

Commissioners' Journal
August 31, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior Fair Stage, Great Geauga County Fair located at 14373 N. Cheshire Street, Burton, 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 10:05 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spidalieri recognized all the Elected Officials in attendance, Directors from Departments and other County Agencies.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Almighty and Loving Father,

We are gathered here today to celebrate our 201st Great Geauga County Fair.

Send us your Holy Spirit to be our guide and give us wisdom to understand every topic that we discuss today

Enlighten our minds and let your love be upon us

We all strive to make the Best Better. Our Junior Fair children are competing with their projects with high hopes of doing well.

But at the fair (over the years) you learn how to win and how to lose.

But you always congratulate the winners!

The blessings are your 4-H friends and families – they are forever.

County Fairs come and go. Trophies collect dust, ribbons get tossed to the side, but the memories are never forgotten and friendships are never replaced.

A good friend is like a Four Leaf Clover – Hard to find and Lucky to have.

This 4-H quote is from Helen Keller:

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

God Bless the Great Geauga County Fair!

Amen

Mr. Spidalieri thanked Mr. Logan and Mr. Parker from the Fair Board for having the Commissioners at the fair today.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on August 22, 2023 for the Department of Development (Community and Economic) approved and executed the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development Job Certification Summary for Great Lakes Growers, LLC as they have fulfilled the job creation portion of their Revolving Loan Fund Loan; 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 24, 2023 Resolution #23-149 that included Revenue Certifications in the General Fund from the Commissioners in the Sales Tax revenue account, the Treasurer in the Interest Revenue account and from the Board of Elections in their Help America Vote Fund interest revenue account for additional revenue to be received this year and on August 29, 2023, Resolution #23-150 that included an Appropriation transfer from the Commissioners' Contingency account to the Sheriff's contract services account to allow for an encumbrance increase due to higher than anticipated inmate medical costs, Supplemental appropriation in the Clerk of Courts Certificate Title Administration Fund transfer out account to facilitate a cash transfer to the Commissioners capital reserve phase 2 fund, Supplemental appropriation in the Commissioners' miscellaneous reimbursement transfers account to set up a payment to the Sheriff's office for seized property that was sold by the FBI at auction and the proceeds were deposited into the General Fund; Travel requests for the Juvenile Court and Probate Court; a payment for the Commissioners' Office to Donley's Independence for pay request #30 for the new County office building project in the amount of \$13,703.37 and a payment for Transit to Laketran for the balance of funds owed

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to Laketran from Geauga Transit's Operations less the remaining amount of their cash advance on their unpaid 2nd quarter cost allocation payment in the amount of \$196,676.32. \$20,000.00 is also being held in escrow until September 30th; 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.

MINUTES

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 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>

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the minutes for the meeting of July 11, 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>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT – AGRI-SLUDGE, INCORPORATED

Interim Director / Sanitary Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to execute a service contract with Agri-Sludge for dewatering at the McFarland wastewater plant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the service Contract Agreement with Agri-Sludge, Incorporated to perform McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering for the department for a period of one-year, effective August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AGREEMENT – COMPANY 119 – ADD ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION TO WEBSITE

Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne asked the Board to approve an agreement with Company 119 to create an announcements section on the website that will allow the Commissioner's office to post content for the public.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the President of the Board to execute the Agreement with Company 119 for the development and implementation of a new announcement section on the existing website, including content migration, general support and training in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT HILDENBRAND AS THE INITIAL REGION 13 INCORPORATED REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER – ONE OHIO GOVERNANCE BOARD

Mr. Dvorak asked the Board to the approve a resolution appointing Scott Hildenbrand to the OneOhio Region 13 Board as the incorporated member. The One Ohio Board will receive funding regarding opioids that can be used towards projects in the county.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-151 Appointing Scott Hildenbrand as the initial Region 13 Incorporated Representative Member to the OneOhio Governance Board.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: August 31, 2023

Resolution: #23-151

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT HILDENBRAND AS THE INITIAL REGION 13
INCORPORATED REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER TO THE
ONEOHIO GOVERNANCE BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners is a Local Government that has adopted and approved the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“The Memorandum”), which establishes a mechanism to disburse settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio’s communities to help abate the opioid crisis, including allocations to Local Governments and Regions through a statewide Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Portage counties are participants in Region 13 as established by The Memorandum; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, Region 13 participants agreed to the following governance structure: the board will consist of 12 members, 3 appointments from each Region 13 county, which will form the Region 13 OneOhio Governance Board, to include: 4 County Commissioners; 4 members representing the incorporated areas as nominated by their respective organizations/members; 4 members representing the unincorporated areas as nominated by their respective organizations/members, which allows input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions under The Memorandum; and

WHEREAS, Geauga County hereby recognizes the appointment of Scott Hildenbrand to the Region 13 OneOhio Governance Board to represent the incorporated areas located within Geauga County as nominated by members of the Geauga County incorporated areas, including the Village of Aquilla, Village of Burton, Village of Middlefield, City of Chardon and Village of South Russell; and

WHEREAS, terms of the members will be determined by the Region 13 OneOhio Governance Board; and

WHEREAS, the appointment to the incorporated areas of Geauga County to the Region 13 OneOhio Governance Board, is hereby recognized and appointed to serve on the Region 13 OneOhio Governance Board; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Geauga County, Ohio that the Board hereby accepts and appoints Scott Hildenbrand as member to the Region 13 One Ohio Governance Board, as outlined above.

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

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

The Board moved into Executive Session into a small office located on the fairgrounds adjacent to the junior fair state at 10:16 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 10:45 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the County Administrator to begin negotiations on a property in Geauga County.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending August 16, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

- b) The Monthly Inventory Report, Consolidated Investment Portfolio and Obligations and Securities monthly reports filed by the Treasurer's Office for Geauga County for the Month of July 2023 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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 meeting for today was cancelled.

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.

Mon., 9/18 Family First Council, 1:30 p.m. Mental Health and Recovery Services

Tue., 9/19 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 9/26 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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