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November 14, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 14, 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 9:34 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

"Freedom"

Dear Lord,

It is the soldier not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press

It is the soldier not the poet who has given us freedom of speech

It is the soldier not the campus organizer who has given us the freedom to demonstrate

It is the soldier who salutes the flag who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

Amen

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on the items approved by the County Administrator on November 7, 2023 that included for the Department on Aging to approve hiring Duane Bidlack to the position of Full-time Fiscal and Budget Officer (#1035) to be effective November 27, 2023 at the rate of \$24.18 per hour (Grade 11, Step 2) with a one-year probationary period. This offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of the required pre-employment conditions and will include the acceptance and carryover of accrued vacation time; 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 Supplemental Appropriations from the Board of Developmental Disabilities in their Residential Services fund Contract Services Account, Travel request for Department of Emergency Services and Juvenile Court, a payment for the ADP Board to Cable Communications for an Axis Camera Server for the Geauga County Office Building system in the amount of \$24,850.00, a payment for Community Development to Geauga Highway Company for the CDBG Program Womensafe Paving Project in the amount of \$11,200.00, a payment for the Sheriff's Office to Flock Group Incorporated for ten new license plate recognition cameras in the amount of \$47,600.00, a payment for Water Resources to Ohio Machinery Company for a new Caterpillar 305 Mini Excavator replacing a 1997 Komatsu excavator that was sold at auction in the amount of \$104,884.00 and a Revenue Certification for the Board of Elections in their Special Election Fund for additional unbudgeted revenue received in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #23-191 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 14, 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 – AWARD BID – OHIO BRIDGE CORPORATION –
REPLACEMENT OF ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #GEA-0076-0188)
CHARDON TOWNSHIP**

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ohio Bridge Corporation for the replacement of the Robinson Road Bridge in Chardon Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to the Ohio Bridge Corporation for the Replacement of the Robinson Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-0076-0188) in Chardon Township in the amount of

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\$1,478,981.15 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 – AWARD BID -RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MUNN ROAD – AUBURN AND NEWBURY TOWNSHIPS

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Resurfacing of Munn Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to award the Bid to Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road (CH-0032, Sections E-F) in Auburn and Newbury Townships in the amount of \$482,220.00 as they represented the lowest and best bid. The Bid Bond submitted shall be held to serve as the Performance Bond for this project.

<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 FINAL - DECREASE CONTRACT – KARVO COMPANIES, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING OF OLD STATE ROAD AND FARMINGTON ROAD – PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar noted that this is the final change order for Karvo Companies for the resurfacing of Old State Road and Farmington Road which is a decrease in the contract of about \$60,000.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with Karvo Companies, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Old State Road (CH-0006, Section A) and Farmington Road (CH-0018, Sections A-C) in Parkman Township in the amount of \$59,898.31.

<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 FINAL – DECREASE CONTRACT – THE AERO-MARK COMPANY – APPLICATION OF POLYESTER PAVEMENT MARKINGS, YEAR 2023

Mr. Hajjar stated that this is the final change order for the Aero-Mark Company for the application of polyester pavement markings to various roads in the county with a decrease in the contract of about \$1,700.00.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Change Order #1 and Final, decreasing the Contract with The Aero-Mark Company for the Application of Polyester Pavement Markings to Various Roads, Year 2023 in the amount of \$1,700.12.

<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 – AUTHORIZE JAMES W. DVORAK TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISBURSEMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RELEASE FUNDS – BRAKEMAN ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to allow Mr. Dvorak, as Chief Executive Office to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement request for the Brakeman Road Resurfacing which will release the state portion of the funding.

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize James W. Dvorak, Board member and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request Form and Certification #1 in order to release funds from the state portion of our OPWC grant for the Brakeman Road Resurfacing (Section A) in Hambden Township in the amount of \$288,080.05.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - AUTHORIZE JAMES W. DVORAK TO EXECUTE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISBURSEMENT REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION #1 – RELEASE FUNDS – MUMFORD ROAD RESURFACING

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to allow Mr. Dvorak, as Chief Executive Office to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement request for the Mumford Road Resurfacing which will release the state portion of the funding.

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

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMNT – DAVID J. MILLER AND RUTH D. MILLER – CULVERT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON MUMFORD ROAD – TROY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to accept and execute the Highway Easement with David J. and Ruth D. Miller for the culvert and drainage improvements on Mumford Road.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and David J. Miller and Ruth D. Miller (Parcel #32-074424) for the culvert and drainage improvements on Mumford Road (Culvert #CU-0024-0044) in Troy Township in the amount of \$200.00.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – HIGHWAY EASEMENT – TVH LAND HOLDINGS, LLC – GRADING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CLAY STREET – MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to accept and execute the Highway Easement with TVH Land Holdings, LLC for grading and drainage improvements along Clay Street.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept and execute the Highway Easement between the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and TVH Land Holdings, LLC (Parcel #20-062300) for the grading and drainage improvements along Clay Street (CH-0037) at G.A.R. Highway in Montville Township in the amount of \$1.00.

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

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENTS – COUNTY ROADS WITH BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, CHESTER TOWNSHIP AND RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Highway Superintendent Rick Weikart asked the Board to execute the agreements for snow and ice control with the Bainbridge, Chester and Russell Townships where they plow County Roads during the winter season.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 13.42 miles of County Roads (Chagrin Road, Bainbridge Road and Washington Street) for the winter season of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$59,361.86.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Chester Township Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 15.09 miles of County Roads (Wilson Mills Road, Sperry Road, Mulberry Road and Caves Road) for the winter season of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$66,748.91.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Russell Township Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 8.628 miles of County Roads (Fairmount Road, Russell Road and Caves Road) for the winter season of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$38,164.99.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENTS – TOWNSHIP ROADS WITH CLARIDON TOWNSHIP, MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP AND TROY TOWNSHIP

Mr. Weikart asked the Board to execute the agreements for snow and ice control with the Claridon, Montville and Troy Townships where the County plows Townships Roads during the winter season.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Claridon Township Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 9.32 miles of Township Roads (Ensign Road, Forrest Road (two sections), Hall Road, Spencer Road, Stillwell Road and Taylor Wells Road) for the winter season 2023-2024 in the amount of \$32,670.00.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Montville Township Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 10.712 miles of Township Roads (Burrows Road, Dewey Road, Hart Road (two sections), Hautala Road, Joann Road, Kile Road, Murphy Road, Sun Road, and Whitney Road (two sections) for the winter season 2023-2024 in the amount of \$35,695.00.

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

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement among the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, Geauga County Engineer and the Troy Township Trustees to provide snow and ice control on 11.81 miles of Township Roads (Stafford Road, Fox Road, Winagle Road, Patch Road, Nash Road, Tilden Road, Hoover Road, Grove Road and Greystone Road) for the winter season of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$35,695.00.*

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

MAINTENANCE – ACCEPT PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE BONDS – DEANDRADE LANDSCAPE AND DESIGNS D.B.A. US LAWNS – CLEVELAND EAST – SNOWPLOWING, SALT/CINDERING – CHARDON AREA

Director Glen Vernick asked the Board to accept the Performance and Maintenance Bonds for the snowplowing of the Chardon Area with Deandrade Landscape and Designs and further release the Bid Bond.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to accept the Performance and Maintenance Bonds from Deandrade Landscape and Designs d.b.a. US Lawns – Cleveland East for the Snowplowing, Salt/Cindering – Chardon Area and further release the Bid Bond.*

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS – DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CLARIDON TOWER SITE GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the replacement of the Generators at the DES and Claridon Tower Site. Mr. Vernick expressed that this building is critical and while they have a backup they need to replace both generators.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Department of Emergency Services and Claridon Tower Site Generator Replacement to be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on November 23, 2023, November 30, 2023 and on the county website.*

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

MAINTENANCE – ADVERTISE BIDS – GEAUGA COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING CHILLER UNIT UPGRADE

Mr. Vernick asked the Board to grant permission to replace the Chiller Unit at the Annex Building. Mr. Vernick added that this unit is over twenty years old and this is just to replace the Chiller Unit.

Motion: *by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to grant permission to advertise for Bids for the Geauga County Annex Building Chiller Unit Upgrade to be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 2:10 p.m. Notice of this Bid Opening will be advertised on November 23, 2023, November 30, 2023 and on the county website.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – 208 FACILITIES PLANNING AREA – BURTON VILLAGE

Director / Sanitary Engineer Nick Gorris asked the Board to approve and execute the 208 Facilities Plan for Burton Village, noting that they identified the recent annexation of the Demko property was not included in the plan and several other parcels that may be sewerred that are sewerred and did a complete update, once approved will be sent to NOACA for their approval.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the 208 Facilities Planning Area for Burton Village for corrected boundary area due to most recent annexations along with updated individual parcel prescriptions.

<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 discussing the employment of a public employee in the Department on Aging.

<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 9:51 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Assistant County Administrator Linda Burhenne and Human Resources Administrator Kathy Hostutler. 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 the placement of Karen Fueger on paid administrative leave effective November 15, 2023, pending the outcome of an MMI exam.

<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 discussing the employment of public employees in the Commissioner's Office.

<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 10:48 a.m. with Mr. Morgan, Ms. Burhenne and Ms. Hostutler. The Board returned at 11:27 a.m. and no action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Lennon 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 11:28 a.m. with Mr. Morgan and Ms. Burhenne. The Board returned at 11:58 a.m. and as a result the following action was taken:

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Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to request the Prosecutor's Office to review the purchase and sale agreements for property, including the Chase Building and Dollar General.

<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 – SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – HOLD STATUTORY GROUP MEETING – PROPOSED COURTHOUSE ADDITION

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to schedule a Special Meeting on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303 for the purpose of holding a Statutory Group Meeting pursuant to O.R.C. 153.36 for the review and approval of plans, drawings, representations, bills of material, specifications of work and estimates of the cost thereof in detail and in the aggregate for the proposed Geauga County Courthouse Addition.

<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 – REQUEST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO REVIEW – W.B. MASON CONTRACT AND ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT RIEPENHOFF, LLP

Mr. Morgan noted that the Engagement Letter is for Fishel Downey to review the policies that the Directors have been working on.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to request the Prosecutor's Office to review the W.B. Mason contract for furniture for the ADP Board, Purchase Agreements for property and to review the Engagement Letter with Fishel Downey Albrecht Riepenhoff LLP.

<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 – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ENGAGEMENT LETTER – FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT RIEPENHOFF, LLP

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Engagement Letter with Fishel Downey Albrecht Riepenhoff LLP once reviewed, approved and certified.

<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>

PUBLIC COMMENT / QUESTIONS

Diane Jones was inquiring about the item that was just approved regarding the request for review by the Prosecutor's Office for a contract with W B Mason, the purchase agreements and an engagement letter for Fishel Downey. The next action was to then authorize Mr. Morgan to execute the engagement letter for the policy review once it is received and certified.

Resident Lois Flynn from Hambden Township thanked the Board of Commissioners for the letter they sent out about the changes to the tax increase and that she contacted the office on what she needed to do and made those calls to reach out to the other entities. Mr. Spidalieri tried to explain the portion the Commissioners did to try and aid the taxpayers by suspending the collection of a .5 mill levy reducing the .7 mill levy for Job and Family Services to offset the portion the County would receive; they asked the Townships and the Schools Boards to consider doing the same action by reducing collection of the levy to offset the increases. Mr. Spidalieri noted that some Townships have taken action, however they are hearing that some of the Townships have done anything yet. Ms. Flynn added that it is up to the residents to request the city, townships, villages and schools to consider taking an action. Mr. Spidalieri briefly talked

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about where property taxes go, to the voted-on levies and the small portion that the county operates on. Ms. Flynn thanked the Board for the explanation but added that voters should be taking a look at those with levies that may not be taking action and really need to consider how they vote when those levies are back on the ballot again. Discussion continued about those that will be receiving the extra taxes and those that are choosing to not take any action and will collect then that extra tax dollars. There was discussion about a newsletter going out to the residents to keep them informed about happenings in the county. Mr. Spidalieri noted that the Board are taxpayers too and felt it was important to take some kind of action. They briefly talked about following up on the letters that were sent out and consider putting a contact list of who to call.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR EXECUTE CONTRACTS – APPRAISALS ON CHASE BUILDING PROPERTIES AND DOLLAR GENERAL

Motion: by Commissioner Spidalieri, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute contracts for appraisals on the Chase Building properties and the Dollar General.

<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 November 1, 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 October 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 October 2023 as required by O.R.C. 325.07.*
- d) *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 October 2023 pursuant to ORC 135.35(L).*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

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

Tue., 11/21 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Thu., 11/23 County Offices will be closed for general business in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as normal.

Fri., 11/24 County offices under the hiring authority of the Board of Commissioners will be closed for general business. Twenty-four hour operations will continue to operate as usual.

Tue., 11/28 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Thu., 11/30 Board of Revision, Abstract and General Business, 9:00 a.m. Auditor's Appraisal Room

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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 12:27 p.m.

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Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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