

Commissioners' Journal
October 24, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on October 24, 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 9:30 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

Heavenly Father

There's no storm that God won't carry you through

No bridge that God won't help you cross

No Battle that God won't help you win

Trust God and Never give up.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on October 17, 2023 for the Department on Aging that per action taken on October 3, 2023 by the Board: Approved and executed the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) Grant Proposal for the provision of community based services to provide to Geauga Seniors Age 60 and over, under the Older Americans Act Title IIIB (supportive services) Title IIIC (nutrition services) Title IIID (evidence-based health promotions), Title IIIE (family – caregiver support programs) and State Senior Community Services (SCS) funds for programs years 2024 – 2027; and on October 19, 2023 for the Department on Aging accepted the resignation of Jessica Kaluga, Fiscal and Budget Officer (#1035) to be effective October 27, 2023, Granted permission to advertise for the position of Full-time Fiscal and Budget Officer (#1035). This position will remain posted until filled, Approved the revised effective date for Holly Petrinc to start in the position of Full-time Recreation and Education Assistant (#1005) to be effective October 23, 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 and for the Department of Water Resources approved hiring Norman Ray Duffield Jr. to the position of Full-time Mechanic (#2310) to be effective November 12, 2023 at the rate of \$25.78 per hour with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions; as authorized by Resolution #23-003 under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners that was approved January 5, 2023 pursuant to O.R.C. 305.30.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Mr. Gorton explained the financials for today as including Appropriation transfers from the Treasurer's Office to cover payroll to year end, adding that the Budget they submitted for 2023 back in 2022 was never updated to include raises given after submission, and was submitted that same as in 2022, Supplementals from the Commissioner's office to true up the State Sales Tax Expense account as well as payroll accounts to cover the hiring of the Assistant County Administrator, Cash transfer from the General Fund to the Board of Developmental Disabilities for gas well proceeds from July – September 2023, Cash transfer from the General Fund to Community Development, Metzenbaum and Board of Elections for the 3rd Quarter 2023 interest transfer, Purchase order from the Building Department to Junction Auto Sales Incorporated to purchase a 2023 GMC Terrain replacement vehicle, Travel requests for the Commissioners' Office, County Engineer's Office, Public Defender and Water Resources, Then and Now's for Water Resources to Mission Communications, LLC for monitoring and alarm services at various water and sewer locations and within the department that were not previously encumbered, a payment for the Commissioners Office to Donley's Independence, LLC for pay request #31 for the new County Office Building project in the amount of \$99,397.00, a payment for the Commissioners Office to Environments 4 Business for their final pay request for office furniture in the new County Office Building as they have completed the terms of their contract in the amount of \$22,640.42, a payment for the County Engineer's Office to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the asphalt resurfacing of Clay Street, Morgan and Leggett Roads in the amount of \$954,514.92 and Revenue Certification from the Sheriff's Office in their 800 Mhz

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Communications Permanent Improvements Fund and Water Resources in various revenue accounts in the Sewer Fund to true up balances for additional unbudgeted revenue in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-176 itemizing the financials for the meeting of October 24, 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>

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND IN REGARD TO THE HEALTHY AGING GRANT

Mr. Gorton asked the Board to approve a resolution requesting the Auditor to establish a new fund for the Healthy Aging Grant.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-177 requesting the County Auditor to Establish a New Fund in regard to the Healthy Aging Grant, to account for monies received, expended and distributed by the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the requirements of the grant.

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Resolution: #23-177

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Commissioners are requesting that a new fund be established and called the Healthy Aging Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this new fund is for the deposit of all monies received from the State of Ohio for the Healthy Aging Grant and the fund is also for the appropriate expenditure and distribution of those funds by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the fund will include revenue accounts including but not limited to those which will hold State grant payment income as well as other revenues and transfers in from other funds within the County; and

WHEREAS, the accounts will include standard expense accounts including but not limited to those for contract services, materials & supplies, other expenses and transfers out, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby request the Geauga County Auditor -establish a new fund entitled: Healthy Aging Grant 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>Aye</i>

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL – INCREASE CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON STREET – AUBURN AND BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIPS

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to approve the final change order with Ronyak Paving for the resurfacing of Washington Street, Sections C-E which is an increase in the amount of \$18,656.65.

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 Washington Street (CH-

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0606, Sections C-E) in Auburn and Bainbridge Townships in the amount of \$18,656.65.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – AGREEMENT – INFO TECH, INCORPORATED D.B.A. INFOTECH – INFOTECH BID EXPRESS ORDER FORM FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES – BIDEXPRESS PLATFORM TO RECEIVE BIDS

Mr. Hajjar explained that this item relates to how we bid our projects, and are asking the Board to execute the agreement with INFOTEch for the Bid Express platform and equipment. There is no cost to the county for the process, the fees are paid by the vendor. Commissioner Spidalieri asked if the fee was reasonable, to which Mr. Hajjar stated they have two fee structures, a per bid or a yearly amount. Mr. Hajjar noted that the State uses this platform for all their bids. The bids are opened electronically and produces the tabulation and submits them to the bidders list. It is not mandatory for the contractors to use this; a paper bid will still be able to submit bids.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement between Geauga County Board of Commissioners and Info Tech, Incorporated d.b.a. INFOTECH and further authorize the President of the Board to execute the InfoTech Bid Express Order Form for equipment and services for the County Engineer's Office to utilize the BidExpress platform to receive Bids for applicable projects. There is no cost to the County to use this service, as the fees are paid by the Vendors wishing to submit bids for the projects.

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

PLANNING – JANSON SUBDIVISION RE-PLAT OF SUBLOTS 1 AND 2 – AUBURN TOWNSHIP

Director Linda Crombie asked the Board to approve the replat of sublots 1 and 2 in the Janson Subdivision in Auburn Township. This is thirty acres that is being split and will create a 40.3385 acre lot with frontage on Messenger Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Janson Subdivision Re-Plat of Sublots 1 and 2 in Auburn Township.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC) – AGREEMENT – DEX IMAGING – PURCHASE OF RICOH IMC3010 COPIER – PARTS, LABOR, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE, TONOR AND IMAGES – FIVE YEARS

Director Gina Hofstetter asked the Board to approve the agreement with Dex Imaging for the purchase of a Ricoh copier which includes parts, labor, service and toner with image units for a five-year period in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Ms. Hofstetter stated that this was a budgeted purchase for this year and went through ADP to procure the contract. Commissioner Lennon inquired about this being the same company that was used in the Commissioners' Office as we are having trouble with one of the machines. It was noted that the original company that the Commissioner's office machine was purchased through a different company and recently was acquired by Dex Imaging. The service has been good, and they are working through the issues we have been having.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Agreement with Dex Imaging for the purchase of a Ricoh IMC3010 Copier with all parts, labor, travel for all service, preventative maintenance, toner and image units included in the amount of \$7,544.00 for the copier and a cost of \$0.01 cents per copy for Black and White and \$0.07 cents per copy for Color, for a period of five years, in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00.

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

GEAUGA TRANSIT – LETTER OF SUPPORT – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – WORKFORCE MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Director JoAnna Santilli asked the Board to execute a letter of support for a grant with ODOT for a Ohio Mobility Workforce, which alone she doesn't qualify for, however, the goal is assist the large businesses, starting in Middlefield to meet and pick up or drop off workforce, and working with Warren to meet and do the drop off or pick up. Ms. Santilli asked the Board to support this program to see if we can make it work, as currently the only cross county transport is for medical only, this program is to transport workforce.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute a letter of support to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Workforce Mobility Partnership Grant Program.

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

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FORM #1 – EXTEND CURRENT SERVICE CONTRACT – BUCKEYE SCALE, LLC – END OF DECEMBER 2023

Director Nicholas Gorris asked the Board the extend a current service contract agreement with Buckeye Scale through the end of the year, noting that the amount will remain the same. There was a brief discussion about this being the large scale and they do the calibration for them, there are smaller scales at the lab. The McFarland Plant scale has been down and is currently being repaired.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Contract Maintenance Form #1 extending the current service Contract Agreement with Buckeye Scale, LLC through December 31, 2023 in the same amount of \$5,000.00.

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

BUDGET COMMISSION

The Budget Commission, made up of Auditor Chuck Walder, Prosecutor Jim Flaiz and Treasurer Christopher Hitchcock scheduled to hold a special meeting to be present before the Commissioners and opened their meeting at 9:49 a.m. Mr. Walder expressed that during the Auditor's Budget Hearing and discussion of the revaluation, the Commissioners asked what they could do to offset the increase of the inside millage on property taxes, which is an unvoted tax increase that is a result of the re-valuation of property. Mr. Walder provided the following sheets to the Board, noting that revaluation occurs every six years and inside millage moves on value. The Budget Commission has been discussing options that would be available to assist the residents and while the State House is working on a possible solution, it won't have time to be voted on and in place before the tax bills would be sent in January. Prosecutor Jim Flaiz explained that reducing the inside millage collection might be the easy way however, this is the unvoted base tax that the schools, local government and the county receive, when you do that there are other agencies that can come in an grab that funding, if someone can prove need to the state, they can continue to pull those funds, using Newbury School district as an example, pulling funds from the Township. Mr. Flaiz explained that we don't want to put the county at risk or a forever problem, the recommendation gives you a year to year flexibility, which is important. Mr. Walder stated that most everyone is at the 10 Mill ceiling, and 25% or 2.5 Mills is the counties, 30% or 3 Mills local to the local government, wherever the property is located, city, village or township and the remaining 45% or 4.5 Mills goes to the school district. Mr. Walder expressed a lot of credit to the Commissioners for asking the question, and have sent letters to the City, Villages, Townships and School Districts about this and some Townships have already reached out about it. Treasurer Christopher Hitchcock explained this in his many years of service, we have never seen a six-cennial increase of this magnitude, it translates to a \$9.6

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million dollar tax increase without a single person voting for it and that is inherently wrong, the fact that Commissioners had the wisdom to consider alternatives, should be applauded and supported and the key now is to continue to show leadership by taking this unvoted increase off the table and doing it appropriately and justly and show the other taxing agencies that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Mr. Hitchcock stated that there are certain hurdles that must be met for the tax bills to go out in January. We have until about November 15th to get this done, otherwise it must wait until the tax season. Mr. Hitchcock stated that in January we will send out 55,000 tax bills that will generate additional monies of \$5 million dollars, and there will be more people that will be purposely late, this is not good for our county. Mr. Hitchcock expressed that he hoped the Commissioners will continue to show leadership and get this job done in the near future, adding that this is the first time the Budget Commission has come before the Board of Commissioners to make this presentation in person, which shows the importance of this.

Mr. Spidalieri asked them to lay out the plan, adding that he is 100% in support of this going away, and what action does the Board need to take.

Mr. Walder stated that there needs to be two things that we need to do are short term, adding that he feels the State will do something that will be long term. Mr. Walder doesn't levy a tax directly, there is sales tax, there is inside millage and there is some from property tax that is not levied by a vote. Mr. Walder stated that they looked at Sales Tax, but two things many people pay sales tax that don't live in the county and are not paying this increase, plus the Bond for the building is sales tax leveraged. Mr. Walder stated that under the Boards authority there are two agencies that are taxing the residents directly, and by this action, every taxpayer would experience it, adding that Job and Family Services has several levies, and the Department on Aging has a levy. Mr. Walder stated that there are two types of levies, those before 2013 are "qualified" which means that 12.5% is paid by the state, so there is a disadvantage to reduce that component. Job and Family Services has a non-qualified levy, they have a .5 Mill levy that the Board consider suppress the collection of this levy and move funds from the inside millage to supplement them if needed. Mr. Flaiz stated that there is a possibility that they may not need to supplement based on their prior carryover balances. Mr. Walder stated that it leaves a balance, which the Board could reduce the other Job and Family Services levy which is also non-qualified. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about the levies that are currently on the ballot, which it was noted are both renewals, for Mental Health and the Health Department. Mr. Flaiz added that the Board could make agreements with them, however, the Board has the most flexibility with the Job and Family Services levies. Mr. Spidalieri asked about the amount collected from levies to which Mr. Walder stated that prior to 1987 the levies would increase, however there was a measure put into place that creates a reduction factor for levies and keep that at the renewal amounts. Mr. Lennon inquired about this action, which he is in favor of and what it would do to the 25%, Mr. Walder stated that this will offset the 25% increase by the decrease, which keeps the residents from seeing the increase. Mr. Lennon added that his concern is the schools, and this Board along with the Budget Commission should send letters to all of them expressing that this is a group effort and should do this as a community. Mr. Walder provided copies of letters that they have sent out regarding this issue. Mr. Walder briefly mentioned the school funding, and that House Bill 187 wants Auditor's to go back and revaluation all properties for three years and average those out, that is not going to have a huge effect because housing prices have increased. Mr. Walder thinks it's inherently unconstitutional to tax people without a voice. Mr. Walder feels we understand what the voter has on their mind. Mr. Flaiz stated that in February we will be looking at school's budgets. Mr. Walder pointed out the amount of increase expected for each entity, including school districts. Mr. Lennon asked about this being on an annual basis, will there be a negative impact to Job and Family Services on their levy going forward to which Mr. Walder stated that the action doesn't dispense the levy, it's a suppression of the levy, noting that Mr. Swenson volunteered to suspend the collection of the .5 mill levy to be a good steward of funding. Mr. Lennon asked what the .5 Mill levy goes towards, to which it was stated, child placement or children's services. Mr. Flaiz added that the Budget Commission requests you to reduce your budget carryover, it's trustworthy with the taxpayers. Mr. Spidalieri inquired about implementing a credit on the tax bill, to which Mr. Hitchcock stated that it would not be possible on what would need to be accomplished. Mr. Flaiz noted that if the Commissioners take action and get a resolution to the Auditor before the 15th, then the Budget Commission will have time to make adjustments to the collection. Mr. Lennon stated that he would like to propose preparing that resolution for this Board to vote on and get the message out to the other taxing authorities to follow suit. Mr. Flaiz asked the Board to send letters to the school districts as well. Mr. Dvorak expressed that he feels we will be a trend setter in this state and feels others will follow suit if they feel strongly about their taxpayers.

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There was a brief discussion about the tax calculator of what this will do to taxes without taking this measure, and it will not make you happy. Mr. Lennon expressed to Mr. Swenson that the Board is very supportive of their services and will do what they need to do to continue to provide the services necessary. Mr. Morgan inquired about the levies in which they want to do, as they are asking the Prosecutor to prepare the resolution. Mr. Gorton asked for clarification on the levies to which it was noted the .7 mill levy would be reduced to .52 and suspend collection of the .5 mill. There was a brief discussion about other options that might be out there in the future for funding and maintaining operation but also a way to give back. Mr. Walder briefly mentioned rents, including the Health District. Mr. Flaiz added that the Commissioners completed one giant capital project without raising taxes and are getting ready to complete another big capital project and are not raising taxes, and this is almost unheard of, noting that a lot of others could not do that. The Commissioners addressed capital issues and saved the taxpayers money.

Mr. Hitchcock stated that without this leadership, no levy would pass in this county in the next three years, adding that we will revisit this.

Mr. Spidalieri asked for the carryover information on the schools and feels they should send out a fact sheet to the residents as an education piece.

The Budget Commission adjourned their meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Here is the information that was provided by the Budget Commission:

2023 Geauga County Revaluation and Property Tax Consequence

- *The Ohio Constitution provides for real property to be taxed without a vote of the people up to 10mills or 10/1000 of assessed value (this 1mill is 1/1000 of assessed value) or \$35 per \$100,000 of appraised value. This tax is commonly referred to as inside millage and its cap is known as the 10mill ceiling.*
- *Most properties in Geauga County, with very few exceptions, are taxed at the 10mill ceiling and share that tax with overlapping political subdivisions (the county, school district and township or municipality). The breakdown of the allocation is as follows:*
 - *Gauga County – 25% or 2.5mills*
 - *Local School District – 45% or 4.5mills*
 - *Township or Municipality – 30% or 3.0mills*
- *Different than voted levy millage, inside millage does not carry an annual reduction factor and is directly affected by valuation change.*
- *Our mandated 2023 re-valuation, as approved by the Ohio Tax Commissioner, has resulted in an unprecedented average increase in Residential real estate valuation in Geauga County of 29.5% and 26.1% for Agricultural property. Inside millage tax will therefore increase proportionately to this increase.*
- *We are putting together a website calculator for every Geauga property owner to be able to estimate the effect that's their valuation change will approximately have on their 2024 tax bill.*
- *We are encouraging political subdivision beneficiaries of this windfall tax increase to consider the effect that this has on Geauga's property owners and responsibly investigate reducing other levied taxes to offset the effect on their citizens.*
- *A breakdown of estimated inside millage by political subdivision is provided for reference and consideration.*
- *A revaluation map by neighborhood of the different averaged areas is also provided for reference. Please remember that every parcel within a neighborhood is treated uniquely and will experience different percent changes. Thus, not every property will experience a 29.5% or a 26.1% change. Some will be higher and some lower, depending on comparable sales, market and appraisal data.*

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2023 REVALUATION EFFECT ON INSIDE MILLAGE

<u>ENTITY</u>	<u>VALUE OF 1Mill TY2022/CY2023</u>	<u>TOTAL INSIDE MILLAGE TY2022/CY2023</u>	<u>VALUE OF 1Mill TY2023/CY2024</u>	<u>TOTAL INSIDE MILLAGE TY2023/CY2024</u>	<u>APPROX. INCREASE DUE TO REVAL 2024</u>
COUNTY	\$3,643,527	\$9,108,818	\$4,606,644	\$11,516,610	\$2,407,792
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
BERKSHIRE LSD	\$392,100	\$1,764,449	\$493,473	\$2,220,627	\$456,178
CARDINAL LSD	\$358,115	\$1,611,516	\$434,458	\$1,955,063	\$343,547
CHARDON LSD	\$769,353	\$3,462,087	\$949,214	\$4,271,461	\$809,374
KENSTON LSD	\$936,817	\$4,215,674	\$1,185,147	\$5,333,161	\$1,117,487
WEST GEAUGA LSD	\$950,541	\$4,277,436	\$1,230,356	\$5,536,604	\$1,259,169
CHAGRIN FALLS EVSD *	\$219,409	\$987,339	\$294,719	\$1,326,236	\$338,897
KIRTLAND LSD *	\$3,193	\$15,325	\$3,849	\$18,477	\$3,153
MADISON LSD *	\$1,571	\$7,538	\$2,005	\$9,624	\$2,085
MENTOR EVSD *	\$7,407	\$35,552	\$8,933	\$42,880	\$7,327
RIVERSIDE LSD *	\$5,024	\$24,113	\$6,160	\$29,570	\$5,457
TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$3,643,527	\$16,401,030	\$4,608,315	\$20,743,704	\$4,342,674
TOWNSHIPS					
AUBURN TWP	\$308,850	\$926,549	\$396,771	\$1,190,312	\$263,762
BAINBRIDGE TWP	\$651,721	\$1,955,162	\$817,352	\$2,452,057	\$496,894
BURTON TWP	\$92,859	\$278,578	\$113,859	\$341,578	\$63,000
CHARDON TWP	\$184,891	\$499,205	\$225,026	\$607,569	\$108,364
CHESTER TWP	\$415,206	\$1,245,617	\$543,355	\$1,630,066	\$384,449
CLARIDON TWP	\$95,137	\$285,411	\$117,028	\$351,083	\$65,673
HAMBDEN TWP	\$148,889	\$446,666	\$178,259	\$534,778	\$88,112
HUNTSBURG TWP	\$79,451	\$238,354	\$101,142	\$303,426	\$65,072
MIDDLEFIELD TWP	\$87,088	\$261,264	\$107,428	\$322,284	\$61,021
MONTVILLE TWP	\$59,555	\$178,665	\$79,251	\$237,753	\$59,088
MUNSON TWP	\$277,856	\$833,569	\$360,572	\$1,081,717	\$248,148
NEWBURY TWP	\$198,337	\$595,010	\$250,249	\$750,747	\$155,737
PARKMAN TWP	\$84,430	\$253,291	\$100,147	\$300,440	\$47,149
RUSSELL TWP	\$302,601	\$907,804	\$393,593	\$1,180,779	\$272,975
THOMPSON TWP	\$63,089	\$170,340	\$82,045	\$221,521	\$51,181
TROY TWP	\$70,504	\$211,511	\$88,576	\$265,729	\$54,218
TOWNSHIP TOTALS	\$3,120,463	\$9,286,995	\$3,954,653	\$11,771,839	\$2,484,844
MUNICIPALITIES					
AQUILLA VILLAGE	\$4,744	\$14,233	\$5,176	\$15,528	\$1,295
BURTON VILLAGE	\$35,470	\$106,411	\$43,323	\$129,968	\$23,557
HUNTING VALLEY *	\$18,966	\$39,828	\$23,241	\$48,807	\$8,979
CITY OF CHARDON	\$174,106	\$522,318	\$208,655	\$625,964	\$103,646
MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE	\$107,790	\$323,369	\$126,627	\$379,882	\$56,512
S RUSSELL VILLAGE	\$181,988	\$545,965	\$247,043	\$741,130	\$195,165
MUNI TOTALS	\$523,064	\$1,569,192	\$654,065	\$1,962,195	\$393,002
TOTAL TWPS & MUNIS	\$3,643,527	\$10,839,118	\$4,608,718	\$13,713,117	\$2,873,998
			GRAND TOTAL INCREASED REVENUE		\$9,624,464
* GEAUGA COUNTY IMPACT ONLY					
WARNING: THIS DATA IS AN ESTIMATE ONLY. FINAL VALUES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE OHIO TAX COMMISSIONER WITH THE 2024 TAX RATE ISSUANCE.					

2023 Geauga County Revaluation

County Residential Total Value Increase + 29.5%

County Agricultural Total Value Increase + 26.1%

All Percentages Rounded to the Nearest Tenth %

				Thompson Twp. Res + 33.4% Ag + 31.6%
		Chardon Twp. Res + 23.0% Ag + 20.8%	Hambden Twp. Res + 20.7% Ag + 19.4%	Montville Twp. Res + 34.7% Ag + 35.2%
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Chester Twp. Res + 34.5% Ag + 31.6%	Munson Twp. Res + 32.8% Ag + 27.3%		Claridon Twp. Res + 22.4% Ag + 23.9%	Huntsburg Twp. Res + 31.0% Ag + 30.0%
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Russell Twp. Res + 33.6% Ag + 25.6%	Newbury Twp. Res + 30.1% Ag + 26.7%		Burton Twp. Res + 25.5% Ag + 22.2%	Middlefield Twp. Res + 27.3% Ag + 26.9%
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Bainbridge Twp. Res + 29.0% Ag + 25.8%	Auburn Twp. Res + 30.1% Ag + 29.1%		Troy Twp. Res + 27.9% Ag + 28.9%	Parkman Twp. Res + 19.2% Ag + 20.2%

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| 1. S. Russell Village | Res + 37.7% (Small amount of Ag) |
| 2. Hunting Valley | In Russell Twp. % |
| 3. Chardon City | Res + 23.1% (Small amount of Ag) |
| 4. Burton Village | Res + 23.9% (Small amount of Ag) |
| 5. Middlefield Vill | Res + 23.9% (Small amount of Ag) |
| 6. Aquilla Village | In Claridon Twp. % |

Job and Family Services Financial Administrator Alyssa Parnaby asked about what this will do for Job and Family Services, will this be a one-year solution, or will this carry for a couple of years, will we need to move to suppress again. Mr. Walder expressed that this is a temporary solution and will be a stop gap measure but will need to be revisited again if the House doesn't figure something out.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – RESOLUTION AMENDING

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve a new resolution to correct or amend the original resolution for the acceptance of the ARPA funds to correct the subfunds and percentages so they can be spent.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-178 Amending Resolution #21-095 Authorizing the County Auditor to make application for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds, to submit any required reports and to place the funds in the appropriate County Sub-funds, amending the Distribution Amounts to the Sub-funds.

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Resolution: #23-178
Date: October 24, 2023

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #21-095 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS, TO SUBMIT ANY REQUIRED REPORTS, AND TO PLACE THE FUNDS IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY SUB-FUNDS, AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION AMOUNTS TO THE SUB-FUNDS

WHEREAS, The President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) 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 Geauga County Commissioners authorized the County Auditor to make the application for the ARPA money via Resolution 21-095 on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Geauga County Commissioners further directed the County Auditor to place the ARPA funds in sub-funds in the county fund for ARPA at the following percentages:

- Capital Improvements – 75%*
- Infrastructure – 15%*
- Subgrants-Negative Economic Impacts – 10 %*

for usage under the same Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County via the County Auditor received the ARPA funds (\$18,190,220.00) and such funds were distributed in sub-funds Titled Capital Improvements, Infrastructure and subgrants-Negative Economic Impacts; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners elected via resolution 22-053 on April 26, 2022 to take the “Standard Allowance” of \$10,000,000.00 as the revenue loss for the provision of government services under section 603(C)(1)(C) of the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, some ARPA funds have already been allocated under previous resolutions:

- Resolution #22-156 Berkshire Heights service connections \$943,550.00*
- Resolution #22-178 Berkshire Heights additional expenses \$10,700.00*
- Resolution #22-198 Berkshire Heights Increased expenses \$1,200.00*
- Resolution #23-009 Water Resources Services Center Upgrades \$560,000.00 (withdrawn)*
- Resolution #23-118 Berkshire Heights additional expenses \$18,750.00*
- Resolution # 23-062 Berkshire Heights additional expenses \$50,100.00*
- Resolution # 23-107 Berkshire Heights additional expenses \$17,600.00*
- Resolution # 23-144 Berkshire Heights additional expenses \$ 19,750.00*
- Resolution # 23-154 Berkshire Heights additional funds \$4,000.00*
- Resolution # 23-162 Berkshire Heights funding \$10,000.00*

WHEREAS, The Commissioners desire to reportion the usage of ARPA funds and account for the standard allowance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners directs the County Auditor to create sub funds as necessary and amend the ARPA sub fund distributions as follows:

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- Infrastructure - \$6,750,000.00
- Subgrants-Negative Economic Impact - \$1,440,220.00
- Standard Allowance (Capital Improvements) – \$ 10,000,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Auditor to submit any and all reports required by ARPA and/or the United States Treasury Department; and

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>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 at 10:32 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:39 a.m. and no action was taken.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) *A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the week ending October 11, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

Wed., 10/25 Special ADP Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. Auditor Appraisal Conference Room

Tue., 10/31 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/7 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Wed., 11/8 County Township Association Dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. Montville Community Center

Fri., 11/10 County Offices are Closed in observance of Veteran's Day, Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Tue., 11/14 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B333-334

Tue., 11/14 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Tue., 11/14 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District meeting, 2:00 p.m. Warren, District Office

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Swenson asked the Board if he could speak to the action, to which Mr. Swenson expressed that Ms. Parnaby and himself came today to hear what they were going to say, and wants to be transparent that he had no idea there would be discussion about Job and Family Services or their levies. Mr. Swenson pointed out that last year they volunteered to suppress collection of their .5 mill levy. Mr. Swenson expressed that they feel they should have been included in discussion and should not have heard it today that was the idea that they were proposing this

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action, and is upsetting to him to have things that impact his budget be put out there without any discussion with them. Mr. Swenson feels this was a kick in the gut, to be honest. Mr. Spidalieri expressed that they didn't really know what they were going to propose either. Mr. Lennon expressed that there could have been a heads up, but added that there will be no loss to the Job and Family Services, we will take care of it and do what is necessary. Mr. Swenson expressed that you never know when a crisis is going to happen, and if there is ever a department that needs to have a cushion in the bank so to speak, they need to be prepared to handle it.

Mr. Spidalieri stated that they got the ball rolling and was hoping there was something simple they could do, they do not agree with revaluation and the move forward, adding that the Commissioners were in the same position with the Budget Commission about carryover, however you shouldn't spend money unnecessarily, like him, but the carryover they have is for the youth center. Mr. Swenson just expressed that it is not the Commissioners, it's just about being in the dark from the Budget Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – AUTHORIZE ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE HEALTHY AGING GRANT AGREEMENT

Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne explained that the Board approved the submission of the application for the Healthy Aging Grant, the grant agreement has been received however the Prosecutor's Office will not review the agreement unless they have a motion from the Commissioners to review it. The Prosecutor's Office is asking for a specific action by the Board. Mr. Lennon asked for clarification that we have to take action to request for every action we need to have reviewed. Ms. Burhenne stated that they are not accepting the action the Board took last week for past, present and future requests. Mr. Spidalieri asked Mr. Dvorak to talk to Mr. Flaiz and see what we need to do. The concern is turn around time on actions that come from the state that have limited time to turn it back in. Discussion continued about the volume of things, the Commissioner's office handles and would it be possible to have someone direct for this office.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize Linda Burhenne, Assistant County Administrator to submit for review and approval the Healthy Aging Grant Agreement to the Prosecutor's Office to meet the agreement deadline and to have before the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting on October 31, 2023.

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

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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