension. Ms. Malkamaki explained that two projects are running over, including the DDC Generator and the estimated delivery date is January of 2024 and the other is the van for the Department on Aging and are expected to have an October delivery date. The van goes from Ford to Mobility work to be outfitted before it comes to us.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Office of Community Development 2021 Community Development Program Amended Scope of Work and Budget, Amendment #2 allowing for a six-month extension for grant completion through April 30, 2024.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – OHIO STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION – LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE APPLICATION – MEMBER APPOINTMENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Director Roger Peterson asked the Board to appoint the local emergency planning committee board to the state for a two-year term. The committee meets bimonthly and review the hazard material spills and response and how a grant is spent from the state for the hazmat team.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Ohio State Emergency Response Commission, Local Emergency Planning Committee Application of LEPC Member Appointments for Multiple Members for the period September 1, 2023 through September 1, 2025.

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

There was a brief discussion about utilizing the drones to locate an individual who had wandered off. Mr. Lennon inquired about the types of drones and approved manufacturers that are coming from the state. Mr. Peterson expressed that he reached out to Mr. Joyce's office in regard to setting legislation and mandates but that they need to back that up with funding, adding that to replace the drones we have will be in excess of \$60,000.00.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – FAMILY FIRST MUTUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT – JULY – DECEMBER 2023

Executive Director Craig Swenson and Tim Kehres asked the Board to continue to support the Family First Council that have allowed us to prevent parents relinquish custody, adding that when a family loses custody, it is a great cost to the county. Mr. Lennon inquired about the amount, noting that it has been the same amount for some time. Mr. Kehres stated that they are, that there are other sources of funding that assist them. Mr. Swenson expressed that he takes pride in not having to ask the General Fund for additional funding, because there may come a time that they need to, but the state advocates and assists them. Mr. Swenson appreciates the Board's support and offering of extra funding if needed, but only wants to ask if they truly need it. There was discussion on the types of care and the costs involved in the types of care and programs that are being used.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Geauga County Family First Council Mutual Funding Agreement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services for funding of the Geauga County Family First Council for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. This agreement commits the Board of County Commissioners to providing a support payment of \$42,484.00 from the General Fund.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN BIENNIAL REVIEW FOR 2023-2025

Mr. Swenson asked the Board to approve the Biennial Review of the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan which outlines how they spend the funding from the state, which is a work-oriented program, assisting people to find work and help get them working. Mr. Swenson noted that the Family Services Planning committee approved it, once the Commissioners approve it will then be submitted for approval by the state.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to certify that the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 5108 pertaining to the Biennial Review of the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan by the Family Services Planning Committee have been fulfilled and that the PRC Plan is approved to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and further approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Geauga County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan Biennial Renewal for 2023-2025 of Ohio Revised Code 5108.

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

MAINTENANCE – AWARD CONTRACT – GARDINER SERVICE COMPANY, LLC – EXECUTE CONTRACT ADDENDUM AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT – EQUALIS COOPERATIVE MASTER AGREEMENT – BRYAN BOILER AND SAFETY CENTER

Director Glen Vernick explained that they need to install a new boiler at the safety center, they went through the Equalis Cooperative Group, through state bid process and are asking the Board to award the contract and execute it with Gardiner Service Company to do the installation.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Contract to Gardiner Service Company, LLC to provide and install a new Bryan Boiler at the Geauga County Safety Center and approve and execute the Contract Addendum and Supplemental Agreement to Gardiner and Equalis Cooperative Master Agreement, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Contract between the Cooperative Council of Governments, Incorporated, Gardiner Service Company, LLC and the Equalis Group, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$59,780.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS – SNOWPLOWING AND / OR CINDERING – CHARDON AREA – 2023-2025 SEASONS

Mr. Vernick explained that last week he asked the Board to terminate the current contract with M & M Home Improvements due to unforeseen circumstances and today is asking the Board to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering of the Chardon Area to replace that contract.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for Snowplowing, and / or cindering of Chardon Area Parking Lots for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on August 24, 2023, August 31, 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>Absent</i>

MAINTENANCE – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – GEAUGA MECHANICAL

Mr. Vernick explained that the 3 ton split at the Annex is on its last leg and down and they need to get that replaced, but am including extra funding in the contract to have it in place in case there are any additional repairs come up. Mr. Vernick asked the Board to execute the contract with Geauga Mechanical.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a service Contract Agreement with Geauga Mechanical to perform replacement of the existing 3 Ton Split System at the Courthouse Annex and as further described in the descriptions of work attached hereto as Exhibit A and provide any other services at Geauga County Buildings as directed by the

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Director for a one-year period, effective August 22, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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

MAINTENANCE – LEASE AGREEMENT – JIM TIMMONS – FARMING/ CROPPING ACTIVITIES ON PARCELS ON AQUILLA ROAD

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to approve the lease with Jim Timmons for two properties to farm/crop off Aquilla Road. Mr. Vernick added that this no longer includes the parcels across the street from the new building. There was a brief discussion about a termination clause in the agreement.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Lease Agreement with Jim Timmons to perform farming/cropping activities on Sections 3 and 4 of the parcel of land located 13211 Aquilla Road (portion of Parcels #13-705200 and #13-015313) for a period of three years with the option to renew for an additional three year period in the amount of \$55.00 per acre per year for a farming total of twenty (20) acres (\$1,100.00 per year).

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES -CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE SERVICE CONTRACT – HERSHBERGER ROOFING AND SIDING

Fiscal and Personnel Specialist Kathleen Miller asked the Board to approve a change order, increasing a service contract with Hershberger Roofing and Siding to cover a new quote for a metal install on the UV building at the McFarland Plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Change Order #1, increasing the service Contract with Hershberger Roofing and Siding for metal install on existing UV building roof at the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant and for additional roofing and siding needs in 2023 in the amount of \$11,160.00 for a new total of \$21,160.00 for the remainder of the one-year period through April 24, 2024.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE AND EXTEND CONTRACT – G.A.R. PAVING

Ms. Miller asked the Board to approve a change order increasing the contract with G.A.R. Paving to cover some additional work that needs to be completed, adding that this is also being extended for a year. Ms. Miller answered a question from Mr. Dvorak about the areas of use, to which she explained it is for repairs needed at the Berkshire Heights and additional repairs that may arise through next year, but not at McFarland at this time.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Change Order #1 increasing the service Contract with G.A.R. Paving by extending the contract for an additional one-year period through November 8, 2024 and an increase in the amount of \$15,000.00 to cover asphalt repairs at various locations in 2023 and for future needs in 2024, for a total contract amount of \$26,505.00.

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

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE ONE-TIME WAIVER – SECTION 125 PLAN

Human Resources Specialist Kelly Bidlack asked the Board to approve a one time waiver of the Section 125 plan for an employee's healthcare plan due to a delay in paperwork.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and approve a one-time waiver of the Section 125 Plan thirty (30) day time limit for a qualifying event change to one employee's healthcare plan due to a delay in obtaining legal paperwork.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT #30 – DONLEY'S INDEPENDENCE, LLC – GMP PHASE #1 AND #2

Mr. Morgan explained that this is a request for partial payment #30 for Donley's on the county office building.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the Vice President of the Board to execute the Request for Partial Payment #30 for Donley's Independence, LLC for the Geauga County Office Building, GMP Phase #1 and Phase #2 in the amount of \$13,703.37.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – APPROVE ADDITION OF LINDE BURHENNE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AS ALTERNATE FOR ADP BOARD – REMAINDER OF 2023

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to add Ms. Burhenne as an alternate for the ADP Board, if the Commissioners and himself are unable to attend the meetings, and this would be for the rest of the year.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and add Linda Burhenne, Assistant County Administrator as an additional alternate for the ADP Board, if Commissioner Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner James W. Dvorak, Commissioner Ralph Spidalieri, or County Administrator Gerard Morgan are unable to attend, for the remainder of the 2023 year.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CANCEL SESSION – SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to cancel session on Thursday, September 7, 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>Absent</i>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property for public purposes and the sale of property at competitive bidding, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(2).

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

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:17a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:05 a.m. and no action was taken.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 2, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*
- b) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Inmate meals for the month ending July 2023.*
- c) *A monthly report filed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office of an account of expenses for the Prisoner Transport for the month ending July 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

*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

Fri., 9/8 NOACA Special Executive meeting, 8:00 a.m., Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Tue., 9/12 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Room B333-334

Tue., 9/12 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Burhenne explained that she lives in Leroy Township, and they have a Facebook page and a few weeks ago there was a thread on it about the new county building and the services we have, noting the BMV and the Title office being together in one place.

Gail Roussey from the League of Women Voters asked the Board if they were going to set a meeting to discuss what had transpired at the Budget Commission meeting. Mr. Dvorak stated that there is follow up meeting at 1:30 next Monday at the Auditor's office. That meeting is the Budget Commission's meeting if the full Board of Commissioners attend then it would need to be a joint meeting and there are things that need to be done in order to move the Commissioners meeting to another location. If it's a special meeting it must be advertised and noticed. Unfortunately, the timing is not in our favor. Mr. Gorton stated that they are looking at some of the changes and requests that were made during that meeting regarding appropriations for items that were withdrawn from the tax budget. Mr. Gorton briefly explained some of the things that the Budget Commission requested and how they may be able to make those commitments, and the requests that they made and if they are allowable. Mr. Gorton stated that the Budget Commission asked the Board to make a commitment to not change the Tax Budget, which Mr. Gorton expressed that he wasn't making changes to the tax budget but the Permanent Appropriation. Mr. Dvorak stated that he had attended so suggested Mr. Lennon to attend so that they don't have to advertise to hold a special meeting. Clerk Christine Blair expressed that she didn't feel the Board could schedule a special meeting as the requirements to hold one are specific set in the ORC and with the Board not having specifics on what it would be handling it is very vague and has concern if it meet those requirements.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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