

Commissioners' Journal
November 28, 2023

The Geauga County Board of Commissioners met in session on November 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Offices located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350, held in 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 9:38 a.m. by leading the Board and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

***Deborah Ashburn was Acting Clerk for today's meeting.*

Commissioner Dvorak read the following prayer:

*O God of Creation
You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons!
Remind us of the wonder of your creation
Remind us that it is you who give us breath of life
Amen*

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Gerard Morgan reported on financials from November 21, 2023 Resolution #23-195 that included an Encumbrance for a formal Contract Purchase Order from the Commissioners' office to Infinity Construction Company, Incorporated for the preconstruction expenses related to the Courthouse Expansion project; 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 a Cash Transfer from the General Fund to Court Technology for the remainder of their 2023 funding; a purchase order from Water Resources to Buckeye Power Sales Company, Incorporated for a generator for the Laurel Springs lift station; a voucher for \$40,069.60 from the Auditor's office to Nearmap US, Incorporated for aerial imagery and mapping support for the Real Estate Assessment Fund, a voucher for \$273,075.88 from the Engineer's office to The Aero-Mark Company, LLC for the application of polyester pavement markings on County roads, a voucher for \$402,843.51 from the Engineer's office to Karvo Paving Company for asphalt resurfacing of Old State & Farmington Roads; and a Revenue Certification from the Common Pleas Court in their Pre-sentence Investigative Report Fund for additional unbudgeted revenue received in 2023.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Resolution #23-196 itemizing the financials for the meeting of November 28, 2023.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING CLARIDON TROY ROAD (CH-0003, SECTIONS D-E)

Deputy Engineer Shane Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving for the Resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road, Sections D-E in Burton and Claridon Townships.

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Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving, Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Claridon Troy Road (CH-0003, Sections D-E) in Burton and Claridon Townships in the amount of \$599,500.92.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – OHIO BRIDGE CORPORATION – REPLACEMENT OF ROBINSON ROAD BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #GEA-0076-0188)

Mr. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ohio Bridge Corporation for the Replacement of the Robinson Road Bride in Chardon Township.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with Ohio Bridge Corporation for the Replacement of the Robinson Road Bridge (Structure #GEA-0076-0188) in Chardon Township in the amount of \$1,478,981.15.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE – UNIT PRICE CONTRACT – RONYAK PAVING, INCORPORATED – ASPHALT RESURFACING MUNN ROAD (CH-0032, SECTIONS E-F)

Ms. Hajjar asked the Board to execute the Unit Price Contract with Ronyak Paving Incorporated for the Asphalt Resurfacing of Munn Road, Sections E-F in Auburn and Newbury Townships.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute the Unit Price Contract with 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.

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE – RE-APPOINT SUSAN DAVIS AND BRIDEY MATHENEY – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to re-appoint two members, Susan David and Bridey Matheney to the Public Defender Commission for a four-year term ending October 3, 2027.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to re-appoint Susan Davis and Bridey Matheney to the Public Defender Commission for a four-year term, effective November 28, 2023 through October 3, 2027.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – CHANGE ORDER #1 – INCREASE CONTRACT – THENDESIGN ARCHITECTURE – COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT

Mr. Morgan explained that this is a change order for the Courthouse Project for ThenDesign Architecture regarding the snow melt system in the sidewalks.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve and execute Change Order #1, increasing the Contract with ThenDesign Architecture for Additional Mechanical and Electrical Fees for the Engineering of a snow melt system for several exterior sidewalk curbs in the amount of \$4,400.00.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – GEAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ENCUMBRANCE AND EXPENDITURE

Mr. Morgan asked the Board to approve an encumbrance and expenditure for the Agricultural Society in the amount of \$20,000.00 this typically is done around the fair, this is a reimbursement for work they performed on the grounds.

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to approve an encumbrance and expenditure to the Geauga County Agricultural Society, pursuant to O.R.C. 1711.15 and 1711.16 for the year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

Local resident Diane Jones asked how the change order affects the original contract with ThenDesign and what does the \$4400 do to the original amount. Commissioner Dvorak noted that this is the best time to do, make sure it is in the plans. Mr. Morgan explained that this is part of the design work and will be included in the GMP amounts.

Local resident Newell Howard asked if Ms. Matheney gets paid for the position, to which Mr. Morgan noted that these are non-paid positions and has requirements for the position and is required by the State.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – REQUEST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO REVIEW
RESOLUTIONS AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Morgan explained that they had an addition that includes requests for the Prosecutor's Office to review resolutions and a memorandum of understanding.

Motion: by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to request the Prosecutor's Office to review Resolutions on the Archives and Records Center and a Memorandum of Understanding for a Brownfield project.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a) Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Minutes for October 18, 2023.*
- b) A weekly report filed by the County Dog Warden of all dogs seized, impounded, redeemed or destroyed for the weeks ending November 8, 2023 and November 15, 2023 as required by O.R.C. 955.12.*

OTHER

The Board reviewed upcoming events.

MEETINGS

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

Fri., 12/1 NOACA Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

Tue., 12/5 Investment Advisory Board, 9:15 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Room B303, Chardon

Tue., 12/5 The Commissioners will hold regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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12/6 – 12/8 CCAO Winter Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Tue., 12/12 Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m. 12611 Ravenwood, Room A333-334, Chardon

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

Thu., 12/14 Portage Geauga Juvenile Detention Center Meeting, 11:15 a.m. Portage County Offices

Fri., 12/15 NOACA Air, Water and Equity Subcommittee meetings, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cleveland

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion: by Commissioner Dvorak, seconded by Commissioner Spidalieri to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Geauga County Board of Commissioners

Ralph Spidalieri

James W. Dvorak

Timothy C. Lennon

~~*Deborah Ashburn, Acting Commissioners' Clerk*~~
Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk

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